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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 Adrian Price to the school as Senior Principal. His first *from the Principal's desk* article can be read on the next page.

It has also been fantastic to see the launch of our summer term clubs, with a wide range of opportunities now available for students. More details can be found on our website: [cowesec.org](http://cowesec.org).

We are incredibly proud of how well all students have settled back into their learning this term, demonstrating a positive and focused attitude across the academy.

# From the Principal's Desk

*By Adrian Price, Senior Principal*

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Senior Principal. I have been a Principal for fourteen years and am currently Senior Principal of two large academies in the West Midlands.

I am not an office bound leader and have already met many of the students as I have been out and about at social times and visiting lessons. I will also be available for parent appointments; please contact [info@cowesec.org](mailto:info@cowesec.org) for more information.

I will be in the academy two or three days each week, and want to reassure you that I will do my very best to ensure a smooth and positive term. It has been a genuine pleasure to spend time in the academy this week. I have enjoyed immensely meeting students and staff, and I have been struck by the warmth of the community and the ambition shown in classrooms.

On Tuesday, I visited nearly all Year 11 lessons and saw some superb work including, but by no means limited to:

- a wonderful Monet inspired painting in Art reflecting the beautiful Isle of Wight context
- a meaningful exploration of the character of Scrooge, including a thoughtful discussion of the line "solitary as an oyster"
- highly focused, targeted work in Maths using a visualiser that had students completely absorbed in their learning.

Well done and thank you to the Year 11 students for your attitude and quality of work produced in these lessons. Thank you to the staff for allowing me to visit and share what is best.

I look forward to getting to know more of you over the coming weeks and to working together to ensure the very best for our students.





Photo by Oli King

## Photo of the week

### *Hannah from Year 10*

A huge well done to Hannah Y from Year 10 who recently took part in the RS Feva double-handed dinghy class, and is currently leading the national GP Series.

Along with her colleague, they finished 3rd overall (and 1st Girls) at Itchenor last month, having previously finished 2nd overall (and 1st Youth/1st Girls) at Datchet Water, putting them in the series lead for 2025/26.

## Spotlight

### *Norman from Year 8*

On Saturday 21st March the South East Schools Inter-counties Cross Country championships took place in Wellesley Woods, Aldershot. After a successful first round running as a part of the IOW team in Basingstoke at the Hampshire Schools Cross Country Championships on the 3rd March, Norman R ran an impressive race to which he qualified to be a part of the Hampshire Team as he came in 16th. The Year 8 Boys Hampshire team finished in 3rd overall, well done to all. This is an amazing achievement to be selected and to run so well. Super Proud of your Norman well done!



# Notice Board



- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - Virtual Year 8 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Virtual Year 12 Parents' Evening
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - Early May Bank Holiday (*Academy closed*)
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - Virtual Year 7 Parents' Evening
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** - Start of GCSE and A Level Exam Season

 [cowesec.org/events](https://www.cowesec.org/events)

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Key:
• Weekends
• Bank Holidays
• School Holidays
• Staff Development Days (Academy closed to students)
• First and last days of term



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