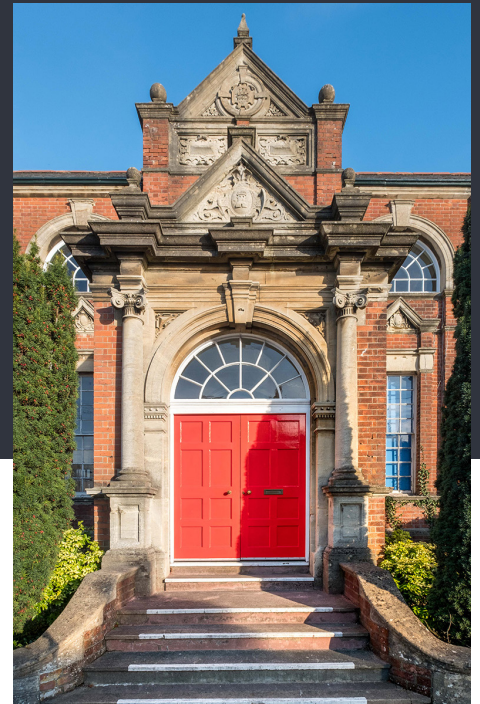




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# HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER

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



Students from Carisbrooke College and Medina College laying wreaths at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium. See page 6 for a full trip report and photos.

## Christmas Break

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## Message from the Executive Headteacher, Mr Parr-Burman

Welcome to the second edition of our half-termly Federation Newsletter.

We have a bumper 20 page edition for you this half term. Please take time to read through and enjoy a summary of what we have been doing individually as three schools and as a Federation.

I am very proud of the variety of activities that we have been able to provide for our students, in the classroom, through extra-curricular activities, sporting events and curriculum visits to cities, to name just a few, the opportunities have been vast.

We are a third of the way through the academic year now and before we know it, will be racing towards the end of the next term. It is vitally important that every student takes every opportunity to make progress every day in every lesson. We want all of our students to succeed and do their very best and the most important way to do this is with 100% attendance in school and in lessons. It is crucial that we work together to make this happen. It is important for every year group to do this but especially important for Year 11 and Year 13. When we return in the new year, in addition, students should attend revision sessions that are offered and also plan their own revision schedules, if they have not already done so.

We have really enjoyed celebrating successes with our students this term. Positive actions and messages are major motivating factors and if we can all find the positives in every situation, we will be more likely to create ambition and achieve.

The various news stories in this newsletter will show you that we have opportunities to explore each of our core values of Ambition, Success, Progress, Inspiration, Respect and Equality. We are ambitious for ourselves and each other, we celebrate our successes, we make good and outstanding progress, we inspire each other to do our best, we are polite, tolerant and kind to everyone and we achieve equality of opportunity for all.

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## Houses of Parliament and Supreme Court Visit

44 students from Carisbrooke College, along with Mrs A. Smith, Ms Ryan, Mr Burnett, Miss Begley and Mr Matthias, travelled to London to visit The Houses of Parliament and The Supreme Court. The group travelled by coach, leaving school at 5.15am and arrived in London for a walk down Whitehall to see the Cenotaph, The Women of War World War II Memorial and Downing Street. They then walked through Horse Guards Parade to St. James's Park before returning to Parliament Square where the group split into two. Half went to The Houses of Parliament whilst the other group visited The Supreme Court.

the House of Lords in full swing and watch the Lords debate funding for the upcoming general election. After this they were led to the gallery for the House of Commons to watch the MP's debating cyber security policies. Our local MP, Bob Seely, made a surprise appearance and came to meet the students where they had the opportunity to ask him questions about the price of ferries, how he became an MP and sea pollution around the Isle of Wight.



The students also had the chance walk through Parliament Square where there were people protesting against Climate Change and Brexit. They were fascinated by this right to protest! They then crossed over Westminster Bridge and walked along the banks of the River Thames to look at the Covid Memorial Wall where they were blown away by just how many names there were. Some students had the opportunity to walk through St James's Park to Buckingham Palace where they saw the changing of the guard and explored the surrounding area.



At The Supreme Court students learned all about what The Supreme Court is, how it works and who works there before having a mock trial in a courtroom. After this, the groups went to watch an actual case live in action where barristers and lawyers explained their case in front of the Justices'.



One student said that their favourite part was meeting our MP, Bob Seely; another enjoyed touring the Houses of Parliament best whilst another said seeing Buckingham Palace was the most memorable part.



In the Houses of Parliament the students were given a tour of the building including Westminster Hall – where Queen Elizabeth II lay in state last year. They were able to then go and see

# Guest Speakers at The Island VI Form

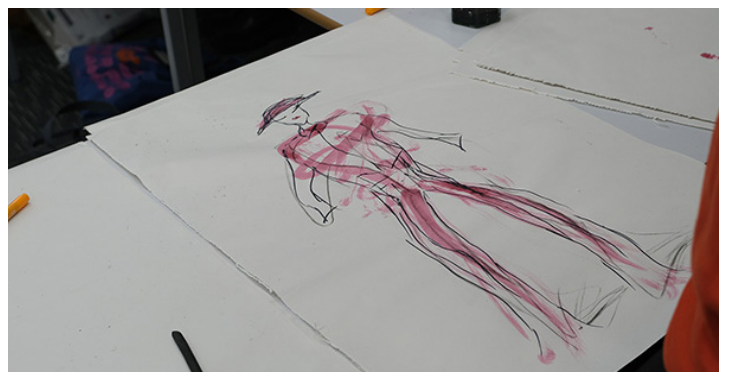
## Fashion Illustration Workshop with Petra Lunenburg

On Thursday 30 November, Fashion and Textiles students at The Island VI Form were extremely fortunate to be able to take part in an online workshop with renowned Fashion Illustrator, Petra Lunenburg. Petra is a Lecturer at the Academie Vogue in Amsterdam and is currently illustrating for the Dutch Elle magazine, teaching life drawing in her own studio as well as continually being involved in exhibitions and projects. She spoke to students about her education and early work experience, initially as a Graphic Designer, before moving into the world of fashion illustration. She spoke about the importance of developing relationships with clients and team working to ensure success, and also shared examples of her work and projects. Petra explained how the digital elements of her experience as a Graphic Designer combined beautifully with her physical drawing, enabling her to fulfil a wide range of briefs.

Petra has worked with many successful designers and institutions, such as Diana Von Furstenberg, Alexander McQueen, Viktor and Rolf, Elle Magazine, G-Star, Dutch Vogue Magazine and Amsterdam Fashion Week, to name just a few.

After a question and answer session, the workshop moved on to the practical element, where Petra shared her extraordinary talent at drawing and demonstrated her tips and techniques for fashion illustration. The students all took part and had a go at creating their own illustrations using pens, pencils, charcoal and ink, which were fabulous.

Fashion and Textiles Teacher, Abby Wilkinson, said "Making connections with professional Designers and Artists currently working, enriches the education experience to a level that cannot be underestimated. This was a truly wonderful experience for the students."





## Solent University - Psychology Talk

Key speakers Violet Gibson, Mei Mason Li and Craig Alison came to deliver a psychology talk from Solent University Southampton. Students were presented with an interactive presentation of how our cognitive perspective impacts individuals' resilience and ability to overcome stress. Students were able to observe physiological changes in volunteers and given key techniques to help counter their stress response.

Students were very engaged asking questions about the body's physiological response and were able to link their understanding to key areas already studied on the course, such as cognitive behavioural therapy and classical conditioning.



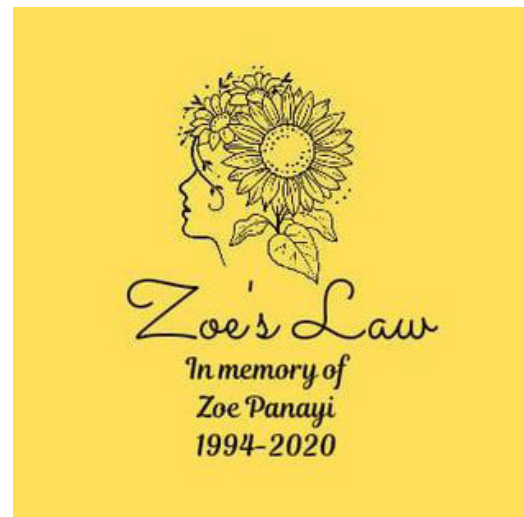
## Zoe's Law Talk with Charlie Panayi

On Wednesday 16 November, Charlie Panayi visited year 12 Criminology students to deliver a talk and answer questions on developing and running a campaign for change. As this is something students are asked to do for one of their main assessments, this was a fantastic opportunity to gain knowledge and advice from somebody with real life experience of undertaking the task.

Charlie outlined the purpose of Zoe's Law, a campaign that he along with other family and friends of Zoe Panayi launched to call for a change in law to make the testing of moles that have been removed compulsory.

The students were mature and engaged during the talk – asking questions around funding

and methods of campaigning. Feedback from them has been overwhelmingly positive and they have very much appreciated the real life experience being discussed with them. We are grateful to Charlie for giving his time to support our students' understanding of this topic.



## Magistrates Talk with Rob Harris

Rob Harris came and spoke to criminology, law and sociology students in November about his role as a magistrate. He was very informative, telling us how the courts work, what punishment and other sentencing powers one has, how one trains to become a magistrate, providing us with local, regional and national figures and personal anecdotes.

Criminology students have to study the role of the lay person in the criminal justice system in



depth, so to have Rob speak to the students about this really lifted it out from the book and brought it all to life! Rob definitely inspired some students to look into this vital and fascinating voluntary position in society.

## Ypres Trip

34 students from Carisbrooke College and 34 students from Medina College left a very cold Cowes on Thursday 7 December for a visit to the battlefields in Belgium. The first visit after a long trip via the Eurotunnel was Hooge Crater. This is described as the finest private museum in Flanders. The students were able to see genuine world war one weapons, uniforms and many other items including a full size model of a period bi-plane. Our next stops of the day were two cemeteries - Tyne Cot where many thousands of British and Commonwealth servicemen are buried and then onto Langermark, where thousands of German soldiers are buried. After an excellent evening meal, the students then went to the Menin Gate where 3 students from each school were able to take part in the daily Act of Remembrance by laying a poppy wreath.

The next day started with an early breakfast and then a visit to Flanders Fields Museum in the Cloth Hall of Ypres. This is a wonderfully interactive museum where students were able to find the story of local Hampshire soldiers and follow this through the course of the war. After this, students had some free time to explore the center of Ypres and the Christmas Market, before beginning our long journey home via one last chocolate shop.

It was an absolute pleasure to take 68 students who behaved impeccably throughout the whole of the trip. They were supported wonderfully by 7 members of federation staff from across all 3 sites.





## Family Mystery Solved in Ypres!

Carisbrooke College Year 8 student, Matthew, discovered his great great uncle's name on Tyne Cot Memorial during the recent school trip to Ypres.

The search for Matthew's great great uncle, Charles William Martin, began with another family member in 2018, who was researching the fate of soldiers from Shanklin who died during the Great War.

Matthew and his dad, Hugh, delved further into the family tree and discovered Charles William Martin had been a private in the 15th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment, and had been killed by an enemy shell in Belgium on September 20, 1917, aged 33.

They discovered he was commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial and so during the school trip, Matthew was touched when he found his great great uncle's name on the memorial.



## Remembrance Day

A two minute silence was observed across the Federation ahead of Armistice Day in November, to honor those who have served and remember their sacrifice. Unfortunately, the weather did not allow for us to come together as whole school communities in the way that we usually would. However, a virtual alternative was delivered where we were able to broadcast the act of remembrance into every classroom.

Thank you to Len Pullinger and Mary Teague who came in to Carisbrooke College and Medina College to play the Last Post and Reveille. Students did a fantastic job of reading for the exhortation and Kohima Epitaph. Wreaths were also presented by students as a mark of respect and remembrance.



## Call It Out Campaign

A campaign has been launched at Medina College this term called 'Call It Out'. Mr Pearce-Jones delivered an assembly to each year group to launch the campaign and ensure that every student understands what prejudicial language is and feels empowered to call out any instances they experience of this.

Prejudicial language is when a person uses words that attack one of the core protected characteristics in society. These are characteristics such as gender, race, religion, sexuality and physical or emotional conditions.

As well as being able to speak to staff about prejudicial language, an email address has been set up for students to report any experience of this: [callitoutMC@iwef.org.uk](mailto:callitoutMC@iwef.org.uk)



## Year 7 Kindness Breakfast

Year 7 students at Carisbrooke College recently completed a kindness bingo, where they undertook tasks such as volunteering, doing chores and helping others in classes. 30 students were rewarded for completing this and were served croissants, pan au chocolate, fresh fruit, pancakes, toast, crumpets and fruit juices.

It was great to recognise the efforts of these students and celebrate how wonderful it is to show kindness to each other.



## Welcome to Miss Yao

Mandarin lessons at Carisbrooke have recently been given an enthusiastic boost this year with the arrival from China of Miss Yao – our new Chinese Language Assistant.

So far this term she has already helped to engage students and bring the language to life for learners across the year groups.

She said: "I can see that Carisbrooke is a friendly and warm environment. The students approach their work with positivity. I am glad to work with Mr Briscoe in Mandarin lessons and I've found that all the students here are very hardworking and brilliant! The teachers at Carisbrooke all smile a lot and I hope we will continue to get along well with each other."





## Geology Fieldwork in the Lake District

A level geology students at The Island VI Form have recently completed a week-long residential, 350 miles north of the Isle of Wight, investigating the geology of the Lake District.

Waterproofs and wellies were absolutely essential for this trip as the weather was extremely wet! However, students and staff made the most of the opportunity to investigate the Borrowdale volcanic group, the granite intrusion at Sinen Gill and Cowraik Quarry Nature Reserve. They also travelled to the A6 Shap road cutting with 8 limb folds of slates and greywacke right next to the traffic.

This was a wonderful trip for the students which prepared them well for the mock exams. Thanks to Ms Lowthion and Mr Lloyd for their expert organisation.



## Warhammer Success

Medina College's Warhammer Club entered the annual Armies on Parade at the local Warhammer shop last weekend. The club army gained Silver in the Youngblood category, and year 8 student, Harry, got the Gold!



The club members have been working hard on building and painting their army this year. Congratulations to them all on this success.



## Project Seagrass

Years 7 and 8 at Carisbrooke College had a talk from Project Seagrass – a global charity that is aiming to save, protect and plant more seagrass in order to protect marine life habitats and combat climate change. They do a lot of work on the Isle of Wight because the north of the island is very seagrass rich.

The students took part in a quiz about seagrass and its importance, as well as hearing how they could get involved in the project on the island by volunteering, snorkelling, or even taking pictures of seagrass and uploading it to the seagrass spotter app so the charity can identify the seagrass meadows around the UK. The students were very engaged by the talk which sparked many conversations about getting involved with future work with Project Seagrass.



## Rewarding Success at Medina College

Mr Pearce-Jones' hot chocolate rewards have continued this half term with 40 students being invited for a Friday morning treat to reward them for either top achievement points or 100% attendance.

An extra hot chocolate treat was arranged recently to reward the cast of the 'Snow White' panto and the four students who have successfully completed their bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The students were also

presented with a certificate of achievement. Well done!



## Snow White Performances

Three months of hard work culminated in two fabulous performances of 'Snow White' last week for the Carisbrooke College and Medina College casts.

Working alongside Directors Mr Lyle and Mrs Shorrock, and supported by several other staff, the wonderful student casts and stage crew teams put a huge amount of effort into ensuring the shows were a success.

Medina College performed first to the public on Tuesday 5 December and Carisbrooke College followed on Wednesday 6 December. They also performed to local primary school children and their own student peers.

The set, costumes, music and lighting all added to the professionalism of the performance. Some wonderful feedback has been received from the public and primary school staff and children. We are so proud of everyone involved! Well done!





## Vectis Radio - 4Ps Project

Four students from Carisbrooke College have been taking part in the 4Ps programme this term at Vectis Radio. The 4Ps programme helps students develop skills in the main ingredients of radio: Presenting, Producing, Podcasting and Promotion. They attend one session a week at the radio station and complete extra work related to the programme in their own time.



Tobey, Amy, Destiny and Sam have each created their own podcasts and record an episode each week. They have also taken part in live discussions on air with the founder and producer, Ian Mac.

It has been amazing to see the confidence of these young people grow each week as they have become more comfortable with the radio environment. They prepare their scripts in their own time and, one student who is doing a baking podcast, even makes her recipes at home and brings the goods along to share!

Tobey said "I feel Vectis Radio gives me a great opportunity to develop my communication skills and helps me with my overall confidence."

Amy said "I enjoy coming to Vectis Radio for the 4Ps sessions as it is fun and interactive. My confidence has really grown since the first session where I was quite shy."

## VI Form Mock Trial Champions!

The Island VI Form were the winning team at this year's High Sheriff Inter Schools Mock Trial competition, held at Newport Crown Court. A fantastic achievement!

The competition, now in its 11th year, sees all Isle of Wight schools preparing for many weeks for their roles as barristers, ushers, clerks and witnesses to compete against each other for the coveted High Sheriff trophy. The event enables young people to experience exactly how the legal process operates and gives them the opportunity to enhance their public speaking skills, self confidence and team work.

Our VI Form team – Olivia, Ethan, Lucas, Amelie, Elliott, Chloe, Sherine, Ellie, Willow and Rhianna – performed the best on the day (as judged by the legal experts) and scored the highest, with Christ the King College and The Priory School in second and third place.

Mr Cody and Miss Lowthion, lead teachers and supporters for the students, said "we are incredibly proud of our students for their win

– an extraordinary achievement! The team have worked so hard, writing their speeches, researching and practising their lines, and thoroughly deserve this recognition. The Mock Trial competition is an exciting day for the students, to see them up their game in a professional environment. Congratulations to our team and all the other schools, and huge thanks to the legal professionals for giving up their time and sharing their expertise."



# GCHQ National Language Competition 2023



This term, 5 teams of Year 9 students from Medina College took part in a National Language competition hosted by spy masters at GCHQ!

Students had to use their language skills to break codes and work out secret messages. Our students were pitched against more than 1,000 teams from other schools across the country, with one of our teams in particular doing really well by completing more than 20% of the

puzzles set. This was no mean feat considering students had to access the game either during school break and lunchtime or after school.

The GCHQ spymasters sent this special message to the Medina teams at the end of the competition with special reference to the team 'Fair outstanding marmoset' made up of Daniel, David and Bradley.

The NLC team said: "The fair outstanding marmoset team seems as though they did a really good job! Please do pass on our thanks to them and all the other Medina students who took part. We're so pleased they enjoyed the tasks and competition."

## Year 7 Book Buzz

The Libraries at Carisbrook College and Medina College have been running the Book Buzz programme this term for our lovely Year 7 students. On Monday, every student in Year 7 received a free, brand new book of their own to take home and keep! We hope that Book Buzz will encourage students to read more frequently, which will help to improve their wellbeing, spark interesting conversations and inspire creativity.

Bookbuzz is a reading programme from BookTrust that aims to help inspire a love of reading in secondary school children. Earlier this term, Year 7 students were given the opportunity to choose a book from a list of 16 titles during their once-a-fortnight Library Lesson. Each book title has been carefully selected by a

panel of experts to ensure quality, suitability and to encourage reading for pleasure. It has been a pleasure to see them read their books during break and lunchtimes and to hear them read aloud during library lessons.





## Young Writers Poetry Competition

In November this year, students at Carisbrooke College were challenged to write a poem reflecting on the realities of war and conflict, and the hope for peace. Students could write a poem in any style on the theme of war and peace.

21 of our students took up this task and all were lucky enough to be chosen for publication in the Young Writers' anthology 'Lest We Forget - War-Torn Words' due for publication in February 2024. We are very proud of their achievement. Well done to all of our poets.



## First Mock Trial Experience

For the first time ever, students from Carisbrooke College and Medina College entered the High Sheriff Inter Schools Mock Trial competition - won this year by The Island VI Form.

The young teams were mostly made up of year 9 students with a couple of year 10 and 11 students taking the lead roles. This meant we had young teams in comparison to most other schools in the competition, but they performed outstandingly.

Medina students took on the Prosecution roles

and competed against the Defence Team from the IOW College. Carisbrooke students took on the Defence roles and competed against the Prosecution team from Priory School. Other students from both Carisbrooke and Medina served on juries for other cases during the day.

Overall these teams performed very well, with great promise for future competitions!



## Young Enterprise

This year, our Company Programme teams are: Remarkable Recipes, Insignia Badges and Wild Wax Melts! The teams meet once a week after school with their Business Advisors and at any opportunity out of school. They've each received a cash injection of £50 as a result of wowing the Dragons with their business pitches at a Dragon's Den presentation, which took place on 28 November at One Holyrood in Newport.

The Dragons (Jamie Busby, Lisa Mercer - Hose Rhodes Dickson, Matt Jeffery - Brightbulb Design, Steve Winter - Wight Fire & Security, Sue Lucas - Moore South and Dominic Ward - Johnson Electric) were impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm demonstrated by our young entrepreneurs.

On Saturday 9 December, the teams got to showcase their ideas at Yelf's Hotel in Ryde.

As part of the Merry and Bright Christmas experience, Company Programme teams were invited to spend the day at this prime location to talk to the general public about what they have been doing. For some teams this was the first opportunity to start selling products and start making money to invest in growing their business.

We look forward to seeing how far these teams can progress in this exciting business competition.



## ICG National Cooking Competition

Well done to Medina College Year 8 student, Ebony, who has entered and been accepted into the final of a national cooking competition.

The Inspiring Culinary Generations (ICG) Cookery Competition is a national competition designed to acknowledge and encourage excellence in the catering industry and in the home. This event reaches out to all young catering students and keen home cooks of any age who have a passion for cooking.

Ebony will be going to Bournemouth and Poole College in January to compete in the final where she will have the chance to win a cash prize and a range of Teflon cookware. Good luck, Ebony!

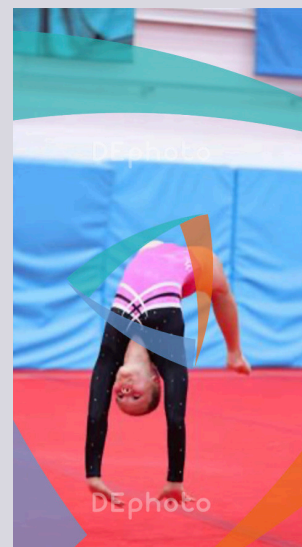


## Alesha's Gymnastics Success

Well done to Carisbrooke College Year 7 student, Alesha, who has won a number of medals in a recent gymnastics competition.

Alesha came 2nd on beam, 2nd on bars, 2nd on floor, 5th on vault and 1st overall. This is absolutely fantastic as it was her first competition after a year off with an injury.

Well done, Alesha, we are very proud of you!



## Festive Feasts across the Federation

Christmas dinner has been served this week at Carisbrooke College, Medina College and The Island VI Form. Thank you to our fantastic canteen staff from Chartwells who managed to prepare the most delicious meal of turkey, a vegetarian alternative and all the trimmings, plus an array of tasty festive desserts. This was no mean feat given the numbers they catered for! Federation staff also got involved in the serving and cleaning up. Well done - a great team effort all round!





## Foodbank Collection

As in previous years, The Island VI Form has collected items to donate to the Foodbank this Christmas. Christmas can be a difficult time for many families and it makes us proud to see how willing our students are to help those less fortunate than themselves.

We collected an impressive amount of tinned foods, cupboard essentials, personal hygiene products and Christmas treats. Thank you to everyone who donated.



## Overy Brothers Take IOW Swimming Championships By Storm

Over the last month, some of our students have been competing in the Isle of Wight Swimming Championships. Two of these students are Lincoln and Harrison Overy.

Harrison was competing in his first championship whilst Lincoln was looking to take on competitors at a much older age than himself. As a result, Harrison brought home one gold and 6 silver medals which, for his first championships, is an amazing accomplishment.

Lincoln competed in 7 races claiming 7 golds and 7 personal best times!

Well done, Harrison and Lincoln. They both have so much potential - we can't wait to see what they go on to achieve in the future.



## Year 7 Disco Fun

To celebrate a very successful first half term at Carisbrooke College, Year 7 had a School Disco.

It was so lovely to see all students (and staff!) getting involved and having a great time. We saw some fantastic dancing and, even more impressive, was seeing students who were gently encouraging others who were worried to give dancing a go.

AJ, who put on our Disco commented on how lovely our year 7 students were and that they are a credit to the School.





## Sport at Carisbrooke

What an exhilarating journey it has been in the world of sports at Carisbrooke College! As we reflect on the term gone by, the enthusiasm and dedication displayed by our students has been nothing short of inspiring.

Our school clubs have thrived, with active participation across all teams and year groups. The camaraderie and sportsmanship on display has truly embodied the spirit of Carisbrooke.

The Year 7 football team is embarking on an exciting journey into inter-school football, with fixtures still to come. This is just the beginning, and we eagerly await the triumphs that lie ahead for these budding athletes.



While the Year 8 football team faced challenges this term, we know that setbacks are just stepping stones to future victories. Their resilience and determination are commendable, and we look forward to witnessing their comeback in the upcoming terms.

A special mention to the Year 9 team for their outstanding performance in a thrilling, high-scoring game against The Bay, finishing 9-8. Such fierce competition only adds to the excitement and passion within our sporting community.

On Wednesday 22 November, the Year 9 netball team headed over to Cowes to take part in their tournament. After a quick warm up, Carisbrooke took the lead early on in their first game against Medina but, unfortunately, our opponents clawed a goal back to take it to a draw. Next up, the girls faced a very strong Christ the King side who went on to win the tournament. They were very difficult to defend and they took a comfortable win. Game three was much closer against the Island Free School, the girls battled hard but the Free School took the win. Disappointed with their last two games, the girls picked themselves up and went into the next game against Cowes with a more positive and confident approach, which led to plenty of goals being scored and Carisbrooke securing a win. Well done to the year 9 netball team - Tali, Angel, Brooke, Maisie, Daisy, Cerese and Maddison.



In the face of challenges, let's also acknowledge the U15 girls football team, who have had a tough start, losing their opening two games. Their determination and commitment are commendable, and we know they will bounce back stronger. We look forward to cheering them on in more fixtures in the new year!

As we look forward to the next term, let's celebrate the highs, learn from the challenges, and continue fostering the vibrant sports culture that defines Carisbrooke College.

## Year 7 Netball Tournament

On Tuesday 5 December, our year 7 Carisbrooke College girls played in the annual indoor netball tournament at Cowes Enterprise College.



The results were:

1-0 loss to Ryde School B team; a close loss in the final 15 seconds to The Bay B team, losing 3-2; soon after this, our girls started to gain confidence in their positions and won 4-0 against The Bay B team; followed by another win against The Priory B team winning 4-1.

Carisbrooke managed to come 7th out of 12. The girls were a credit to the school and showed great sportsmanship throughout.

## Carisbrooke Football League Champions!

On Wednesday 13 Decemeber, the Carisbrooke Year 10 boys' football team played their final game of the season against Christ the King College in the cup final at Cowes Enterprise College.



Unfortuntaely, they couldn't defend their unbeaten season and went down 2-0, but the boys performed well as a team throughout and were unlucky to concede just before the half

time whistle thanks to a scrappy goal. Christ the King's second goal came as a reuslt of the boys having to push forward towards the end of the game and it was during this time we were unlucky not to get back into the game.

However, throughout the season our Year 10 boys' football team has been nothing short of inspiring. Having been unable to put a winning season together in the previous three years, they have come together to create an unstoppable force in the league and, as a result, they have been unbeaten throughout the league campaign with highlights coming in the shape of a 1-0 win over Ryde Academy to get the season started, 5-1 win over local rivals Christ the King and a 4-0 win over The Bay in their most recent performance. This meant that the boys won the league with a game to spare and as a result will be entered into Hampshire and English Schools competitions next year.

To all of the boys who have played this year, you have been a pleasure to coach and are a great group of young men who have shown what they are capable of and I look forward to next season. - Mr Peake.

## Under 14 Hampshire Cup

Medina College girls took part in the Under 14 Hampshire Cup for girls' football.

On Tuesday the 28 of November a mixture of year 8 and 9 headed to Romsey. It was the second round clash against Thornden School.

It was an excellent game with both sides working hard in the cold conditions. The defence



of Mylea, Eloise, Amber, Poppy and Phoebe worked tirelessly for the entire game. the fed the ball up to the packed midfield of Amelia (Captain), Imogen, Aaleeya, Lyla and Katie.

Unfortunately the Thornden defence didn't let much through so Demi, Kayla and Ellie struggled to get any shots on target.

The game finished 2-0 to the opposition. The Medina ladies were praised by the Thornden referee for their quality sportsmanship and fair play. She was really impressed.

It was a great afternoon and the girls did themselves proud.



## Year 9 Netball Tournament

On Wednesday 22 November, Medina College Year 9 girls took part in the annual netball tournament.

The first game was against The Island Free School. It was a closely fought game with Medina taking a little time to settle into their surroundings. The game ended in a 3-3 draw. Next, the girls faced Carisbrooke College. We dominated the game as the team gained confidence and got used to the way other teams played. That game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Our 3rd group game was against a strong, tall and well-drilled Christ the King College. The girls fought hard but unfortunately lost 6-1.

Our last and final game was against The Bay. By this time, everyone had got the hang of what they were doing and the shooters fully got their eye in. We won that game 9-0, giving us 5th place overall.

It was a fun evening and, as you can see, the girls had a great time. Well done to everyone involved.



## Under 15 Girls' Football

A slightly depleted Medina College U15 team played a strong Year 10 side at Ryde Academy. The girls were strong, fast and physical and we matched them every step of the way. We came away a little battered and bruised but with our heads held high after the 5-2 final score. It was a great game with end to end action. Well done ladies!



## VI Form Christmas Cracker Performances

Monday 11 December saw the Year 12 Christmas Cracker burst onto stage! From Lady Macbeth's dark monologue, to songs from the musicals, there really was something for everyone.

There was comedy, dance and drama, all put together by the Year 12 drama and theatre studies students to create a final hurrah before the Break. Parents and friends were blown away by the talent on stage - a fantastic way to end the first term of the drama and theatre studies A level - well done everyone!





## Carisbrooke Community Group Spread Festive Cheer!

The fabulous Year 7 Carisbrooke Community group visited Old Charlton House Care Home in Cowes on Thursday 14 December. They had handmade each resident a Christmas card with a personalised message.

We treated the residents and staff to our homemade shortbread biscuits and sang some Christmas Carols, accompanied on the piano by Annelise in Year 9. The residents were thrilled to meet our students and enjoyed singing along with them to Jingle Bells and We Wish You A Merry Christmas.

Our students were exemplary and it was a very proud moment for us seeing our school values being shared with the residents. The Carisbrooke Community group wish everyone a very merry Christmas. Look out for our adventures in the New Year!





## Santa Dash

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Santa Dash event at Carisbrooke College this Friday. The event is in its third year and the uptake has been incredible - so much so that there was a last minute order placed for more medals as the original 200 capacity was filled.

With over a third of the school participating, a huge amount of money has been raised for local charity The Wight Brainsy Bunch which supports local families affected by brain tumours. It was a pleasure to see 227 students, along with Kat Grimes from the charity, running in their Santa hats through the local area up to Carisbrooke Castle and back, spreading festive cheer whilst raising money for a good cause.

Students were rewarded for their efforts with hot chocolate, festive music and a medal upon returning to school. Well done Team Carisbrooke you are simply amazing! As a result of this generosity, over £1000 has been raised.



## Santa Dance

On Friday 14 December, Medina College held its first Santa Dance to raise money for the Wight Brainsy Bunch.

For the past few years, students have participated in a Santa Dash which was a fun run around Seaclose. However, with the wet weather we have had lately, it would not have been much fun!

Over 100 students participated in an afternoon of fun 'Just Dance' action. They all donned festive attire and got fully involved. Over £300 was raised for this worthwhile charity, which is the most we have raised in our santa events.

Mr Williams, who organised the event, said " I have been blown away by the enthusiasm of the students at Medina and plan for next year to go bigger and better! Hopefully this is just the start of charity events that we will be putting on"