



Mr White's Weekly Words

It has been a pleasure, last week, to welcome our second cohort of intrepid pioneers to our organisation. A successful induction programme has fuelled aspiration and inspiration, brought the school together and helped to instil and cement our ethos and expectations in true Studio School fashion.

Many students have jumped in at the deep end, embracing opportunities and challenging themselves to the edge. It is now down to business and we will be embarking on our rigorous academic programme with a number of assessments tailored to ensure we can accelerate and best support the academic progress of all. I am confident that our new cohort will follow in the successes of our impressive year 11.

Dates For Your Diary

17th September: Trip to Southampton Boat Show

15th October: Year 10 Parents' Evening

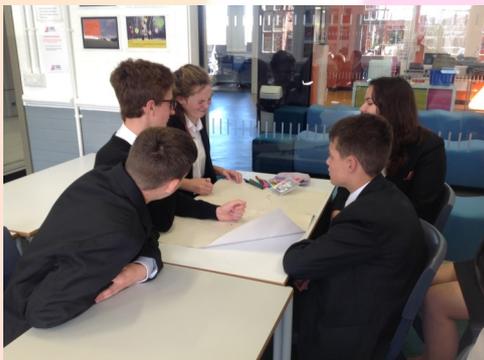
23rd October—2nd November: Half Term

9th— 12th November: Year 11 Mock Exams

Highlights of the Week

Project-based Learning

Tuesday saw students from both year groups working together in a project-based learning challenge to improve or create an entertainment idea for the Island. Outcomes included a bike track, a Halloween experience and a horror film 4D experience to name but a few.



Business Enterprise

On Thursday, students had an introduction to Enterprise, working in groups to come up with achievable business ideas, designing their products and putting together a business and marketing plan. Many innovative ideas were presented including, t-shirt and mug design, websites, apps, and logo services and jewellery and playdough manufacture. Students will have the opportunity to make their business ideas a reality in the Enterprise option.

Red Jet 6

One of the highlights of the week was a visit to the Columbine Building to see the construction of the new Red Jet 6. Students were privileged to be the first school to be invited around the site and experience this exciting new project. The Lead Architect took the time to explain to students the process behind the construction and the challenges they face.



Business Links

During the 'Speed Meet', students were able to find out about future opportunities, job roles, qualifications and apprenticeship schemes in companies such as Red Funnel, Vikoma, IOW Radio, UKSA and English Heritage.

Handshake Clinic

The hugely popular 'Handshake Clinic' took place with Year 10 on Wednesday, where students learned to introduce themselves confidently. Meanwhile, Year 11 were visited by a 'Style and Image Coach' who educated the students in dressing to impress.

Enrichment Opportunities

Enrichment opportunities this week took place at UKSA and Adventure Activities UK. A range of activities were offered including

kayaking, dingy sailing, archery, mountain boarding and coasteering. Many students stepped out of their comfort zone, pushing themselves to the limits, to try something new and exciting.



The Week Ahead

This week, students will be issued with their timetables and academic study will begin. Option taster sessions will take place and enrichment opportunities will include UKSA, Adventure Activities UK and other in-school activities. Friday will see the beginning of their vocational studies and will take place at the IOW College for Engineering and Digital Applications and in-school for Travel and Tourism and Health and Social Care. Finally, work readiness will begin, preparing students for their work placements and exploring their career aspirations.