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# This Week at Cowes Enterprise College...



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## The Week That Was...

This week at Cowes Enterprise College, our **Sixth Form tours** began, giving Year 11 students the opportunity to explore what makes Cowes Sixth Form such a fantastic place to learn and grow.

Elsewhere, it's been a busy week as our Year 7 students have enjoyed their Maritime Futures geography fieldtrips, and students undertaking our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award programme have kick-started their expedition training and volunteering.

# From the Principal's Desk

*By Rachel Kitley, Principal*

The start of a new academic term and year always brings reflection, opportunity, and a fresh start for all students. For our Year 7 students, it marks a significant milestone and we have been particularly impressed with the excellent start the cohort has made to their secondary education journey. I would like to congratulate them on their enthusiasm, hard work, and growing confidence – it has been brilliant welcoming them and their families into our Cowes community.

Many of the changes introduced this year were designed to support students in making the best possible transition into secondary school. Our Year 7s now have base rooms, helping to create a familiar routine, and their classrooms are equipped with new visualisers that enable teachers to model learning in dynamic and engaging ways.



To further support this transition, they have had access to free fruit and water at breaktime, as well as their own dedicated lunchtime spaces in the canteen and playground – areas designed to help pupils build new friendships in a safe, supportive environment. As shared previously, it has also been fantastic to see how popular our new uniform has been across all year groups, including our new joiners.

We're delighted that these efforts have contributed to our strongest Year 7 data on record at CEC. The new cohort have achieved an impressive 51,000 achievement points in just one half term! It has also been wonderful to see so many pupils receiving commendations – our highest form of individual recognition – for outstanding work and for being exemplary members of our Cowes community.

Finally, I would like to thank all our students, staff, and wider school community for being so welcoming and supportive to our 2025 cohort, at such an important time.

As we look ahead to the rest of the academic year, we are excited to build on this momentum – supporting all students to thrive, grow, and make the most of every opportunity that comes their way.



## Spotlight

### *Year 7 Students on Maritime Geography Fieldtrips*

We've rounded off another positive week at the academy, with Year 7 pupils enjoying geography field trips exploring land use in Cowes, particularly around tourism and the high street. These trips form a key part of our award-winning Maritime Futures curriculum, which has received both regional and national recognition, including praise from the Department for Education.

During their visits, students investigated how Cowes has developed into such an important maritime town, using their fieldwork booklets to gather data and record their observations. They represented the academy superbly throughout, demonstrating curiosity, teamwork, and excellent conduct.

Our Key Stage 3 curriculum blends traditional academic knowledge with a strong local context, helping pupils connect their learning to the unique character of our island. This approach not only deepens understanding but also fosters a real sense of pride in our special community and location.



# Photo of the week

## *Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers*

A huge well done to four of our amazing Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students who have been volunteering with Grow Gurnard!

The students tackled weedy pathways, cleared and resurfaced them with fresh woodchip. They even took some wild sorrel home with them to add to their dinners!



## Notice Board




- **Last Day of Term** - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October
- **Half Term** - 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October
- **Back to School** - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- **Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening** - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

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