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# Head of School

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we have finally reached the end of term.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of our Year 10 students for their conduct and behaviour throughout their PPE examinations. This has been an excellent trial run for their real examinations in Year 11. Year 10 students will be receiving their results following the Easter holiday period. This will be a good indicator as to the progress that has been made for each student and their next steps.

Secondly, Year 11 students should now have opted in to the Easter Revision Sessions which take place at the school over the holiday period. The deadline has now passed for this, therefore all students should have now planned for the sessions they are attending. I would also like to remind Year 11 students regarding ordering Leavers hoodies and Prom tickets which continue to be available. We continue to see Year 11 student maximizing the Intervention sessions at lunchtimes and afterschool, alongside the National Tutor Programme which has been successful.

On Thursday, we rewarded our Year 10 Prefects with their first Prefect Breakfast (as pictured below). They have made an incredible start to this responsibility and are carrying out their duties with the utmost maturity - they are all fantastic role models of the school!



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Today as part of our careers provision we have had Worldwide Fruit come into school and present to our Year 7, alongside a variety of competitions. We have also had Boston College talking and preparing some of our Year 11 in preparation for the transition to college.

For Key Stage 3 in Year 7 and Year 8 we have rewarded 90 students today for their excellent attitude to learning in school combined with excellent attendance. Our highest achievers in these combined categories received a 'Cowley Cinema Experience'! Students enjoyed the afternoon with a film, drink and popcorn as a reward for working hard throughout the term. We will be rewarding Year 9 students in the same way following the Easter break. Year 10 prefects have had their first 'Prefect Breakfast' as an opportunity to reflect and celebrate their achievements.

As we continue to develop our school provision, we are delighted to welcome Katie Gill (First Aider), Jemma Scott (Teacher of Art & Design), Heather Barton (Administration & Exams Officer) and Janet Harper (Teaching Assistant).

I am excited by the school production of Frozen JR in the summer term, with the students practicing in preparation. We continue to see students maximizing the opportunities provided to them, including the games group during lunchtimes which includes Chess competitions!

In reflection on this term we have had many successes to reflect on:

- Embedding the House structures with an increase in the number of house points.
- Increased opportunities with external visitors for our careers provision.
- Excellent contribution to extra-curricular activities across the school.
- Fantastic attendance at Year 11 intervention sessions during break, lunchtimes and after school sessions.
- Prison Me No Way for Year 9 supporting our PSHE programme.

Finally, I would like to remind all students that the worried email tab [worried@cowleyacademy.org.uk](mailto:worried@cowleyacademy.org.uk) will be active throughout the holiday period. Please reassure your child that if they need any safeguarding support or advice to please utilise this email address which will be able to advise on the next steps.

Thank you to all parents and carers we really value your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break with your family and friends.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

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