



COWLEY
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 13th October 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Following a very rigorous process to appoint Head Students this year I am very pleased to congratulate Oli Clarke, Harvey Draper, Tolani Faboya, Lacie Holstead, Isobelle Rowe and Tyler Westbrook as our new Head Students for this academic year.

Following on from this, on Thursday we held our Prefect Breakfast, this is where Prefects and Head Students are provided with a complimentary breakfast and drink to thank them for their positive contribution to the whole school. We have a fantastic group of school ambassadors within the prefect team who have actively been organising duties and attending school events to promote the school during this first term.

We have been so impressed with the number of Year 11 students that are attending lunchtime and after school intervention. This is a crucial part of supporting our students in preparation for their summer examinations. A reminder that Year 11 have access to GCSEPod and please speak to their form tutors if they are struggling to login.

One of the successful reading initiatives we run in all schools across the Trust is DEAR Time, which stands for 'Drop Everything And Read'. These popular timetabled sessions at Cowley Academy take place three times a year (in Term 1, Term 3 and Term 5) with evidence that when students read for pleasure this will improve educational outcomes and personal wellbeing. This week Year 7 and 8 took part in DEAR, it was fantastic to see the wide variety of literacy activities taking place across all subjects. Well done to all of the students that have been chosen to be Junior Librarians.

As mentioned last week, our Year 10 students have benefited from 'Gambling Harm Prevention Workshops' as part of our PSHE programme, where we deliver age appropriate information to different year groups. To enable students to engage and ask questions, the sessions have been delivered in small class groups instead of an assembly. These thought-provoking workshops have been delivered by Education & Training Leads from 'Big Deal' who regularly work with schools to help educate young people about the harms of gambling. Our students learnt about the different types of gambling, what makes it appealing and how the gambling industry can appeal to young people, especially with the growing trend of in-game gambling through Esports platforms, skins betting and freemium apps. Students also understood how gambling can affect their mental health and the impact it can have on others such as parents, family, friends or work colleagues. Further information with links to resources and support is available on our website.



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Thank you to Year 10 parents and carers who have signed up to our 'How to Succeed at GCSE' evening next week. We now have over 70 parents signed up for the event on Thursday evening at 6.30pm. This will be an invaluable and informative evening to support and prepare your child for their upcoming examinations which take place throughout Year 10 and 11.

I have been impressed with the number of students that are attending the variety of enrichment opportunities, which includes attending the library, games club, sports activities, performing arts and many more. We encourage all of our students to maximize the opportunities that are available.

In Year 11 this week teachers have been inspiring and promoting Higher Education to our students during our 'Considering University Week'. This has consisted of teachers presenting their own 'university experience' and career route prior to teaching. Students have really enjoyed listening to the personal experiences of members of staff. For Year 11, information has been sent out about University information evening on Thursday 2nd November at 7pm.

I hope you all enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Glenn Martin

Head of School, Cowley Academy

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- www.instagram.com/CowleyAcademy
- www.facebook.com/CowleyAcademy
- www.twitter.com/CowleySLAT

Upcoming key dates

For students in years 10 and 11 who are considering their post-16 options, Bourne Academy Sixth Form have an 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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The banner features a photograph of a student smiling while reading a book. The Bourne Academy logo, which consists of a stylized infinity symbol, is positioned to the left of the event details. The background is a dark blue gradient with gold and white text.