



COWLEY  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a fantastic return to school for the Summer Term. There has been a really positive atmosphere around the school as students returned in good spirit, with smart presentation and ready to learn.

Over the next two weeks, all year groups will receive an assembly led by myself focused on our school ethos and core values – *Aspire, Challenge, Achieve*. I have already challenged Year 7 and 8 to reflect on what their aspirations for the future are.

In addition to this, we have been informing all students in assembly this week about our new student voice system in school. This provides an avenue to ensure all students have the opportunity to raise suggestions, thoughts and improvements about the school. On our school website we now have a 'Students Say, We Listen' button that allows students to be able to make suggestions for the Senior Leadership Team to consider in order to make positive changes to the school. We are looking forward to supporting student ideas which will enhance our school community.

On Tuesday, our Year 9 students had their KS4 Options assembly with further information being sent out next week on the subjects and next steps.

As part of our drive to improve the school facilities for the students, we are delighted with the new Year 7 Yard. Our Year 7 students have particularly embraced the warmer weather on the yard this week and have enjoyed catching up with their friends as have all year groups.

Year 11 students have been continuing to focus all week on final preparations for their summer examinations. All students are continuing to work hard following excellent attendance at the revision sessions over the Easter holiday break. There are now only 13 school days until the first written examination and we are encouraging all students to maximise all opportunities in school and utilise GCSEPod and other revision methods to gain the grades they deserve at this final stage.

In addition to this, there is still time for Year 11 students to purchase a Prom ticket where we can celebrate the students' time at Cowley Academy.

Year 10 students have been working hard on exam focused sessions, as those who study BTEC subjects are too, completing assignments that contribute towards their final grades. Excellent attendance and positive engagement is key to the success of these and we thank Year 10 parents for supporting their child with understanding the importance of this work.



Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

As our Year 11 students approach their examination season, I wanted to say how incredibly hard they are all working. Also, I would like to clarify the use of study leave for students in the Trust. The Department for Education (DfE) issues guidelines for schools to use and state that 'study leave' should not be granted by default once the exam syllabus has been taught. The DfE clarified that you can only grant study leave once exams have started, by permission of the school. We know it is vital for students to attend their lessons, with their subject teachers prior to any examination. We re-timetable to ensure maximum coverage of learning and support for our students during this time. Additionally, we will continue to offer interventions, until all exams are finished. With our examination proven track record, we know our examination process is the best for our Year 11 students.

I have included in this weekly newsletter the Term 5 update to extra-curricular clubs, enrichment and Year 11 subject intervention sessions. As you will see there is a wide range of clubs on offer for all year groups and interests. We are looking forward to students embracing and enjoying a new club or activity this term.

Finally, you may be aware that the government is rolling out a national Emergency Alert System. At 3pm on Sunday 23rd April 2023 an alert will be sent to your mobile phone or tablet to rehearse the process of informing you of a potential emergency situation – this will be a loud 10 second sound. If you/someone you know/a parent you are working with has a second mobile phone which they use for safety reasons, please follow the instruction provided in a new video (<https://youtu.be/I2MBcHwmiy8>) from the specialist organisation Refuge. This explains how to disable the emergency alert in the setting app. This information has been sent by Lincolnshire Local Authority to be shared by schools with parents and carers.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Cowley Academy

## For the **latest news**

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- [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)



# Extra-curricular activities

**TERM 5** (Tuesday 18th April to Friday 26th May 2023)

## Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Volleyball</b>	All Years	Gym	PE Teachers
Music	<b>Band Practice</b>	Year 10	Music Room	Miss Kilby
Religious Studies	<b>Religious Studies Club</b>	Years 7/8/9	Room 17	Mr Grassby
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Basketball</b>	Year 8	Courts	PE Teachers
Music	<b>Choir Practice</b>	Year 10	Music Room	Miss Kilby
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Basketball</b>	Year 9	Courts	PE Teachers
Sport	<b>Indoor Cricket</b>	All Years	Gym	PE Teachers
Library	<b>Book Club</b>	All Years	Library	Miss Bird
History	<b>History Club</b>	Years 7/8/9	Room 1	Mrs Baker
Music	<b>Band Practice</b>	Year 9	Music Room	Miss Kilby
Music	<b>Music Intervention</b>	All Years	Music Room	Miss Kilby
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Basketball</b>	Year 10	Courts	PE Teachers
Music	<b>Music Club (Bands)</b>	Year 7/8/9	Music Room	Miss Kilby
FRIDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Indoor Football</b>	Year 11	Gym	PE Teachers
Music	<b>Band Practice</b>	Year 11	Music Room	Miss Kilby

## After school extra-curricular activities

Unless otherwise arranged by the organiser, all after-school activities will run for one hour. All after-school sports run from 3.15pm to 4.30pm. The Frozen Jr Rehearsals and Backstage Club run from 3.15pm to 5.00pm.

MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b>	All Years	Field	PE Teachers
Performing Arts	<b>Frozen Jr Rehearsals</b>	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Millard
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>Cheerleading</b>	All Years	Gym	PE Teachers
Sport	<b>CNAT Sport Catch-up</b>	Years 10/11	Room 11	PE Teachers
Art	<b>KS4 Catch-up Club</b>	Years 10/11	Art Room	Mrs Worth
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>Athletics Club</b>	All Years	Field	PE Teachers
Art	<b>KS4 Catch-up Club</b>	Years 10/11	Art Room	Mrs Worth
Performing Arts	<b>Backstage Club</b>	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Millard
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>Boys Cricket Club</b>	All Years	Field	PE Teachers
Sport	<b>Girls Rounders</b>	All Years	Field	PE Teachers
Sport	<b>Sport Leaders</b>	Year 10	Gym	Mr Brader
Music	<b>KS4 Music Intervention</b>	Year 10/11	Music Room	Miss Kilby
Performing Arts	<b>Dance Class (Ballet, Tap, Commercial and Jazz)</b>	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Millard
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>CNAT Sport Catch-up</b>	Years 10/11	Room 11	PE Teachers
Performing Arts	<b>Frozen Jr Rehearsals</b>	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Millard



# Year 11 Revision

**TERM 5** (Tuesday 18th April to Friday 26th May 2023)

## Lunchtime revision sessions (Year 11)

MONDAY LUNCHTIME			
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Higher 5+)	Room 2	Mrs Bond
Sport	Year 11 Intervention	Room 19	Miss Tidy
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME			
Media	Year 11 Intervention	Room 11	Mr Burton
Science	Year 11 Intervention Drop-in (Foundation)	Lab 4	Miss Foster
Sport	Year 11 Intervention	Room 19	Mr Brader
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME			
English	Year 11 Intervention	Room 13	Mrs Jones
French	Year 11 Intervention (General Conversation)	Room 21	Miss Marsden
Geography	Year 11 Intervention	Room 9	Miss Garside
Maths	Year 11 Intervention (Foundation)	Room 3	Miss Hiley
Music	Year 11 Intervention	Music Room	Miss Kilby
Performing Arts	Year 11 Intervention	Drama Studio	Ms Millard
Spanish	Year 11 Intervention (Speaking Practice)	Room 22	Ms Bones
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME			
Art	Year 11 Intervention	Art Room	Mrs King
French	Year 11 Intervention (Speaking Practice)	Room 21	Miss Marsden
Photography	Year 11 Intervention	Room 11	Mrs King
Psychology	Year 11 Intervention	Room 13	Miss Jones
Science	Year 11 Intervention Drop-in (Higher)	Lab 2	Mr Peake

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Unless otherwise arranged by the organiser, all after-school revision sessions will run for one hour.

MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Geography	Year 11 Intervention	Room 10	Miss Livesey
History	Year 11 Intervention	Room 16	Mrs Coulson / Mrs Baker
Art	Year 11 Target Intervention Session	Art Room	Mrs Worth
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Media	Year 11 Intervention	Room 11	Mr Burton
Science	Year 11 Intervention	Lab 2	Mr Peake / Miss Foster
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
English	Year 11 Intervention	Room 13	Miss Jones
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Maths	Year 11 Intervention	Room 5	Ms Hubbard / Mrs Bond
Music	Year 11 Intervention	Media Room	Miss Kilby
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL			
Sport	Year 11 Intervention	Room 19	Mr Brader / Miss Tidy