COWES ENTERPRISE COLLEGE
AN ORMISTON ACADEMY

23rd October 2026

Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of what has been a fantastic first half term, I find it hard to believe how much we have achieved together in such a short space of time. The incredible contributions of our students, staff, families and wider community were summed up beautifully last week as our school opened its doors to the community, holding an open evening for the first time in six years.

It was wonderful to welcome over 700 visitors to Cowes Enterprise College, where they experienced engaging learning activities, inspiring talks and tours, sampled some delicious food, and even had the opportunity to take a selfie with our very own Cowesby. The evening was a fantastic celebration of everything that makes our school special.

Personally, I cannot thank our young people enough for all of their contributions, not only to this memorable event but throughout the entire half term. They are the reason I have smiled, laughed and felt an overwhelming sense of pride in being part of the Cowes Enterprise College community. Their enthusiasm, kindness and commitment continue to inspire us every day.

I wish everyone a restful and well-deserved half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Griffiths-Nash
Head of School

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Reminders

- A huge thank you to all our families for helping us keep our school community safe and happy! We'd like to offer a gentle reminder to **please keep the zigzag markings clear around the pedestrian crossing outside the school**. Stopping or parking on these markings is prohibited by law, and keeping them clear helps ensure that our children can see and be seen when crossing the road safely. We'd also kindly ask everyone to be mindful of their speed along Crossfield Avenue, particularly during drop-off and collection times. Please take extra care, slow down and look out for our pupils and families travelling to and from school. Thank you for helping us put our children's safety first!
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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: 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

The Year 9 food curriculum has continued this week with fish cakes! The students have used knife skills and appropriate 'test for readiness' to complete this activity.

They look delicious, well done Year 9!







Crochet club remains popular each week on Friday lunch times - so popular we have moved out of a classroom into the inspiration zone!

Students bring their own projects or borrow our equipment and crochet and knit their own projects each week as part of the school's rich and varied enrichment programme.

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Year 13 Sociology students had a brilliant visitor this week for their Crime and Deviance topic - Natalie Johnson works for the Prison and Probation Service as women's prison lead.

She led an incredibly interesting discussion which included all sorts of fascinating statistics and insight into the causes of crime. Thank you Natalie!

Year 10 Design and Technology students have been working hard building their own bird boxes.

We can't wait to see photos of them up and being used!





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Year 7 food technology have extended their practical knowledge with knife skills.

Students made delicious layered pasta pots. We have had some fantastic ingredient choices!







Silver Duke of Edinburgh has launched and students are busy route planning for their practice expedition in Ashdown Forest!

We have a mix of students this year - some starting their D of E Journey at Silver and some carrying on from Bronze. We can't wait to follow their journey!

SPORTS FIXTURES

On Thursday 15th October the Year 9 boys football team welcomed Lift Ryde for their second league fixture.

It was the visitors who opened the scoring midway through the first half with 14 minutes played and they followed up on 20 minutes for their second. The Cowes team adjusted positions slightly and started to play with more conviction and this paid dividends when Harley seized his opportunity, scoring directly from a 30-yard free kick with 1 minute left of the half. The boys took confidence from this into the second held and quickly saw the equaliser come with just 6 minutes played.

Possession switched between the teams throughout the remainder of the half but Lift scored the decider on 19 minutes. Cowes had several shots on target, but none found the back of their net.

Well played Frankie B, Harley S, Aethan S, Dex H, Logan F, Jay L, Fin L, Norman R, Jackson F, Frankie C, Toby H, Louis F and Harry H!



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

