



COWLEY
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 5th May 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

To mark the historic occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III, students have been provided with the opportunity to take part in the 'Great Coronation Celebration Challenge' and earn achievement points for every challenge completed. Please check our website for further information. Students today were also allowed, who are part of a Cadet Corps the opportunity to wear their uniform throughout the school day.

- Great Coronation Celebration Challenge - www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/coronation-challenge

As part of our engaging careers provision, Worldwide Fruit have recently worked with Year 7 and Year 9 to take part in an enterprise event that gives students insight to the world of work. Year 7 had a two-hour workshop which saw them mapping the journey of a Jazz apple from New Zealand to Scotland. Students were encouraged to consider the structure of a company and the responsibilities of different positions as they made up their own company and then had to look at various costings involved in the processes. The Year 9 enterprise challenge (pictured below) involved fruit wastage in the UK, specifically that from Worldwide Fruit and students were set the task of creating a product that would benefit a community with a budget of £500. With the initial task being to vote in a Team Leader, a New Product Development Manager and Finance Manager, the teams had to reflect on their individual skills and decide which team would be the best fit, a creative role or a more figure-focused one. Once a product had been agreed, the two teams worked on costings and logo design before presenting back to their peers. Well done to all of the students involved.



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To support students, we believe it is important to listen to the views of all students as we value student voice at our school. This term, we have launched a new initiative called 'Students Say, We Listen' where students can complete a quick form on our website to make comments and suggestions about the school. This is one of the many ways in which we enable students to play an active part in contributing to the school.

- Students Say, We Listen - www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/students-say-we-listen

We are developing the student leadership opportunities for the students, from supporting the school library, to being a Prefect. As part of the Sports Leaders some of our Year 10 took to Donington Primary on Tuesday to lead sessions on team building and communication skills to Years 3 and 4. We have also had students representing the school in the South Lincolnshire Track and Field Trials on Thursday.

Art and Design students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have had their work exhibited at the local Flower Festival being held in the St Mary and the Holy Rood Church in Donington. Well done to all of the students and a special mention to Matthew Harper and Ella Sawkins who curated the display (pictured below).



All students are required to carry their own basic equipment in order for lessons to start promptly and to encourage student responsibility. Please can I ask parents and carers to support the school by checking that their child is equipped for school with the basic stationery requirements, which includes a school bag. We will always lend equipment where necessary however it is a student's responsibility to carry basic stationery such as pens, pencils, ruler etc.

A reminder that Year 10 parents/carers will have received a link this week to book for the Online Parents Evening on Thursday 18th May 2023.

Finally, well done to Year 11 for their hard work as we are now approaching the final few days before the forthcoming examinations. We continue to encourage the students to maximise the time to revise, use all of the support that has been provided. This includes the students having subject specific assemblies for English, Maths and Science.

I hope you enjoy the Coronation celebrations and have a nice weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Martin".

Mr Glenn Martin
Head of School, Cowley Academy

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