

Friday 11th September 2026

Educate for life

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the new academic year at Cowes Enterprise College and to share a few important updates.

Firstly, I am delighted to say that it has been a super positive start to the year. My first full week at Cowes has been one of the best weeks that I can remember in a long time, and I have genuinely left each day with a smile. That is down to your children and I would like to thank them personally for welcoming me so openly.

It has been wonderful to see so many of our children arriving each day with smiles on their faces, ready to grab the year by the horns, embrace new opportunities and chase their dreams. Their positivity, enthusiasm and determination have been fantastic to see, and we are incredibly proud of the way they have started the term.

Communication with Home

A reminder to all families to download the Arbor app if you have not already done so. This is becoming an increasingly important way for us to communicate with you.

Over the coming months, we will be reducing the number of text messages we send. Instead, the majority of our communication will be shared via email and the Arbor app.

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date so that you do not miss important information.

For more information and guidance on using Arbor for both parents, carers and students, please visit: <https://cowesec.org/key-info/parent-portals>

Student Wellbeing

The wellbeing of our students remains at the heart of everything we do. We would like to remind parents and carers that students are able to use the toilet during lessons where there is a genuine need. We want all young people to feel comfortable, supported and able to focus on their learning throughout the day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, carers and students for the fantastic effort that has gone into meeting our uniform expectations since the start of term. The support from home has been greatly appreciated and has helped ensure that students arrive ready to learn and take pride in being part of our college community.

This week, we have focused on ensuring that all students are wearing the correct footwear, and I am pleased to say that this has been very well received. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in supporting this aspect of our uniform policy.

Next week, we would be grateful if students could begin to ensure they are adhering fully to our policy regarding jewellery and piercings. The current policy is available on our website. However, I would also like to reassure students and families that we are committed to listening carefully to student voice. As we move forward, we will continue to review our policies and adapt where appropriate and possible.

As a reminder, bracelets, necklaces and nose piercings should not be worn in school. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain high standards whilst ensuring that we continue to listen to and work with our students.

For full information on our uniform guidelines, please visit: <https://cowesec.org/key-info/uniform>

Every student also has access to a trusted go-to adult through their tutor group and tutor time. In addition, our Heads of Year are available to provide support, guidance and assistance whenever needed. We are committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, valued and supported.

Should you ever have a safeguarding concern, our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Roger Lyon, and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Karen Jupe. They work closely with our pastoral teams to ensure that all students receive the support and protection they need.

More information on safeguarding at CEC can be found here: <https://cowesec.org/key-info/safeguarding>

Staying Informed

Please remember that the most up-to-date information about the college can always be found on our website. This includes key dates, events, policies and important announcements. <https://cowesec.org/>

If you have any questions or queries, please direct them to our info@cowesec.org email address, where a member of the team will ensure that your enquiry reaches the appropriate person.

I enjoy meeting members of the school's community and that includes you! Therefore, beginning in October, I will be holding weekly informal drop-ins. These will be held on Tuesdays 3 - 5pm each week. If you would like to book an appointment, please contact info@cowesec.org.

Celebrating Success

One of our key priorities this year is recognising and rewarding success. We want to celebrate the positive contributions our students make every day, both inside and outside the classroom.

I am thrilled to share that, already this year, our students have been awarded over 30000 positive points. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the excellent attitude, effort and conduct demonstrated by our young people. We look forward to celebrating many more achievements throughout the year.

Attendance Matters

A reminder that the school day begins at 8:30am. Arriving on time and attending school every day is absolutely essential.

Quite simply, attendance is one of the biggest drivers of success. Every lesson counts, and by attending regularly, students give themselves the very best opportunity to achieve their potential academically, socially and personally.

Weekly Parent Update

To help keep families informed, I will be introducing a weekly parent update. This will include:

- Celebrations and achievements from across the college
- Key dates and upcoming events
- Important reminders
- Information about college initiatives and opportunities
- Student successes and rewards
- Updates from year groups and departments
- Useful information for parents and carers

We Want Your Feedback

We would love to hear from you about the information that would be most useful in these weekly updates. Please complete this short Form: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/QNCPKsKeLg>

As always, if you have any questions please do contact us via info@cowesec.org.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Griffiths-Nash', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs R Griffiths-Nash
Head of School