

Dear parents and carers,

The school has been buzzing with activity this week, with a fantastic range of events, visits, trips and learning opportunities taking place both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Year 7 students enjoyed their first careers experience as the entire year group attended the Maritime Careers Fair at the Royal Yacht Squadron. Experiences like this are invaluable and, by introducing careers education from Year 7, we help students begin to explore the wider world of opportunities available to them and raise their aspirations for the future.

On Tuesday evening, it was a pleasure to welcome the families of our Duke of Edinburgh participants into school. Hearing students speak so confidently and passionately about their expedition experiences was truly inspiring. The evening was a wonderful celebration of their achievements, and I look forward to seeing what this year's Duke of Edinburgh cohort accomplishes over the coming months.

Wednesday saw the launch of our first ever Year 11 Ambition Evening. We were overwhelmed by the turnout and thoroughly enjoyed seeing parents, carers and students working together to learn and practise valuable revision techniques. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and engagement and proof that revision can, indeed, be enjoyable!

Earlier in the week, we were also delighted to welcome representatives from Somerville College, Oxford. Our Year 11 and Sixth Form students benefited from a fascinating insight into university life and the wide range of opportunities available to them through higher education.

As we move into next week, I would like to take the opportunity to praise all of our students for the positive way they have started the academic year. It is hard to believe that the first month has already passed. In such a short time, our young people have achieved so much and have made an excellent start to their learning journey this year. Please continue to encourage them to maintain this momentum by arriving in full uniform each day, moving purposefully and sensibly between lessons, and only using toilet facilities during lesson time in genuine emergencies.

Finally, a reminder that our Open Evening for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils takes place on 15 October. We cannot wait to open the doors of Cowes Enterprise College and showcase the incredible opportunities, experiences and achievements that make our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Mrs Griffiths-Nash
Head of School

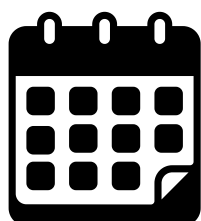


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Dates and Events

Thursday 15th October	Open Evening
Friday 16th October	Flu Immunisation (1 st Session)
Friday 23rd October	Last day of school before half term break
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half Term Break
Monday 2nd November	Return to school
2nd - 20th November	Year 11 Mock Exams
Wednesday 4th November	Sixth Form Open Evening

CELEBRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



On Thursday, all of Year 7 took a walk down to the Royal Yacht Squadron to attend the Maritime Careers Fair!

Our students really enjoyed exploring the different careers and opportunities available in the maritime sector. Well done, Year 7!

Thank you so much to the Royal Yacht Squadron for having us and everyone who attended who teaching us about the marine industry!

Year 10 Food Technology students have been working hard in the kitchen recently!

First, they portioned whole chickens, developing their knife skills. The wings, thighs and drumsticks were then used to make a delicious curry from scratch! They did an amazing job, and we are so proud of them.



CELEBRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

On Tuesday this week our four silver and three Gold expedition groups delivered their expedition presentations to an audience of over 50 people.

The presentations were informative, amusing, and had been put together with a lot of care and attention to detail.

A huge well done to everyone involved!



Thank you to all of the Year 11 students, parents and carers who attended our Year 11 Ambition Evening on Wednesday! It was wonderful to see so many in attendance, and we hope that everyone found the session useful and informative.

Information and guidance on revision, exams, and more will be sent home soon!

CELEBRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

This week we were delighted to be visited by Somerville College, Oxford, to deliver a presentation to aspirational students in the Sixth Form and year 11, giving useful tips for applying to top universities.

CEC is proud of our amazing record for sending students to Oxford and Cambridge every year and our commitment to enabling our brilliant students to achieve their dreams!



Year 9 have been continuing their food practicals with a delicious Chow Mein.

The curriculum in year 9 builds on the skill set with knife skills, testing for readiness and balanced, nutritious meals.

This is all a part of our ethos to Educate for Life!

CELEBRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Students attend Duke of Edinburgh 70th Anniversary Camp

Recently, 13 Cowes Enterprise College students took part in the 70th Anniversary Camp for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, organised by the Isle of Wight Duke of Edinburgh Charitable Association.

The camp began with an orienteering activity at Parkhurst Forest before the group travelled to Corfe, where students pitched their tents and set up their campsite. Climbing proved to be a particular favourite on the first day, alongside a range of camp craft activities, during which students created their own 70th anniversary mementos.

The evening continued with a barbecue and campfire, complete with toasted marshmallows and chocolate orange brownies.

Sunday offered another packed programme of activities, including archery, canoeing, first aid, tomahawk throwing, orienteering and challenges on the traverse wall. These activities provided students with opportunities to develop their teamwork, resilience and practical outdoor skills while enjoying the experience with fellow D of E participants.

The weekend concluded with a special visit from the Lord-Lieutenant. As part of the camp, Rose presented her with an anniversary plaque that she had designed and created during the camp craft session.

All 13 students who attended are now enrolled on the Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award, following the successful completion of their Bronze expeditions. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and wish them every success as they continue their D of E journeys.



SPORTS FIXTURES

Year 7 Football: CEC v The Bay / Medina

The Year 7 boys footballers played their first two league games on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September. With so many boys attending club and wanting to try out for the school team, CEC fielded a different team for each game.

The first match against The Bay was a game of two halves with the boys taking the first period to adjust to playing with new teammates and conceding a few goals. The boys never gave up and played with more intensity in the second half, seeing Joseph score twice to see the team's effort rewarded. A tough first game but one we can take positives from moving forward to rest of the league matches. Final score 10-2 to The Bay. Well played Jenson M, Archie D, Seb R, Albee L, Elliot S, Charlie P, Joseph J, Freddie K, Toby S, Jareth H, Benjy H and Oliver H.

The match against Medina College 24 hours later got off to a flying start with the Cowes team on the front foot from the whistle. Winning a corner with just two and a half minutes played, and with Luca taking it, he somehow managed to squeeze the ball between the keeper and the front post to score directly. Keeping the pressure on in the midfield saw Cowes score their second and third goals courtesy of Harry, executing his shots perfectly on 8 and 12 minutes.

With a few substitutions throughout the half and half time the boys were full of confidence and maintained possession well in the second half. With 13 minutes played Albert looked to cross the ball from the right side of the goal area only to find it hit the back of the net. Medina fought hard and won a few free kicks to which Jonah had to be on his guard.

Into the final 7 minutes Mikey scored Cowes's 5th and then straight from the whistle saw a quick opportunity to counterattack, and scoring his second, Cowes's 6th within a minute of play restarting.

A great team performance. Selection for the next game is going to be difficult with so many players worthy of a slot. Well played Jonah C, Luca T, Albee L, Kunashe K, Elliot S, Archie D, Mikey W, Joey E, Albert S, Seb R, Harry E and Pablo P.



SPORTS FIXTURES

Year 9 boys football v The Bay

On Thursday 19th September the Year 9 boys welcomed a very talented The Bay side to the school for the first game of the football season.

After a very evenly contested game off football, honours were even after 60 minutes of play - with high levels of quality on display from both teams.

Definitely one of the most entertaining 1-1 draws of football I have seen (Mr Wright)

Goal Scorer for Cowes - Jay . Player of the Match – Norman.

Well played Frankie B, Logan F, Harley S, Sean D-S, Frankie C, Louis F, Norman R, Jay L, Toby H, Harry H, Jackson F, Oliver C, Dex H!



On Thursday 17th September the Year 10 boys' football team travelled to The Bay for their first league fixture.

Control of the ball alternated between the teams throughout the first half and the boys found it hard to make the most of scoring opportunities, taking the score 0-0 at half time. With subs made at the break and a slight change in formation the game saw CEC have slightly more possession. A quick passage of play from their opponents caught the defense slight out of position for a tap in across the 6-yard box hit the back of the net.

With 10 minutes left to play Cowes attempted to apply more pressure but couldn't force their way through the Bay's defence. A frustrating result but the boys are looking forward to their next game in 2 weeks' time.

Well played Theo L, Ollie H, Kai M, Leo W, Harry O, Jayden G, Lewis F, Ruben M, Luke D, Dan R, Sam S, Fraser P and Jaxson A!

Open Evening

**Do you have a child currently in
Year 5 or Year 6?**

Come and discover what makes Cowes Enterprise College
such a great place for your child to learn, grow and thrive.



Thursday 15th October 5 - 8pm



**Meet our
Senior Leaders**

Presentations at:
5.15, 6.15 and 7.15pm



**Experience
lesson activities**



**Explore
our academy**



**Meet our
teachers**

All welcome!



Are you currently in Year 11 and considering your next steps?

Explore Cowes Sixth Form, where students progress on to Amazing destinations including Oxbridge, Medicine, Law, Veterinary Science and many, many more!

Open Evening



Wednesday 4th November 5 - 7pm



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➤ All welcome! ➤

