

FAME JR

In the lead up to our main school production, Fame, the students have been working so hard, even giving up their weekends to ensure they shine! They have entertained Woodcroft Primary School and Padnell Junior School and are looking forward to the evening shows (*further report in the next newsletter*).

Mrs M Leng, Head of Performing Arts



Battle of Hastings

The Year 7 students have been studying life in Norman England in History. They have looked at the Battle of Hastings in some detail, and as a homework, they took part in a competition to produce the best shield from the battle.

After they brought their shields into school, the students took part in a battle re-creation, which luckily ended in a lot less blood.

Mr J Beacon, Head of History



The Cowplain School Christmas Food Appeal

We raised £903 from our non-uniform day on 13th December 2024, Festive Friday. The total included £286 from the bake sale. The money raised supported **The Cowplain School Christmas Food Appeal**. Your generosity directly supported 54 local families with hampers this Christmas, and roughly the same amount with vouchers. THANK YOU TO YOU ALL! Thank you to the staff who helped organise this.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thanks to the students and staff at The Cowplain School, we raised £51.07 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.



News

Dear Parents

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter and our final one of 2024.

I know I always start with saying what a packed half-term it has been, but again I must comment on the huge number of experiences in which our students have participated leading up to Christmas. In fact, events such as the school show, the 'Top 50 event,' and Year group celebration assemblies, are still taking place this week and we'll report on them in our next newsletter.

Reading through this one, there is such a variety of experiences to read about; from the Careers day organised by our local MP, rowing at Winchester, Restart a Heart, and the trip to the Science Museum! I also want to comment on the Cowplain School Appeal. Each year, you generously donate to the appeal by supporting events such as Festive Friday, and we're also supported by local companies such as Morrisons who very generously help us. A big thank you to all who help us to support well over 100 families at a time which, whilst happy for many, also places a strain on family budgets.

Last week we held our first 'in-person' Parents Evening for a few years. This was in response to our parent survey which interestingly revealed a 50/50 split between our parents as to which format you prefer; online v in-person! You know we have tried to reflect that in what we offer and over the course of your child's time with us you'll have access to an equal split of both styles of event. The event was well attended and we are very pleased with the results of the parent survey held on the night which reported over 95% of parents are happy with the provision their child receives and would therefore recommend the school. I think this reflects the great start that Year 7s have made with us and we are certainly looking forward to continuing to work with them during the next 4+ years.

In mentioning our youngest year group, I also want to mention our oldest; our Year 11 students have worked hard since the summer and are gearing up for their GCSE exams. We have supported them as much as possible, through Period 6, mentoring, English, Maths and Science tutor groups, *Action Your Potential*, and many more interventions aiming to help each student achieve as highly as possible. A big test for them is their mock exams taking place after Christmas; I know you will support them with their revision and also by attendance at our 'Mock Results Afternoon,' which we will write to you about after Christmas.

It only leaves me now to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and I look forward to welcoming all our young people back to the school in 2025!

Mr I R Gates, Principal

Work hard. Enjoy learning. Achieve highly.



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Christmas Food Appeal



Please see back page for more photos and information about our Christmas Food Appeal.

Reminder:

Term finishes:

Thursday 19 December 2024 at 12.20pm

INSET Day:

Friday 20 December 2024

Christmas Holiday:

Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025.

School reopens on Monday 6 January 2025

(Week 2)

Careers University Conference



On 4th October a group of Year 11 students were given the opportunity to attend the Fareham and Waterlooville Universities Conference at Fareham College. This event was hosted by The RT Hon Suella Braverman KC MP, who is our local MP for Waterlooville. At the conference our students heard from speakers such as Kings College London, Oxford University and Cambridge University and received really good advice on how to choose A levels and the benefits of University education.



Mrs S Cobbold, Head of Business & Computing and Careers Leader

Rowing at Winchester College

The students who attended the rowing event at Winchester College exemplified the very best of the school's core values— grit, curiosity, gratitude, kindness, and mindfulness. Their participation reflected unwavering dedication and passion as they persevered through multiple challenges, including repeated attempts to free their boat from the bushes. By working together as a team and embodying resilience, they ultimately succeeded in rowing effectively, showcasing the skills honed through expert coaching and world-class facilities. These students stood out as true ambassadors of excellence, proving that a "never give up" attitude leads to eventual success.

Ms D Perry, Lead Teacher of Science



Restart A Heart

Carol and Neil from the South Central Ambulance Service came to our school in October to celebrate Restart A Heart Day, an annual event where health professionals work together to help raise awareness of cardiac arrest and teach CPR.

As part of the event, Carol and Neil taught all our Year 8 students how to deliver CPR and save a life.

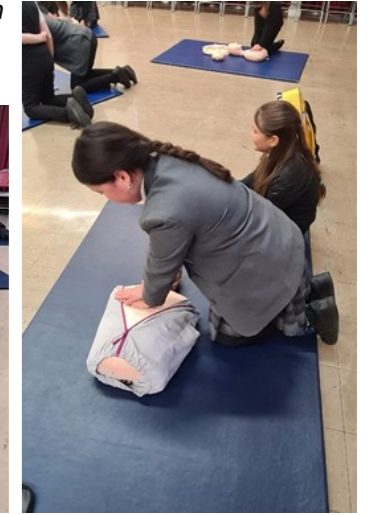


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The students were fantastic and a real credit to the school prompting Carol to send the comment below:

"Please pass on thanks, from myself and Neil, to all of your Year 8 students who were an absolute delight to teach."

Mrs A-C Clemas, Assistant Headteacher



Science Museum Trip

Students from STEM Club recently visited the Science Museum, proudly representing their school with enthusiasm and curiosity. Engaging in hands-on activities and interactive exhibits, they showcased their passion for science, technology, engineering, and math. From building models to solving scientific puzzles, their teamwork and creativity were on full display. The students left a positive impression on museum staff and other visitors, embodying the spirit of innovation and discovery. This trip not only deepened their STEM knowledge but also highlighted their dedication and excellence as school ambassadors!

Ms D Perry, Lead Teacher of Science

