

EXPLORE - Primary Liaison

The 'Explore' show at The Kings Theatre in Portsmouth, involved students from Cowplain working with younger students from Denmead Junior, Padnell Junior, Berewood Primary and Hart Plain Infant schools. A fantastic show!



Y10 Computer Science Trip

On Thursday 13th June, Mrs Salsbury and I took a group of 15 Year 10 Computer Science students to the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park. We were able to view some fascinating artefacts, including examples of the oldest digital computers. We also saw a genuine enigma machine and the devices created by British Computer Scientists including Alan Turing to decrypt coded messages intercepted during the Second World War.

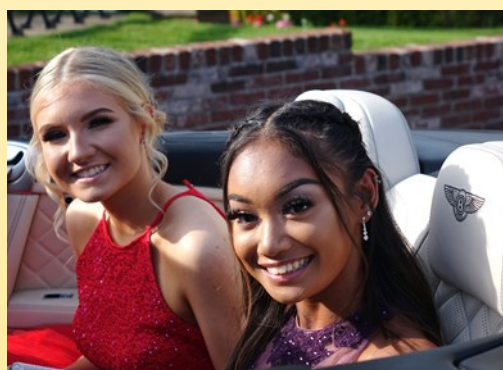
Students were most struck by the rapid development of computers and computer memory over the last sixty years. They also took part in two practical workshops, including the opportunity to code a snake game in BBC Basic as we did in the 80s! Mrs Connell



Y11 Prom

The Y11 Prom took place on Thursday 4th July and was a wonderful celebration to mark the end of their time at The Cowplain School.

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News

Welcome to our last newsletter of the 2018/19 academic year!

Again, another year has flown by and I am sure you are wondering, like me, where the last three terms have gone!

We have certainly crammed a great deal into the last month; over that time, we have held two very successful presentations with the parents of Year 5 children as well as welcoming our current Year 6 / new Year 7 students and their parents to the school, with lots of children very excited to be joining us in September.

In addition, we held our Prom for our outgoing year 11 students who, as always, made a great effort with their outfits as well as the vehicles in which they arrived. It was great to see our ex-students a few weeks after they left us looking very relaxed and excited about their futures. I know everybody, students, parents and staff, had a great evening.

I must also mention two very special events that we have held since or last newsletter; firstly, our 'Explore' show at The Kings Theatre in Portsmouth, which involved students from Cowplain working with younger students from Denmead Junior, Padnell Junior, Berewood Primary and Hart Plain Infants schools. The children had spent some months visiting Cowplain, and many of our staff had worked with them in their own schools. The culmination of this work was the show at The Kings and it was fantastic to see them perform, especially in the finale, which involved around 200 students on stage at the same time! It really was a brilliant night.

This week, we also held our annual prize giving ceremony, recognising the achievements of students from across Year 7 to 10. Our guest speaker was Rob Wood, who has successfully completed a number of ultra-marathons, including one through the Peruvian jungle, which he described to the audience. It was an inspirational speech and Rob's message, about preparing for the event, not giving up and working as a team, resonated strongly with the audience. In addition, it was fantastic to see so many students achieve awards.

Therefore, 2018/19 has been a very busy year and I am sure 2019/20 will be just as packed with amazing achievements from students at The Cowplain School.

As always, I want to thank you for your support and wish you and your family a fantastic summer.

Mr IR Gates
Headteacher

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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 3 October 2019: 6pm to 8.30pm

OPEN WEEK

Monday 7 to Friday 11 October 2019

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Reminder:

School reopens for students on Thursday 5th September 2019:

8.30am - Year 7 (Main Hall)

9.30am - Year 8 (Main Hall)

Years 9-11 (Tutor Rooms)

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July 2019

Y8 and Y9 Camps

We have just returned from two very successful camps in which students experienced a variety of activities and challenges.



Our Year 8 camp activities included crate stack, abseiling, climbing, canoeing and archery, as well as the traditional axeman walk, Superteams and campfire on the Thursday evening, which was very well attended and huge fun.



Year 9 camp is a more adventurous one, in which the students are responsible for their own cooking all week. This year they participated in rock climbing and abseiling off rock faces in Portland and also tried coasteering, which was the most popular activity of the week. They also experienced canoeing, mountain biking and leap of faith, which certainly tested the nerves!



Year 8 and 9 camps are already booked for next year so look out for assemblies and parents' evenings in September!

Mr and Mrs Dobbyn

Bobby Holland Hanton visit

Year 9 students enjoyed an informative visit from Bobby Holland Hanton. Bobby took up gymnastics at the age of four and dedicated the best part of his next 13 years to the sport, and represented Great Britain. From that, Bobby moved into performance diving and then into stunt work. He now works closely with Chris Hemsworth as his stunt double and has performed in numerous blockbuster films with Chris and with other actors. He has worked in the Batman films, was the stunt man in Quantum of Solace and his work has obviously been seen a great deal in the Thor films and other Marvel movies.

Bobby spent an hour with Drama, Media and Dance students, explaining his route into film stunt work, and how he now trains and delivers some of the best stunt work in the world. He watched and critiqued the Drama students' fight scene extract from Macbeth.

Bobby delivered an assembly to Year 9 emphasising the need for hard work, dedication and resilience in order to be successful, but was also clear about the importance of students keeping a very clear focus on their academic work, whatever sport or physical activity they might also be involved in.



Geography Residential

In June, Year 9 Geography students spent a long weekend on the Geography Residential. Students hiked along the Dorset coast, investigating coastal processes at Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove. Students also learnt about managing coastal erosion and the pressures of tourism in Lyme Regis. As a reward for their hard work, students had the opportunity to enjoy adventure activities, which included the giant swing, zip wire and street surfing. All of the students were excellent ambassadors for the school throughout the weekend and we even got to have two birthday parties.

Mr Berrecloth



Girls' Football at ROKO

Miss Graham and I took a small group of girls to the Pompey in the Community World Cup Football Festival on Friday 12th July. The girls had a fun and successful day playing football in the sun and represented the school fantastically. The girls; Amber Luff, Emma-Louise Pinhone, Talia Rutter, Isla Raffan, Tessa Baillie and Goalkeeper Ruby Allen played eight 10 minute games at the ROKO Football Centre in Portsmouth. One of the highlights of the day was that Ruby Allen scored two goals while playing in goal, including one vital goal coming in a 1-0 win against Portchester School. I was extremely pleased with the effort, attitude, behaviour and representation of The Cowplain School and seeing all our values displayed by every single one of the girls. Well done on a great season! Mr Johnston



Rounders



On Friday 21st June, I took nine Year 7 and 8 students to the Hampshire school games to represent the Havant area at Rounders after winning our area competition. We drew our first match against St John's College, won our second match against Cranbourne and lost our third against St Nicholas.

At the end of each match, students voted for the best batter and fielder. Our best batters were Jess and Alicia. Our best fielders were; Ruby, due to some brilliant sweeping behind second base; Emma, after a number of great catches on fourth; Meg, for her ever reliable and accurate bowling.

Overall we came a close third in our group and then went on to the challenge zone where we did an inflatable assault course, archery and an army style fitness challenge. The girls were an asset to the school throughout the day and showed the school values throughout. I was an extremely proud teacher! Miss Goss

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