



COWLEY
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 8th March 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had another fabulous week with many student opportunities and successes to be celebrated.

This week has been National Careers Week with members of staff sharing their education and career paths both in assemblies and at the start of their lesson.

On Tuesday, I also had the honour of supporting four of our students with their RAF Cadet celebration evening, at St Marys & St Nicholas Church, in Spalding. The Awards evening was a great opportunity to congratulate Cowley Academy students who are new cadets into the Squadron. We also celebrated the successes of the cadets and what they have done throughout the last year. The RAF Cadets unit is dedicated to promoting leadership, teamwork, and character development in young people, and we believe that these values align with the goals of our school. We have invited in the RAF Cadet Team to deliver assemblies to all students who can access this great local opportunity.



Also, on Tuesday, we had SALAD Day which stands for 'Speaking and Listening Activity Day' for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. This is where all of the lessons for the day involved little to no writing to encourage students to speak and listen. Normally, the classrooms around school are quiet and calm, but the decibels were notched up as we encouraged students to learn differently for the whole day. There was debating, presenting, group discussion, teamwork activities and much more. There have been some fantastic lessons planned by teaching staff across all subjects to incorporate speaking and listening in the classroom.

We continue to promote and encourage Year 11 students to complete as much revision as possible to maximise the time left at school, remember the more loyalty cards completed the more prizes that can won by attending the intervention sessions!



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We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday, with our Year 7 students were able to celebrate 'World Book Day' by coming to school dressed as their favourite character from a book, which includes many classics, young adult's fiction, graphic novels and biographies. It was optional for students to participate in, and we were impressed there were so many amazing costumes with lots of thought, effort and imagination gone into them. To reward our students for taking part, we held a 'Best Costume' competition in the Library where there were gift voucher prizes and certificates to the winners. It was very difficult choose a winner! Congratulations to Lacey Green (1st place), Jersey Ekins & Jasmine Bavetta (2nd place) and Anna Mae Peel-Hill (3rd place) and also everyone who took part.



Finally, I would like to remind parents/carers that on Friday 15th March 2024, it is Comic Relief / Red Nose Day and we will traditionally hold a non-uniform day at the school. A letter has been sent out this week to remind parents/carers about the non-uniform clothing that can be worn on this day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Glenn Martin

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