



COWLEY
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Head of School

Friday 1st December 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we are now in December and heading into the festive season!

One of our main priorities this academic year is to increase our Student Voice initiatives. Our new 'Students Say, We Listen' section on the website (www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/students-say-we-listen) is being used throughout the year, which is amazing. Each term we feedback to the students about their suggestions. Already, further promoted our extra-curricular activities and increased activities. Over and above this, we are also introducing a 'Student School Council'. We have launched this with students and I am really pleased to announce we have had over 80 applications from students who would like to join the council. We will shortlist the students and announce the new team in a future update.

As we move into the final two and a half weeks of term, all Year 11 students have received their PPE examination timetable and an exam assembly this week in preparation for the start of their exams on Tuesday 5th December 2023. We host a variety of intervention sessions during lunchtime and after school to support our students through this important time of year. We expect excellent attendance for our Year 11 students during their PPE season. Any absences from the examination season must be followed up with a medical note.

During December, students will be able to enjoy tucking into a traditional Christmas lunch and they can have it two weeks in a row as it will be served on Wednesday 6th December and Wednesday 13th December 2023.

I would like to remind you that we are holding our annual Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 7th December 2023 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. This is a very important evening for parents and carers, as it provides important information regarding your child's progress. We have already sent parents/carers information about this evening including how to book your appointment.

One of our school main priorities is 'Attendance'. Excellent and good attendance is so important, in order to have the maximum opportunity to, not only make good academic progress, but also in relation to supporting confidence and social skills. Thank you to all students who have maintained good or excellent attendance (above 90%) or those who have been working hard to improve their attendance.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Glenn Martin

Head of School, Cowley Academy



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