

Transition Leaders



The Year 7 Transition Leaders will be going out and visiting our partner primary schools over the coming months to support the Year 6s who have chosen The Cowplain School as their secondary education destination.

On 31st March they will be awarded their badges which we hope they will wear with pride.

The leaders have given a fantastic insight as to what it is like as a Year 6 pupil coming up to secondary school. They will be taking questions from Year 6 and providing support and insight into Cowplain life as well as doing some reading with them.

Watch this space for future transition events and activities!

Mrs L van den Braak, Transition and Primary Liaison

ASDA donation

We recently contacted ASDA to ask if they could support us with our Breakfast Club; for students whose families are struggling at this difficult time. We have seen a growing number of students attending and we are pleased this club offers students the opportunity to start the day in a warm place with breakfast to help them with the school day ahead.

Jacqui Benham, the Community Champion for ASDA, visited us with a donation of bread, crumpets, pancakes, waffles and hot-cross buns which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

Ms L Alden, Resilience Centre



Well done!

Well done to students and staff who raised £500.10 for Comic Relief through a non-uniform day.

Comic Relief funds life-changing projects in the UK and around the world.



Congratulations!

George Taylor-Bartlett competed in the Schools National Finals on the weekend of 18th and 19th March 2023, representing The Cowplain School, and he came 8th in the UK!

Well done George!



News

Dear Parents

Welcome to our Easter newsletter.

I am sure you are all looking forward to the bank holiday and having some time with friends and family.

I always tend to say in these newsletters that the term has been packed with many different things and this one is no different! One thing that comes to mind is our students' brilliant performance in Dance Live!, supporting the young people of Rachel Madocks school. This was a great event and I know both our students, and those of Rachel Madocks, gained a great deal from it. In addition, we hosted a football festival for over 50 Year 3 and 4 girls, including 30 who attend one of our local schools, Queens Inclosure. Our Year 10 Sport Studies coaches coached many of the children who all seemed to have a great day. You can also read about experiences such as our reward afternoon for Year 9 students, involving lots of pizzas, French cooking, and also some of our careers events, including our work with BAE systems.

Of course, we know that with the cost of living crisis, as well as the continued fall out from the pandemic, life is very hard for many of our families and we are seeing the results of that in school. In this newsletter, you can read about the breakfast club. If things are difficult for you and your family, I would urge you to contact us; there may not be much we can do to help financially but at least we can be a sympathetic listener and may be able to signpost you to other agencies, as well as understanding issues that may affect your child in school.

At this point we need to say goodbye and good luck to Miss Allison, who is off to pastures new, and welcome others who will join us after Easter. They include, Miss Carter-Brown and Mr Peters, who will join us as Assistant Headteachers and Miss Dennis, who will join as Assistant Head of Year 7. Miss Dennis's appointment means that over this half-term we have increased our Pastoral Team so that every year group now has a Head of Year and an Assistant Head of Year, which we trust will allow us to support our young people even more effectively.

As always, I want to thank you for your continued support.

Mr I R Gates
Principal

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French Crepes

Mr Judd's and Mrs Clemas's Year 10 French classes teamed up with Food Preparation to make crêpes. Mrs Clemas introduced the class to the French classic "crêpes jambon-fromage" (ham and cheese crêpes), which they all eventually declared délicieuses!

Thank you to Mrs Alayon for making the event possible!



Reminder:

Easter holiday:

Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023.

School reopens at 8.15am on Monday 17 April 2023

(Week 1)



Spotlight on Careers

On 23rd February, Year 10 students met employers and apprentices from BAE. They had a fantastic time building aircraft carriers, helicopters and tanks as part of a sustainable project-management challenge.

Students also learnt about apprenticeship opportunities with BAE.

Mr L Berrecloth, Careers Leader



Dance Live!

12 of our Year 11 students participated in Dance Live! at the Portsmouth Guildhall with Rachel Madocks School.

The girls represented the school fantastically, helping the Rachel Madocks students to learn new skills and achieve an incredible performance. We are very proud of their achievements and know they will all go on to do great things when they leave us in July.

Miss L Crown, Performing Arts Teacher



Y11 Boys Football



A recent Year 11 boys friendly football fixture against Havant Academy saw Havant Academy take the lead towards the end of the first half. However, the game finished 2-1 to Cowplain after a dominant performance in the second half with the Year 11 boys working very hard to secure the win.

Well done!

Mr S Whitford, PE Teacher

Football Festival

On 29th March , 53 Year 3 and Year 4 girls from Queen Inclosure Primary School, Ark Dickens Primary Academy, Bidbury Junior School, and Solent Junior School took part in a Football Festival. They joined in with a range of activities led by our Y10 Sport Studies students, who were well organised and confident in their tutoring of our visitors. The aim of the morning was to develop the girls' football skills whilst having fun.

Miss N Tofte, Teacher of PE



Y9 Top 40 Pizza Party

On 21st March we held the Y9 Top 40 Pizza Party.

The selected students were invited as a way of celebrating their achievement in specific areas of education that we believe to be highly important to a student's success, whilst at school and onwards in life itself.

Mr M Simmons, Head of Year 9



Hairdressing Competition

On 20th March, HaHa Training celebrated their 10th Anniversary with a showcase of Hair and Beauty from all the schools and colleges they work with. The event was hosted at The Queens Hotel and work from the three secondary school they work with was judged that evening by industry professionals.

We are delighted to announce that our own Laci Brent won the award for the 'Best Designed Hair'. Laci collected her award from Mrs Ellery, the Cowplain School Course Tutor, alongside Dr Clarke, who had attended the evening.

Dr I Clarke, Assistant Headteacher

