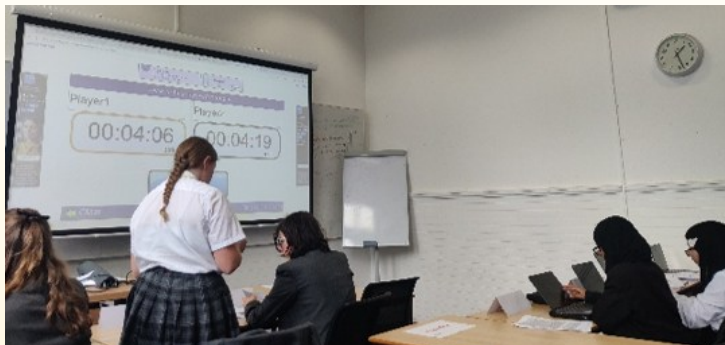
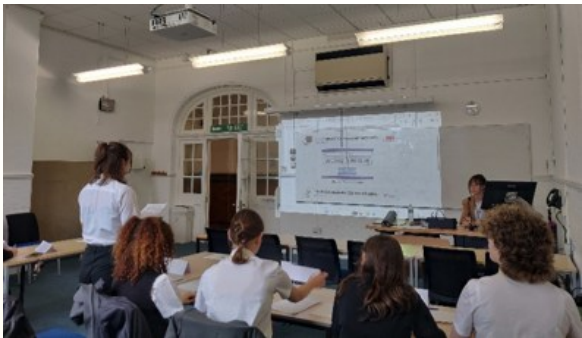


UNLOC Big Debate Competition

On Wednesday 17th June nine Y9 students competed, against teams from six other schools, in UNLOC's Big Debate Competition held in Portsmouth. The students debated issues of local, national and international importance, and were praised for their teamwork, quick-thinking and delivery.

Congratulations also to Freya Ross and Isla Cameron who won individual awards for 'Best Use of Voice' and 'Best Closing Statement' respectively.

Mr W Holt, Teacher of History



Y5 Welcome Event

We welcomed over 150 parents and pupils to our rescheduled Y5 Welcome Event on 9th July. It was a lovely opportunity to show them our school and provide them with a valuable insight into the wonderful, friendly atmosphere at Cowplain. We are immensely proud of our students and always enjoy the opportunity to build relationships with parents and pupils of future cohorts and the wider community.

Open Evening 2026

We are pleased to confirm that our Open Evening will be on **Wednesday 23rd September 2026** from 6pm to 8.30pm.

Our students, staff, parents and trustees will be present so that you can sample the quality and breadth of lessons children experience and the enrichment activities and events we run each year.

No booking required.

Open Weeks 2026

Our Open Weeks are planned for week beginning Monday 28th September and Monday 5th October 2026. During these weeks Y6 parents and their children are invited to have a booked tour of the school during the school day. Invitation letters, explaining the booking process, will be sent to Y6 parents in the Autumn Term.

Major IT infrastructure upgrades onsite

Our IT servers will be shut down from the afternoon of **Friday 17th July**.

As the summer holidays begin, **Reception will close at 12.30pm on Friday 17th July**. From Monday 20th July, our telephone system will be partly closed until Monday 3rd August, with phone calls directed to a single point which will be monitored infrequently. As Reception will remain closed throughout the school summer holidays, voicemail messages will be not be routinely monitored or responded to until Reception reopens at **8am on Tuesday 1st September for our staff training day**.



News

Dear Parents

Welcome to our final newsletter of the 2025/26 year!

When I look back at the previous five newsletters, I am reminded of the huge range of opportunities available to students in the school. I said at our recent Year 5 event that students should try to participate in as many of them as possible; so, if your child hasn't got involved this year, please try to get them involved in any of the after-school clubs, trips and activities that will undoubtedly run in 2026/27.

This newsletter is no exception, detailing lots of things, over and above the five lessons a day, in which our students have participated. One thing that isn't mentioned, as they only left on Friday, is the visit of 17 Chinese students and their teachers to the school. Each one of them was partnered with some of our students who did a fantastic job of looking after them during the week they were with us. We finished the week with a great hour during which our students who had participated in the visit to Euro Disney performed their fantastic dance; we then presented certificates and mementos to our visitors. We later received an email from the organiser of the trip, who said, *'The students have given overwhelmingly positive feedback about their experience. By the final day, many of them were reluctant to leave because they had formed such meaningful friendships and enjoyed every moment at the school. Our Chinese teachers also felt genuinely valued and appreciated by the warmth, respect, and hospitality shown by everyone at the school'*. This really is a fantastic testament to our students, parents and staff and I am really proud of everyone, especially Dr Clarke and Miss Tofte, who worked so hard to make the week a success.

Although the summer holidays are just starting we're already looking forward to a couple of really significant activities taking place when we return, of which I want to remind you. Firstly, we will start in the first few days of the Autumn Term rolling out our new mobile phone policy, with children keeping their phones securely locked away in their personal Yondr pouches; I do think we will very soon see significant improvements in concentration and wellbeing for our students and I would urge you support us 100% with this. Also, of course, we will continue with our plans to join the Bohunt Education Trust, which is hugely exciting for the opportunities it will open up to our students.

Before all that, I would like to wish all students, parents and staff a great summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back to The Cowplain School in the 2026/27 year.

Best wishes.

Mr I R Gates
Principal

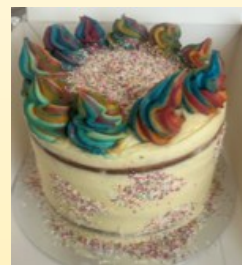


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Rowans Bake Sale

On Friday 22nd May, the last day of half term, Year 8 held a bake sale in aid of the Rowans Hospice and raised a whopping £122. Thank you to everyone who baked, enjoyed the cakes and donated.

Miss H Dennis
Head of Year 8



Reminder:

Summer Holiday:
Monday 20th July 2026 to
Tuesday 1st September 2026.

School reopens from
Wednesday 2nd September 2026:
8.30am for Y7s, and 9.30am for all
other year groups.
(Week 1)

Work hard. Enjoy learning. Achieve highly.



July 2026

Athletics Championships

On Tuesday 9th June a group of Year 7 students went to represent the school at the South East Hants Athletics Championships. All the students were fantastic and gave their all, in their respective events, and were a credit to the school. There were some stand-out performances on the day with Elijah Hudson winning the Year 7 boys 1000m race, Sophia Paine winning the Year 7 girls Javelin and Evie Wells finished 4th in a very close Year 7 girls 80m final. Well done to all of the students for showing a wonderful attitude and for representing the school so well.

Mr A Moger, Head of PE

On Thursday 14th May we took 10 Year 10 students to the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth to compete against other Hampshire schools. Our athletes performed and behaved really well and were a credit to our school. The girls relay team, consisting of Jess Hunt, Lily Dixon, Erin Sibley and Chloe Spencer, won their event beating eight other girls teams!

Chloe Spencer came second in the 100m final, Jess Hunt made the 300m final, and Harley Jackson came 3rd in Javelin.

Mr G Humphrey, Teacher of PE

Art Exhibition 2026

On Tuesday 30th June we held our GCSE Art and Photography Exhibition in the Library. The evening was a great success, showcasing the creativity, technical skill and dedication of all the students involved.

Visitors were impressed by the high standard and variety of work on display, which included drawings, paintings, photographic sculptures, mixed media and striking photographic prints. The exhibition attracted a large number of parents, staff, and Year 11 students, creating a wonderful positive atmosphere where students could proudly share the outcomes of months of hard work.

The event celebrated individual artistic journeys while highlighting the talent and commitment of the GCSE cohort. Well done Year 11.

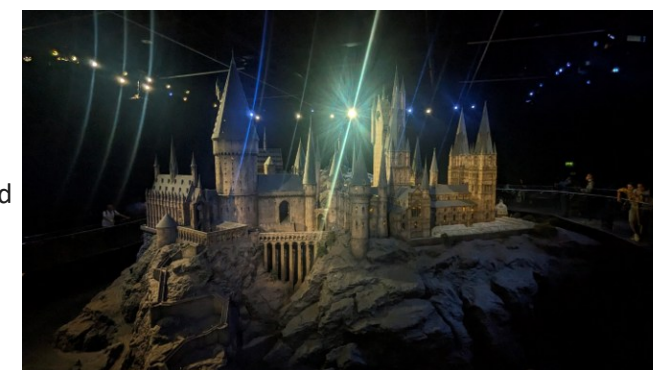
Mrs B Hoskin, Head of Art and Photography



The Making of Harry Potter

On 17th June we took 40 Year 7 students on our annual trip to the Warner Bros. Studios Tour: The Making of Harry Potter! The students had an amazing time seeing all the sets, props and costumes used when making the films along with a fire breathing dragon!

Miss N Hedges
Teacher of English



Southern Music Project - Music Festival

On Friday 24th April, musicians from Vocal Group, Production Band and Jukebox took part in the first Waterloo Music Festival, organised by The Southern Music Project. We joined forces with musicians from HTC and provided the band accompaniments for five primary schools, as well as showcasing a medley from Shrek which was the school production in the Autumn term. We also joined singers from Horndean Technology College to perform vocal numbers and the whole event's theme was Colours.

The evening performance was a sell out!! We were incredibly proud of all the performers and are looking to making this an annual event, so watch this space!

Mrs S Dobbyn, Head of Music



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