



COWLEY
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 15th December 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe it has been the final full week of term and my final letter of 2023!

Firstly, thank you to all students and parents for their generosity for the Christmas Hamper appeal. All of our form groups have been busy collecting food hampers to donate to our local food bank. Our students and their families have gone above and beyond for our local communities. We had to deliver all the hampers in our school minibus! Thank you to everyone.

Continuing with the Christmas theme we have had our final Christmas Dinner this week. Again, an overwhelming success with an absolute sell-out! It was great to see all of the students enjoying their dinner together with their peers.

Our staff team have been busy supporting our 'Just Giving Tree'. The appeal makes a huge difference to struggling families across South Holland and Boston, ensuring children who wouldn't get a present have something to open on Christmas Day. We feel we can make a difference to our local families. The Cowley Academy staff have been so generous this year. The number of presents collected is huge and the gifts are amazing! I would like to thank Mrs Kirk for organising this charity event and co-ordinating the gifts.

Thank you to all of the Year 11 students for their conscientious approach to their Pre-Public Examinations throughout these last few weeks. There has been endless independent revision undertaken, additional intervention classes attended and a high usage of GCSEpod throughout this period. Students have been well supported and their conduct has been excellent, PPE's continue next week with Art, Speaking and Listening for English and French Speaking. We have designed the PPE's to take place before the Christmas holiday period so students can then enjoy their break with their families and friends and not worrying about upcoming examinations. The results for these will be in January 2024.

Last week we had some students in Year 11 who took part in the Elite 11 yesterday - they did tremendously well and were determined to get the best possible scores they could. All students proudly represented Cowley Academy, showed great sportsmanship and kept their enthusiasm high all day by supporting one another during each activity.

All week we have held our Super Prize Draws for our highest achieving students in school in Year 7 to 9. All year groups have achieved very highly on this data point. We had a large number of students eligible to enter for this prize draw based on their incredible AOL data, attendance data and achievement grades. Students entered for the Super Prize Draw will also be able to sign off this task on the Aspire Passports!



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Also, in assemblies this week we have been reminding students how to remain safe over the Christmas period. This has included highlighting our worried@cowleyacademy.org.uk, the school email address where students can contact a member of the safeguarding team if they have a safety concern. During the weekends and holiday period staff will endeavour to respond when they are available to. In addition to this, we have added a list of contact numbers to our website where students can access further specialist support and guidance, including the emergency services.

Finally, just a polite reminder that we break up on at 3.15pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023. Please remember all year groups return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Thank you for all of your continued support this year, we have had an incredible year at Cowley Academy. I wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas break! I am excited for 2024 at Cowley Academy.

Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Glenn Martin

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