



COWLEY  
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# Head of School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

This week, our students have been supporting the annual Poppy Appeal and learning about the Remembrance services which will take place over the weekend. Students have been donating to support our local Royal British Legion, as they help support the most vulnerable in our society. As a school, we held a minute's silence to mark the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the month. The Head Students and I have the honour of taking part in the Donnington Town Parade by laying a wreath on behalf of the school and the Trust, on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 followed by the service.

This week, during form time and as part of SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) programme, all year groups have been taking part in a 'Parliament Week' learning about the different parliaments, and as a school having a vote.

During House Assemblies we have launched the Student Council, which is another opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills, alongside increasing student voice. We are encouraging students to access the online application which has been sent through Show My Homework. Students working together is an important aspect to school life, and I have been delighted to watch some of the Year 10 Reading Ambassadors working with Year 7 in the school library. We continue to encourage Years 7 and 8 to complete as many quizzes on Accelerated Reader.

On Thursday was the opportunity to meet the Prefects for 'Prefect Breakfast' to celebrate their hard work and talk through how their studies are going and next destinations.

Last night Year 10 and 11 were invited to the SLAT Sixth Form Open Evening, which is based at Bourne Academy. It was a great opportunity to speak to current Sixth Form students and subject teachers for over 20 subjects on offer with a choice of academic and vocational study pathways. Due to the popularity of the Sixth Form, we advise that all applications are made by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to allow the Sixth Form to allocate students preferred subject choices. Applications made after this date may have limited subject options, but can still apply. Visit [www.bourneacademy.org/sixthform](http://www.bourneacademy.org/sixthform) for more information about the Sixth Form.

I am looking forward to our first ever Career fair next Wednesday, with a large number of businesses and employers attending the event, to help inspire our students to explore the careers opportunities available to them. Further information about the opportunity to visit as a parent/carer has been via Parentmail, so please remember to register for the after-school session.



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Year 11 Assembly this week has focused on their recent AOL data and promoting the intervention that is on during lunchtime and after school. The intervention programme is an important aspect to supporting the students with their academic studies. Students should also be accessing the GCSEPod which all students have the opportunity to use. It is proven to improve student attainment with regular use of the resource.

As a school community, it has always been important to us to seek stakeholder feedback. We appreciate and value all the feedback we receive from our parents/carers throughout the academic year. We would like to ask as many parents as possible, to complete our Trust feedback survey. We will use your stakeholder feedback, to ensure we continue to offer the best education our young people deserve. Please click <https://forms.office.com/e/W6W8Eq6FqU> to access the survey.

Finally, we were pleased to share exciting news that the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak visited Giles Academy who are part of our Trust on Wednesday. Please see the following link for details of the visit: [www.gilesacademy.co.uk/prime-minister-visits-giles](http://www.gilesacademy.co.uk/prime-minister-visits-giles)

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Cowley Academy

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