



## Message from Mr Down

Students have worked incredibly hard this term and have made great progress. All KS3 students recently received their ROA results. These results reflect the determination and ambition shown in each lesson by the students. Year 11 students have also received their mock results. Year 11s need to keep focused on the lead-up to their exams. Over Easter, teachers will be running revision sessions, for more details on this please check your emails.

Throughout the term we have seen an increase in new students joining the academy, often these students have come from overseas. Students have shown great respect to our new students and welcomed them into our community.

We have been reflecting on being with United Learning for 5 years this month. When we joined United Learning, we were clear that we wanted to drive improvement throughout the school. We began with a focus on teaching and learning and it has been very encouraging to see academic attainment improve so rapidly. Alongside this, we have worked hard on improving the overall school experience for our students so that school is a place they want to come to, where they want to get involved and where they want to make a positive

contribution. Our increased attendance speaks for itself as does the number of students who are actively involved in our clubs and teams and who hold leadership positions. It was particularly gratifying to hear them tell inspectors how proud they are of the school during our recent Ofsted inspection. With the support of United Learning, our staff have worked incredibly hard and the anniversary this week allows us to sit back and reflect on everything we have achieved. Every one of our fantastic staff has played a pivotal role in transforming standards and I would like to thank them for their hard work, commitment, and tireless energy. To read the full article about our 5-year anniversary, please go to our website.



## Y10 Visit The Victory



Year 10 students have had a fantastic time providing support to the younger students at The Victory Primary school while they undertook two days of a Science Challenge.

Pupils from Years 3-5 were given the task of designing and building a machine to transport Easter eggs across a table.

Year 10 students showed great empathy and skill in guiding the thinking of The Victory pupils as they went about this task, not only in the science and engineering that was required but also in managing the teams so that all students were included.

Headteacher, Mr Hartley, thanked the CVA students for their maturity and enthusiasm and also said that he was pleased to see some students he knew from their time at The Victory progressing so well. In the coming weeks, CVA students will also be providing support to Key Stage 1 as well as the Early Year pupils.



## Commemorative Planting Day

At the start of March over 40 volunteers from the community and Charles Dickens Orchard came to plant fruit trees and hedging on the school grounds! The event was part of the national Queens Green Canopy and was funded by Trees for Cities.

Thank you to all the volunteers who braved the cold to make the school grounds green!



## Comic Relief

A student has raised £158.80 for Comic Relief by organising and running events during school time. The events have included a student raffle, cake sale and charity run.



## National Pi Day

On National Pi Day the Maths department ran a number hunt around the school and a pi memory game during lunchtime, the winners were given pies!



## Y10 Visit Fareham College

On Wednesday, 22nd March we took 29 Year 10 students to Fareham College for an Expressive Arts Expo. The students had the opportunity to speak to leading industry professionals, higher education and further education establishments. Throughout the visit, the students were a true credit to the school and asked lots of thoughtful and meaningful questions. Many have left with some new ideas of potential paths for their futures.

## Chefs of the Term

Year 7 - Harvey R  
Year 8 - Isabella L  
Year 9 - Felicity H  
Year 10 - Sophie J  
Year 11 - Chloe B

All students have gained in confidence with practical skills and are now working independently.

## Careers Intervention

Students from Year 9 have completed a Careers and Independent Skills Intervention run by Mr Lock.

The intervention aimed to boost aspirations, and promote ambition and independent skills. The students have taken part in a variety of lessons ranging from designing career paths and exploring college and university options to learning to budget effectively and promoting a growth mindset strategy.

Students all gave feedback that the intervention helped them understand the importance of a good education, informed the choices they could take after secondary school and feel more positive about the future. The students worked extremely hard in all sessions and are a credit to their school.



## Dates for your Diary

Monday, 3rd April - Friday, 14th April	Easter Holidays
Monday, 17th April	INSET Day
Monday, 1st May Monday, 8th May	Bank Holiday
Monday, 29th May - Friday, 2nd June	Half Term

## Y7 Visit Dover Castle

We are excited to report that the recent Year 7 trip to Dover Castle was a great success! All of our students had the opportunity to explore the castle and learn about its rich history, dating back to the 1100s.

During the visit, students were able to see first-hand how the castle was used throughout the centuries, including its use as a royal palace, a military fortress, and a secret wartime underground hospital. The castle's expert guides provided our students with a wealth of information and insights into the castle's history and its various uses.

In addition to the castle tour, our students participated in a session led by experts on how to break codes to catch spies during WWII. This was an engaging and interactive experience that allowed our students to learn about the vital role of codebreakers during the war, and how they helped to shape the outcome of the conflict.

Overall, the trip was an excellent opportunity for our students to learn about history, culture, and the role of the castle during wartime. We are confident that our students gained valuable insights and experiences from the trip that will serve them well in their future studies. – Mr Bull-Mittens



## Y9 Visit Imperial War Museum

The Year 9 school trip to the Imperial War Museum in London was an enriching experience for all involved. Upon arrival, students were welcomed by a museum expert who led an educational session that provided valuable background information on the history of the Holocaust and the exhibition they were about to see.

In the Holocaust exhibition, the pupils were given a guided tour. Students learned about the atrocities committed during this period and were able to see artefacts and exhibits that brought the history to life with personal stories. This was an emotional experience for many of the pupils, but it was also a powerful learning opportunity that helped to broaden their understanding of this dark period in human history.

After the guided tour, the pupils had time to explore the rest of the museum. They were able to visit the World War I and World War II exhibit, where they could see first-hand the impact of these wars on society and learn about the sacrifices made by soldiers and civilians alike.

Throughout the trip, all pupils were impeccably behaved and demonstrated maturity and respect, making the school proud. They came away from the museum with a greater appreciation of the sacrifices made by so many and a deeper understanding of the importance of remembering the past. Overall, the school trip to the Imperial War Museum was a valuable educational experience that will stay with the pupils for years to come.



## Spanish Visitor

Last week (Tuesday 21st March) we had the visit of Mrs. Gloria Vessey (international translator and barrister) who came to facilitate a session for Year 9. The activity was planned around the 'options period' as all Year 9 students are currently having important conversations about choosing their GCSE courses starting next year.

The main objective of this session was to share with the students how languages work as a bridge to apply for better jobs or courses in the future as well as a great way to connect with other cultures.

Students learned about how relevant languages are for travelling and to really connect with people.

They also learned about how in the area where we live, jobs and companies are really interested on hiring people that have at least a basic understanding of a foreign language. They realised that having a GCSE in languages put any future application in a better position in front any other candidate without a GCSE in a second language.

Students realised that they don't need to be fluent. However, a basic, but strong knowledge of a language can be enough to have better opportunities in life.

Students were really engaged especially when Mrs Vessey mentioned that as part of her job as a translator, she had the opportunity to work with the British monarchy as well as celebrities such as Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

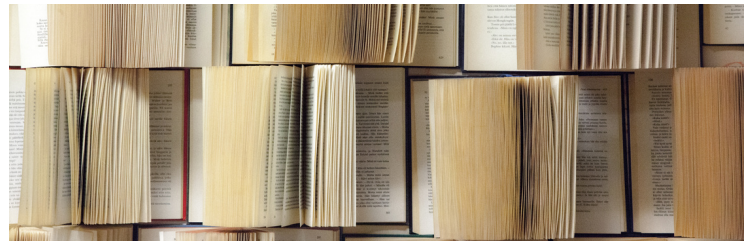
Students' participation was amazing and many of them came to the front at the end of the session to discuss further how languages can help you to develop yourself as a person in this world and as a professional.

## Music Exams

We had an incredibly successful set of Music exams on Monday, 20th and Tuesday, 21st March. Year 10 and 11 music students performed an evening showcase to their loved ones. We raised over £110.00 for the Music department and all students absolutely **ROCKED THE STAGE!!** A huge well done to all of the students involved -Ms Hodge

## World Book Day

Castle View celebrated a belated World Book Day. Students enjoyed themselves solving riddles around the school and discussing their favourite books with their teachers. Students now have access to a wonderful e-library to choose an array of books. They can download the 'e-platform' app onto their phone, so they now have books on the go! Choose the Portsmouth Schools option on the app. We loved talking to pupils about their favourite books and loved to see so many happy readers!

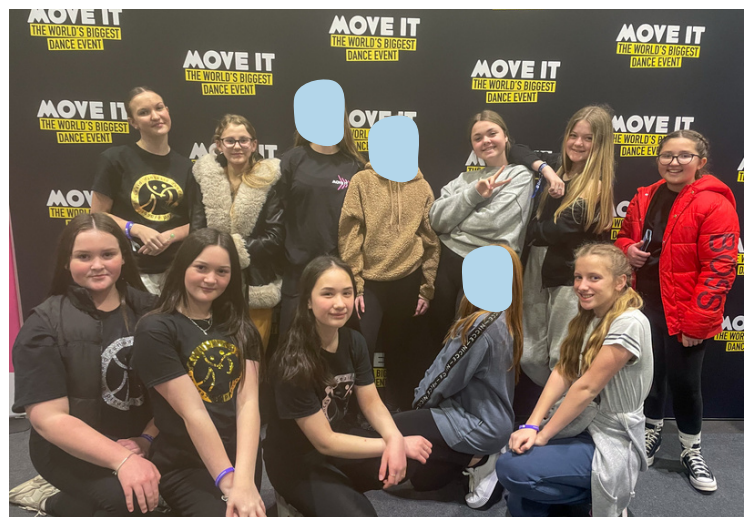


## Move It 2023

On Friday 10th March, the CVA Dance Company made their way to London to experience the amazing Move It Dance exhibition at the ExCel centre.

They were able to watch and take part in a number of different workshops, experience outstanding performances on the main stage from various different dance companies and performing arts schools as well as explore and talk to the different exhibitors to find out more about the careers in the Performing Arts.

It was a day full of inspiration and dancing - what more could we want?



## Year 10 Sleeping Beauty Trip

Year 10 Dance students got the exciting opportunity to go and see Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty at Southampton Mayflower Theatre. Having studied the work since January for their BTEC exam, it was a real treat to see it live and to experience it in the flesh.



## Performing Arts Ambassadors

After receiving over 30 applications, Mrs Miller and Ms Hodge managed to make the difficult decision of choosing our 2023 Performing Arts Ambassadors. We proudly present:

Finnley C  
Nicole G  
Isabella L  
Lana C  
Bryony M  
Lola C  
Rose M  
Elsie D  
Ashley R  
Poppy P  
Sammie M

In addition to this Zoe A has been successful in applying for the role of Dance Captain. Well Done to all!