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Head of School

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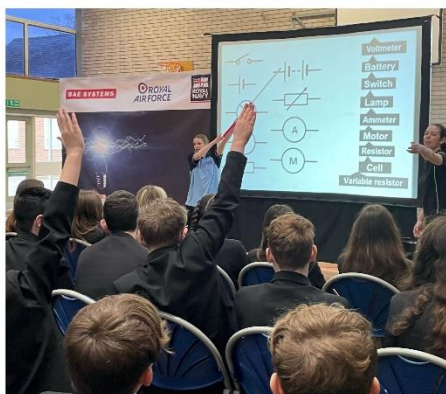
UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome to Term 4. We have had a great start to term this week. The students have come back to school in smart uniform and with super attitudes towards their learning.

Firstly, thank you to all parents for supporting their child with excellent attendance on return. This week are well beyond 90% attendance which we are focused as a school on maintaining and aiming even higher so we can be the top school for attendance in the Trust.

On Tuesday, our Year 7 and Year 8 students had the pleasure of taking part in a STEM session run by BAE Systems. The theme this year is 'Electricity'. This was a highly interactive show which explores what electricity is and how we generate it. Students and staff were amazed by some of the 'shocking' demonstrations. It was another great opportunity for our students at Cowley Academy.



Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

The SLAT games have returned for the second year running. Year 10 went first this season. The students (and staff) were all excited to see which school would top the league. We finished 3rd in the Netball and 2nd in the Football.

In celebration of 'World Book Day' on Thursday 7th March 2024, we are inviting our Year 7 students only to dress up as a character from their favourite book. They may arrive to school in their costume and remain in their costume throughout the day. They are welcome to bring with them a copy of the book that they are dressing as a character from but they do not need to do this. On this day, we are also having a 'Best Costume' competition in our Library. Students wishing to enter the competition should attend the Library at 1.20pm on the day. There will be prizes available for winning entries. We do ask please that parents/carers ensure costumes are appropriate for school and clearly relate to a character from a book. This is not an additional opportunity for a non-uniform day.

In conjunction with World Book Day, we are running a fantastic competition where students in all years can create an illustrated short story or poem aimed at primary school children (aged 4 to 6 years). Students can work on their own or in pairs with another student to develop their ideas and design their story by adding characters, colours and design to bring the story to life. The story or poem could be completely original or a re-imagined version of a childhood favourite by adding some big twists of your own. As a guide the story should take no more than 3 minutes to read. Competition entries should be submitted to the school library by Thursday 28th March 2024 and the competition is just for students at schools who are part of South Lincolnshire Academies Trust. The winners will be announced after the Easter holidays and they will have the opportunity to visit a local primary school to share their story with the primary school pupils. To reward students for their hard work and efforts, there will be prizes for the winners and highly commended entries plus the winner's stories will be published on our website.

With only 43 days left for Year 11 students until their first examination, we have been preparing for the final stages of support available for all students. All Year 11 students have been reminded about the intervention sessions available to them and we will be informing students and parents of the Easter Revision sessions planned over the two weeks break very shortly. I have been impressed with the number of students who are engaging with the National Tutoring Programme. We continue to encourage our students to use the GCSEPod to support with their revision.

In September, we launched our new reward Aspire Passports for KS3 students in Years 7 to 9. Every student received a booklet packed full of challenges they can choose to complete over the academic year in order to receive recognition and rewards at school. There are three awards for students to achieve – Bronze, Silver and Gold, these awards get more challenging as they complete the different levels.

Due to the commitment from our students on this new initiative we feel we can reward our students even further! From this term, in addition to their badges and certificates, students will receive:

- **Rewards points** for Bronze (100 points), Silver (250 points) and Gold (500 points)
- Access to an **exclusive end of term reward**, including a Film Festival and treats for all students who have achieved an award and badge
- **Love2Shop vouchers** for students who achieve Gold (£10 voucher) and Silver (£5 voucher) - students who have already achieved these awards during Terms 1 to 3 will receive a voucher too!

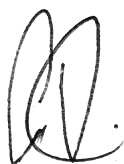
As a Trust, we have awarded over 500 badges. This equates to over two thousand challenges completed by our students. I would like to thank parents for supporting students with their home challenges, including baking cakes! We feel these additional rewards are necessary as students have worked really hard to achieve their awards. We also hope this will encourage more students to take part in our Aspire Passport reward scheme.

I would like to remind all Year 8 parents/carers about the Parents Evening that is taking place on Wednesday 6th March 2024. This is a very important meeting and the first feedback from subject teachers since your child joined the school. Details will follow on how to sign up for the evening in due course.

Finally, included in the update this week is our extra-curricular and Year 11 intervention classes for Term 4. Please share this with you child. Hopefully students will look to try something new and for our Key Stage 3 students this will be another task completed for their Aspire Passport.

What a fantastic start to the new term we have had!

Yours sincerely,



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Extra-curricular activities

TERM 4 (Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024)

Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	Year 7	Courts	Mr Garmory
Sport	Volleyball	All Years	Gym	Mr Brader
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Years 10/11	Room 11	Miss Earth
DofE	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Years 10/11	Music Room	Miss Kilby
English	Creative Writing Club	Years 7/8/9	Room 18	Mr Broadhurst
History	History Intervention	Year 11	Room 1	Mrs Baker
Religious Studies	Religious Studies Club	Years 7/8/9	Room 17	Mr Grassby
Science	Science Club	Years 7	Lab 3	Dr Wright
Science	Science Intervention (Foundation)	Years 10/11	Lab 4	Miss Foster
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	Year 8	Courts	Miss Earth
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Years 10/11	Tech 2	Miss Carter
Maths	Math Intervention (Higher)	Year 11	Room 3	Mrs Green
Music	Choir Practice	All Years	Music Room	Miss Kilby
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	Year 9	Courts	Mr Worth
Art	Art Intervention	Years 10/11	Art Room / Tech 3	Miss O'Callaghan / Mrs King
English	English Intervention	Year 11	Room 13	Subject Teachers
Music	Music Intervention	Years 10/11	Music Room	Miss Kilby
Religious Studies	RS Intervention	Year 11	Room 17	Mr Grassby
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	Year 10	Courts	Miss Carter
Sport	Cricket	All Years	Gym	Mr Garmory
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Years 10/11	Tech 2	Miss Earth
French	French Intervention	Years 10/11	Rooms 21 / 22	Miss Marsden / Miss Simeoli
Maths	Math Intervention (Foundation)	Year 11	Room 3	Subject Teachers
Music	Year 10 Band Practice	Year 10	Music Room	Miss Kilby
Science	Science Intervention (Higher)	Year 11	Lab 2	Mr Peake

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	Basketball	Year 11	Courts	Mr Brader
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Years 10/11	Tech 2	Mr Garmory
Art	Art Club	All Years	Tech 3	Miss O'Callaghan / Mrs King
Music	KS3 Music Club	Years 10/11	Music Room	Miss Kilby
PSHE	LGBTQ+ Club	All Years	Room 14	Miss Bird

After school extra-curricular activities

Unless otherwise arranged by the organiser, all after-school activities will run for one hour. All after-school sports run from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

MONDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Football	Years 7/8	Field	Mr Brader
TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Mixed Trampolining	Years 7/8	Gym	Miss Carter
Art	Art Club	All Years	Art Room	Miss O'Callaghan / Mrs King
Geography	Geography Intervention	Year 11	Room 9	Miss Garside
Maths	Maths Intervention	Year 11	Room 3	Subject Teachers
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Girls Netball	All Years	Gym	Miss Carter / Miss Earth
Sport	Football	Years 9/10/11	Field	Mr Brader
Art	Art Club	All Years	Art Room	Miss O'Callaghan / Mrs King
English	English Intervention	Year 11	Room 13	Subject Teachers
Performing Arts	School Show Rehearsals	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Millard / Miss Kilby
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	Volleyball	All Years	Gym	Mr Garmory
Sport	Sport Leaders	Years 10/11	Room 19	Mr Brader
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Years 10/11	Tech 2	PE Teachers
Art	Art Club	All Years	Art Room	Miss O'Callaghan / Mrs King
History	History Intervention	Year 11	Room 16	Miss Tarry
Music	Music Intervention	All Years	Music Room	Miss Kilby
Performing Arts	Dance Class (Ballet, Tap & Jazz)	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Millard
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Years 10/11	Tech 2	PE Teachers
Performing Arts	School Show Rehearsals	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Millard / Miss Kilby