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This Week at Cowes Enterprise College...



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The Week That Was...

This week at Cowes, we were delighted to welcome students back after half term and have been hugely impressed by how quickly and sensibly they've settled back into their learning. It's been wonderful to see such focus and positivity across the College.

A particular highlight was our Sixth Form Showcase Evening, where students delivered fantastic presentations on a wide range of topics, speaking with real passion, confidence and expertise. Well done to everyone involved for representing Cowes Enterprise College so brilliantly!

From the Principal's Desk

By Rachel Kitley, Principal

As we move towards World Book Day, we are celebrating the strong reading culture across our school. Reading sits at the heart of our curriculum, and it is becoming a daily habit for many of our students.

Our library continues to be a popular and welcoming space. Students visit throughout the week to choose books, read quietly, or ask for recommendations and are welcome to visit before school, at break and lunch times or after school. Mrs Wootton, our librarian, does a wonderful job helping students find books that spark their interest. It is lovely to see so many students engaging with reading in this way.

Our English department also plays a key role in promoting the joy of reading. Lessons encourage curiosity, imagination, and a love of stories. Students are learning how reading supports every subject. They are seeing how it builds vocabulary, confidence, and understanding.

Form time reading remains an important part of our school routine. Every tutor group reads together, creating a calm and purposeful start to the morning. This shared reading time helps students develop focus and enriches their language skills. Tutors continue to model good reading habits, and students are responding well.

World Book Day is just around the corner. On the day itself, our staff and Year 7 students will be dressing up as characters from their favourite books. This tradition always brings colour and fun into school, and it reminds us all that reading can be joyful and creative. I am also choosing my own costume this week. I always enjoy taking part, and I am looking forward to joining in with everyone on the day.

Reading matters. It helps every child learn. It opens minds. And it builds the foundation for future success. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for supporting this important part of our school culture.

We are proud to see reading is a real strength and at the heart of our culture at Cowes Enterprise College.





Photo of the week

Sixth Form Showcase Evening

A huge well done to all students who took part in yesterday's Sixth Form Showcase Evening, where our A Level students presented their Extended Project Qualification presentations. There were a huge variety of subjects showcased from Cleopatra to Formula One. Thank you to all who joined us in learning about these fascinating subjects and seeing what our Sixth Form has to offer!

Spotlight

Sixth Form Student Leaders

An extra special thank you to our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team who were helping out at the Sixth Form Showcase last night, answering questions and guiding visitors. We are so proud of how warm, approachable and helpful they were!



Notice Board

- **Thursday 26th February** - Virtual Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Monday 2nd - Friday 13th March** - Sixth Form Mock Exams
- **Tuesday 3rd March** - Teen Booster Immunisations (2nd Session)
- **Friday 27th March** - Last Day of Spring Term

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