



COWLEY  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It is hard to forget the soaring heat last July when the temperature reached a staggering 40°C which resulted in many schools across the country having to close. Although it wasn't quite as hot this week, it was still very warm! Despite the heat, our students kept cool by optimising the shaded areas during social times and keeping hydrated. Our students remained sensible during the heatwave and chose to apply sunscreen and to wear a hat as added protection. Student welfare is always of paramount importance and the relaxed uniform this week enabled our students to remain comfortable whilst at school. The communication from Mrs Conley earlier this week, informed parents and carers of all four Trust schools the measures to support students in this very warm period. However, as the weather forecast is looking different for next week, our students will be required to attend school each day in normal full school uniform (including their blazer).

We continually seek to reward our students in many different ways and this is an area we heavily invest in across our school. Our Key Stage 4 team planned a treat for a select group of Year 10 students just before half term who were the highest performing students in the recent AOL 2 data point. The students excelled in the progress made, as well as having outstanding scores to their Attitude to Learning (ATL). Well done to all of the students. We will be hosting our first ever House Celebration Evening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 for selected students to attend with their parents and carers. Further information will be shared soon.

Today was the final full cohort examination for Year 11. The students received their leavers hoodies and an ice lolly. We have been incredibly proud of the hard work and resilience shown from all of the students during this examination series. Students who are in Year 11 who will be pursuing their Post 16 studies at Bourne Academy will be looking forward to their Sixth Form Induction Day which will be taking place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023.

With Year 11 now leaving, the other Year groups are preparing to move yards and preparation for moving into a different Key Stage. This includes the movement of the yards which will be taking place over the coming week. Year 10 students have got their PPE examinations in Maths and students that selected Geography have their field trip on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

We are always impressed with the writing skills of our students, which is why we have launched a 'Summer Writing Competition' to showcase their passion for creative writing and demonstrating original ideas. The theme of the writing competition is 'My Biggest Inspiration' and students can write about any source of



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inspiration. All articles need to be submitted to the Library or via Show My Homework by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

As a school we continually aim to improve our communication and have set up the following email addresses to ensure that parents and carers can contact the right person, dependent on the enquiry.

- Year7@cowleyacademy.org.uk
- Year8@cowleyacademy.org.uk
- Year9@cowleyacademy.org.uk
- Year10@cowleyacademy.org.uk
- Year11@cowleyacademy.org.uk

Finally, we are thrilled that Matthew Harper in Year 10 has been shortlisted for the Secondary Student of the Year at the 2023 Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian Education Awards. Matthew is an outstanding student and an extremely talented artist who is working beyond his years. He has put Cowley Academy on the map with his art achievements at the Royal Academy of Arts and has dedicated his time with many extra-curricular activities to benefit the local community. Across the Trust, we have a total of ten nominations across five categories and are delighted that the talents, dedication and hard work of our students and staff are recognised so we can celebrate their achievements.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Cowley Academy

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