



COWLEY
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 8th December 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Thank you for completing our recent parent survey. The responses were overwhelmingly positive about our school. I appreciate the time it took for you to complete the survey and we have analysed this with our students and staff feedback too. I have included some headline results which we are really proud of:

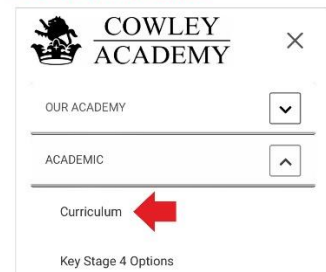
- 98% of our students feel safe in school
- 96% of staff are proud to be a member of our Trust

We will always address any areas which have been raised in this feedback. From the feedback, some parents highlighted they wanted more details on our curriculum intent. Our curriculum is under constant review and we make changes to what students learn across school and within subjects based on their feedback, progress and aspirations. We have detailed curriculum intent documents which are on our website - www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/curriculum and can be found under the 'Academic' menu tab (as shown below) and encourage parents to look. Here you will find our overall curriculum aims and delivery, plus you will also find each individual subject content, broken down into year groups and topics.

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We are immensely proud of the outcomes our students achieve through our curriculum, including their exceptional GCSE results in the core, EBacc subjects, in the technical and vocational areas. We believe that, our students have individual talents and abilities and are committed to providing a curriculum which is broad, rich and balanced in order to meet the needs of all. We value every curriculum subject area and students are encouraged to pursue a range of subjects reflecting their own interests and aspirations. This range is appropriate to age and ability ensuring students have the opportunity to learn and make the best progress possible. The 'Curriculum Journey' in each subject is underpinned by the National Curriculum and puts high challenge, enjoyment and breadth of experience at the heart of learning.



Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

As we approach the end of term, it has been an action-packed week of activity.

This week, Year 11 have been completing their PPE 2 Examinations. This is an opportunity for the students to develop their examination techniques, and working within exam conditions. Students have been focused and determined. Well done Year 11!

I would like to thank students for their impeccable behaviour, with contractors on site installing new windows and fascia for the Art and Geography rooms. This is another example of our continued focus to improve the school environment for the students.

On Wednesday this week there was an unprecedented demand for the Christmas Dinner! It was brilliant to see so many students enjoying their festive meal, pulling their cracker with friends and wearing their paper hats. It was so busy in our school canteen that we sold out completely! I wanted reassure parents that there are other items of hot and cold food available for students to have, if in the very few cases, that we are not able to offer the dinner due to selling out - it is a first come, first served basis.

We also held our Year 9 Parents' Evening online on Thursday evening. Our attendance to this session was incredible. It was lovely to hear so many positive progress conversations happening with our teachers, students and parents/carers. I hope the evening was very informative and gave you an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have in order to support your child further on their educational journey.

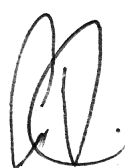
As mentioned in a previous newsletter, one of our amazing festive activities we have at Cowley Academy is to give something back to the local community by creating 'Christmas Hampers' for people who need to use the local foodbank in Boston. The Christmas hampers are scheduled to be delivered to the local foodbank in the last week of term. Visit www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/donating-christmas-hampers-2023 for further information on ideas of suitable items to donate.

This week during House assemblies we have been presenting awards to students who have achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold as part of the ASPIRE Passport. Well done to all of the students who have been recognised. A reminder the challenges are designed for students to complete at school and at home. This is the first term through our new initiative and we are so proud of all the students. We look forward to even more celebrations in Term 3 and 4.

On Thursday as part of our communication strategy we had our SALAD day for Years 7 and 8. This stands for 'Speaking And Listening Activity Day' where all lessons for the day involved little to no writing to encourage students to speak and listen. There was some fantastic speaking and listening activities with students fully engaged with the activities.

Finally, for students who completed GCSE and BTEC Level 2 examinations in 2023, these certificates are now ready for collection in person from the school. The last date they can be collected is Monday 15th January 2024. If students are now in the Sixth Form at Bourne Academy, we will make arrangements for them to collect their certificates. If someone is collecting on behalf of the student, we will need permission from the student. It is important that students keep the physical copies of certificates as they may need these for job, college or university applications as proof of achievement. If they do not keep, they may have to pay an administration charge to obtain copies from each examination board in the future. Please note that students Art & Design artwork can also be collected from the school. To collect artwork, liaise with the school 'in advance' so this can be made ready for collection.

Yours sincerely,



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