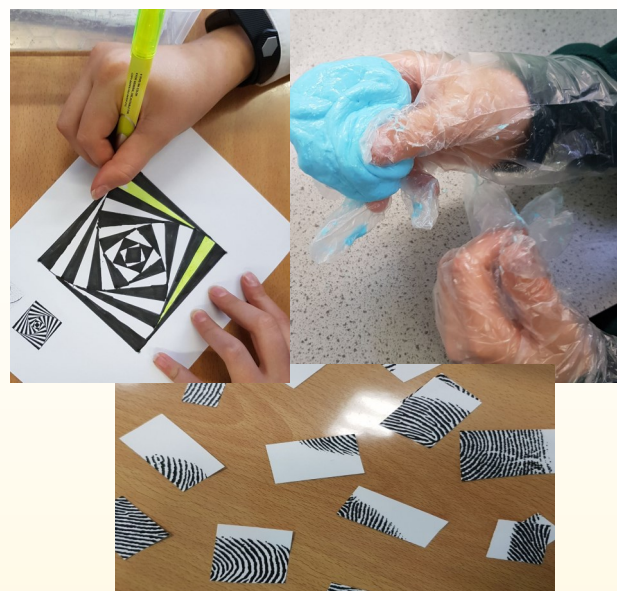


Y6 STEM Club

During this term we have been pleased to welcome students from Hart Plain Junior, Denmead Junior, Padnell Junior and Queens Inclosure to join us for a six week, after school program. We have almost 40 students taking part in the lessons. The classes that we were pleased to offer include Science, English and Maths. In Science they are looking at STEM activities including bridge making and crime scene analysis. Who killed Mr Gates? That's the question in English as they work their way through a murder mystery style activity. Maths can be magic, as students learn magic ways of finding answers and retaining information.

The classes we have offered give the students from Y6 a taste of what lessons are like in secondary school. We also hope that they will be able to link their learning as they proceed through Y6 and prepare themselves for their SATs. We look forward to welcoming Y5 in the Spring.



Y6 Fire Prevention Day

On Wednesday 9 October 2019 we were pleased to invite neighbouring schools to take part in Fire Prevention Day. Pupils took part in a variety of lessons across the curriculum. In Science they looked at how different chemicals can affect fire, a History lesson was presented as a courtroom – was Mrs O'Leary really to blame? During English, pupils had the opportunity to write fire poetry creating their own camp fires. We were able to discuss what pupils should do in the event of a fire at home.

We were pleased to welcome crew with engines from Waterloooville to join us for the day, talking to pupils about what to do in their homes if there was a fire, along with the various other roles that they have. Pupils were also given the opportunity to explore the engines and the equipment that they carry while trying on uniform, helmets and masks.



Open Evening 2019

Our annual Open Evening took place on Thursday 3 October. Our many visitors were able to sample the quality and breadth of lessons children experience and the enrichment activities and events that we run each year.



Y6 PARENTS—Don't forget that the deadline for applications for the Y7 Admissions Round is Thursday 31st October 2019.



News

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2019/20 academic year!

After the long summer, it is always an extremely busy first half-term!

We started this year by celebrating the best GCSE examinations attainment that the school has ever achieved. The percentage of students achieving a Level 5 in Maths and English rose by 5%, whilst the percentage achieving a Level 4 rose by 2%. Well done to our ex-Year 11 and I look forward to seeing them in a month or so at our annual evening to award them those coveted certificates! However, I am also sure that the current Year 11 are thinking that they can collectively better those results whilst, most importantly, working hard for their own personal success.

The term then started with us welcoming 196 new Year 7 children into the school. This is our biggest year group and the number of children joining us certainly shows the faith that parents have in the school. They made a great impression at the Year 7 Camp and I am very pleased to say the vast majority have settled in extremely well; we are really looking forward to seeing them grow academically, and as great young people, over the next five years.

We recently held our annual open evening and I would like to extend a big thank you to all the students who came in on the evening and contributed to it being such a success. From the prefect teams that welcomed parents, to those helping in Science, or dancing in the gym, our fantastic young people made a great impression on prospective parents. Certainly, I think it was the best attended evening we have had in the last few years.

Therefore, 2019/20 has started very well and I am sure it will be packed with more success for The Cowplain School.

As always, I want to thank you for the continued support you give your sons and daughters.

Mr IR Gates
Headteacher

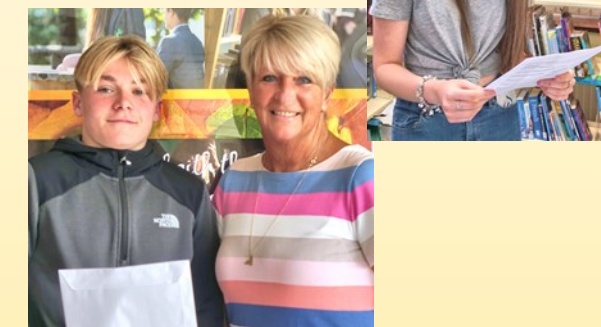
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Exam Results Day



Reminder:
October half-term:

**Monday 28 October 2019 to
Friday 1 November 2019.**

**School reopens at 8.15am on
Monday 4 November 2019**
(Week 1)

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October 2019

Y7 Camp

At the start of term over 170 Y7 students went to Tile Barn, Brockenhurst, for their Y7 camp. They spent time playing 'getting to know you' games, working in their Tutor groups to solve challenges and tackling the famous Panther Walk. Their campfire performances on the Thursday evening were energetic and extremely loud!

The Y7 tutor team threw themselves into all the activities and as ever we are completely indebted to our wonderful volunteer team who work tirelessly to ensure all the camps run seamlessly.



Restart A Heart Day

Wednesday 16 October was Restart A Heart Day and the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust taught all of our Y8 students how to help restart the heart of someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest.

Currently in the UK, less than one (8.6%) in ten people survive a cardiac arrest. If we achieved the same survival rates of countries like Norway (25%), where CPR is taught in schools, an additional 100 lives could be saved each week - the equivalent of approximately 5,000 every year.



It was a pleasure to be invited back to The Cowplain School for Restart A Heart Day where we trained 132 students. The students were fantastic and eager to learn. We hope they never have to use these skills but if they do, they now know what to do.

Marie and Becky, NHS First Responders

PE report

All football teams in each year have competed in the Hampshire Cup and continue to play local schools in the area competition.

Y9, Y10 and Y11 netball teams are currently in the middle of their netball fixtures, with some teams hoping for a top three finish!

We have linked up with Havant and Waterlooville Football Club and have gained access to free season tickets for our students. Our school football teams are also looking forward to receiving some coaching in the near future.

Geography Field Trip

Y11 Geography students visited Queen Elizabeth Country Park to carry out fieldwork for their GCSE. Students were investigating how the park sustainably manages the pressure of visitors. Students collected data on footpath erosion and carried out qualitative surveys. Luckily they chose the one dry day all week.



Hampshire Book Award

On Tuesday 15 October 2019 Paula Rawsthorne was presented with the Hampshire Book Award for Shell. Ten of our Y9 students attended, joining schools from across Hampshire to listen to Paula talk about where she gets ideas for her books, and the research that goes into them. Our students had a great time, and were excited to meet Paula, and have her sign their books.



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