

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of another busy year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given both to your child and to the academy. This academic year has certainly flown by for me and I can't quite believe that it was nearly a year ago that my family and I moved to the Island and began our new lives following my previous headship in London. Thank you to all of you who have supported us in our new adventure - we love life here.

It is wonderful to end the year with so many highlights to celebrate, including being judged "Good" by OFSTED in all categories earlier this year. One of the strengths of the academy I have been really struck with is the diverse enrichment opportunities which we offer – there truly is something for everybody all through the year and living life to the full beyond the curriculum is something special about our ethos to be celebrated.

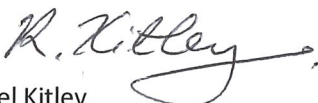
In my first term I found out so much about the academy by listening to parents, staff and students and I am committed to parent forums continuing next year. We have the highest of expectations for Cowes Enterprise College and consider ourselves to be at the very start of the next stage of our ambitious journey. With highly committed teachers and supportive parents there is a clear sense of us pulling together to make the academy move ever forwards.

Following the introduction of our SIMs Parent App, an improved use and presence on social media, my weekly parent forums and personal contribution to the weekly newsletter, improving communication has been much on our minds this year and will continue to be next year. Next year we will also be prioritising our focus on homework, our rewards system and our careers work as well as continuing to strengthen teaching and learning and developing our work as a DfE Aspiring Teaching School. We have worked hard this year to add greater support systems around our exam students to enable them to be fully prepared and confident heading into exams and following very positive feedback from parents and exam students will be continuing to equip students with these independent study skills and exam strategies next year and build further on these approaches.

Please can I ask for your support in ensuring that your child begins the new academic year fully prepared, with correct uniform and equipment. Today's newsletter will include all term dates, uniform and equipment lists. We look forward to welcoming Yr7 and Yr12 to the academy on Tuesday 4th September. Our Yr7 welcome breakfast is from 8.30am and Year 12 enrolment from 9am-11am. All other year groups return to the academy at 8.30am on Wednesday 5th September.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you again for your continued support of the school and our work and look forward to working with you over the coming year. We are very proud of our staff and students here at Cowes Enterprise College and hope you all enjoy a well-deserved and relaxing holiday and time together as a family.

Yours sincerely



Rachel Kitley
Principal