



SIXTH FORM NEWS

May 2026

One of our ex-Sixth Form students has just successfully completed his Apprenticeship in college to become a qualified science technician. Felix decided to train after his A levels two years ago and has now completed his apprenticeship. We're incredibly proud of him and it has been wonderful to see him transition from Sixth Form student to staff member. It does mean that there is now another apprenticeship vacancy in the science technician team. If you are a Year 13 student about to complete your programmes of study, and you are interested in applying for this training opportunity, please let me know.

On an entirely separate note, it was wonderful to welcome so many of our families into college this week for our annual UCAS and destinations planning talk for parents. We hope that you've found the information both useful and reassuring. Please remember to sign your child up for the UCAS conference trip next week. It is heavily subsidised and highly valuable, we strongly recommend that all Year 12 students attend.

Mrs Conway-Hughes

Dates for your Diaries:

- ⇒ 10th June, **Year 7 Parents' Evening**; lessons as usual for Year 12
- ⇒ 15th June, **Psychology Trip**, Solent University
- ⇒ 17th June, **Sixth Form Applicant Day**
- ⇒ 22nd June, **No School**
- ⇒ 24th June, **Year 13 Leavers' Service**, 10am
- ⇒ 24th June, **Year 13 Leavers' Party**, Quay Arts Centre 7pm
- ⇒ 30th June, **Year 10 Taster Day in Sixth Form**

Reflection

May God's peace steady
your mind, His strength
guide your effort, and His
presence calm every
anxious thought. As you
work, remember your
worth is held in His love,
not in any grade. Trust
that He walks beside you,
giving courage, clarity,
and hope for all that lies
ahead.

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HIGHLY COMMENDED

News

Congratulations to **Kelechi Maxwell-Opete** who has been accepted onto a place on the Pathways2Property Summer residential at the University on Reading.

Well done to all of the students working towards the **'Can you Hear Us'** project, we can't wait to share more details about this with our community.

Thank you and well done to **India Sulley** who has been praised by the public for her kind intervention with a man who'd fallen off his bicycle. She stayed with him until an ambulance arrived. Well done India.

Congratulations to **Selena Angelini and Amber Cousins** who have secured themselves places on the Apply Cambridge Programme, the university's free applicant support programme for high-attaining Year 12 students from underrepresented backgrounds and areas of the UK. Also to **Aria Melody-Bamford** who has secured a place for herself on a sought after Sutton Trust Summer School programme.



Extra Curricular

Activity	Day	Where/When
Sixth Form Badminton	Tuesday & Thursday	Lunch A/B Sports Hall
Girls Football	Tuesday & Friday	Tues: 15:15-16:15 Fri: Lunch A/B
Netball	Wednesday	15:15-16:15 MUGA
Debate Club	Friday week A	Lunch 2.04
CAFOD	See Mrs Rennie for details	
The Gym	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	Lunch A/B The Gym
DofE	See Google Classroom for details	
Philosophy Club	Thursday 15:15	0.81
Reading Mentors	Tuesday & Wednesday 11:20	The main library
Early Applicants	Monday 11:20 Mr Hare	2.04
Christian Union	Wednesday, Lunch A	S24
Table Tennis	Thursday Lunch A & B	Activity Studio

Revision

Activity	Day	Where/When
Psychology Booster Club (Year 13)	Tuesday Week A	S23 12:40-13:00
Media and Film NEA Support	Tuesday, Lunch A	1.06
A Level Classics Revision	Tuesday After School	209



SIXTH FORM GYM

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Open for Sixth Form Students
Monday - Women
Tues, Thurs - All
Friday - Men

Lunch A & B

Gym induction required with
Miss Simmonds or Mr Haydon first

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FITNESS

16-19 Bursary

THE 16-19 BURSARY



Christ the King College

Apply for the bursary if you are:

- From a single parent family or
- Have one or more dependent siblings or
- Have additional responsibilities, such as being a young carer or parent or
- Travel further than one mile to college

Or have a household income under these thresholds:

LEVEL	HOUSEHOLD INCOME UP TO	ALLOWANCE UP TO	DAILY EXPENDITURE
L1	£23,040	£2,850	£15
L2	£30,624	£1,900	£10
L3	£37,542	£1,330	£7

OR:

- You're in or recently left Local Authority Care.
- You receive Income Support or Universal Credit.
- You get Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Plan (PIP) in your name **and** either Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit.

Apply Now

QR Code to our online Bursary Application Form:
christthekingcollegebursary.appicaa.com/post16_bursary



If you are struggling to access your education because of financial restraints—please apply for our bursary fund.

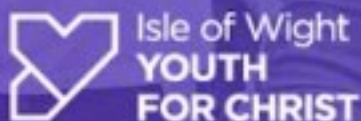
COME ALONG TO CHRISTIAN UNION!

COMMUNITY. FRIENDS. FAITH.

WEDNESDAYS
12:40–13:10

ROOM: S24

ALL WELCOME!



Christ the King College

Enrichment Update

Year 12 students enjoyed a wide range of enrichment activities this term, ranging from life-saving skills to talks from various outside organisations and individuals.

In April, students took part in interactive information sessions on some skills using CPR and self-defence, delivered by the outstanding Mrs Gard and Mr Tanaka. Students threw themselves into it, and it was great to see the positive ways in which they took to these activities which were new for most of the participants.

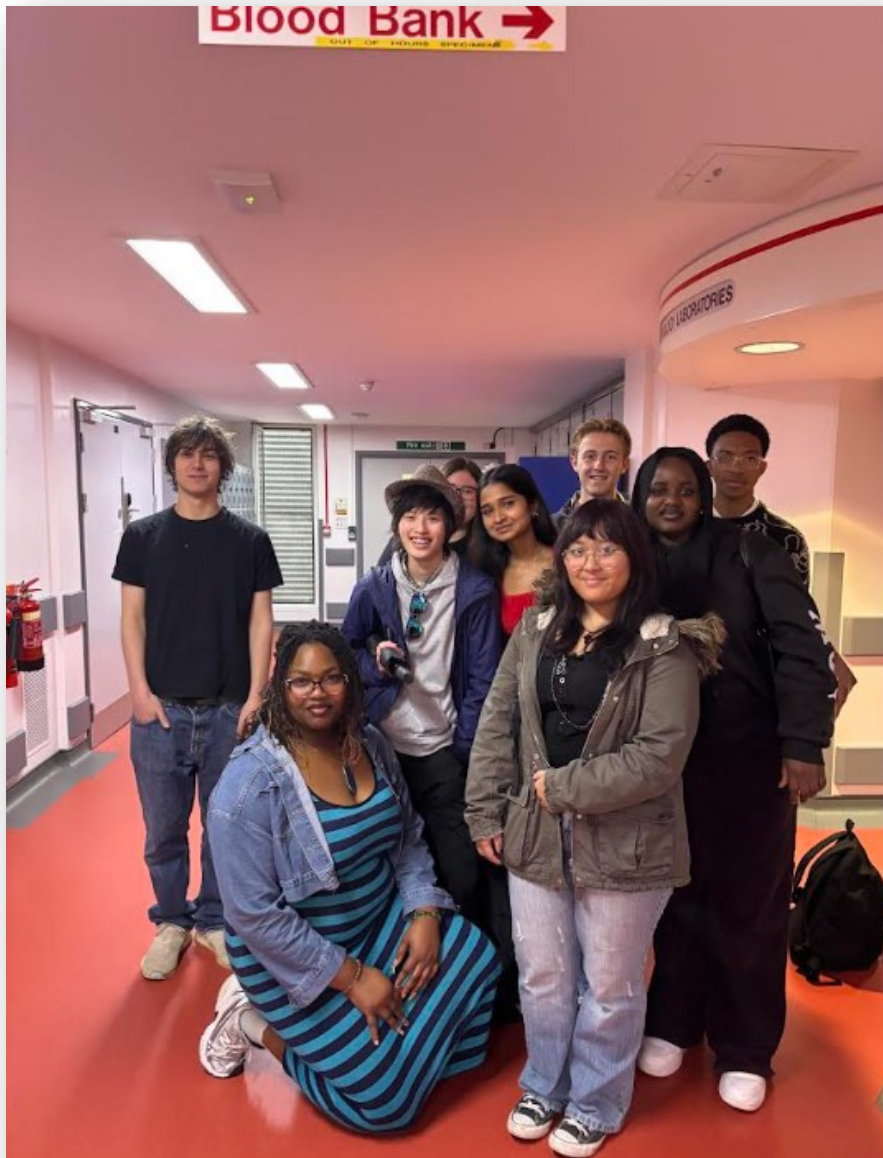
Later in the term we had a visit from the Isle of Wight Museums, represented by Ian Vallance and Carley Divish from the Maritime Centre at Arreton (soon to be of Yarmouth, in their new multi-million-pound redevelopment). Their talk explored stories ranging from prehistoric settlements through to World War II wrecks, some of which form part of the estimated 4,000 wreck sites located around the Isle of Wight. The students were introduced to the sheer scale and historical importance of the maritime heritage that exists around their own coastline in order to appreciate the role the Island has played in Britain's maritime story for thousands of years. Carley is a researcher in maritime archaeology, and we feel very fortunate for the opportunity to have academic in front of our students in a field of which they may not have been aware. Sharing her experiences and advice, particularly in the Q&A afterwards, was truly inspirational, and we hope students continue to consider research as a future pathway.

Finally, we had a reflective and meaningful session on the topic of death and dying, as publicised to the community earlier in the term. The students were such a respectful and engaged audience, and the speaker, Chaplain Vickie Morgan of the Hospice, could not praise them higher. She was particularly impressed with their questioning, which ranged from her personal experiences of the moments surround someone's death, to the current legal situation surrounding the topic of euthanasia, as Parliament debates this very topic. Mrs Conway-Hughes spoke to add her considerable knowledge of the psychology and biology of the process, so overall the students were left with a wide range of perspectives, which we hope will be a catalyst for continuing to develop their ideas about this topic.

Enrichment Update



Biomedical Careers Day

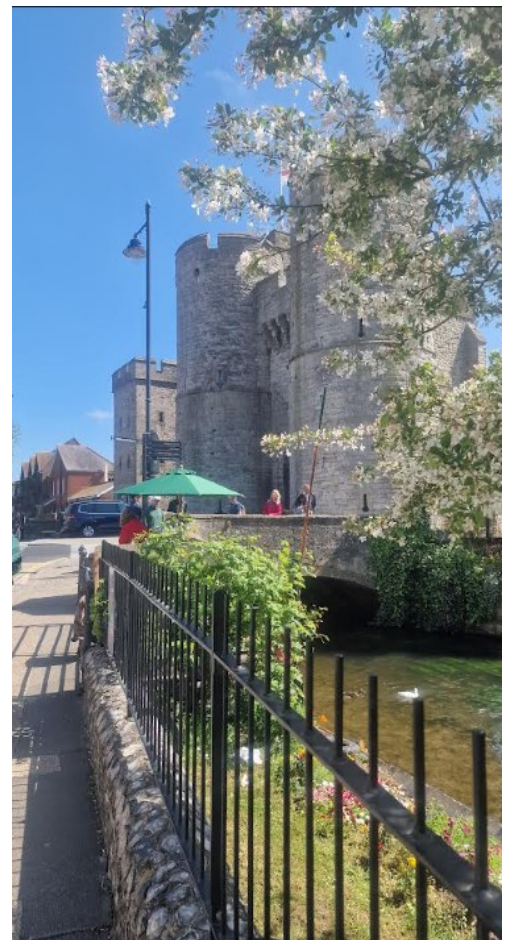


This week nine Year 12 students recently attended a Biomedical Careers Day at St Mary's Hospital, where they gained a fascinating insight into the wide range of careers available within healthcare science. The students visited the new Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) facility and enjoyed an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the pathology laboratories. Highlights included examining blood smears in the haematology laboratory, learning about serum screening techniques in the chemistry department, and exploring how microbes are cultured and identified in the microbiology laboratory to support medical diagnosis. This inspirational event provided students with valuable real-world experience and a greater understanding of the vital role biomedical scientists play in patient care.

The Hamlet Trip

On the 23rd of April the class of Year 12 English Literature Went up to Canterbury to visit Marlowe theatre and watch Hamlet by Shakespeare. It was a wonderful experience and great opportunity to see a live performance of the play that will support our understanding on differences in productions (bonus understanding of Canterbury for Chaucer). It was all together just a lot of fun! It was a lot of people's first time in Canterbury and despite the approximately three hour travel, it was definitely an invigorating event. Having time to shop and look around before the play and really appreciate being there, then watching Hamlet and hearing all of those famous and favourite lines "To be or not to be!!" was such a highlight of the trip. Great thanks to all involved in the class and teachers! Finnan, Bonnie, Eddie, Phoebe, Kelechi, Lois, Sadie, Amelia, Melvina, Grace, Sydnie, Mrs Davie and Mr Leahy.

Bonnie Watson



Walk the Wight



The Band!



The National Schools Regatta



Isaac Achieves Breakthrough Performance at National Schools Regatta

A young rower from Christ the King impressed at the National Schools Regatta last weekend, delivering a standout performance despite having only taken up single sculling in August.

Competing in a field of 53 athletes, he placed 30th in the time trial, outperforming many older and more experienced competitors. This result secured him a place in one of the event's four repechage races later that day. In his first-ever 2,000 metre side-by-side race, he held with the main pack through the halfway point before finishing 7th, earning a spot in the Final.

Surpassing his coaches' expectations simply by reaching that stage, he entered the final determined and confident. Racing again against older, seasoned scullers (including a fellow club member) he pushed into the lead by three quarters of a length and held it for most of the race. In a dramatic final 200 metres, he was narrowly overtaken, finishing just two seconds behind the winner.

Isaac described the weekend as invaluable preparation for the upcoming GBR Trials in October and expressed deep gratitude for the continued support from the Christ the King community. It goes without saying that we're all incredibly proud of him.

Help your child beat exam stress

Watch for signs of stress



- Children and young people who are stressed may:
- worry a lot
- feel tense
- have headaches and stomach pains
- not sleep well
- be irritable
- lose interest in food or eat more than normal
- not enjoy activities they previously enjoyed
- be negative and have a low mood
- feel hopeless about the future

Make sure your child eats well

Help your child get enough sleep

Be flexible during exams

Help them study

Talk about exam nerves

Encourage exercise during exams

Do not add to the pressure

[See Childline's advice on exam stress and pressure](#)

Make time for treats

Ocean & Earth Science

Ocean & Earth Science Residential Taster Course – University of Southampton

This engaging 1-night residential gives students the chance to explore the processes that drive the global Earth system. It brings together geology, geography, and oceanography, and helps students build practical and transferable skills.

Students will:

- Investigate coastal and marine environments, including physical processes such as tides and the ecosystems they support
- Develop an understanding of environmental geoscience, including human impacts on marine and coastal systems and the effects of climate change
- Spend time aboard the teaching and research vessel Callista in Southampton Water and the Solent

*The course will take place at the National Oceanography Centre Southampton (NOCS), one of the world's leading centres for ocean and earth science research. Meals are provided on-site, and accommodation is within walking distance.

Who is the course for?

- Year 11 and Year 12 students
- Students with a strong interest in Ocean and Earth Sciences
- Students studying (or planning to study) at least two of the following A levels (or equivalent): Maths, Biology, Physics, Geography, Chemistry, Environmental Science, or Geology

Course details:

Dates: Monday 20th July – Tuesday 21st July (1-night residential)

Capacity: 30 students

Cost: £270 (bursaries are available)

There are 30 places available, so I'd be grateful if you could encourage any interested students to apply as soon as they can.

In addition, we would like to invite you to our upcoming Insight into EDT webinar (for Careers Leads and teachers). This free session explains how EDT (Engineering Development Trust) can support your school and students through STEM activities, including our experiences, projects and placements, and how to get involved. We will cover opportunities available across England, Scotland and Wales.

You can reserve your place here:

Topic: Insight into EDT – Careers Lead & Teachers Webinar

When: Tuesday 9 June, 4–5pm

Registration: [Click here](#)

They can reserve a place here:

Topic: Discover EDT – Parent/Carer Webinar

When: Thursday 4 June, 4–5pm

Registration: [Click here](#)



PINT OF SCIENCE
FESTIVAL
10-12 May 2027

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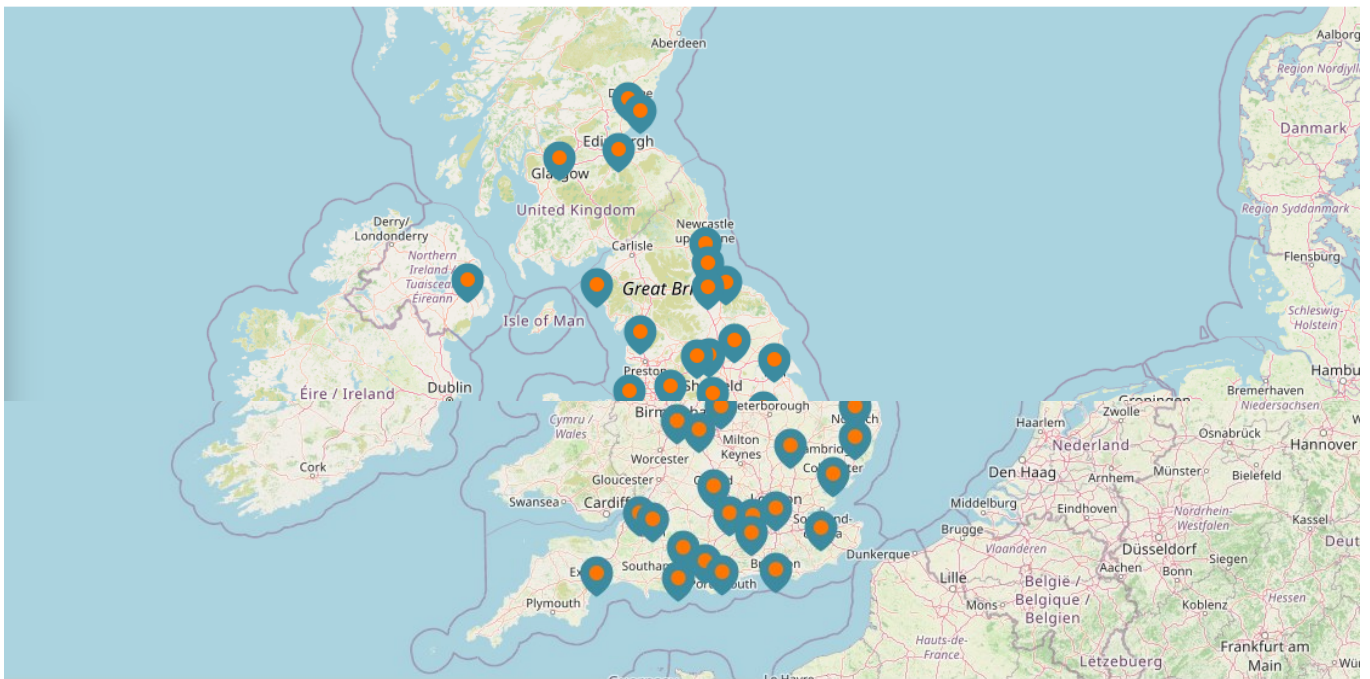


PINT OF SCIENCE

Science festival

43 locations across the UK

- select city -



Pint of Science is an annual worldwide science festival which brings researchers to your local pub/cafe/space to share their scientific discoveries with you - no prior knowledge required.

Thank you if you attended #pint26! You can [give us feedback](#) which will be shared with the local teams.

We will return 10-12 May 2027

Featured Events



An evening with astronauts Ken Ham and Steve Swans...

08 Jul

London





Ignite your Journey 2027 entry - applications open!

[Ignite your Journey](#) is our multi-intervention widening participation transition programme that supports students to develop the skills needed for study at a research intensive university.

Applications from students currently in Year 12, who meet our widening participation criteria and are planning to apply to university for 2027 entry to university are now open and will close on at mid-day on **8 July 2026**.



“Taking part in this programme gave me lots of knowledge about university beyond the academic aspects. Learning about budgeting, societies and the places to go for advice on campus was really useful and definitely made the transition to university easier.”

Elizabeth Bridges
MSci Biochemistry with Industrial Placement

WHOLE SCHOOL FREE TRIAL

SHARED MASSOLIT LOGIN DETAILS

Christ The King College now has an active free trial to MASSOLIT. This trial will expire on Jun 2, 2026.

The login below can be accessed by any number of users concurrently, and gives you unlimited access to ALL content on MASSOLIT. Please follow the link below to sign in.

Username: massolit@christthekingcollege.co.uk

Password: may26freetrial

The poster features a vibrant yellow background with a repeating pattern of stylized purple and green leaves and flowers. A white rounded rectangle in the center contains the main text. Below this, a teal banner with white text displays the dates, and a purple banner with white text shows the website. At the bottom, there is a teal line of text and the official logo.

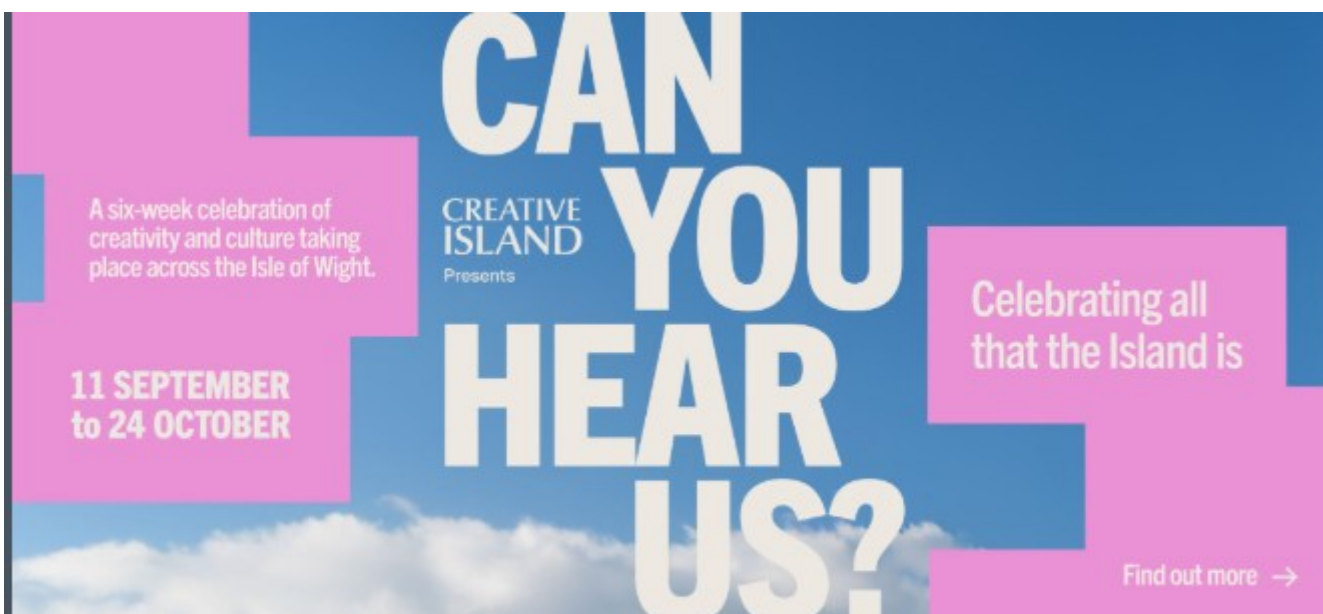
ISLE OF WIGHT BIOSPHERE FESTIVAL 2026

27th June - 5th July

www.iwbiosphere.org

Nature & community events across the whole
island, celebrating our UNESCO Biosphere Reserve!

ISLE OF WIGHT
BIOSPHERE



Highlights & Opportunities:



The Island's celebration is underway!

We're building up towards our six-week celebration of creativity and culture, taking place on the Isle of Wight from September 11th-October 24th 2026, and we'd love for you to get involved.

Free community-led activity is live and available to [book on our website now](#).

Whilst you're on the website, you can read stories from some of our partners, find out more about the programme itself and support Island organisations and charities by taking part in what they have planned for you.

Special thank you to [Arts Council England](#) and the [IOW Council](#) for funding CAN YOU HEAR US?



Join the team, we're hiring for a Admin & Comms Assistant

This is a part-time, temporary role to support the organisation through a busy period with the delivery of CAN YOU HEAR US?

- 18 hours per week
- £25,000 pro rata based on 37.5 hours a week from June – December 2026
- Responsible to our Communications Manager
- Working from our base at Building 41 in Cowes

You can find out more information including more on the responsibilities and who we're looking for [via our website](#). The deadline to apply is Thursday May 21st, with interviews planned for Tuesday May 26th.

There Is Only Narrative:
A new programme run by London Writers Centre in partnership with the Eve White Literary Agency to find and develop new non-fiction writers from diverse backgrounds.

There Is Only Narrative Competition

There Is Only Narrative aims to demystify the process of writing a non-fiction from a craft and career perspective and encourage and support more writers from backgrounds underrepresented in UK publishing to write a non-fiction project. It has an access fund in place for disabled writers.

It is free to enter and open to unpublished and unagented UK-based writers aged 18+. You can find more information on eligibility, competition prizes and how to enter [via their website](#).

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 23rd June 2026.



Funding for Isle of Wight Communities

[The Community Fund](#) offers 12-month grants of £1,000 – £5,000 for not-for-profit community organisations. The aim of this grant programme is to fund community projects on the Isle of Wight helping to tackle poverty and to increase health and wellbeing. The fund will only make grants to organisations based in AND supporting work within the Isle of Wight.

The [Young Island Lives](#) fund's aim is to fund employability and skills initiatives for young people aged 11-25 years old, living on the Isle of Wight. Two year grants are available for up to £10,000 per year (up to £20,000 over 24 months).

Find out more information for both funds by clicking on the links above. Deadline to apply for both is **Weds May 20th**.



Is reading an *actual* book an act of punk resistance?

Brevity – a 6-times yearly literary handbill (*a zine*) distributed on the Isle of Wight – is always OPEN for short stories of 500 words or less from folks who live on the IOW.

Yes, it's competitive. They've only space for 5 to 6 compelling, quirky, glorious, punchy short stories. But you've got this.

Write 500 compelling words, a new, inventive narrative. Be surprising, be brave with form. Cut the clichés. Edit, re-write, proof it. Then submit [via the Brevity website](#).



Are you ready for Battle of The Bands?

Carisbrooke College's Battle of the Bands's is fast approaching, with students having the opportunity to perform in a live gig-style event, with stage lighting, a real audience, and a professional panel of judges from the local music industry.

The college will be fundraising for the Music Department at this event, in memory of their site manager who was a huge rock music fan. Money raised in his memory will go towards instruments/equipment to support student's music-making.

Good luck to all the students! We're excited to be attending, and our Claire Paul (Cultural Education Lead) will be joining the industry panel alongside Andy Booth, Claire Maidin and Jake Curran.



The King's Yacht HMY *Britannia*
- Courtesy Beken of Cowes

Maritime Heritage Trail

An initiative celebrating 200 years of yacht racing on the Solent has been developed through a partnership between the Classic Boat Museum in Cowes and the Royal Yacht Britannia Trust based in Edinburgh. The trail tells the story of the 'Racing Royals' and the people who made Royal yacht racing possible.

You can expect members of the Cowes Sailing Community, as well as a series of Panels on the Parade and a short-play telling the story of Britannia, performed by members of Trinity Theatre.

For more information on the walks including a map, and further dates: [click here to visit Classic Boat Museum's website](#)

SCHOOLS'

SHOWJUMPING EVENT



FRIDAY
26 JUNE



COME TO
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FOR A LETTER AND
MORE DETAILS.



*Have a day out representing
our school with your horse!*



SCHOOLS'

DRESSAGE EVENT



THURSDAY
9TH JULY



COME TO
ROOM 1.34
FOR A LETTER AND
MORE DETAILS.



*Have a day out
representing
your school with your horse!*



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