

## Awards Evening

There was a fantastic atmosphere at Awards Evening on 18 July. The event was held to recognise the hard work and excellent achievement of students across all the year groups. Parents and family members of the award winners were invited to join us for a sparkling canapé reception prior to the ceremony. **Our sincere thanks to guest speaker Hope Prosser from the charity Hope and Soul and many congratulations to all the students who received awards!**



## Resilience Centre BBQ

Students from our Resilience Centre took part in the Barclays £5 Make It Grow challenge and ran a BBQ and Bingo Evening to raise further funds. The students also made macramé plant holders and sold cakes. This successful event raised over £300 which was used to fund a trip to Butlin's in Bognor Regis for the Resilience Centre students. **Congratulations to all the RC students and staff!**

## Year 10 College Taster Days

Our Year 10 students took part in taster days at local colleges to learn about the courses available to them and to experience college life. Students visited Havant and South Downs College in June, followed by a trip to Highbury College in July to find out about A Level and vocational options. **A really useful experience - thank you HSDC and Highbury!**



## Year 7 French Residential

In June a group of Year 7 students travelled to Le Fougeray, Near Caen in Normandy, to learn more about the country and culture. Students visited the Mont St Michel, the Normandy beaches, baked French bread, shopped at French markets and visited a goats cheese farm and a zoo. **A really enjoyable trip - thank you to all involved!**



## Attendance

We expect every student to attend at least 97% of the school year.

**Current attendance % for the whole school: 94.2%**

Please look on the school website and Insight for attendance and health information

We **will** fine parents where there is a concern for high levels of absence whether general or through unauthorised holidays in term time. Parents of this school have been taken to court by HCC and found guilty under the Education Act 1996 section 444(1)

**Parents are reminded to book medical and dental appointments out of school hours wherever possible.**



## News

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year. As we finish the year and enjoy glorious British weather, it is time to reflect on the positive things that have taken place at The Cowplain School since we started in equally glorious weather in September.

Of course, fresh in my mind are the many events and experiences that have taken place this summer. This week we held our fantastic Awards Evening and were able to celebrate the many successes of our students, completing the Year group awards assemblies we held throughout the week when again, we handed out lots of certificates recognising our students' success. During the Awards Evening, we enjoyed a speech from Hope Prosser, an ex-Cowplain student who left in 2009. After obtaining a degree and qualifying as a nurse, Hope has started her own charity, *Hope and Soul*, inspired by her work with children in Tanzania; her story was truly inspiring and we are pleased that yet another ex-Cowplain student has gone on to achieve great things.

This week, we also held our Mardi Gras event for around 300 Year 5 children from our local primary schools, whilst the penultimate week saw Sports Day and the Year 11 Prom. It was great to see so many Year 11 students looking slightly more relaxed than the last time I saw them, shortly after their last exam! However, as Prom clashed with the England semi-final game both students and staff 'endured' a tough evening combining Prom with watching the game on the big screen supplied by the hotel! The Prom was a great end to the school life of our Year 11 students who had worked so hard for their exams; I sincerely hope their efforts pay off when they receive their results in August.

This term has also seen the BAE STEM Roadshow, the Dance Showcase, Art and Photography exhibitions, the Hot 100 Reward trip, numerous camps and trips, there really are too many events to mention! I am very pleased that many students have taken part in these events whilst continuing to work hard in their lessons, behaving well and making great progress.

Of course, with all this going on OFSTED also decided to pay us a visit! At the time of writing these notes, the report has still not been published on the OFSTED website, which is frustrating as I am very much looking forward to sharing it with you. I hope that it will be released around the end of term or be ready for the early part of the next academic year.

So, once again, a very busy but ultimately successful 2017-18 at The Cowplain School. Students and staff are now looking forward to the summer holiday but we also look towards September when we start what I am confident will be another great year for our students.

Best wishes to you and your family.

**Mr IR Gates, Headteacher**

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## Hambledon/Denmead Bus Service

We are pleased to remind parents of the 652/654 bus service between Hambledon/Denmead and The Cowplain School.

Please ensure that you read the information on our website regarding the bus route and fares: *The School Day/Travelling To School*. If you wish to purchase a bus pass please complete and return the application without delay.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance team at school on 023 9261 2020.

## Open Evening

Our annual Open Evening will be held on Thursday 20 September 2018 from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. This is an ideal opportunity for prospective students and their parents to visit Cowplain.

## Reminder:

**School reopens at 8.15am on Tuesday 4 September 2018.**

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**Summer 2018**

## Year 5 Welcome Event and Mardi Gras

We welcomed nearly 300 parents and pupils to our Year 5 Welcome Event in June to see the school and understand why we are so proud of our students and the wonderful atmosphere at Cowplain.

Pupils from local primary schools have been working on a Mardi Gras themed project this year with our students and staff. At the end of the summer term we held the Mardi Gras finale event with samba-style music and dancing, a BBQ, masks, mocktails and fun carnival stalls. Over 300 primary age children and their parents attended the event which was held on our school field in glorious sunshine.

**Congratulations to all the young pupils from Denmead, Hambledon, Woodcroft, Hart Plain and Padnell schools for taking part in Mardi Gras. We offer to work with all of our local primary schools and look forward to the next project!**



## Geography Residential

Our Year 9 students visited Osmington Bay for the Geography Residential in June; beautiful weather for the field trips to Lyme Regis, Lulworth Cove and along the Jurassic coast. A great learning experience!



## Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom took place at Old Thorns Hotel and Country Club in Liphook, on the same evening the England Football Team played Croatia in the World Cup. Mr Gates organised for a 75" TV screen at the venue so interested students could watch the match before enjoying the rest of the Prom!

We wish all our Year 11 leavers the very best of luck for the future. Photographs taken by David Streten Photography can be seen at [www.stretenphotographers.co.uk](http://www.stretenphotographers.co.uk).



## Year 8 and Year 9 Camps

We had fantastic weather this year for the Year 8 and Year 9 Camps in the New Forest. The campers took part in a wide variety of activities including a river walk, climbing and archery for the Year 8s with more challenging activities for the Year 9s such as sailing and abseiling.



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