



COWLEY
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 17th March 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

On Tuesday, our Year 7 had a period of 'DEAR Time', which stands for 'Drop Everything and Read'. These sessions have been taking place every term and are designed to promote and encourage reading for all abilities and play a key part in our communications agenda in the school, which includes a high focus on literacy skills. We continue to encourage our Years 7 and 8 to continue to access the Accelerated Reader programme. There is evidence that when students read for pleasure this will improve educational outcomes and personal wellbeing.



PPE examinations for Year 11 have taken place this week, for final opportunities to analysis the areas of revision for the last few weeks before the formal examinations. We continue to actively encourage students to be revising, maximising the opportunities we are providing. On Thursday 23rd March 2023, from 6.30pm we have got our Exam Success Evening for Year 11 parents/carers. We encourage you to sign up and attend this crucial opportunity for final advice and support.

Today, we have held a non-uniform day at the school. Thank you for your support and donations, with 50% going to Comic Relief and 50% going to DEC Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Also today, our Year 9 have had 'Prison Me No Way' deliver a variety of workshops. Our Year 9 students had a valuable insight into what is would be like to go to prison, the penalties and consequences that would affect them for the rest of their life and most importantly, how to not make the wrong choices by



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focusing on crime prevention. They provided a full day of engaging workshops and activities, which are led by retired Prison Officers, Youth Engagement Officers, ex-offenders and volunteers from charities and other organisations. All of these people were able to pass on their first-hand experiences and real-life knowledge so students know exactly what it is like. This forms part of our Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) programme which is an integral part of our curriculum offer at Cowley Academy.

I would like to remind parents and carers that we always encourage communication between home and school. I would also like to remind parents that we will not tolerate any rude or abusive language used to our staff. We do not accept this from our students, so we will certainly not accept this from our parents. I would also like to highlight that our staff are extremely busy in the day supporting our 600 students during the school day and we cannot accommodate parents turning up without an appointment slot. Whilst such instances are extremely rare, I felt it was important to remind parents and carers on our stance with 'home and school' communication.

Finally, I wish Year 10 the best of luck in their first practice examinations which start next week and will provide an opportunity to review their progress and develop their exam techniques.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Glenn Martin

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