COWES ENTERPRISE COLLEGE
AN ORMISTON ACADEMY

16th October 2026

Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

Writing the newsletter is always one of my favourite parts of the week, but this week it has been a genuine privilege.

First and foremost, what an absolutely amazing Open Evening we had. I could not have been prouder of our school community. The level of support, commitment and pride shown by everyone was remarkable. I would like to personally thank all staff, our student helpers (well over 100 of them), and of course the parents and carers of prospective Cowes Enterprise College students who joined us for what was truly a memorable, happy and positive evening. We welcomed more than 700 visitors into the Academy and, if I could bottle the true sense of belonging that was evident throughout the evening, I certainly would bottle this!

Earlier in the week, all of our Year 10 students attended the Medina College Careers Fair. They were outstanding representatives of the Academy, engaging positively with a wide range of employers, training providers and future career opportunities. Their maturity, curiosity and enthusiasm were a credit to themselves and to Cowes Enterprise College.

Finally, a reminder that although many schools across the Isle of Wight will begin a two-week half-term break next week, Cowes Enterprise College does not break up until Friday 23rd October. Attendance is expected for all students throughout next week.

This is valuable learning time and is not lost or added onto the extended summer break. We look forward to seeing all students in school, ready to learn and make the most of the opportunities ahead

Wishing you a great weekend,

Mrs Griffiths-Nash
Head of School

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Reminders

- Please be reminded that all **uniform and coats should please have the students' name in**. This enables us to return lost items to students. If your child has lost anything, please ask them to check lost property in Reception at break, lunch or after school. Thank you.
- We welcome all **queries** from parents and carers, please call us on **01983 203103** or contact info@cowesec.org via email.
- **Student absence** can be reported **via Arbor**, through our student absence line on **01983 203103 (option 1)** or via studentabsence@cowesec.org. If you wish to apply for a leave of absence for your child in term time, you will need to complete an **'Application for Leave of Absence' form** https://forms.office.com/e/REkJU6byHa

Dates and Events

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

Term dates for the 2027 - 28 academic year are available on our website (with development days TBC): https://cowesec.org/key-info/term-dates .

Please be aware that our term dates may different from the Isle of Wight Council's dates so please ensure you have checked our dates before booking any holidays. Thank you.

CELEBRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

What an amazing evening!

We were so excited to welcome so many prospective students and families to our academy yesterday evening for our Open Evening! Huge thanks to everyone who joined us, it was such a joy to meet everyone.

A huge well done and thank you also to the amazing students and staff for all of their hard work and time. We had over 100 students helping us out, and they all did such a fantastic job being friendly, showcasing the different subjects and being such incredibly ambassadors for CEC.

We are so lucky to have such a fantastic community at Cowes.












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Last week we opened a tuck shop at the end of the day to celebrate those year 11's who have shown real commitment in attending further study sessions and using tutor time for quality revision.

Keep up the great work, Year 11!





Year 10 Food Technology students have been busy in the kitchen! First they investigated the use of shortening in shortbread by testing out three different recipes with different fats. They then completed sensory analysis tasks on their three shortbread biscuits.

Students also designed their own protein complementation Buddha bowls. They had the challenge of not using any meat, fish or dairy to produce a nutritious Buddha bowl Some delicious and creative results, amazing work Year 10.

SPORTS FIXTURES

What a great start to the Netball Season!

On the 14th of October, the first Netball tournament of the year took place here at CEC. We had a combined team of year 11 and 6th form students who competed against 6 other schools across the Island.

The girls who are newly put together played exceptionally well and played against some tough competition. The girls played some excellent game play throughout each match. The attacking side did a great job of getting it down the court to the shooters who scored some great shots. The defensive side to the team worked tirelessly to keep the ball out of the oppositions end. It was great to watch a new team come together and work so well as a team with encouragement.

The girls managed to win 4 out of 5 games with two losses - however gained points from half goals scored. This gave them Runners up, Absolutely amazing!

Thank you to the following schools for taking part, Ryde. S, The Bay, Lift Ryde, Medina and CTK. The atmosphere was great and all participants showed excellent sportsmanship.

Well done to Cayla R (yr11), Emilia P (yr11), Sienna W, Molly H, Maia U, Freya S, Tessa G and Eva G!



COWES SIXTH FORM

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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







Looking for a free half-term adventure?

Step into a giant outdoor art gallery and discover some of the world's most famous paintings hidden around Newport!

Art On Your Doorstep: Newport is a free family art trail featuring 18 life-size artworks by famous artists including Van Gogh, Monet, Klimt, Renoir and Turner, displayed in streets, alleyways, squares and along the harbourside. Newport is one of only seven locations in the UK chosen to host this exciting National Gallery project.

Perfect for half term, the step-free one-mile trail turns a family walk into a treasure hunt as children search for each artwork, explore parts of Newport they may never have noticed before, and discover incredible stories behind the paintings. Whether you're a budding artist, a curious explorer, or simply looking for a fun and free activity to enjoy together, there's something for everyone.

The trail can be completed in one visit or explored in shorter sections at your own pace, making it ideal for families with children of all ages. It's a great way to get outdoors, spend quality time together and see Newport through fresh eyes.

The trail runs until the end of October, so don't miss your chance to experience it before the artworks disappear.

A digital copy of the trail leaflet, including the map, artwork locations and information about each painting, is available to download and share.

To request printed leaflets or find out more, contact:
Newport & Carisbrooke Town Council, 01983 559119, clerk@newportwight-tc.gov.uk

JUNIOR INDOOR TRAINING

6-7pm every Tuesday



ECB qualified coaches

Welcome to all abilities

U11 through to U15



£20 for all sessions over winter

or

£2.50 per session

Any questions please contact rydecricket@googlemail.com



Starting 10th November 2026

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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

To book please scan the QR code or for more information email andrew.day@bartonpri.iow.sch.uk

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