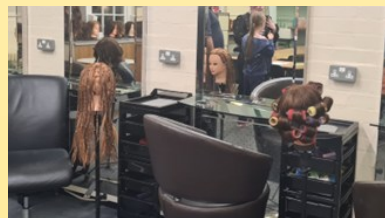


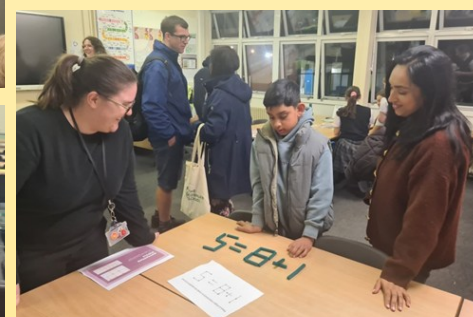
Open Evening 2025

We held our annual Open Evening on Wednesday 24th September. Students, staff, parents and academy trustees enabled parents and pupils to sample the quality and breadth of lessons children experience and the enrichment activities and events that we run each year.

Our Open Week tours ran throughout the school day in the following weeks, and many families booked for a tour of the school with a member of our SLT.



Y6 PARENTS—Don't forget that the deadline for applications for the Y7 Admissions Round is Friday 31st October 2025.



News

Dear Parents

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2025/26 academic year. As usual it's packed with information about the activities in which our students have participated, both last term and this. The sunny weather that features in the stories about our camps and PGL trip seems a long time ago as we now seem to be fully into Autumn!

Similarly, our new Year 7 students seem to have settled in really well and it's about time we actually stopped using the word new to describe them; they seem to have been here for a lot longer than 8 weeks! I think a lot of credit should go to Mr Simmons and Miss Dyne, Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year respectively, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that each child has made the best possible start to life at Cowplain.

At the other end of the age group, I would also like to mention our Year 11 students who are now well underway in their final year at the school. We expect great things from them and believe they will take on the challenge of doing even better than last year's Year 11, who achieved record results in Maths and English at the school. As you know, we saw significant improvements in the numbers of students achieving both subjects at Grade 4 but also at Grade 5, while many other subjects also performed extremely highly and we hope to further build on this with the current year group. So far, their attitude and motivation seems to be very strong and we are confident they will enjoy a very successful Year 11.

I wrote to you recently to let you know that our plans for a theatre and changing rooms at Cowplain were now on the Havant Planning Office portal. I would like to thank the 20 or so of you who have already supported us by leaving a comment for the planners. If you haven't done so, please add your support here:

https://service.havant.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a1ESI000004lpdVMAQ?c_r=Arcus_BE_Public_Register&tabset-ff68f=2

It really is essential that we gather as much support as possible to enable us to build something special for the school and community.

Lastly, please enjoy all the reports in the newsletter; it really does showcase just some of the many opportunities available to students The Cowplain School.

I would like to wish you and your child a good half-term and look forward to seeing him or her when school begins again on 3rd November.

Mr I R Gates, Principal



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Breakfast Donations

Asda Community Champion, Jacqui Benham, continues to donate termly breakfast donations to the school.

The donations ensure that every student has the chance to start their day with a meal, helping them to feel energised, focused and ready to learn.

We are very grateful to Asda for their generosity and commitment, and this shows that the community cares about our students' wellbeing and future.

Ms L Alden, Alternative Provision Lead



Reminder:

October half-term:

Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

School reopens on Monday 3 November 2025

(Week 1)

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October 2025

Y7 and Y9 Camps

Year 7 camped at Tile Barn in June and were fantastic. They tried a variety of activities, including problem solving and climbing. They sang very loudly at their campfire, which was attended by parents and families, and afterwards there was a big family BBQ and field games.



Year 9 Camp took place in July during the heatwave! Students planned their menus and did all their own shopping, cooking and clearing up. Their activities included a water day, battle island and vertical challenge. There was some brilliant cooking and one group even made a cheesecake from scratch, a first for Y9 camp! Mrs S Dobbyn, Camps Co-ordinator

Y7 Warner Bros. Studio Tour

On Tuesday 15th July, we took 40 Y7 students to Warner Bros. Studio Tour during their Triwizard Tournament feature. The students had an amazing time seeing all the props and sets used in the movies, fighting Death Eaters and putting their names in the Goblet of Fire!

Miss N Hedges, Teacher of English



MFL Magazines

In July, Year 9 students used their Spanish skills to design magazines about their local area, including Cowplain, Waterlooville and Portsmouth. They included information about the past and present, local news and events, places to eat or stay, and even a Spanish recipe and healthy living tips.

Students also tackled local issues such as littering, transport or youth activities; all written in Spanish!

A fantastic way to combine creativity, language learning, and real-world topics. Buen trabajo!

Mrs E Serrano-Ramos, Teacher of MFL



Careers Fair

We had a fantastic Careers Fair at school on Friday 11th July! The event was a great success, with a wide range of employers, colleges, and universities in attendance.

Our students really made the most of the day, engaging enthusiastically with visitors and asking insightful questions. The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive; many commented on how confident, polite, and approachable our students were throughout the event.

A huge thank you to all the organisations who came along to make the day so valuable and inspiring for our students.

Miss R Froom, Careers Administrator



Y8 PGL Residential

In July, 54 enthusiastic Y8 students embarked on our first PGL residential trip to Liddington. Over the course of the stay, students took part in a wide range of exciting activities including Jacob's Ladder, Crate Challenge, Zip Wire, Sensory Trail, Leap of Faith, Abseiling, and even Raft Building – which got everyone into the water and working as a team!

The final night was capped off with a silent disco, where it was fantastic to see both students and staff dancing and enjoying themselves. With warm and sunny weather throughout, the trip was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

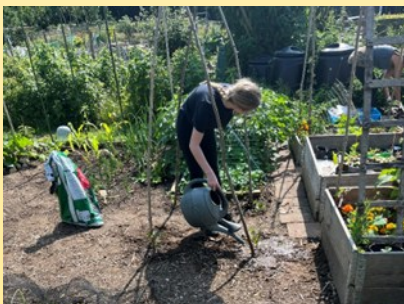
Mr G Elliott, Head of Year 8 (last year)



Allotment Visits

For 6 weeks starting in June, our EBSA students visited a local allotment. During this time the students were taught about the different vegetables, fruit, flowers and herbs grown on the allotment. They planted sweetcorn, sunflowers, radish and various lettuce. They harvested and ate strawberries, blackberries, blueberries and gooseberries. The students loved digging up the potatoes and spotting the wildlife that lives around the pond.

Miss A Lovett, Inclusions and Attendance Support



On Friday 26th September, staff and students hosted a MacMillan Coffee Morning. Staff brought in a range of home baked cakes to donate, with tea and coffee in the staffroom, and 10BH Tutor Group baked cakes and sold them to students during Reflection Time.

We raised £263.79 for MacMillan.



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