

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been a fantastic celebration of learning at Cowes Enterprise College. As part of the Island Literary Festival, we were delighted to welcome a number of visiting authors into school, ensuring that every student had the opportunity to work with and learn from them. We are incredibly proud to be a part of this event and even prouder of the enthusiasm, engagement and curiosity shown by our students throughout.

Literacy is the key to success, opening doors to learning and opportunity, and we hope our students enjoyed the experience as much as we did. I must admit, I was very nearly tempted to try on some of the impressive wigs and hats I spotted during the week!

In lessons this week, there has also been a strong focus on developing independent study skills as we continue to deepen learning experiences and help students learn valuable skills.

This weekend, our CCF students are taking part in a residential visit, and next week they will be hosting a taster session that all are welcome to on Monday, 5 – 6.30pm in the Winder Centre. These experiences provide invaluable opportunities for personal growth, resilience and teamwork, and are another example of the enriching opportunities we are proud to offer at Cowes.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host our Open Evening on Thursday next week. With over 100 student helpers already signed up to support the event, we cannot wait to welcome prospective families and members of our community into our school.

Our students are our greatest ambassadors, and we know they will do an outstanding job showcasing all that makes Cowes Enterprise College such a special place to learn and grow.

Wishing you a great weekend,



Mrs Griffiths-Nash
Head of School

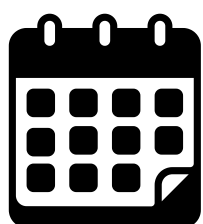


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Reminders



- **Local area trip consent** is now on Arbor, please make sure to review and confirm or deny your consent as soon as possible.
- Please be reminded to complete the **Annual Ormiston Parent and Carer Survey** if you have not yet done so:
<https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=69240-71428-38392378>
- New **photo and video consent** options are available on Arbor, please ensure you have have a look through these.
- If you have not yet signed up to **Arbor**, instructions can be found [on our website](#). If you need support please contact info@cowesec.org.



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

This week, we enjoyed visits from a variety of different authors, as part of the Isle of Wight Literary Festival.

James Anthony joined our Year 10 and Year 11 students to deliver one of his brilliantly accessible Shakespeare workshops.

For our Year 11 students, James tailored his session to support year 11 with Macbeth with an aim to make them feel confident and ready to master the text!

Students in Year 10 also got to meet the inspiring Francis Benali, an ex Southampton football legend and coach, author and public motivational speaker.

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students were visited by the brilliant author Liz Hyder Liz Hyder is well known for her award winning book, The Twelve and has another young adult book out this October The Teller of Tall Tales. Her young adult fiction is steeped in nature, folklore and wonder.

Year 9 were joined by the amazing Nicholas Bowling who spoke on about the power of owning your stories. Nicholas Bowling has written a number of fantasy books with his most recent books being atmospheric and echoing gothic literature.

We are so grateful to the Isle of Wight Literary Festival for enabling all of these amazing experiences for our students!



CELEBRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Students at Cowes are being celebrated as part of the UK's inaugural National Cadets Week, a nationwide campaign highlighting the achievements of cadets and the volunteers who support them.

Cowes Combined Cadet Force has become an important part of school life, providing students with opportunities to take on responsibility, work as a team and challenge themselves beyond the classroom in activities such as Leadership, Navigation, First Aid, Fieldcraft, Adventure Training.

At Cowes College CCF, celebrations included a taster session on Monday, and awards recognising outstanding leadership, resilience and community service.

This week in practical Food Technology lessons students have been making scrumptious mac and cheese!

Pictured here are the amazing Sophia and Millie with their dishes.



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We had a fantastic Friday at the Warner Bros. Studio Tour London with our Year 10 Film Studies students!

They explored the magic behind the scenes of the iconic film series, enjoyed butterbeer, met fantastical creatures and learned all about what goes into making a film, which will directly influence their own practical work for their upcoming GCSE projects.



We are so grateful to the incredibly talented Leo from Year 8!

When Leo heard that the Geography department are running a fun photo booth activity during our upcoming open evening, he went home and made this amazing frame for us! He made the frame himself, from scratch, and 3D printed the letters.

We are blown away by this contribution. Thank you so much Leo!

SPORTS FIXTURES

On Monday 5th October the year 8 boys football team welcomed Lift Ryde for their third league fixture.

With a few players rotating in and one new addition Cowes got off the a good start and found the back of the Ryde net in 8 minutes thanks to a well-taken goal from Ollie. Ryde then settled into the match and started to have more possession of the ball resulting in the equalizer coming 6 minutes later. Ryde kept the pressure on from the restart and just 1 minute later took the lead.

Momentum switched between the teams for most of the remainder of the first half before 2 more quick goals from Ryde were squeezed in before the interval. With subs made the Cowes team started the second half much like the first, playing with more intent. The game was much tighter and only one more goal, this time for Cowes, with Ollie scoring his second in the game.

Overall, a game of two halves but the damage was done in the first. The boys played hard right up to the final whistle. Well played Artem Y, Fletcher M, Ashraf R, Dylan L, Ollie S, Denys Y, Milo C, Max G, Arthur S, Bradley L, Hugo C and Bene K.



SPORTS FIXTURES

On Wednesday 7th October the Year 10 boys football team welcomed Medina for their second league fixture. Following a frustrating first game the message to the team was to play with more intent.

Switching to a 4-3-3 formation proved to be a positive decision and the boys started playing some good passing football. It was though the visitors who got on the scoresheet first after 9 minutes of play. This did not deter the home team, and they continued to maintain possession and were soon to equalise thanks to a worldy from Jayden – a superb 45 yard shot from just inside the Medina half, lobbing the keeper in the top left corner. This filled the team with more confidence and saw the second Cowes goal come on 23 minutes thanks to a well taken goal from Sam and the scoreline 2-1 to Cowes at the interval.

Into the second half and Medina were quick to return fire seeing their second goal come in 5 minutes. The game became much tighter with both teams having spells of possession throughout the half.

The final 5 minutes saw plenty of action with Medina scoring what they thought was the winner on 26 minutes, but just 2 minutes later thanks to a precise pass to Dan on the right wing, and his pin point cross to the back post, saw Ruben head home a second equaliser to see the game out.

Final score 3-3. Well played Theo L, Ollie H, Harry O, Leo W, Cam W, Luke D, Ruben M, Sam S, Lewis F, Dan R and Jake R!



SPORTS FIXTURES



On Monday 5th October the Year 7 football team welcomed a very talented Lift Ryde team to the school which proved to be a brilliant game of football played in good spirit by both teams.

Cowes came out the blocks flying, with a combination of great passing football, and some individual brilliance took us to half time in the lead. Lift Ryde responded showing great resilience by scoring some great goals of their own, levelling the game to 4-4 with almost the last kick of the game.

Overall, a brilliant game off football, with both teams leaving the pitch having gave it their all. Well played Sonny S, Albee L, Pablo P, Harry E, Bobby I, Seb R, Albert S, Joseph J, Elliot S, Mikey W and Charlie P.



Calling all witches, werewolves, and wickedly talented wordsmiths!

To celebrate the most fang-tastic time of the year, we're on the hunt for our most spine-chilling storytellers and frightfully creative artists.

Spin a tale to make us shiver! Use your Gothic Big Write as a graveyard of inspiration and conjure up a spectre-cularly spooky short story.

The top three entries will claw their way to victory and receive ghoulish prizes. Every story submitted will be gathered together in a boo-tifully haunting anthology for everyone to enjoy.

Submissions handed to your English teacher or emailed to Miss Samuel ksamuel@cowesec.org by the 19th of October

But we're not just searching for future ghost-writers lurking in the shadows...

There is also a second competition for all our fiendishly artistic pupils! Summon your creativity and submit your most fang-tastic Halloween Gothic artwork. Whether it's eerie castles, creepy creatures, cursed corridors, or moonlit mysteries, we can't wait to see your monstrously good masterpieces.

So sharpen your quills, dust off your paintbrushes, and let your imagination run wild... if you dare!



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



Cowes Enterprise College

➤ All welcome! ➤



School Age Immunisation Service - Parent Newsletter

Annual Flu Vaccination Programme

All children are eligible to receive the flu vaccine. Parents and carers are sent a link to the online consent form between September and November, ahead of the school vaccination session.

The vaccine is usually given as a nasal spray. For children who cannot have the nasal spray due to medical or religious reasons, a porcine-free injectable vaccine is available. Details about how to request this are included on the electronic consent form.

Why should I get my child vaccinated? Flu is a highly infectious illness that children can catch and spread easily. For many children, flu can be very unpleasant and may lead to complications such as ear infections, bronchitis, or pneumonia. In some cases, it can result in serious illness requiring hospital treatment.

Vaccinating your child not only helps protect them from flu but also reduces the spread of the virus to others who may be more vulnerable to serious illness, including babies, pregnant women, older adults, and those with long-term health conditions.

What if my child misses their school vaccination session? If you provide consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine and they are absent on the day of the school session, you will automatically receive an email inviting you to book an appointment at a local community clinic, ensuring your child still has the opportunity to be vaccinated.

It's not too late to complete the consent form. Even if your child's school vaccination session has already taken place, submitting a form now will allow you to book an appointment at a local community clinic.

For contact details and further information about the School Aged Immunisation Service and the vaccination programmes offered, please visit:
<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/collections/school-age-immunisation-service/>

FREE

GIRLS FOOTBALL

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

BARTON PRIMARY 10AM-12PM

DOVER PARK PRIMARY 1.30PM-3.30PM

COACHING BY ALFIE CHAPMAN (UCAN PLAY) AND
ANDY NORTH (NEW ERA COACHING)

FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS

3,4,5,6,7,& 8

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OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMPS

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Skills, challenges & competitions



Finishing & attacking activities



Player of the Day & Rising Star awards



All abilities welcome – whether your daughter plays every week or is just starting out



A full day of football, fun and development with the UCanPlay team.



DATES

Friday 23rd & 30th October



LOCATION

Barton Primary School



TIME

10:00 – 15:00



AGES

School Years 4–7



PRICE

£20 per day
or £30 for both Fridays

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