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Friday 8th September 2023

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Welcome Back!

Dear Families,

It has been brilliant to welcome back the children to school. They look smart and have been super keen!

I have a few updates for you...

Staffing News

Mrs Tate and her family moved to Worcestershire over the summer holidays. We wish them every success.

We welcome three new members of staff to the Queensgate team: Miss Whiten, once a former pupil of Queensgate, is returning as an apprentice in RSD. Mr Rowsell, also a former pupil of Queensgate, has joined the Year 4 team and Mrs Bell, who has children at Queensgate, has joined RBH. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all three.

Times of the School Day

Breakfast club continues to run from 8am.

Doors open at 8:40am and learning begins straight away.

The **register closes at 8:55am** and anything after this will be unauthorised and, as such, is subject to a fine from the Local Authority. Being punctual is very important for the children to ensure they know what they are doing from the outset of each day.

School finishes at 3:00pm.

Clubs will start week beginning the 18th September apart from Dance Live, which has already started (see next page for more details).

School Meals

School meals are still provided by Chartwells. They are delicious, offering a wide choice of healthy food. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all get their school dinner for free. The cost for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is £2.75 per meal payable through Scopay.

It may be that you are eligible for your child to have free school meals. You apply for this by applying online at www.iwight.com/schooladmissions or by collecting a form in the school office. Please do this even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 as it supports our funding.

Clubs

Here are the clubs we have on offer.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff who offer up their time to provide a rich variety of clubs for the children to take part in. In addition to all the clubs run by our own staff we are offering Skate Club

After lots of discussion and planning we are delighted to offer a variety of clubs, mostly aimed at older pupils, to attend after school. Below is a list of Clubs which will all commence week beginning Monday 18th September.

This will go live via Clubbly.co.uk on Monday 11th September at 6pm. You will need to sign up to Clubbly if you have not already done so. Please do not put your child into more than two clubs in each term to be fair for everyone. Thank you

Please note Cookery will cost £2 per session which must be paid each week before each session, and skate club will cost £20 for five weeks which need to be paid upfront and directly to John Cattle Skate Club (not through Clubbly), all other clubs are free of charge.

Club	Staff member in charge	Year	Max	Venue	Time	Day
Gardening	Mrs Daly	У3-У6	15	Near the pond	3 - 4 pm	Monday
Y5 Homework Club	Mrs Adams & Miss Hume	У5	20	5R <i>A</i>	3 - 4pm	Monday
Badminton Club	Miss Radcliffe	У4-У6	16	Hall	3 - 4pm	Monday
Girls Football Club	Miss Young	Y4- Y6	20	Field	3 - 4pm	Monday
KS2 Cookery Club	Mrs Bradbury	Y4 - Y6	12	Cookery Room	3 - 4.30pm	Monday
John Cattle Skate Club	John Cattle	У1—У6	10	KS1 Playground	3 - 4.00pm	Tuesday
KS2 Book Club	Mrs Spragg	У3 - У6	20-25	5R <i>A</i>	3 - 4pm	Tuesday
KS2 Computer Club	Mrs Tilling	У3 - У6	15	3PT	3 - 4pm	Tuesday
Netball Club	Mrs Piner	У3 - У6	20	Playground	3 - 4pm	Tuesday
Y1-3 Cookery Club	Mrs Bradbury & Miss Gallop	Y1 - Y3	12	Cookery Club	3 - 4.30pm	Tuesday
Gardening Club	Mrs Daly	YR - Y2	15	Near the pond	3 - 4pm	Wednes- day
Boys Football Club	Mr Gwilliam	Y4 - Y6	20	Field	3 - 4pm	Wednes- day
KS2 Pond Club	Miss Mawudoku	У3 - У6	11	4BM & Pond	3 - 4pm	Thursday
Samba Junk Band	Mrs Kingsbury	У4 - У6	12	Training Room	3 - 4pm	Thursday
Y6 Homework Club	Miss Radcliffe & Mrs Michelmore	У6	20	6LR	3 - 4pm	Thursday
Knitting Club (beginners)	Mrs Cox & Mrs Jacobs	У3 - У6	6	No fixed room	3 - 4pm	Friday

Parent Surveys

A huge thank you to everyone who filled in the parent survey at the end of the term. John Cutress, one of our School Governors, has had a good look and analysed them over the summer break. I am pleased to announce that **98.8%** of you would recommend Queensgate to other parents. We are delighted to hear this thank you.

Attendance

Last year we ended the year below the national average for attendance. Please help us by sending your child to school every day. If they are too ill to attend please call the school office and let them know the reason your child is not in school. This is part of our Safeguarding procedures. Once your child is back in school please follow up with an email or a note giving the reason for their absence. Anything below 90% is considered to be a persistent absence and can significantly reduce academic progress. Of course, we are aiming for 100%, but we expect all to be above 95%. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Aim High!

It has been good to hear what ex-Queensgate pupils have achieved in GCSEs and A levels. We like to hear what our pupils go on to do and which university they are attending. We have high expectations for the children to achieve well in school. We have been doing some work around fixed and growth mindsets. Please encourage your children by promoting what they can do and that you believe they will do well at school.

"If you think you can or you think you can't you are probably right." Henry Ford

Great Summer Reads

Mrs Webb is creating a display of great summer reads in our library. Please encourage your child to share what they have read over the summer holiday with us.

Focus Learners

Across this academic each child in the school will have the opportunity to be a Focus Learner. This means that they will be given special responsibilities for that week. It also means that you can come in at a mutually agreed time with your child's class teacher to observe and join in with a lesson. When your child is Focus Learner, you are welcome to join us on a Friday for an assembly. If your child is in RBH, 1SM, 2KG, 3PT, 4BM, 5RA or 6TM the assembly will be at 1:10pm. If your child is in RSD, 1CE, 2KA, 3AH,4MC, 5TS or 6LR the assembly time will be 2:30pm.

Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes, has suncream applied before school and brings a water bottle and a sun hat.

Tuesday am - 2KA

Beach sculptures inspired by 'The Dot'

Bella, Sophie, Figgy, Marleigh-Rose, Lacey, Mia, Arthur, Elijah, Riley, Jesse, Forest, Brody, Charlie, Tyler W and Tyler CK

Tuesday pm - 3PT

Identifying forces within play parks

Leo, Bayley, Ralph, Samuel, Kamahlie, Corey, Ayrton, Daisy, Esmae, Lily, Lillie-May, Maddie, Eve and Darcie.

Wednesday am - 4MC

Sweet making demo at The Needles

Ashton, Maddie, Annabella, Toby G, Destiny-Grace, Hannah, Edward, Jack, Logan R, Jesse, Charley, Oscar S, Tommy, Elliott and Kyle.

*Please note - the children will be given a sample sweet to bring home at the end of the day.

Wednesday pm - 1CE

East Cowes photo trail

Ellis, Roman, Matteo, Declan, Alfred, Daniel, Jake, Luke, Amelia, Imogen, Penny, Neahve, Lexi-Mai and Sophie.





Music Tuition at Queensgate

At Queensgate we are aiming to give as many children as possible the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. This year we are able to offer piano, ukulele and guitar lessons to all children from Year 1 to Year 6.





Totally Rad Music

Totally Rad Music provide our piano and ukulele lessons at really reasonable rates:

- a) £5 + VAT per week for a 20 min lesson with a maximum of 3 in a group
- b) £9 + VAT per week for a 15 min individual lesson
- c) £12 + VAT per week for a 20 min individual lesson

If you are interested in your child having music lessons with Totally Rad, please sign them up online using this link: <u>SIGN ME UP</u>





Wight Music Tuition Service

Guitar lessons are provided by Wight Music Tuition Service and are available for £8 per 20 minute group lesson (maximum of 4 per group). We have a lovely set of new guitars with carry cases available for free loan to any child taking up these lessons.

To sign your child up for guitar lessons please follow this link: https://iwmt.org.uk/apply-online/

Please do sign up for lessons as soon as possible to make the most of the year. When you do sign up, please also email Mrs Webb to let her know and include your child's name, class and chosen instrument. This helps us to work out timetables. Thank you.

wwebb@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 96.64%

Whole School Attendance this week is 96.64%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 98.98%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6LR with 100%

10 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 95% 20 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 90% 40 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 80%

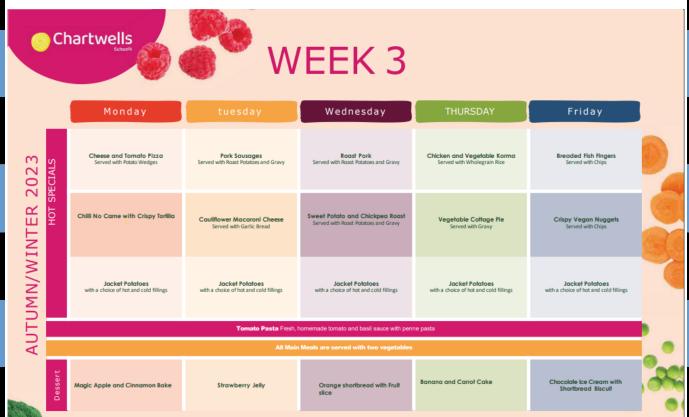
If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are classed as persistently absent



What's for dinner next week?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)







School Aged Immunisation Team

Enterprise House Innovation Centre Newport PO30 5WB

Dear Parent / Guardian.

The School Aged Immunisation Service will be visiting your school on (14.09.23) to offer the annual nasal flu vaccination.

Please find the link below for the online consent form:

https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-iow-flu

If this does not open, please copy and paste the link above into your internet browser.

You will require your school's LEA Code which is: 136008

Please complete the consent form 3 working days before the session to ensure your child will be vaccinated at the school session. If you submit the consent form after this time your child may be unable to receive the vaccination in school but will be offered a clinic appointment.

Please complete the online form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine, you will need to provide your child's details to do this.

There will be the option to have the nasal spray or injection. The nasal spray is the universal option and most effective way to receive the vaccine. The injection is <u>only</u> available for children where the nasal spray is not medically suitable or for religious grounds due to porcine gelatine content. Injections will usually be given in a community clinic setting which you will be able to book into.

If at any time you wish to change your consent, you will be required to inform your child's School and the School Aged Immunisation Service via phone (0300 123 5074), before the date of the school flu session.

Please ensure you inform the school and the School Aged Immunisation Service if there are <u>any changes</u> in your child's Asthma i.e. have been experiencing active wheezing or increased use of their inhalers in the 72 hours before their vaccination.

If your child has taken a course of oral steroids in the 14 days before the vaccination date it is important that you let us know, as we may need to delay the vaccination.

If you have any questions at all, or if you are unable to complete the online consent form, please contact us on:

Email: snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net

Phone: 0300 123 5074

For more information visit our website: School Aged Immunisation Service I Solent

With best wishes

School Aged Immunisation Service

FAQ's

Q: What is a LEA code?

A: Local Education Authority code identifies the school

Q: What does long term health condition mean?

A: Examples include:

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Heart condition
- Arthritis / rheumatological conditions
- Epilepsy
- Cancer

Q: What treatment would affect someone's immune system?

A: Conditions or immunosuppressive therapy such as:-

- acute and chronic leukaemia's
- lymphoma
- HIV infection not on highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART)
- cellular immune deficiencies
- high dose corticosteroids.

Q: What do we mean by Intensive Care (ICU)?

A: Please only answer 'yes' to this question if your child was admitted to a specialist intensive care unit such as PICU, please do <u>not</u> include admission to general paediatric wards or children's assessment unit (CAU).

Q: What does anaphylaxis mean?

A: Severe allergic reaction requiring intensive care (PICU) admission

Q: What does salicylate therapy mean?

A: Taking medication such as Aspirin

Q: What is antiviral therapy?

A: Antiviral drugs act by killing or preventing the growth of viruses such as Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and Zanamivir (Relenza)

Q: What is an unrepaired craniofacial malformation?

A: Conditions such as:

- Cleft palate
- Cleft lip
- Craniosynostosis

Q: What additional needs might affect their vaccination?

A

- Additional learning needs
- Social communication difficulties
- Hearing/Sight difficulties

Dates for your diary for Next Academic Year

Monday 18th September - AGM for PTFA 1.30 pm in Music room

Monday 23rd October until Friday 3rd November is the half term holiday

Wednesday 20th December until Monday 1st January are the Christmas holidays

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – INSET day – school closed to children

Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024 Half term holiday

Friday 29th March 2024 – Friday 12th April 2024 Easter Holidays

Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024 Half term holiday

Monday 24th June – INSET day school closed to children

Friday 12th July – provisional INSET day school closed to children

Monday 29th July 2024 – start of the summer holidays

Reception Request

If any of our community has a spare water butt or a small set of step-ladders, then our team in Reception team would be very grateful for them. Thank you

If you need us...

Your teacher's email can be found on the website on this link:

https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/children/contact-your-teacher

Please note the teachers will not be answering emails in the evenings.

All admin related enquiries should be sent to office@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Please note that DOJO is used to communicate with parents in both reception classes but that does not carry on through the school.

Senior Leaders are on the gates and doors in the mornings if you want to quickly catch us about something. If you need longer please make an appointment through the front office.

And Finally...

The PTFA are having their AGM on Monday 18th September in the music room at 1.30pm. The chair and vice-chair are both stepping down and unless there are more volunteers it is very likely that the PTFA will fold. This means that all of the extra fund raising and exciting activities that they currently run will not happen (including Christmas and Summer fairs) and therefore, much needed funds for extra resources and equipment for all children of Queensgate Primary will not be raised, so please do come along and offer your support. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

Queensgate Tournation Prints

Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form 2023-24 Open Day/Evening dates

(as at 09/07/2023)

School/College	Date	Time		
Carisbrooke College	28/09/2023	Year 6 open evening 5-8pm		
Christ the King College	20/09/2023	Year 6 open evening		
	08/11/2023	Year 12 open evening		
Cowes Enterprise College		Open week; commencing 4 October. Series of limited group tours am/pm. AM tours are at 9.15am, 9.30am and 10am. PM tours now fully booked. Separate SEN Tours by request. Please call 203103 to reserve am tour place or SEN tour.		
Island Free School	14/10/2023	Y6 open day		
Medina College	26/09/2023	Year 6 open evening 5-8pm		
Ryde Academy	04/10/2023	Y6 Open Evening		
	09/11/2023	6th Form Open Evening		
Ryde School 07/10/2022 & 03/02/2023		10-12.30pm		
The Bay CE School	05/10/2023	Y6 Open Evening 5-8pm		
The Island VI Form	16/11/2023	Y12 open evening		
The Isle of Wight College	25/11/2023 &	10.00-14.00 hrs		
	27/01/2024 &	10.00-14.00 hrs		
	06/03/2024 &	16.00-18.30 hrs		
	23/04/2024 & 19/06/2024	16.00-18.30 hrs		
	19/00/2024	16.00-18.30 hrs		
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk		



HALL INCLUDED PACKAGES

☆☆QUEENSGATE PRIMARY HALL ☆☆ (EAST COWES/WHIPPINGHAM)



Our amazing Winter packages are available from Monday 23rd October 2023 to 31st March 2024 (Half term included)

* 11 amazing hall packages to choose from

★Price of the hall is included *Large modern hall, large free carpark, endless outside space *3 time slots available every Saturday & Sunday *Bouncy Castles, Soft Play or both plus many extras ★Rock bottom prices with huge savings!!!



PACKAGES ON OFFER

Package 1 £160.00 (Worth £235.00)

castle

Large bluetooth speaker

with light

10x Didi Cars

Giant Connect 4

Giant Jenga

Hall Hire

Package 2 £165.00 (Worth £275.00)

castle

Party time inflatable ball

pool with air jugglers

Large bluetooth speaker

with light

5x Didi Cars

Giant Connect 4

Giant Jenga

Hall Hire

Package 7 £175.00

(Worth £285.00)

Party time bounce & slide Party time bounce & slide

Disco club castle (Disco ready, suitable for adults & children)

Package 3 £165.00

(Worth £265)

10x Didi Cars Giant Connect 4 Giant jenga Hall Hire

Castle fitted with disco light and bluetooth speaker

Package 4 £170.00 (Worth £280)

Party Time bounce & Slide Football Shootout Large bluetooth speaker with light 5x Didi Cars

Giant connect 4 Giant Jenga Hall hire

Package 9 £195.00

(Worth £305.00)

Luxury soft play package

Package 5 £170.00 (Worth £255)

Party Time bounce & Slide Party Time A frame bouncy castle Large bluetooth speaker with light 5x Didi Cars Hall hire

Package 6 £175.00 (Worth £285.00)

slide castle

with light

Hall Hire

3D Dinosaur bounce & 3D Unicorn bounce & slide castle Dinosaur inflatable ball Unicorn inflatable ball pool with air jugglers pool with air jugglers Large bluetooth speaker Large bluetooth speaker with light 10x Didi Cars 10x Didi Cars Giant Connect 4 Giant Jenga Giant Jenaa Hall Hire

Package 11 £199.00 (Worth £310.00) Gladiator Arena

Football Shootout Large bluetooth speaker with light Giant Connect 4 Giant Jenga x5 Didid cars Hall Hire

Package 8 £180.00 (Worth £275.00)

Undersea activity fun run 10x Didi Cars Large bluetooth speaker with light Giant Connect 4 Giant Jenga Hall Hire

Over 20 themes and colours to choose from White toddler bouncy castle 6x6ft (under 5urs option to upgrade castle Happy Hoppers Large bluetooth speaker

with light Giant Connect 4 Giant Jenga Hall Hire

Package 10 £199.00 (Worth £345.00)

3D Unicorn bounce & slide castle Unicorn inflatable ball pool with air jugglers Unicorn soft plauUnicorn Soft Play Large bluetooth speaker with light 10x Didi Cars Giant Jenga Hall Hire

Contact us today for more information, available time slots and dates!

07715 550339

info@isleofwightbouncyworld.co.uk www.isleofwightbouncyworld.co.uk













Coffee morning

Come and join us here at the East Side Curve for coffee and cake to help support the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust.

Tuesday 12th September 2023 10am—12 noon

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Because of the Trust, young people feel more accepted, independent, and optimistic and can start to rediscover their purpose and place in the world.

The MacNaughton-Howe Festival Association presents:



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Arts & Crafts Festival

27 & 28 October 2023

St Catherine's Church Ventnor

Tombola - Craft Sales - Refreshments

Admission

Adults £1 - Competitors & Exhibitors 5op - Children free

For a full list of classes and to enter the competition visit: www.macnaughtonhowe.co.uk

IW Fostering ?

Island children need local homes

Fit to Foster?

Many people think that they are either too young or too old to foster. The truth is that you must be at least 21 years of age. There is no upper age limit, as long as you are physically



If you don't think you are suitable to foster, think again! Foster carers come from a variety of different backgrounds. There are children in care who may need you. Explore fostering with the IW Council.



EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



East Side Curve Tuesday afternoons 4pm

Why not change your library books before or after the stories?



Come and join us to enjoy an informal story session from 4pm to 4.30pm every Tuesday afternoon.

Stories aimed at 7 and unders.

Free to attend, no need to book. All welcome!

Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



East Side Curve Wednesday mornings 10.15am

About 30 minutes of songs and rhymes. Stay for a chat and choose some books to borrow.



Fun, informal and noisy session for babies and toddlers (0 to 5 years).

Support your child's learning development through songs, rhymes and rhythm activities.

Free to attend, no need to book. All welcome!

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU
Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Summer Reading Challenge this year, Don't forget that our community library is free to join and access all year round,

On a 0 to 16 years library card there are no charges for late returns. Ordering children's books is also free on this card. You can order books on any subject or by your favourite author by bringing a list into the library or through the online library catalogue at www.iow.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-heritage When your ordered book arrives in East Cowes we will contact you. (Sadly Adults are charged 60p for this service.)

To access free online library services and apps you will need your borrower number (under your card barcode) and a four digit PIN, You can request a new PIN at any library.

We look forward to seeing you anytime. Good luck and best wishes for the new school year ahead!

Kind regards from library volunteer Angie.

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



We are based in the East Side Curve, our community hub beside the Town Hall in York Avenue.

Do pop in to view our new building and meet the staff and volunteers.

Opening Times Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Saturday 9am to 1pm

We look forward to offering our community

- books for adults and children to browse and borrow
- · books to request from stock or library service order
- monthly reading, poetry and creative writing groups
- weekly Rhyme Time and Story Time
- bus pass applications, printing and copying
- free wifi and laptop computer access
- help with enquiries, information and anward support
- a comfortable area to read newspapers and relax
- a 'Welcome & Safe Space' with free coffee, tea or soup

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, P032 6RU
Phone: 01083 200082 (option 5)

Isle of Wight Family Information Hub

Helping families keep up to date with the information, support and advice that is available to them.

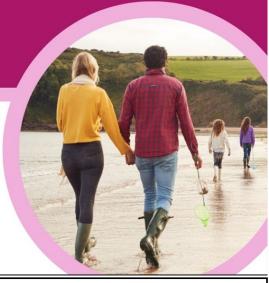
Visit www.familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk to find out more.



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Be inclusive | Anyone can excel Share what is best | Enjoy the challenge

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding an Open Month for Year 6 to Year 7 admissions from Monday 2nd October until Friday 20th October

Our Open Month replaces an Open Evening and will allow us to be able to show you around our fantastic school, giving you a first-hand experience of what it is like to be a pupil at Cowes Enterprise College.

45-minute tours will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the school day, and will be led by a member of the senior leadership team who will be able to answer any specific questions you have about year 7, our curriculum and enrichment opportunities.

In addition to this, we are pleased to offer additional opportunities to view our facilities on Tuesday 3rd, Tuesday 10th and Tuesday 17th October at 4.30pm.

If you wish to visit the academy for a tour, please call 01983 203103.







T: 01983 203103 | E: info@cowesec.org





Adult Community Learning

We are pleased to launch their new Autumn programme. We have a wide range of workshops and courses on offer, if you are interested in any of the following: Functional Skills English and/or maths, Multiply maths, ICT, Art, Craft, Health and Wellbeing or FREE online short courses, please head over to our website www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses for more information and to book. If you would rather speak to a member of staff, call the office on 01983 817280 or pop into The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde and someone will be only too happy to help you.

If you are interested in developing your skills further, perhaps to retrain or return to work, why not book a careers appointment with our information, advice, and guidance professional? She will tailor the appointment to your needs and can offer you help with CV writing, covering letters, application forms or support you with career changes, redundancy, education and training.

We also have an ICT suite which is open every Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm (term time only) starting Friday 22 September, for anyone wishing to access online learning or get support from a tutor.

We look forward to seeing you.