



THE  
COWPLAIN  
SCHOOL



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# WELCOME TO THE COWPLAIN SCHOOL

**Work hard. Enjoy learning. Achieve highly.  
Build your future.**

We support all our students to make fantastic progress and achieve highly by getting to know each one as an individual. It is this focus on knowing and developing each young person's talents and aspirations that forms our unique offer. Our students are happy and leave us as well rounded citizens, having enjoyed a great education and all the opportunities The Cowplain School offers.

Current and prospective parents are welcome to visit us at any time to experience our vibrant school and see why we are so proud of our superb students.

We look forward to meeting you.

**Mr I R Gates**

Headteacher

“Ciara has thrived due to her balance of study, extra-curricular activities and support from teachers and co-educators. We would recommend the school to anyone! ”

PARENT

“Students are very proud of their school. They feel safe and well cared for, supporting each other through their good behaviour and attitudes to learning. ”

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### At The Cowplain School we value:

- Academic success and progress
- Impeccable behaviour and smart appearance
- Respect, manners and courtesy
- The ability to accept challenge
- Resilience and perseverance
- Independent thinking and creativity
- Great teamwork and strong leadership
- Tolerance and acceptance of diversity





# ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO BE THEIR BEST



“The facilities and staff at The Cowplain School have given me the confidence to look at a career in sports coaching, having been selected as part of the school football team. I am also a member of the student leadership team and work with younger students from Junior schools in many of the school primary transition events. These opportunities have helped me grow as a confident individual.”

**JACK FRANKHAM, STUDENT**





The Cowplain School encourages young people to develop skills of initiative, independence and resilience leading to excellent academic progress and achievement. School life provides a stimulating personal and intellectual challenge and students are encouraged to be their best and achieve highly.

We invest in structures that enable us to monitor the progress and welfare of all our students so that each child feels they are known and that their achievements and successes are celebrated at every opportunity.

Exam results continue to rise and the progress our students make has been recognised by The Specialist Schools and Academies Trust and OFSTED as amongst the best in the country. The offer of enrichment masterclasses and innovative 'Able and Ambitious' programmes mean that, whatever their interests, young people are encouraged to grasp the opportunities open to them and understand that there are no limits to what they can achieve.

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# AN OUTSTANDING CURRICULUM

The range of curriculum opportunities that we offer our young people ensure that everyone is able to aim for excellence.

In Years 7 and 8 all students undertake a broad range of subjects before having the opportunity to refine their choice in Year 9. The range of options from which they choose is diverse and extensive, ranging from Dance to Drama and Geography to Graphics. We place an importance on literacy and numeracy and the progress our students make in Maths and English is amongst the best in the area.

Many departments are also highly successful, including History and French, which regularly attain progress measures in the top 10% for all schools nationally, and Science, where students are taught in state-of-the-art laboratories, completely redesigned in 2016.

Our commitment to the teaching of performing arts has been recognised by the awarding of Artsmark Gold from the Arts Council and we support GCSE Music by ensuring our students receive complementary peripatetic music lessons. PE lessons are taught on our all-weather pitch or Multi Use Games Area and our teams are regularly successful in County competitions.

“The teachers are fluid in adapting their styles of teaching to suit every student. There is a strong feeling of independence and yet always a wealth of support during lessons and after school when we need it.”

**JESS CONLON, STUDENT**  
(9 A\* & 3 A GRADES AT GCSE)

“The curriculum has been skilfully developed to enable students to achieve the qualifications they need for further education, employment or training.”

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# AN ENRICHING EXPERIENCE

Learning at school is not limited to the timetabled day and there are many opportunities for students to enhance their experience of school. Our extensive enrichment programme includes, amongst other activities: sport, yoga, computer programming and animation, code breaking, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Rock Challenge, and the school band, 'The Cowplain School Jukebox'.

We have also created an innovative Able and Ambitious programme, focussing on

masterclasses in a range of areas. Students are encouraged to take responsibility and participate in the decision making process through participation in The Cowplain School Council, becoming a Student Ambassador, or promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

Every year we appoint senior students to become prefects and we hold rigorous interviews to appoint a Head Boy and Girl.



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We have strong links to the University of Portsmouth through our Able and Ambitious programme.







# A SCHOOL WHERE EVERY CHILD IS KNOWN

“The transition to Year 7 was easy as I had already made lots of new friends through activities at The Cowplain School in Years 5 and 6. I was able to extend these friendships on the camp. Year 7 has been a good year for me and if I had a challenge in any situation, the teachers would help me overcome it.

It was also a good year because I won a national title in boxing which the school has shown great interest in. ”

LLOYD FARRINGTON, STUDENT





We pride ourselves on the relationships that we build with each family in order to ensure our students are happy and work hard and we invest in support structures that enable children to thrive and make progress.

We know that young people achieve when they are inspired and challenged whilst feeling happy and secure. The transition into Year 7 can be both an exciting and unsettling time for students and their parents but, with new challenges to face and new friends to meet, our

students are encouraged and supported to grow as a community and quickly flourish.

Our transition work starts in Year 4 and we work closely with each partner primary school to ensure that we provide curriculum enhancement opportunities and enrichment to the younger students that both engage and challenge. Our Year 7 camp to the New Forest takes place within the first few days in September to allow students to bond and grow as a year group.



“Teachers, friends and parents all work together and are really supportive. There is an amazing interaction between them. Everyone pulls together to ensure success.”

**PARENT**



# READY FOR THE NEXT CHALLENGE

We aim for all students to leave The Cowplain School with a superb set of qualifications that will ensure they will be well placed to continue on the next stage of their journey. They will also have developed lifelong friendships and shared in each other's success. Students leave us with recognition of the importance of ambition, hard work and independence ready to accept the reward and challenge of any career path they have chosen.

We believe that The Cowplain School is an environment in which children are known as individuals, where talents and achievements are recognised

and nurtured, and where children make great progress and achieve success. Our aim is to prepare them for the next step in their journey and the fresh and exciting challenges ahead.

“Cowplain has been a unique experience. There have been lots of opportunities to take part in school life which I have embraced. The staff are really welcoming and I have made lifelong friends and memories here.”

**CIARA AYRE, STUDENT**



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High-quality advice and guidance are provided whenever students are considering future courses or career choices. During Year 8, students are offered appropriate guidance about potential Key Stage 4 courses. In Key Stage 4, students receive effective guidance that helps them to make a successful transition to the next stage of their education, employment or training.

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