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This Week at Cowes Enterprise College...



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The Week That Was...

This week at Cowes, we were pleased to welcome Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, for a positive visit and the opportunity to share more about life at our academy.

Preparations and rehearsals are well underway for our upcoming production of Jason and the Argonauts, and we are looking forward to sharing this with our community soon.

We also returned to sports fixtures, with strong performances from our U13 Girls' Football team and KS3 Badminton players.

From the Principal's Desk

By Rachel Kitley, Principal

This week we were delighted to welcome Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, to Cowes Enterprise College. It was a very positive visit and a valuable opportunity to share more about life at our school.

During her visit, Dame Rachel toured the academy, visited classrooms and met with students from Year 7 through to Year 13. She spent time talking with students about their subjects, future ambitions and what they enjoy most about school life, and saw learning taking place across a wide range of lessons.

Dame Rachel also took part in a strategic discussion alongside our local MP, Richard Quigley, Ashley Whittaker, Director of Children's Services, and the chief executive of Ormiston Academies Trust, Tom Rees. The conversation focused on education on the Isle of Wight, wider children's services, and future planning for young people on the Island.

Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel de Souza said:

"It was a pleasure to join students at Cowes Enterprise College for a lively discussion about the unique challenges of living on an island. They were full of ideas, passion for the things that make the Isle of Wight special, and they spoke to me about wanting to be prepared for the future job market without needing to leave the island, as well as how social media is shaping their childhoods today."

It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the work of our students and staff, and to share our ambitions for the future of Cowes Enterprise College. A huge thank you to all our students and staff who helped us to represent the academy, and the great work taking place across the Island, so brilliantly.





Photo of the week

Students Meet with Children's Commissioner for England

A huge well done to all students who spent time talking with Dame Rachel de Souza about their subjects, future ambitions and what they enjoy most about school life. They were amazing and we are so proud.

Spotlight

U13 Girls' Football

We are so proud of our U13 Girls' Football team who played amazingly in their match against CtK last week, achieving an amazing 5-4 victory! Well done girls!



Notice Board

- **3rd - 5th February** - CEC Presents: Jason and the Argonauts
- **Thursday 12th February** - Virtual Year 10 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 12th February** - Teen Booster Immunisations (Year 9)
- **Friday 13th February** - Last day before Half Term
- **16th - 20th February** - Half Term Break
- **Monday 23rd February** - Staff Development Day
- **Tuesday 24th February** - Students back to school



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