



COWLEY  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

This has been an important week for our Year 9 students as they have been focusing on their Key Stage 4 option choices. Over this past week, students have been using the time to watch a variety of subject videos to ascertain more detail of what the various courses consist of. Please can I remind parents/carers and students that the Options Form which you have been sent must be completed by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

We have continued to support our Year 11 students who have sat a variety of practical exams. This week, Photography and 3D Art students have sat their respective exams and the feedback has been very positive. Similarly, our Year 10 students have been using additional time this week to complete their Pearson Set Assignment (PSA) qualifications with the support of their teachers. Our formal written exams for Year 11 are fast approaching and I know students have been working hard in their revision preparation. Next week, our Year 11 students will be receiving a series of assemblies led by different Heads of Departments which will further support our students in their final revision and intervention.

I would like to thank parents for their support as we had a partial closure this week for Years 7 to 9 as a result of the National Education Union (NEU) Industrial Action. As promised, we will always communicate to parents and carers when there are any developments regarding any strike action. In the first instance this will be communicated via Intouch or ParentMail. Please be aware that Cowley Academy will be open to all students on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 was the last night of the SLAT inter-trust sports tournament. Well done to the students that performed and overall Cowley Academy came third out of the four schools. Well done to everyone that took part in the tournaments.

Finally, you will be aware that the London Marathon took place last weekend. I am pleased to inform you that Mr Leonard (pictured right) took part in this prestigious sporting event despite having never run more than 6 miles in one go before! Mr Leonard was running for a worthwhile charity close to his heart. Mr Leonard truly embodied our school ethos of 'Aspire, Challenge, Achieve' and we are all very proud of him and his achievement.



Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

As always, please refer to our school website and social media pages for further details and photos. Details of these links are at the end of my update.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Martin'.

**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Cowley Academy

## For the **latest news**

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

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

At **Cowley Academy** we encourage you to aspire, embrace challenge and retain the knowledge, understanding and skills to **ACHIEVE**.

In doing so to be resilient, lifelong learners, responsible citizens and prepared for the future.



## Academic

We will offer you a very wide range of subjects that are challenging, accessible and inclusive for all. This will be balanced with a variety of enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities. A key aspect of this will be the promotion of reading and writing to make sure you have essential life skills.



## Choice

The abilities of all our students are diverse and you all have many talents. It is extremely important that we enable you to have wide-ranging positive learning experiences to maximise your future opportunities. This will include exploring and researching the jobs and industries that you are interested in and supporting you in developing your knowledge of careers required to be a success.



## High Standards

We will provide you with ambitious courses to ensure that you achieve your full potential in national exams so that you can aspire to the best future education, employment or training possible. We will also support you in your understanding of how to get there and to believe in your own ability... you can do it!



## Intelligent Assessment

We will provide you with assessments that allow you to understand how you are performing in school, as well as enabling your teachers to plan your learning so that you can do your best, including 'forensic' marking by your teachers to support your learning and lots of support, with many planned intervention sessions.



## Equipped

We will offer you a strong programme of personal, health, social, careers and economic education that ensures you are exposed to the experiences and opportunities needed to succeed in life and so that you can lead a positive and healthy lifestyle in the wider community and in society.



## Values

We promote and expect high levels of behaviour, both in and out of lessons, so that you can do your best. We encourage you to value equality and diversity and demonstrate mutual respect to your peers and all adults, regardless of cultures, faiths or beliefs. All young people deserve to have an education free from bullying and prejudice.



## Esteem

We believe in working with all our young people to build your well-being so that you can develop as a confident, resilient and independent learner who can be proud of their achievements. We will teach you to be organised and independent, take pride in your work and develop your appreciation of culture and society beyond your own experience. We will work with you to understand how to maintain healthy relationships with others and how to look after your mental health.