



COWLEY  
ACADEMY

# Head of School

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a fantastic return to school for the Summer Term. There has been a really positive atmosphere around the school as students returned in good spirit, with smart presentation and ready to learn.

Year 11 students have been continuing to focus all week on final preparations for their summer examinations. All students are continuing to work hard following excellent attendance at the revision sessions over the Easter holiday break. There are now only 11 school days until the first written examination and we are encouraging all students to maximise all opportunities in school and utilise GCSEPod and other revision methods to gain the grades they deserve at this final stage.

In addition to this, there is still time for Year 11 students to purchase a Prom ticket where we can celebrate the students' time at Cowley Academy.

Over the course of this week, our Year 10 students have been sitting a number of Pre-Public Examinations (PPE) in various subject areas. These PPEs, commonly known as 'mock exams' have taken place in formal exam conditions within the School gym. It has provided our students an opportunity to experience what is to be expected when they sit their final GCSE examinations next academic year. I would like to express my gratitude to each Year 10 student for the level of focus and commitment they have shown in each exam. The feedback from the invigilators describes our students as exceptional which makes us all very proud! Our Year 10 cohort will continue with their remaining PPEs next week which will include various subjects, including English and science.

Today, our Year 9 students had their KS4 Options assembly with further information being sent out next week on the subjects and next steps. We realise that this is one of the most important decisions of their educational career, this is why we have dedicated a whole section on our school website to help students through the decision-making process in order to get it right. Students must choose their subjects by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 and the Options Form will be sent via ParentMail w/c Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024. We will then confirm the subjects for each student during the month of June. In the week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, students in Year 9 will not be set any subject homework. Instead, we are asking them to study the subject information that can be found via the links below and watching the subject videos.

At the end of this update, you will find details of the extra-curricular, enrichment and Year 11 revision sessions that take place during lunchtimes and after-school. We encourage you to look at this as these provide fantastic opportunities for students and there is something for all year groups.




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Finally, to commemorate and celebrate the 250th birthday and homecoming of Matthew Flinders, our students are invited to take part in an Art competition which will be displayed at the Matthew Flinders Party on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and in a future museum. The competition is open to Key Stage 4 students only and all artistic medium are welcome to be submitted. The artwork can be based around the themes of nautical travel, Australian botany or Matthew Flinders himself. All entries should be submitted to Miss O Callaghan, Head of Art. Additional information is available on the link below:

[www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/matthew-flinders-art-competition](http://www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/matthew-flinders-art-competition)

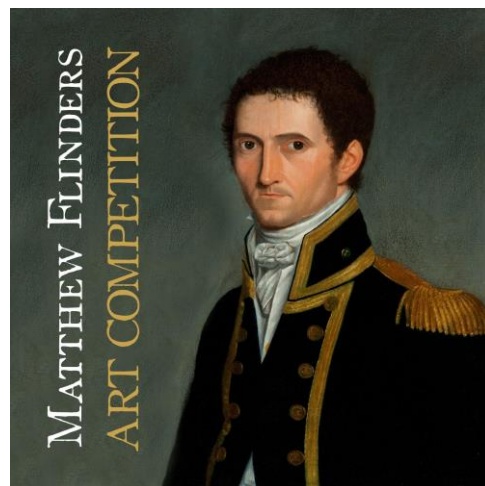
I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Cowley Academy



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# Extra-curricular activities

**TERM 5** (Tuesday 16th April to Friday 24th May 2024)

## Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Basketball</b>	Year 7	Courts	Mr Garmory
Sport	<b>Volleyball</b>	All Years	Gym	Mr Brader
Sport	<b>CNAT Intervention</b>	Years 10/11	Room 11	Miss Earth
DofE	<b>The Duke of Edinburgh's Award</b>	Years 10/11	Music Room	Miss Kilby
English	<b>Creative Writing Club</b>	Years 7/8/9	Room 13	Mr Doyle
French	<b>French Club</b>	Year 7	Room 22	Miss Simeoli
History	<b>History Intervention</b>	Year 11	Room 1	Mrs Baker
Religious Studies	<b>Religious Studies Club</b>	Years 7/8/9	Room 17	Mr Grassby
Science	<b>Science Club</b>	Years 7	Lab 3	Dr Wright
Science	<b>Science Intervention (Foundation)</b>	Years 10/11	Lab 4	Miss Foster
TUESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Basketball</b>	Year 8	Courts	Miss Earth
Sport	<b>CNAT Intervention</b>	Years 10/11	Tech 2	Miss Carter
Maths	<b>Math Intervention (Higher)</b>	Year 11	Room 3	Mrs Green
Music	<b>Choir Practice</b>	All Years	Music Room	Miss Kilby
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Basketball</b>	Year 9	Courts	Mr Worth
Art	<b>Art Intervention</b>	Years 10/11	Art Room / Tech 3	Miss O'Callaghan / Mrs King
English	<b>English Intervention</b>	Year 11	Rooms 12 / 13 / 14 / 15 / 18	Subject Teachers
Food	<b>Food Intervention</b>	Years 10/11	Tech 1	Miss Lake
Music	<b>Music Intervention</b>	Years 10/11	Music Room	Miss Kilby
Religious Studies	<b>RS Intervention</b>	Year 11	Room 17	Mr Grassby
THURSDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Basketball</b>	Year 10	Courts	Miss Carter
Sport	<b>Cricket</b>	All Years	Gym	Mr Garmory
Sport	<b>CNAT Intervention</b>	Years 10/11	Tech 2	Miss Earth
French	<b>French Intervention</b>	Years 10/11	Rooms 21 / 22	Miss Marsden / Miss Simeoli
Maths	<b>Math Intervention (Foundation)</b>	Year 11	Room 3	Subject Teachers
Music	<b>Year 10 Band Practice</b>	Year 10	Music Room	Miss Kilby
Science	<b>Science Intervention (Higher)</b>	Year 11	Lab 2	Mr Peake

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME				
Sport	<b>Basketball</b>	Year 11	Courts	Mr Brader
Sport	<b>CNAT Intervention</b>	Years 10/11	Tech 2	Mr Garmory
Art	<b>Art Club</b>	All Years	Tech 3	Miss O'Callaghan / Mrs King
Geography	<b>Geography Intervention</b>	Years 10/11	Room 10	Mrs Collinson
Music	<b>School Orchestra Club</b>	Years 10/11	Music Room	Miss Kilby
PSHE	<b>LGBTQ+ Club</b>	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.

TUESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>Netball</b>	All Years	Gym	Miss Earth
Sport	<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b>	All Years	Field	Mr Brader
Art	<b>Art Club</b>	All Years	Art Room	Miss O'Callaghan / Mrs King
Food	<b>Food Club</b>	Year 7	Tech 1	Miss Lake
Maths	<b>Maths Intervention</b>	Year 11	Room 3	Subject Teachers
WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>Athletics Club</b>	All Years	Field	Miss Carter / Miss Earth / Mr Brader
Art	<b>Art Club</b>	All Years	Art Room	Miss O'Callaghan / Mrs King
English	<b>English Intervention</b>	Year 11	Rooms 12 / 13 / 14 / 15 / 18	Subject Teachers
THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>Cricket</b>	All Years	Field	Mr Garmory
Sport	<b>CNAT Intervention</b>	Years 10/11	Tech 2	PE Teachers
Art	<b>Art Club</b>	All Years	Art Room	Miss O'Callaghan / Mrs King
History	<b>History Intervention</b>	Year 11	Room 16	Miss Tarry
Music	<b>Music Intervention</b>	All Years	Music Room	Miss Kilby
Performing Arts	<b>Dance Class (Ballet, Tap &amp; Jazz)</b>	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Millard
FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL				
Sport	<b>CNAT Intervention</b>	Years 10/11	Tech 2	PE Teachers
Performing Arts	<b>Rehearsals</b>	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Millard / Miss Kilby