



COWLEY  
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# Head of School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Firstly, on Wednesday, our Year 10 students engaged in a Stay Safe Day where the structure of the day allows for our students to hear from external specialist speakers. This raises awareness of important life topics such as Road Safety, Domestic Abuse, County Lines, Substance Abuse and Online Safety. The students were very engaged in the programme and were commended on being able to deal with the sensitive topics in a mature way, whilst actively engaging in the lessons.

Last week, we took our Athletics team to the district competition. Well done to all of the students that competed and represented the school. Some of the highlights include:

- Anastasia Bratchley 1st in 300m
- Gracie Dyke 3rd in High Jump
- Emma Holt 2nd in Shot
- Lacie Holstead 2nd in Triple Jump
- Oli Wright 3rd in High Jump
- Archie Bingham 2nd in Discus
- Dolbie Elding 4th in Triple Jump

I have been delighted with the number of Art & Design students that have had their work exhibited at a local Flower Festival being held in the St Mary & The Holy Rood Church in Donington.

Congratulations to all Year 11 students for an excellent start to their GCSE examinations this week with the first whole year group examination today. I couldn't be prouder of how the Year 11 students are preparing and revising for their examinations and utilising every opportunity open to them possible to get the grade they deserve – well done to all and keep up the good work! A reminder for our students to sign up for the May revision sessions whilst continuing to use the revision resources.

On Thursday, for Years 7 and Year 8 we held DEAR Time, which stands for 'Drop Everything And Read'. It doesn't matter what subject students are timetabled to study at the time – whether it is Science, Maths, Art, Music or Food Technology – the whole class drops everything and reads. This is a fantastic opportunity to work together on our Communications agenda, raising awareness of varied texts and reading opportunities to support the learning in the classroom. There were some excellent examples of this seen across the school with highlights seen across the range of subjects.



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In order to promote online safety for our young people, the Stay Safe Partnership at Lincolnshire Country Council are hosting an online event on Microsoft TEAMS for all parents/carers in Lincolnshire. The session is highly recommended as it will be specifically focused on secondary school students and offers valuable information to parents/carers regarding the latest apps, online platforms and social media trends which are available to our young people as well as parental controls. The event will take place on Wednesday 19th June 2024 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. To sign up for this free online event please register in advance by visiting: [www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1238529](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1238529)

Finally, this weekend is the Spalding Flower parade which is a fantastic local event for the family, with the parade starting at 11am at the Castle Sports Ground on Pinchbeck Road.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr Glenn Martin**

Head of School, Cowley Academy

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