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# Head of School

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

As part of our PSHE provision, Year 8 on Monday had a variety of workshops delivered by their classroom teacher. These sessions included rail safety, budgeting and pet costs. Also, this week Year 8 and 10 students have had a specific session delivered regarding CPR, as you are aware this is an extremely important skill to understand how to implement. Students have been able to practice these valuable skills within this tailored lesson and receive the necessary information required if they were ever in the position to require this.

Careers is an important aspect to our curriculum to ensure students are prepared for the world of work. Year 10 students have been having appointments with Mrs Taylor our careers advisor, and on Monday students had an assembly with the South & East Lincolnshire Partnership.

On Tuesday was our first ever House Celebration Evening. This was an opportunity for students to be recognised within the House System. We had close to 200 people in attendance. Well done to all of the students that were part of this incredible evening.



Next week we have got our Film Festival for each Year group with some special surprises. This is a great opportunity for each year to celebrate together.



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On Wednesday we had our first ever SALAD Day which stands for Speaking and Listening Activity Day. As part of our whole school aim to further develop our Speaking and Listening skills, students from Years 7 and 8 focused on speaking and listening throughout the day, with little or no writing. The aim is to help the students develop their confidence, speaking and presentation skills.

We continue to develop our student leadership opportunities, and this includes some Year 10 students who supported the delivery of a Primary Rounders Festival on Thursday. Well done to all of the students.

We have been preparing our students to be equipped with knowledge and support about keeping themselves safe as they arrive at the six-week summer break. Next week in assemblies we will be reminding students how to keep safe over the summer period and signposting them to important contact details which can be found in our safeguarding area of the school website should they need some support, advice or help during the summer period, this includes our worried email – [worried@cowleyacademy.org.uk](mailto:worried@cowleyacademy.org.uk) which will be monitored over the summer break.

Finally, student safety and wellbeing are at the heart of our Trust and the safeguarding of our students is our highest priority. Our safeguarding and pastoral teams are here to support all students during their school career when they need some extra support, whether the need is student mental health, advice on keeping safe, or simply being worried about a friend. Nationally, over the last few years there has been a rise in self-harm cases, which has increased partly due to posts shared on social media. It is important that you or your child knows how to report or block this content online. If parents/carers or students have any concerns, they can always contact our safeguarding or pastoral teams for support.

We are constantly reviewing our safeguarding provision and policies in our schools to fully support all our students. Therefore, with this in mind, we have reviewed our banned items list for our Trust and we feel now is the right time to ban students bringing into school any item that would be classed as a bladed item, which will include students' own scissors and pencil sharpeners.

From September 2023, all classrooms will have a desk mounted pencil sharpener for students to access and we will provide other items needed for lessons, i.e. scissors as required. We feel this change is necessary to support our safeguarding measures. Please be reassured that we will update our student equipment list, safeguarding policy and behaviour policy to reflect this small modification.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

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