

THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to Morrisons Horndean for their amazing donation to our Breakfast Club! They have very kindly agreed to a fortnightly donation to help our students in the mornings. Thank you!



STEM Day

Tuesday 8th November was STEM Day! During Reflection Time, students were set the challenge to try to construct a mobile phone holder using only materials they could find in their Tutor rooms. The students were very imaginative. Well done to Eva-Marie Green and Alfie Phillips, Y10, who won best design.



Thanks to the generosity of the students and staff at The Cowplain School, we raised £118.21 for this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to the students who took the poppies and collecting tin to all the tutor groups and to everyone who donated and wore their poppy with pride.

Y9 RSHE Drop Down Day

On the 11th November, Year 9 students attended an RSHE Sex and Relationships focus day. This was an exciting event where students attended 6 different workshops put on by expert providers which included The School of Sexuality Education, Stop Domestic Abuse and Y Services.



Students also had a breast cancer awareness assembly which was presented by a breast cancer survivor. The day was very informative and engaging, focusing on healthy relationships and staying safe.

According to a post event survey, over 80% of students found the sessions either useful or very useful, which is tremendous!



Congratulations!

George Taylor-Bartlett competed in the Annual British Schools Gymnastics Association competition, representing The Cowplain School, on the Isle of Wight on Sunday 4th December.

George came second and goes through to the next round in January.

Well done George!



News

Dear Parents

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter.

We really are now properly experiencing winter after the mild weather that seems to have been with us for most of this year! With that comes all the issues with bugs, coughs and colds that we experience at this time of year in schools. I know myself, having been laid low by the flu for 4 or 5 days, that our immune systems are challenged at this time of year! This obviously presents difficulties with staffing capacity as our teachers and support staff have to take time off sick. Since the pandemic, it has been virtually impossible to recruit supply staff and so our fantastic staff have really stepped up as usual and have worked over and above to keep our standards as high as possible; I know you will join me in thanking them for their hard work, especially over the last few weeks, and wish them a restful break when it arrives.

Of course, as always, we have still managed to cram in lots of opportunities for our young people. I know, for example, that students had a great trip to Seville, have enjoyed trips to the theatre and participated in the school show; you can read about some of these experiences in this newsletter.

I was particularly impressed with our Year 9 students who participated in our RSHE Drop Down Day. The day saw professionals from a wide range of organisations work with our students on challenging but important issues such as diversity, consent and sexual health. I strongly believe that our investment in RSHE, led by Mrs Salsbury, is paying off by giving students important information and knowledge that they need in today's society.

Finally, I'd like to highlight our annual Cowplain School appeal. This is the third year we have run it and we hope that it helps a number of our families who are finding things difficult at this time of year, especially given the cost of living crisis we are experiencing. I know all of you will support us in our aims of both supporting children with their learning whilst helping the wider family.

It is just left to me to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to welcoming your child back to school in 2023!

Mr I R Gates, Principal

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Non-Uniform Day

We raised £757 from our non-uniform day on 18th November 2022.



A third of the monies raised was donated to Children in Need, and two-thirds to support one of our own Y11 students whilst he is hospital and for when he returns home to recover.

Thank you!

Reminder:

Term finishes:

Thursday 15 December 2022 at 12.20pm

INSET Day:

Friday 16 December 2022

Christmas Holiday:

Monday 19 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023.

School reopens on Tuesday 3 January 2023

(Week 1)

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December 2022

An Inspector Calls



We took 37 Year 10 and Year 11 students to watch Stephen Daldry's multi-award winning National Theatre production of J.B. Priestley's classic thriller 'An Inspector Calls' at The Mayflower Theatre in Southampton on Tuesday 1st November.

'An Inspector Calls' has been hailed as the theatrical event of its generation, and has thrilled more than 5 million theatregoers worldwide.

It was a brilliant production and we all found it very entertaining. It was extremely insightful and beneficial for our Year 10 and Year 11 students as this story is one of the texts they study for their GCSE.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the students, and us, to see a brilliant live version of a key GCSE play.

Miss Hedges and Miss Collins
English Department

School Production: We Will Rock You

TCS Productions are back! We are proud to present the musical, 'We Will Rock You' (Young@Part) which tells the story of a globalised future without musical instruments. A handful of rock rebels, the Bohemians, fight against the all-powerful Globalsoft company and its boss, the Killer Queen; they fight for freedom, individuality and the rebirth of the age of rock. Scaramouche and Galileo, two young outsiders, cannot come to terms with the bleak conformist reality. They join the Bohemians and embark on the search to find the unlimited power of freedom, love and Rock!

The cast, band and crew have been working hard to prepare the performances and are very much looking forward to welcoming pupils from some of our Partner Primary Schools on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December.

Public performances are on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. We are also performing a matinee on Sunday afternoon but unfortunately this has already sold out!

All tickets are £5 and can be purchased via Scopay. If you do not have access to Scopay, please telephone Reception on 02392 612020 and request tickets to be reserved on the door.

Cowplain is ready to rock!



Royal Albert Hall (Music For Youth Prom) - Jukebox

On Tuesday 15th November, all 18 members of Jukebox travelled to the Royal Albert Hall in London to perform in the Music For Youth Prom. We performed as part of the Creative Ensemble, which was a piece especially composed for the event. We were in front of the Arena stage and witnessed some truly amazing performances from a huge variety of musical genres. Performing in the Arena was incredible and we were very proud of our students.

Alice Davey, Year 9, said:

Playing in the Royal Albert Hall was a life changing experience. It's so amazing thinking that Jukebox have been privileged enough to play in a space so many great bands have played in, and I am so grateful for the experience.

We are very grateful to our volunteers who accompanied us on this trip, (Mark Dobbyn, Gary Mallalieu and Denis Reeve-Baker) and without them it would not have happened. Jukebox will be performing in the New Year so watch this space for more details!

Mrs Dobbyn
Head of Music



Exotic Fruit Tasting

Tutor Group 7SS enjoyed tasting exotic fruits from around the world such as Mangostino (South-West India), Cape Gooseberry (Peru), Maracuya (Colombia) and Kiwi Fruit (New Zealand). The Cape Gooseberry (Physalis) was their favourite.

Next time the Tutor Group will be tasting exotic meats, including Kangaroo and Crocodile!!

Mr Cole

