



COWLEY  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another great week at Cowley Academy. The school has been calm and excellent working atmosphere.

This week, we have launched our new ASPIRE Passport to our students in Years 7 to 9. In a special assembly, students were given their new passports to begin the challenges within them. The passport lists all the exciting challenges they can take part in, in order to achieve a Bronze, Silver or Gold award. Already, our amazing students are completing some of the Bronze tasks, including speaking a different language to asking parents and carers about their career journeys. There are a number of challenges parents/carers may sign to say these have been completed. I would like to remind you that photos of any cooked family meal are perfect - we do not need the actual meal being brought in. I cannot wait to celebrate our students achievements and the new skills they have learnt.



We are continuing to increase the opportunities for our young people with our enrichment programme and opportunities, for example this academic year with the introduction of trampolining into the PE curriculum.

Sports fixtures have started this week with football and netball fixtures against Giles Academy, and well done to all of the students who represented the school. I have also been impressed with the amount of Year 11 students that have already started to attend intervention sessions.

On Monday, we launched to Year 10 The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which is an outstanding opportunity and further information has been sent through Show My Homework.

Reading is an important aspect to our curriculum, with students in Years 7 and 8 reading three times a week during form time and using the Accelerated Reader Programme. To develop our provision further, this week our Year 10 Reading Ambassadors have had training to support our younger students.

Our Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 from 5.30pm to 8.00pm for students in Years 4 to 6. We are really looking to welcoming future students into our school.



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Our new Year 7 students have been settling into school life really well. I am really pleased with their uniform, enthusiasm in lessons and their politeness. Our transition team have been working really hard to lead activities to support our new students. These sessions have included:

- House competitions
- Travelling safely to and from school
- Safeguarding
- Rewards
- Show My Homework Launch App

Well done to Year 7 on their resilience and courage during their first weeks with us.

This week students have had their first assembly with their Heads of House, going through some of the exciting competitions and aims for the academic year. I am really looking forward to seeing as many students representing their Houses.

Finally, I would like remind parents that we are a nut aware school. The most common allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, fish and shellfish, soy and wheat. The most common allergy in our school is nut allergies, which can cause life threatening anaphylactic reactions to some of our students. Some students have allergies so severe, that even touching contaminated surfaces, or breathing in airborne nut protein, may cause an anaphylactic reaction. In order to maintain the safety of all students, we strongly request that parents/carers of students help us to ensure that all food brought into school is nut free. Nut based products (e.g. Snickers or nut bars) are not allowed on the school site.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Cowley Academy

## Upcoming key dates



Prospective students in **years 4 to 6** and their parents/carers are invited to our

# Open Evening

**Tuesday 26th September 2023**  
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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For students in years 10 and 11 who are considering their post-16 options, Bourne Academy Sixth Form will also have a separate Open Evening in November 2023.



Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

# SIXTH FORM Open Evening

**Thursday 9th November 2023**  
6.00pm to 8.00pm

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