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This Week at Cowes Enterprise College...



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The Week That Was...

This week at Cowes, we enjoyed celebrating the end of another fantastic academic year with a red and white-themed mufti day, marking both the last day of term and an exciting evening of football!

We were also incredibly proud of our Geography students, who took part in fieldwork in both Cowes and Southampton, and our Year 10 Drama students, who enjoyed an inspiring Technical Theatre Careers Day at Mayflower Studios.

We wish all of our students, staff and families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday, and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September. A reminder that start of term dates can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

From the Principal's Desk

By Vicky Wells, Vice Principal

Dear families,

As my final week at Cowes Enterprise College draws to a close, I have been reflecting on the past eight years since I moved to the island with my family from London.

Cowes Enterprise College has changed in ways that have touched every part of school life. It has been a journey of steady improvement, growing confidence, and a shared belief that every child deserves the very best.

Cowes now regularly achieves results at or above national averages, with particular success in supporting disadvantaged pupils - an area where the school has been praised nationally.

The Sixth Form has grown into a real strength. Students now progress to top UK universities, including Russell Group institutions, specialist STEM pathways, and international universities, including in the USA.

One of the most distinctive developments has been the growth of the maritime curriculum. This celebrates Cowes' coastal identity and gives students access to unique opportunities in marine engineering, environmental science, and local industry partnerships. The school's work in this area earned the Maritime UK Future Skills Award, recognising Cowes as a national leader.

Beyond lessons, Cowes students have shone in robotics competitions, arts and literature festivals, sports and athletics, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, and environmental projects. These experiences help students grow in confidence, teamwork, and resilience - qualities that matter just as much as exam results.

Last year, the Year 13 cohort who left were those who started with me in 2018, and I was able to reminisce with parents about how they first met me out the front of school on transition day with their apprehensive Year 6 child. To meet those families again on A Level Results Day really underlined what a transformative journey secondary school is.

Cowes has also faced difficult moments over the past eight years, and in these times the school community showed extraordinary strength. Staff, students, and families supported one another,

reminding everyone that Cowes is a true community.

Alongside me, we are saying farewell to the following staff:

- Bill Burgess, Geography Teacher
- Claudine Russell, Data Manager
- Keiran Dollery, Deputy Director of Science
- Andrew Green, Deputy Director and Subject Lead for Design & Technology
- Kirstie Eade, HLTA in the Maths Department
- Dina Procter, HLTA in the Maths Department
- Kelly Wiltshire, Deputy Director and Subject Lead for Geography

The last eight years have shown what can happen when staff, students, and families work together with determination and pride. Cowes Enterprise College is not just stronger than it was - it is thriving. And the next chapter looks just as promising.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Adrian Price for his leadership, guidance and support during the past year.

As Senior Principal, Adrian worked closely alongside us to provide stability, challenge and strategic direction for the school. His experience and commitment have helped ensure that Cowes Enterprise College has continued to build upon its many strengths while remaining firmly focused on delivering the very best outcomes for students.

On behalf of students, staff, families and governors, thank you, Adrian, for your service, leadership and friendship.

We wish Adrian every happiness in retirement and hope he enjoys the exciting adventures that lie ahead, including his upcoming travels to Morocco. Knowing Adrian, we are not entirely convinced retirement will slow him down for long, but it is certainly a chapter he has more than earned.

With kind regards,
Vicky Wells
Vice Principal



Photo of the week

Sports Personalities of the Year

A huge well done to our Sports Personalities of the Year!

The Junior Sports Personality of the Year 2026 Award goes to Rose I from Year 7 in recognition of her outstanding performances across a wide range of sports throughout the year, and the Senior Sports Personality of the Year Award goes to Jasper R from Year 10 in recognition of his exceptional commitment, dedication, and positive attitude throughout the year.

A huge well done to them both!

Spotlight

Another Amazing Year

We are so proud of our wonderful students and staff for such a fantastic year full of inspiring classroom moments, memorable trips, sporting success, creative performances, personal milestones, hard work, resilience and achievement. We're incredibly proud of every one of our students and thankful to our wonderful CEC community for your ongoing support throughout the year.



Notice Board

- **Thursday 16th July** - Last Day of Term (finish at 2.45pm)
- **Friday 17th July → Monday 31st August** - Summer holidays
- **Thursday 13th August** - A Level Results Day
- **Thursday 20th August** - GCSE Results Day
- **Tuesday 1st September** - Staff Development Day
- **Wednesday 2nd September** - Staff Development Day
- **Thursday 3rd September** - First Day of Term for Years 7 and 11
- **Friday 4th September** - First Day of Term for all other years



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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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