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This Week at Cowes Enterprise College...



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The Week That Was...

This week at Cowes, we are incredibly proud of our students' resilience and commitment.

Last weekend, four Gold Duke of Edinburgh groups completed their practice expedition on Exmoor, tackling challenging terrain and navigation.

Year 11 have made us incredibly proud this week, from speaking exams in French and Spanish to Art assessments, alongside their prom passport milestones.

A heartfelt thank you to our community for your support and patience during yesterday's unexpected closure, it is greatly appreciated.

From the Principal's Desk

By Adrian Price, Senior Principal

Dear families,

Headteachers and senior leaders endeavour to understand a school through close attention to key academy metrics such as student achievement data, attendance rates and other indicators. While these are important, in my opinion, the very best way to really know a school is simply to get out and about around the academy. I've done exactly that again this week - spending time in lessons, being visible at social times, and talking to students.

I met with two pupils, one in Year 8 and another in Year 10, to hear their perspective on school life. In particular, I asked about key learning points, how they learn best and the magic wand question - what can be done to continue to improve the school. They were hugely positive conversations, and I really enjoyed following this up by visiting their lessons and celebrating some sensational work.

While I was back in the West Midlands attending a Principals' Forum, I know the academy faced a very challenging moment on Wednesday when the water supply was disrupted. A huge thank you to staff who ensured a calm and safe dismissal for some groups, while exam classes continued as planned. It was a testing situation, but one that was handled superbly well - I am grateful for their professionalism and care for our students.

Wishing you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

With kind regards,
Adrian Price





Photo of the week

Gold DofE Practice Expedition

Last weekend we took four Gold expedition groups to Exmoor for their practice Duke of Edinburgh expedition. The weather was perfect for the weekend. There was tricky navigation and challenging terrain to walk on the route so students showed great resilience during their weekend practice expedition. Day two navigation and timing was spot on for all four groups and we are really proud of them all for successfully completing their practice expedition.

Spotlight

Sailing Success for Freddie

A huge well done to our amazing Year 7 student, Freddie, who won his first national sailing event this past weekend! The event was the RS Tera Start of Season Championships 2026 involving 68 competitors from across the UK. With tricky conditions of light and shifty wind, Freddie won 3 of 7 races and came second in 2 more. We are so proud of this amazing achievement, and can't wait to hear about Freddie's future sailing successes!



Notice Board

- **Monday 4th May** - Early May Bank Holiday (*Academy closed*)
- **Thursday 7th May** - Virtual Year 7 Parents' Evening
- **Monday 11th May** - Start of GCSE and A Level Exam Season
- **Tuesday 19th May** - HPV Immunisation Catch Up
- **Friday 22nd May** - Last day of school before half term break
- **25th → 29th May** - Half Term holiday
- **Monday 1st June** - Back to School

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	• School Holidays
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	• Staff Development Days (Academy closed to students)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30					• First and last days of term
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