

Cowley Academy

# Head of School

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

On Remembrance Sunday, Lexie Howarth and Chelsey Dyke who are our new Head Students represented Cowley Academy by taking part in Donington's Remembrance Service with a procession from the market place to the church. They placed a poppy wreath on behalf of the school and read out two readings at the ceremony.

This week, during form time and as part of SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) all year groups have been taking part in a 'Parliament Week' learning about the different parliaments, and as a school having a vote. We have also focused on Anti-Bullying Week during assemblies and this will be the focus during form time next week.

Today was Children in Need with students having the opportunity to wear non-uniform. This is one of the many House charity events our students are involved with throughout the academic year. Children in Need is such a worthwhile cause as they fund local charities and projects who help remove barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive. In 2021, Children in Need supported over 460,000 children and young people by a whole range of disadvantages such as poverty, disability, illness, distress or trauma.

We have had a few enquires, about the upcoming England football fixture which takes place next Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 1.00pm. The timing is clearly unfortunate as it clashes with our school day. I would like to clarify that we will have the School Hall and Sports Hall open at lunchtime for students to watch the **first half of the game only**. Whilst kick off starts at 1.00pm, there will be no early lunch and students will be welcome to start watching the game at the start of our lunchtime (at 1.10pm). For those students not wanting to watch the game, they will remain on their respective yards as usual. Lunchtime will be slightly extended as the conclusion of the first half will be approximately 1.50pm. Students will return to their Period 5 lesson as normal and I envisage all students to be present in their Period 5 lesson by 2.00pm at the latest. If students choose to watch the football match and require food from the canteen, it is imperative that they purchase food in the normal lunchtime period. No students will be allowed to buy any food from the canteen following the conclusion of the first half as all students will be making their way to Period 5.



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Finally, we received an update from the Department of Education (DfE) regarding an additional bank holiday in May 2023. In light of the announcement of His Majesty's Coronation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This will mean our school will be closed for that day. We are conscious that the various Bank Holidays will have an impact on the learning for those lessons timetabled on a Monday. As such, school leaders will be looking at ways to ensure those subjects are not disadvantaged through slight amendments to the curriculum. As ever, any changes will be communicated to parents/carers in advance.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Cowley Academy

## Job vacancies

Due to South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT) expanding and an increase in student numbers we have a variety of job vacancies across all of the schools in Trust.

We offer a calm and safe environment where staff and students work hard, achieve a great deal and enjoy excellent working relationships.

Vacancies include support staff and teachers as well as part-time roles such as Exam Invigilators where we require a team of staff to call upon throughout the year and not just in the summer!

There are currently the following job vacancies available across the Trust:

- **Human Resources Officer**
- **Finance Assistant**
- **Premises Assistant**
- **Catering Assistant**
- **Exam Invigilators**
- **Pastoral Year Lead**
- **Head of Department - Geography**
- **Teachers of various subjects (Art, English, Geography, History, Maths, Music, Religious Studies and Science)**

All current job vacancies in the Trust are listed on the SLAT website: [www.slat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.slat.org.uk/vacancies)

If you know of anyone who may be interested in working for our schools then please share with them.

You will also find the latest vacancies advertised every Friday during term time on Facebook and Twitter so remember to follow us on our social media platforms.

## For the **latest news**

We have launched a new website ([www.cowleyacademy.org.uk](http://www.cowleyacademy.org.uk)) to keep you better informed.

You can also follow Cowley Academy on our official social media platforms as follows:

- [www.instagram.com/CowleyAcademy](https://www.instagram.com/CowleyAcademy)
- [www.facebook.com/CowleyAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/CowleyAcademy)
- [www.twitter.com/CowleySLAT](https://www.twitter.com/CowleySLAT)