

# This Week at Cowes Enterprise College...



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## The Week That Was...

This week at Cowes, festive activities have continued as we approach the end of term.

Our Rewards Shop has been open, giving students the chance to use their achievement points to purchase a range of rewards and gifts.

Students in Years 7 and 8 also enjoyed a festive lunchtime disco, complete with a snow machine, while Sixth Form students celebrated with a well-earned trip to Tapnell Farm Park, enjoying go-karting, giant inflatables, slides and plenty of pizza.

# From the Principal's Desk

*By Rachel Kitley, Principal*

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **A Term of Progress and Partnership**

As we reach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what we've achieved together. It has been a term of change, challenge, and above all, progress.

## **Outstanding Academic Success**

This summer, our students achieved exceptional GCSE and A Level results. We sit significantly above island averages across every measure - including Attainment 8, 4+ and 5+ basics, EBacc average point score, and A Level progress. Our A Level APS and AAB pass rates in facilitating subjects were particularly strong, and the percentage of students staying in education is higher than ever. These results reflect the hard work of our students and the dedication of our staff.

## **Behaviour and Attendance Improvements**

Autumn term data shows the impact of our strategic approach:

- Attendance has risen and persistent absence has dropped.
- Suspensions have more than halved.
- Internal truancy is down by 67%.
- Lates to lessons have fallen by 63%.
- Lesson behaviour positives have climbed from 79% to 86% compared to last year.
- Year 7 reward points have surged by 46%, from 156,000 to 337,000 this term.

These outcomes demonstrate that our strategy is protecting learning time, improving behaviour, and creating a calmer, more inclusive environment where children can thrive - with even greater impact still to come. We'd like to thank you again for your engagement, cooperation and support around this transition.

## **Community, Wellbeing and Enrichment**

Alongside academic and behavioural progress, we've continued to prioritise wellbeing through initiatives like The Quay, and our special lunch clubs. These spaces remind us that education is about more than lessons - it's about belonging and support.

This term has also been rich with special moments:

- Welcoming the Royal Shakespeare Company for two days of workshops and performances.
- Coming together as a whole school for our Remembrance assembly.
- Celebrating talent and creativity at our Christmas concert.
- Enjoying a festive lunch time disco with a snow machine for students in Years 7 and 8.
- Offering numerous trips and clubs that broaden horizons and build confidence.

These experiences bring our curriculum to life and strengthen the sense of community and belonging that makes our school unique.

## **Looking Ahead**

Thank you to every member of staff, every student, and every family for your resilience and partnership. Together, we've laid strong foundations for an exciting year ahead, and I know the school will continue to thrive.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful holiday season.

Warm wishes,  
Rachel Kitley



## Spotlight

### *Rewards Shop*

It has been lovely to see our students enjoying our Christmas Rewards Shop over the last couple of weeks! Pictured here are just some of our fantastic Year 7 students getting involved. All students were entered into a draw giving them the chance to use their achievement points to select from range of prizes, including Christmas gifts for family members or a special treat for themselves!

## Photo of the week

### *Year 7 and 8 Festive Discos*

Our festive lunchtime discos were a huge hit with students, bringing plenty of energy and end-of-term cheer. Years 7 and 8 enjoyed music, dancing and a snow machine!



## Notice Board

- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Last Day of Autumn Term (early closure)
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - Staff Development Day
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** - Start of Spring Term

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| DECEMBER |    |    |    |    |    |    | JANUARY |    |    |    |    |    |    | Key:   |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|
| S        | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S       | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | • Weekends   |
|          | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |         |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | • Bank Holidays  |
| 7        | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 4       | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | • School Holidays  |
| 14       | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 11      | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | • Staff Development Days<br>(Academy closed to students) |
| 21       | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 18      | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | • First and last days of term                            |
| 28       | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    | 25      | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |



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