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Isle of Wight Day

The **Isle Of Wight Day** involved our Media students and the Year 10 Health and Social Care group taking a lead role in the mammoth task of supervising and escorting approximately 400 Primary aged pupils from Queensgate and Priory schools to Holy Cross. The procession of 'little people' from Queensgate across East Cowes roads and pathways was quite a sight. Once at Holy Cross, we joined in with the coordinated sea shanty sing-along and picnic. Another wonderful event including some 700 young people and associated adults was enjoyed by all.

Southampton Boat Show

We had an extremely successful visit to the **Southampton International Boat Show**. Many of the sales teams from the multitude of businesses at the Show are difficult nuts to crack but our students went about the challenge of engaging with them and finding out what they did, what they look for in a potential employee and importantly asking the question 'how did I come across to you?' Students received some fantastic feedback as well as finding out much about the businesses as they moved from indoor, outdoor and pontoon areas. Even the showers and drizzle did not dull the enthusiasm and ambition of many.



Parent Governor

We seek a Parent Governor to join the school governing body. If you are at all interested and would like to find out more about the role and what the position would entail, please contact Mrs Lisa Bridges at school.

Dates for Your Diary

23 Nov: Cinema Trip—Dunkirk
27 Nov—7 Dec: Trial Exams
19 Dec: Yule Ball

23 Nov: Steps for Success Evening—Year 11
1 Dec: Christmas at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

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Careers

The **Marine Careers Fair** organised by and held at the Royal Yacht Squadron was a very special affair, especially for the handful of students who were given the opportunity to meet HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex. The best comment of the day came from one student who asked me if I had personally chosen the employers and trainers who were present as they were exactly the ones he wanted to meet!



In a rough calculation, I believe our students have each met with approximately 50 business people, employers and/or training providers during the seven weeks within the first term. Quite an achievement and one that should leave them richer in knowledge and more confident about what they need to do to prepare for the next part of their journey into adulthood.

CV Writing & Interview Presentation

This workshop, led by the Solent Education Business Partnership engaged the whole school in discussion and self-reflection about what an employer looks for in a candidate prior to and on the day of interview. The tasks included some interesting group work to look at the dynamics and personal contributions of everyone involved.

During the penultimate week of term, fifteen businessmen and women returned to the school to **interview** every person in Year 10 and Year 11. This was an immensely successful morning as each student, clutching their CV, approached their designated interviewer for the 10 minute experience. The common message we received from the employers was that our young people came across as confident and articulate – something that those who had visited other secondary schools thought was significantly better with our students than anywhere else. The students in the main commented on their nervousness before the interview and the general feeling of relief and satisfaction after the event. I'm sure we can all relate to that!

Work Placements

Work Placements for Year 10 students began for some during the final two weeks of term. This has been an unprecedented shift as we recognised that those 'chomping at the bit' to get started were actually very much ready and able to start. A number are still in the process of securing placements though these are ever-decreasing as contacts are made, paperwork is gathered and safety checks are conducted.

A small number of Year 11s who have found themselves back in school rather than out at work experience have been assisting in Year 10 classes and offering assistance to a host of school-related activities. This has been a positive substitute for a placement but with only some 12 weeks left before all Year 11 students will be back in school on Wednesdays (after February half-term), I encourage those not currently in a placement to open your minds to all that is on offer.



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Studio School Awards Event

The prestigious **Studio School Annual Awards Event** was held just prior to the holidays. Deputy Lieutenant Dr Nick England; the Mayor of East Cowes, Cllr Peter Lloyd, and Assistant Principal of the Isle of Wight College, Roland White, presented the awards to the successful students from the previous Year 11 and current Year 11 cohort. It was a tremendous evening of celebration.

The Barnes-Wallis award for mathematics was awarded to Johnny Santos, who is now studying at 6th form. In Science, the Robert Hooke award went to Oscar Mason, who has gone on to study at Welbeck Defence College near Loughborough. Katie Baker was the recipient of the Anthony Minghella award for English and who is also studying at 6th form.



School Yacht!

The School has been offered the opportunity, for a nominal amount, to have a **mini tonner Racing Yacht**. Known as a Limbo 7.7, interested students will get the chance to work on the preparation and maintenance of the boat during the winter months in preparation for cruising and/or racing her in the spring and summer 2018. Already much interest has been shown.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Year 10s are about to embark on their Duke of Edinburgh journey. Year 11s have successfully completed their expedition and are preparing to present on Monday 6 & Monday 13 November 2017

To sign up or find out more information, contact Robert Edwards in the school office.



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McMillan Coffee Morning

Once again students organised the **McMillan Coffee Morning**. Although numbers were not as high as anticipated, we were still able to raise a healthy total of £120 for such an important cause. Our students marketed the event around the neighbourhood and then hosted visitors providing refreshments and homemade gifts using their ever-developing customer service skills to positively engage with all.



Ski Trip—Andorra 2018

The annual **Ski and Snowboard Trip** information has been released for Easter 2018. For those interested, I encourage you to return the reply slips as soon as possible. We have had much initial interest but lower than usual responses to date. If numbers do not make the minimum required, then deposits will be returned and the residential will not go ahead.

Exams

The **Year 11 Business Studies early entry examinations** took place for half the year group. These exams appeared to go well but the results will not be shared with us until the New Year. This has not disadvantaged the students who did not sit the tests as they will complete the exams in the spring term instead. Having the desks out in the business lounge did serve as a stark reminder that this is a big year for the year group as they build for May and June 2018



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