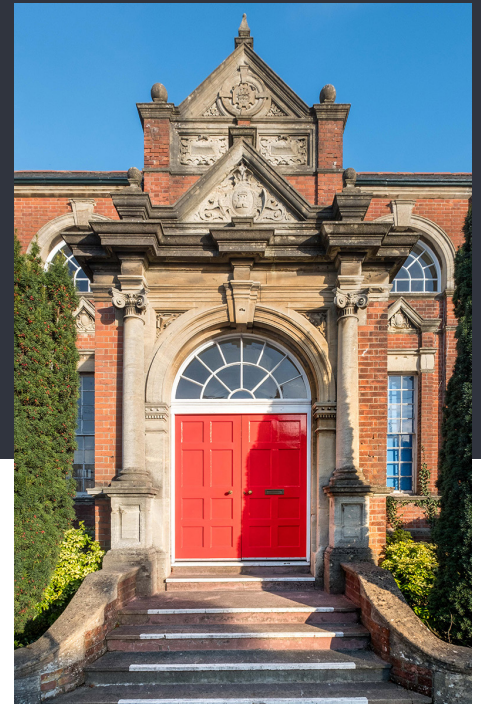




HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER

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News and updates from the Isle of Wight Education Federation;
Carisbrooke College, Medina College and The Island VI Form.

Young Enterprise 2024

Wild Wax Melts, a joint business team from Carisbrooke College and Medina College have won the Best Company Award for the South East region. This is the first time an Island-based team has reached this level of success in the competition!

Read about all of the IWEF teams who entered the competition this year on page 4.





Message from the Executive Headteacher, Mr Parr-Burman

Welcome to our Summer term newsletter.

I would like to start this newsletter by saying well done to all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students, as they have had a fantastic start to their exam season. I have been very proud of how they have approached the exams and impressed by their positive behaviour and attitude throughout them so far. Please continue to make sure that your son/daughter takes every opportunity available to them so that they give themselves the best chance of achieving their own success. There are revision sessions being offered over the half term break, please have a look at the timetables on the websites. Again, please remember to make sure you are aware of the information on the Exams pages of our websites as it contains vital links to guidance about expectations and protocols, both from the schools and also from JCQ. Other year groups have trial exams next half term, so please also be prepared for these!

In other news, I would like to start by saying, a huge well done to the Young Enterprise team, Wild Wax Melts. What an achievement! 'Best Company' award in the Young Enterprise Company of the Year Grand Final for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and now the South East region. Wow! There is a full write up in this newsletter. Well done to the other teams who have also taken part and won awards along the way. This is an amazing example of what our students can achieve, both locally and regionally.

This bumper newsletter includes such a range of activities and events that have taken place this last half term. Well done to everyone who has taken part in any of the activities included in this newsletter. I know there are just as many good news stories that have not been covered too, so well done to everyone for being the best version of themselves that they can be.

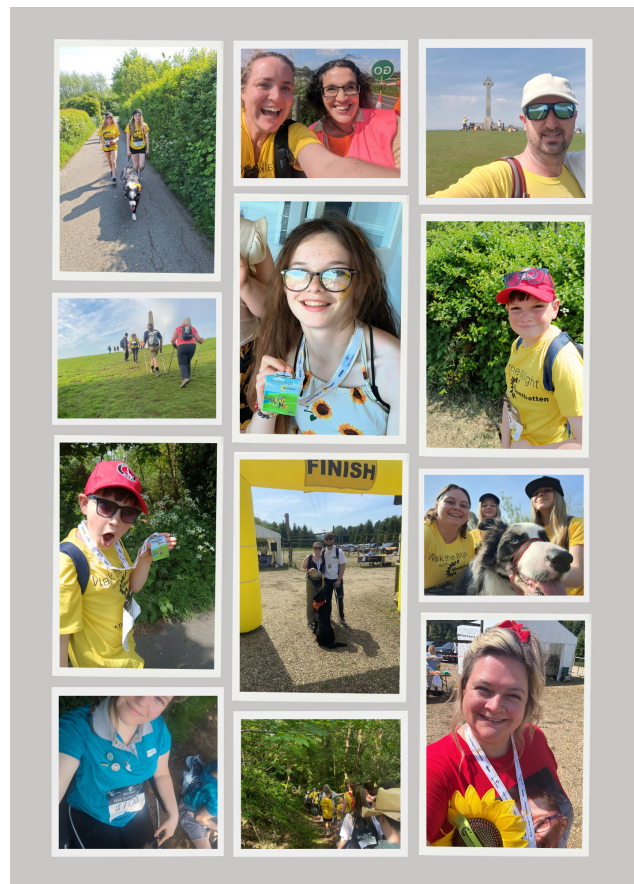
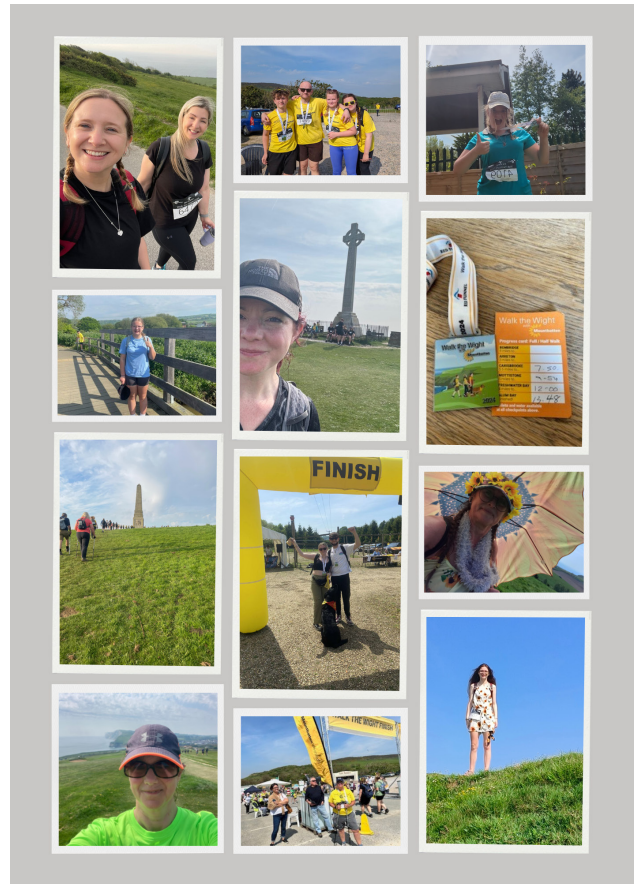
Please also remember it is half term next week so, we look forward to welcoming all students back to school, on Monday, 3 June, on time, ready to learn and in full uniform (unless at The Island VI Form, however, you are still expected to be on time and ready to learn!).

Next half term will go in the blink of an eye as it is packed with many activities, experiences and events.

I hope that you will be lucky enough to be able to enjoy at least some of the Bank Holiday weekend.

IWEF Walks the Wight for Moutbatten Hospice

We are so proud of everyone in our IWEF family who took part in or supported this event. We had students and staff who took part in all of the distances, including the full 26.5 miles, as well as marshalling, handing out medals, helping with the schools warm up and guiding the shuttle bus queues. You are all amazing!



Young Enterprise 2024

Carisbrooke College and Medina College are delighted to announce that their joint team, Wild Wax Melts, have won the Best Company award in the Young Enterprise Company of the Year Grand Final for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and now the South East region! Wild Wax Melts, made up of Year 10 students Freya and Sophie from Carisbrooke College, and Archie from Medina College, are the first team from the Island to see such success in the challenge at this level!



The team formed at the start of the programme in September 2023 and came up with the concept of manufacturing and selling a range of wax melts. They have developed their product, formed marketing and sales strategies and have secured funding through local 'Dragon's Den' style events. They have worked hard to create retail opportunities for their business and have attended various local events to sell their products. They have been supported by an appointed Business Advisor, Tracy Osborn from Quarr Abbey.

A second team made up of Carisbrooke College students also entered the competition and have seen great success. Insignia, made up of Year 10 students Molly-Nora, Lissy and Morgan, set up a badge making business and have been very successful in securing corporate orders from organisations such as the Isle of Wight Council and Isle of Wight Pride company. They have been supported by Business Advisor Mark Lounds of RPL Construction.



The Island VI Form also entered two teams into the competition, IO Magazine made up of Ethan, Finley and Charlotte, and The Little Wight Jewellery Box made up of Finn, Amelie, Ellie and Ruby, who won the award for Marketing at the Isle of Wight Grand Final.



At the Isle of Wight Grand Final, Wild Wax Melts won the Best Company Award and Dianne Butler Memorial Finance Award. Insignia were runners up in the competition, meaning that both teams progressed to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Grand Final in Southampton on Wednesday 15 May. Wild Wax Melts won the Best Company Award and a special award for Marketing. Insignia won a special award for Presentation, despite being a person down.



Careers Leader for the Isle of Wight Education Federation, Sarah Coetzee said *“We are so proud of all of our teams and how they have performed throughout the Young Enterprise Company Programme process. They have taken on new challenges and learnt so much, always impressing us with their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm. Their success is well-deserved and we are also grateful to their Business Advisers who have helped foster their entrepreneurial talents.”*

Executive Headteacher, Matthew Parr-Burman said *“I am immensely proud of these young entrepreneurs who have shown that they are able to compete with their peers on the Island, mainland and beyond. We can’t wait to see how Team Wild Wax Melts do in the next stage of the competition and how they use their business acumen going forward in the future. They are an inspiration to our younger students.”*

The Young Enterprise programme is a national programme but is operated and organised on the Isle of Wight by the community charity Ed-WISE. We are grateful to David Thornton and Mel Lewis from Ed-WISE as well as the Island businesses involved for their sponsorship and support.

At the South East regionals, Wild Wax Melts were against tough competition from teams across Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex, Kent and the Channel Islands, and this is the first time that a team from the Isle of Wight has reached the National finals. Their achievement is all the more remarkable given that they are all Year 10 students and were competing against mainly Sixth Form teams from independent schools. The team have been an inspiration in terms of their entrepreneurship, energy, commitment and work ethic and are fine ambassadors for the Island.

The National Final takes place online on 6 June, with the winners progressing to European Finals in Sicily.



MFL Teacher is a Community Champion

Mrs Brear, teacher of MFL, has been named the first Isle of Wight County Press Community Champion! As well as being a fantastic teacher, Mrs Brear has established several community choirs

including Medina Community Choir, Gurnard Community Choir and The NHS Nightingales.

“Singing together really fosters a sense of belonging and unity,” Hannah said. “It’s a really powerful form of emotional expression.”

Her projects have raised tens of thousands of pounds for Island charities, most recently £4,000 for the Community CAMHS Eating-Disorders Fund and Wight Brainy Bunch, through summer show Behind the Curtain.

Performances with Lesley Garrett, Fatboy Slim, Melanie Safka, Blake, Tenors Unlimited and Russell Watson are on her highlights list, along with performances at festivals and cathedrals.

Congratulations to Mrs Brear on this deserved recognition of her hard work and success!

Food Tech Inspires Allergens Awareness

Well done to Medina College student, Avalon who has successfully passed her allergens awareness course at work. She has utilised all of the knowledge she has gained from her Food Technology course to support her in gaining this qualification. Well done, Avalon!



Prison History Talk at The Island VI Form

On Monday 15 April, criminology and sociology students were treated to an in-depth talk from a local Island ex-Prison Guard and Historian. John Kingsbury used to work at HMP Isle of Wight/ Parkhurst/Camp Hill between the 1970s to the early 2000s. During this time, he witnessed many changes in the criminal justice system and how prisoners were rehabilitated whilst receiving retribution from society for breaking the law.



John also ran the former prison museum and readily took us back to the early 1800s when the institute was originally a prison for young boys. We heard some horrific stories of 14 year olds being locked up in dark solitary confinement for over 4000 hours, straitjackets and restraints

being used on some as young as 12. We were told about how a wing became a women's prison and how they rioted worse than the men – and insulted a visiting Queen Victoria to the point where she made a royal decree that no royal should ever visit a prison again (which, interestingly, had to be formally revoked when Princess Anne came to visit in the 1980s).



John has worked with the likes of the Krays, The Yorkshire Ripper, the Black Panther and several IRA members. He provided several colourful stories and anecdotes, really giving us a detailed look into what it's like on the other side of that big prison wall.



Mr Rock's 73 Mile Non-Stop Trek for the Huntington's Disease Association

On Saturday 18 May at 7.00 am, Mr Rock set off from Ryde Pier on an epic 73 mile non-stop trek around the coast of the Isle of Wight. This distance is almost three times the Walk the Wight distance and is further than the Isle of Wight Ultra Challenge.

29 hours 20 minutes and 136,718 steps later, he completed this incredible challenge! We are all completely in awe of Mr Rock's strength and determination. What an inspiration to our students!

Mr Rock decided to attempt this challenge as he wanted to raise funds for the Huntington's Disease Association; a cause that is very personal to him and his family. He has now raised £3300 and would like to thank all of the students and parents who donated - they really did help to keep him motivated throughout the challenge.



Year 13 Leavers' Awards

It was wonderful to have Year 13 together on Wednesday 15 May for a final assembly. As well as sharing some important end of term information, it was a pleasure to celebrate the students and their successes by giving out the Leavers' Awards.

Each subject area presented an award to the most exceptional student for their progress and

achievement over the course of their studies at The Island VI Form. Special awards were also presented for Contribution to Debating Life, Resilience, Outstanding Academic Progress & Achievement and the Head of School's Student of the Year.

Details of all of the award winners can be found in the latest news section on The Island VI Form website.



Year 7 Geographers investigate "Are our lives sustainable?"

Year 7 students at Carisbrooke College and Medina College have been investigating "Are our lives sustainable?" this term. As part of this topic they go out of the classroom environment to look at the problem of litter around their school sites. Here is a report from Georgia and Millie (Medina College students):

"We were investigating the problem of litter around our school.

We thought that there wouldn't be many pens and pencils but we were shocked to find that there were too many to count. Unsurprisingly, there was lots of chewing gum which proves why we aren't allowed chewing gum in school!

As we walked from survey site to site, we conducted an environmental quality survey. We discovered it was quieter than we thought it would be.

As well as doing surveys, we did a risk assessment and ethical considerations. This showed the dangers of going outside and who else we had to think about, as we walked around school.

We really enjoyed going outside of the classroom to learn."



New Students on the 4Ps Programme

This term has seen a new group of Carisbrooke College students take on the 4Ps Programme at Vectis Radio.

Tilly, Rhyanna and Annelise from Year 9 are learning all about presenting, producing, podcasting and promoting.

They have all started their own podcasts which they write and prepare in their own time on a topic of interest to them. Annelise's podcast focuses on wellbeing with subjects such as forgiveness and the law of attraction; Tilly's is on a different musical act each week, such as ABBA and John Denver; and Rhyanna's looks at the career of a different footballer that she admires each week. They are all available on the Vectis Radio website for you to listen to.

The team visit Vectis Radio every Wednesday morning so listen out for them on FM104.6 between approximately 10.30 - 12.00.



Irish Dancing Success for Carisbrooke Siblings

Sisters at Carisbrooke College, Sophie and Rebecca from Year 8 and Year 9 have recently taken part in an Irish dance competition in Plumstead, London.

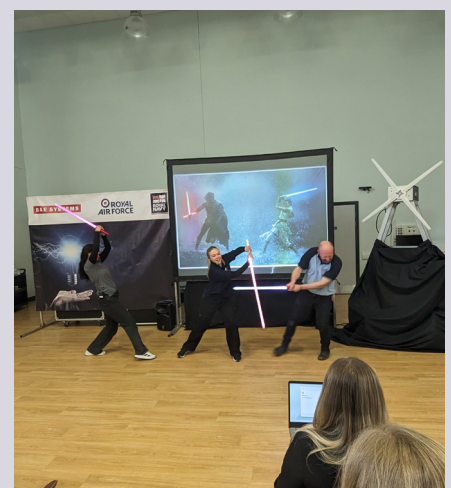
This competition involved the girls going head to head along with other children in the same age group. They both danced beautifully and came away with a number of medals and a trophy each.

Well done Sophie and Rebecca!



Electrifying BAE Roadshow

The BAE Schools Roadshow was back again at the start of May to deliver their 'shocking' performance. Keen volunteers from the Year 7 and Year 8 audiences at Carisbrooke and Medina were selected to take part in a variety of activities designed to demonstrate how electricity is made. This fun packed event gave students an insight into the role future engineers will take in shaping a bright, sustainable future for all.



Creative Media Taster Day at Solent University

A Stunning million pound virtual production stage, industry standard recording and photography studios along with a range of other impressive creative media facilities greeted Island VI Form students as part of their taster day at Solent University, Southampton.

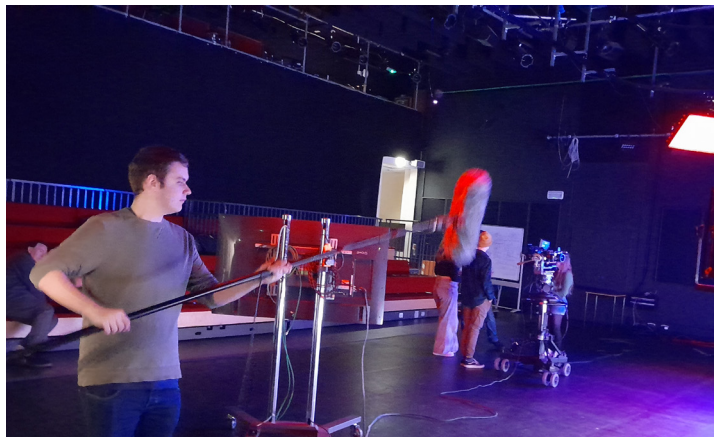


Students split up into groups according to the areas they wanted to specialise in and spent the day learning about and exploring the technology on offer at the university. Many of them were tasked with working on various collaborative projects throughout the day.



A particular highlight of the day was being allowed considerable access to the university's brand new Virtual Production Stage – a facility that allows actors to be filmed in front of an LED screen which displays a virtual film set or studio.

The technology, currently used in hollywood productions such as The Batman and The Mandalorian allows actors to see their backdrop and interact with it in real time, offering a quicker production schedule and a more realistic finish.



Year 12 Media student Lucas said: “The facilities were very innovative and it was certainly a first-time experience for us. The virtual set was an intricate piece of technology and getting to use it was a really fun experience. I felt privileged to be allowed to use technology that is still so rare and exclusive in the UK and in the industry.”

Peter Cronin, teacher of Film and Media at The Island VI Form said: “It was a really worthwhile trip where our students were able to work hands-on with industry professionals across a wide range of creative topics. The students were an absolute credit to the school and were a pleasure to spend a really successful day with”.



Inter School Dressage and Showjumping Competitions 2024

Carisbrooke fielded a record number of horse riders across Years 7 to 11 for this year's Inter Schools Dressage and Show Jumping competitions. The girls had immaculately groomed their horses and meticulously rehearsed their dressage tests, in a bid to kickstart their quest for rosettes and they did not disappoint!

They put in some strong individual performances to contribute to the team scores, taking 1st, 2nd and 4th overall, narrowly missing out to Ryde School in 3rd.

Having had a superb performance in the dressage competition, the girls were keen to capitalise on their confident performances and replicate similar results in the show jumping.

In section A, Lucy had two good rounds with an average time of 26.24 seconds placing her as the 5th fastest. Just behind her was Poppy in year 7, with a composed round in 31.30 seconds. With the girls warmed up and the height of the jumps raised, the girls were ready to deliver a fantastic team performance in Section B. Lucy took first place with two clear rounds on Djocovic in a time of 25.41 seconds. This was backed up by Elizabeth who also went clear in 29.70 seconds on Dizzee Rascal to take second, and Harriet took fourth in a very fast round of 25.06 seconds but encountered a fault in the first round. Maddie went clear in her second round, in a time of 28.61 seconds. Both Harriet and Lucy recorded the two fastest individual times of the afternoon. In Section C, Freya got the team off to a good start by going clear with the second fastest time of 27.21 on Eastlands Choir Boy, and Elizabeth in 27.91 seconds.

Well done to all of the girls who competed, and the best of luck to our year 11 riders who leave us this year, thank you!



Dressage Team Results:

- 1st Carisbrooke
- 2nd Carisbrooke
- 3rd Ryde School
- 4th Carisbrooke

Dressage Team: Evelyn, Matilda, Harriet, Madide, Poppy, Lacey, Holly, Freya, Millie, Elizabeth, Lucy.

Show Jumping Team Results:

- 1st Carisbrooke C
- 2nd Carisbrooke A
- 3rd Ryde with Upper Chine C
- 4th Ryde School with Upper Chine A

Show Jumping Team: Harriet, Madide, Poppy, Freya, Elizabeth, Lucy.



Well done to Paige, Charlotte and Ofeilia from Medina College who also entered both competitions and competed very well. We hope that more students will take part next year!

Caulkhead Comics

Year 12 student, Lia, has seen her artwork come to life in a comic.

Lia entered her original artwork into a competition to create a one page story with original characters. 20 winners have been published in an original collection of artworks that will be published and sold, with all monies raised being donated to Barnardos and IOW Young Carers.

Well done Lia, this is a fantastic achievement!



Year 9 and 10 Cineworld Trip to see Macbeth

After school on Friday 3 May, 90 Year 10 and 11 students from Carisbrooke College walked down to Cineworld to watch an exciting theatre stream of Shakespeare's Macbeth.

The play, about murderous ambition, power and guilt, brought the violent plot to the fore. Shakespeare's 11th-century battleground was turned into a modern-day war zone from which Ralph Fiennes' Macbeth initially emerged in army uniform. He began controlled in character but gradually became more and more manic and monstrous, ending as the compelling king turned erratic and lacking in remorse.

The students were compelled by the production which was perfectly timed ahead of their English Literature GCSE exam. Many said that it cemented their understanding of the plot and allowed them to think about the characters and how they change throughout the play. Others said that seeing it performed on stage allowed them to understand the complexities of Shakespeare's stage directions and how a Jacobean audience might react to events.

As always, the students were impeccably behaved and a credit to the school.



Year 9 Trip to The British Museum and Mousetrap

On Thursday 9 May 46 Year 9 students attended a trip to London to visit The British Museum and to watch Mousetrap.



At The British Museum, students visited the Sutton Hoo exhibition which forms part of their History curriculum.

In 1939 a landowner at Sutton Hoo, Suffolk, asked archaeologist Basil Brown to investigate the largest of several Anglo-Saxon burial mounds on her property. Inside, Brown made one of the most spectacular archaeological discoveries of all time.



Beneath the mound was the imprint of a 27m-long ship and at its centre was a ruined burial chamber packed with treasures: Byzantine silverware, sumptuous gold jewellery, a lavish feasting set, and, most famously, an ornate iron

helmet which dated from the early AD 600s. This outstanding burial clearly commemorated a leading figure of East Anglia, the local Anglo-Saxon kingdom. The students were fascinated by the exhibition.

One student commented, 'Seeing all the stories displayed in mosaics at The British Museum was incredible.'

Another pupil said, 'The Sutton Hoo exhibition was amazing as I never realised how much treasure was discovered inside it.'

After lunch we then walked through the city, crossing Oxford Street and down to Shaftesbury Avenue to St Martin's Theatre ready for a Matinee performance of Agatha Christie's, *Mousetrap*. *Mousetrap* is the world's longest running murder mystery play and is currently in its 72nd year.



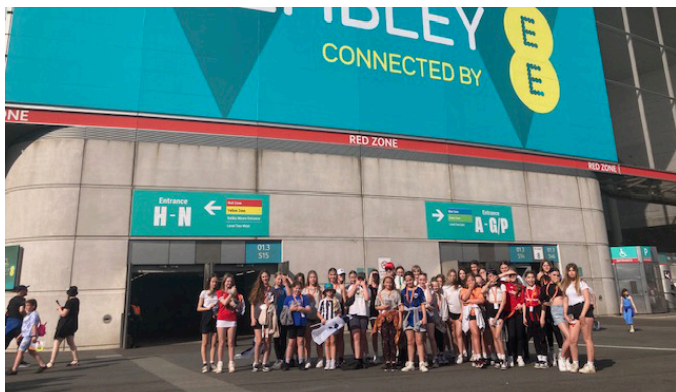
The play is about a group of strangers who all end up in a remote country guest house when a police sergeant arrives; the guests discover – to their horror – that a killer is in their midst! One by one, the suspicious characters revealed their sordid pasts until the murderer is finally divulged.

During the interval the students were able to point out the features of detective fiction and made predictions as to who the murderer was. This fed into the Detective Fiction element of the year 9 English curriculum.

About *Mousetrap*, a student said that, 'The plot twists were really incredible and the overall performance was really enjoyable.' Another pupil said, 'It's amazing how plays can work so well when they are only based in one room.'

Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley

On Sunday 12 May, 44 students from Carisbrooke College headed to Wembley to watch the Women's FA Cup Final.



The girls were excited when they saw the iconic Wembley arch come into view as we approached the stadium. For some students it was their first time watching a live sporting event of this magnitude, and they were eager to see some of the Lionesses in action, particularly Mary Earps and Ella Toone.

We found our seats in the Tottenham end to the delight of Mr Phillips and the few Tottenham supporters within our group. The Man Utd fans amongst us did not let this phase them. The girls enjoyed joining in with the songs, the Mexican wave and flag waving, but loved it even more when Ella Toone banged in a cracking goal for Man Utd down our end just before halftime.



With hot dogs purchased at half time, the girls were ready for the second half and we were not disappointed. Just nine minutes in, Man Utd's Rachel Williams scored which was followed up three minutes later with another by Lucia Garcia, after an error by Spurs keeper Becky Spencer.

Mr Phillips appeared to have lost his voice at this point and was no longer leading the chants!

Man Utd put the comeback firmly out of reach for Spurs when Lucia Garcia scored her second goal, taking the final score to 4-0.

It was fantastic to see a new team crowned FA Cup champions and to be part of the sell out crowd. We hope that this trip will inspire our girls to continue to enjoy their sport, to train hard and to take the opportunities available to them, knowing that one day it could be one of them standing on that pitch in the future.



Football Success for Medina Students

Kai and George, two students from Medina College have played for Eastleigh under 16s this season, winning the JPL division 1, the City of Southampton league and the JPL national cup.

They consistently play to a high standard and it has been great to see them develop as players. They have represented the Medina College football team at every opportunity at each different Year group and both have a bright football future ahead of them.

Three Medina College students Logan, Archie and Drew, had the opportunity to play at Southampton's home ground St Mary's last Sunday in The Southampton Cup.

This was a wonderful experience for them and they played some brilliant passing football throughout the tournament.

Well done lads!



Year 8 & 9 Girl's Rugby Success

At the end of April, we took a team of mixed Year 8 and 9 girls to a rugby tournament at Cowes Enterprise College.

We played against The Island Free School and won 7-2 and also against a mixed Cowes/Priory team and won 6-1.

The girls had not really played rugby before and this was a fun introduction to a rugby event. They absolutely smashed it. They took onboard everything that was said to them and made so much progress during the evening. Their fitness and competitive mentality was also impressive.

Fantastic work girls!



Geography Fieldwork at Yaverland and Sandown

On Thursday 23 May, Year 10 Geographers from Medina College completed their fieldwork at Yaverland and Sandown.

The students were very fortunate to have gone on this trip on a beautifully sunny day. They started at Yaverland and finished in Sandown.

At each beach the students conducted beach profiling to assess the shape of the beach, groyne drops to see the direction of longshore drift and environmental quality and land use surveys. This enabled them to compare the impact and differences of the sea defences in place.



Island Schools Athletics Championships - Carisbrooke

On Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 May, Miss Dewey, Mr Peake, Mr Fleming and Mr Phillips took over 90 students to Sandown to compete in the Island Schools athletics championships, held at The Bay.

On Tuesday, Year 7 and 8 students competed well in a mixture of track and field events. Standout performances came from Lexi, coming 2nd in shot put with a throw of 5m.45. Felicity performed well in discus and just missed out on silver medal position with a throw of 12.01m and gaining bronze. Next in the throwing events was Amelia who competed in the Year 7 girls javelin and came 2nd with a huge throw of 14.84 metres. Later on in the day Amelia just missed out on 3rd place in the Year 7 girls 1000m. She had an excellent race with some strong runners leading the pack early.

In the Year 7 boys team, Dylan just missed out on 3rd position in high jump but gained a new PB of 1.2m. With the final event of the day being relay, both Year 7 boys and girls teams had a strong group of runners. The girls; Amelia, Felicity, Paighton and Alesha finished a close 3rd with a time of 1:03:18. Meanwhile Will, Harrison, Caleb and Henry took silver with a time of 60:51 seconds. Overall, the Year 7 boys team came 3rd out of all schools and the girls 4th overall.

For the Year 8 Boys and girls team, top achievers were Harvey coming in 3rd for the 800m with a time of 2:49 seconds. Archie came a close 4th in high jump and Blossom scored a PB of 12m47cm in the discus coming 7th.

Wednesday saw some excellent performances from Daisy jumping a huge 1m35 in high jump and claiming gold. Emily came third in shot put with an excellent throw of 6 metres 60. Cerese came third in the 200m sprint with a time of 31.99seconds and Rebecca narrowly missed out on a bronze medal in long jump with her longest jump being 3m55. Top places for Year 9 boys came from Lucas and Callum both coming home fourth in 100m and long jump, while the Year 9 boys team finished fourth in the

team relay. For Year 10's, Darcy threw 13.1m in discus to come 3rd and Amy gained second placed in the shot put, throwing 7m20. Strong and competitive efforts were also shown from Matthew and Alfie.

All four year groups behaved exceptionally well on both days and were a credit to Carisbrooke College.



Island Schools Athletics Championships - Medina

On Tuesday 7 May, Mr Rock and Mr Dye took the Year 7 and Year 8 Athletes to compete at the Isle of Wight Secondary Schools Athletics Championships hosted by the Bay. It was a beautiful day for Athletics and the event was very well organised.

All students gave their all and there were some very tired legs at the end of the competition.

Standout performers were:

Year 7

Megan - 3rd in the 1000m

Theo - 3rd in the Javelin

Year 8

Lilly - 1st in the Long Jump

Mitchell - 3rd in the 300m

Well done to everyone who took part!



VI Form Geology Fieldwork

Year 13 Geology students from The Island VI Form took their revision lesson outdoors this week, with a field trip to Whitecliff Bay in Bembridge.

Students observed the chinks, clays and sandstone formations which make up arguably the best exposure in southern England for Paleogene strata. The Isle of Wight monocline is vertical in the bay, and marine and even some mammal fossils can be found.

A significant number of the class have places at top universities to take their Geology, Earth Science and Oceanography studies further.

Geology teachers Simon Lloyd and Vix Lowthion said "We are so proud of the Geology class of 2024. They work hard, observe well and have gone outside in all weathers! From the rain in the Lake District to the warmth of the island, they continue to be curious. We wish them all the best with their future studies."



Carisbrooke Cougars Success

On Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 April, the Cairsbroke College boys basketball team played back to back game nights. The first game was against The Island Free School.

The game remained close throughout with both teams taking leads. However, in the third quarter the Carisbrooke side showed what they were capable of when everything came together and took out a 15 point lead thanks to some excellent team work and shooting by Ashton, Charlie, Matthew, Jim and Oliver. Moving into the final quarter, the team continued to be rotated and both James and Logan scored baskets early on despite a late fight back from the other team. Carisbrooke held on for a 43-35 win.

The other school apparently had a player who plays for Surrey which, when you look at some of the individual performances on the night by the likes of Matthew, Charlie and Ashton, it clearly highlights how far they have progressed and how a team approach will always overcome a one man team. Dylan and Logan continued to prove their worth playing against a team four years older than them and with Harry continuing to improve game by game, the Carisbrooke team are really coming together nicely.

In the second game of the week Carisbrooke took on Ryde School and, in the first quarter, Ryde School took an early lead mainly due to the Carisbrooke team struggling to score shots which are normally successful. However, after a few comments from the other team's bench regarding our performance so far, the boys responded beautifully. Instead of getting drawn into mind games and verbal comments, they simply took to the court and dominated like a Carisbrooke team has never done before. The final score ended as a record win for Carisbrooke 81-35 with Ashton scoring 21 points, Charlie 20 points and Jim 14 points which when supported by Matthew and James who both scored 8 points, Oliver and Logan who both scored 4 points and Dylans 2 points the boys once again

proved that a team effort in this style is simply unstoppable.

Four of the team scored career high points in this game with James particularly proud of his achievement. Harry, Jim and Oliver continued to crash the boards, Charlie and Ashton dropping threes from distance and Matthew running the point, it was definitely one of the most complete performances in the 16 years of the Carisbrooke Cougars History.

It was also nice to see that comments that motivated the team to improve were proven wrong, with the other team congratulating Carisbrooke. This, coupled with some great shooting and performance proved to the boys why it is so much better in sport to let your performance do the talking for you.

Well done to all of the team.



Trip to St George's Park

On Thursday 16 May, Carisbrooke treated their Year 10 boys football team to a trip to St George's Park in Burton Upon Trent. This is the home of the England National teams and it was a chance to see the facilities that they use in order to prepare for international games and tournaments. The boys have had an incredible season winning the Island League and coming Runners Up in the cup final and it was due to their outstanding attitude and team ethos throughout that Mr Peake wanted to treat the boys to something different.



On the day the boys had to be up early in order to catch a ferry and travel a 7 hour round trip which at no point did the boys complain about. In fact, the fun and jokes did not stop and Mr Fleming did a good job ensuring the sweets kept making their way to the front of the bus.

Once there, the boys were able to go on a walk of the facilities including the indoor full size pitch and Bobby Charlton pitch which are made to replicate Wembley's pitch including how the grass is grown. There was a moment of concern when Euan asked why there was a lawn mower cutting the astro but after being swiftly educated he moved on. After this the boys got to see where the England players got changed including going to the boot room and also the Futsal Arena.

The main reason for going was to take part in an actual training session with a St George's Park community coach who has delivered sessions to professional teams, England youth teams and

English School boy sides in recent years. The boys were put through their paces despite the rain coming down hard for the whole two hour session but again they did not moan once and this was highlighted through the constant sense of humour and fun atmosphere players such as Jim and Owen demonstrated throughout.

Next season the side will be entered into English Schools competition to see if they can replicate or better a previous Carisbrooke side who went onto reach the last 16, Quarter Finals and Semifinals in consecutive years from 2017-2019.



Year 7 Cricket Tournament

On Tuesday 21 May, the Carisbrooke Year 7 boys cricket team took part in their first competition together. The tournament was held at Newclose Cricket Ground and for some of these boys it was the first time they had played on a proper pitch.

In their first game against The Bay, the boys won the toss and elected to field first. After holding The Bay to 35 runs, the boys then batted consistently including some big hits from Jack and Logan. Carisbrooke eventually took the win 35-60.

In their second game against Priory, again Carisbrooke won the toss and elected to field. Priory were able to achieve 43 runs but this could have been a lot higher had Seb, Jack, Ted and Will not taken some timely wickets. However, despite the slightly larger target in this game, the boys once again put together a solid batting performance and scored 57 runs to take the win.

In the third game there was still everything to play for. If CTK beat our boys then it was likely we would come third overall due to three teams being tied on points and The Bay scoring big in their last game. CTK decided to bat which surprised our boys but they set a good target of 69. In return, Carisbrooke started well with Seb and Jack putting together a solid opening partnership. However it went down to the last ball with Carisbrooke needing three to win. Logan was to face the deciding ball and as it came in at a fast pace, Logan played a great shot to leg side which went for four and as a result gave the boys a place in the final against Ryde School.

In the final, Ryde School won the toss and again elected to bat first. The boys managed to take some early wickets but probably deserved a few more but were unlucky on a few occasions. Ryde School eventually finished on 68 runs. Carisbrooke started confidently but it was due to an unfortunate event in the middle of the pitch that Jack was run out. However, after scoring multiple boundaries of the first over it still looked possible. In the second over, Carisbrooke lost four wickets which pretty much confirmed the

win for Ryde School, but thanks to Logan and Oliver hanging around, Carisbrooke were able to finish on a respectable 38.

Despite losing in the final, the boys did amazing considering this was their first tournament together and to come runners up to a side who all play cricket to a high standard is quite an achievement. To finish second out of eight teams makes for an even more impressive outing.



Highlights include:

- Jack scoring 17 runs against CTK and 18 against The Bay.
- Seb scoring 16 runs against Priory and 18 against CTK.
- Oliver scoring 8 runs in the final.
- Logan smacking 6s and 4s all over the field.
- William running opponents out all over the place.
- Ted taking a great catch and good all-round play.
- Dylan contributing with runs and consistent bowling throughout.
- Noah coming in towards the end of the innings to maximise running opportunities.
- Joint Captains - Seb and Jack.
- Player of the tournament - Logan for holding his nerve in the penultimate game to get the boys to the final.

IWEF Ski Trip 2024

Over the Easter holidays, 40 Medina College, Carisbrooke College and The Island VI Form students went to Obertauern in Austria for a week of skiing and snowboarding.

The weather was glorious and there was even a dusting of fresh snow on the Wednesday. The students worked hard and mastered their chosen sport. It was great to see them heading off around the mountain exploring the beautiful scenery.

The students were a pleasure to take and fantastic ambassadors for their schools. Thank you to Miss Caddick, Mr Rock, Mr Mumford, Mr Jones and Mrs Mackett for organising and leading this fantastic opportunity. The next ski trip will take place during the Easter break 2026 and you can express your interest in this trip on Arbor now.

