



COWLEY
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 13th September 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a fantastic week as we have settled into our first full week of lessons. I continue to be very impressed by the return of all students and, in particular, how well our Year 7 students have settled into school displaying a superb positive attitude! It has been brilliant to meet so many Year 7 students this week, they have all dealt with the transition to secondary school so maturely.

It was a privilege to attend the annual Upper School Awards Evening held last night at the Springfields Events & Conference Centre in Spalding. The evening celebrated the successes of some of our former Year 11 students. Invited to the event were subject award winners and overall winners in respect of achievement. We are immensely proud of all our young people and wish them the very best in their next steps of education. Details and photos of the winners will be on the school website and our social media.

- www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/upper-school-awards-evening-2024



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Parents of our new Year 7 will be aware via a separate communication from Mr Martin that all Year 7 students will be completing their CATS tests from next week. Students do not need to practice for these assessments and they are not something to worry about. They are similar to an IQ test in that they are designed to measure a student's potential rather than testing specific knowledge. We will reassure our new students in tutor time and assemblies to ensure students are not concerned.

Our Open Evening is nearly upon us, this year being held on Tuesday 24th September 2024. It is an important evening in the Cowley Academy calendar as we prepare for a large amount of visitors from the local community. Due to the popularity of this event we are reaching out to our Year 8 students and Year 11 Prefects to be tour guides for the event as well as students in other years to help support in departments. Please save the date in your calendars if your child is hoping to be a tour guide or support one of our departments – letters with permission slips will follow next week. In addition to this, parents - please can you promote this event to any parent and child in Years 4-6 that may be interested in joining our fantastic school!



The banner features a photograph of a young girl in a school uniform looking through a microscope. To the right, text invites prospective students in years 4 to 6 and their parents to an Open Evening on Tuesday 24th September 2024, from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. A starburst graphic says 'SAVE THE DATE'. The Cowley Academy logo is also present, and the motto 'Aspire • Challenge • Achieve' is written at the bottom.

Prospective students in **years 4 to 6** and their parents/carers are invited to our

Open Evening

Tuesday 24th September 2024
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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This week some of our Year 11 students received results for their BTEC courses which equate to 30% of their overall final grade. There were many students celebrating as their hard work and commitment to their studies had paid off in their first stage of securing part of their overall grade! Congratulations to all!

Year 10 have also had a fantastic start to school as they start their journey on their new timetable of their chosen option subjects – including Maths, English and Science. To support the success in their first of their two important Key Stage 4 years we are holding an Exam Success Evening for all Year 10 parents on Thursday 17th October 2024, we will send out more information about this event nearer the time but for now please save the date.

Our students look incredibly smart and well presented on return to school – thank you to all parents in supporting our uniform code. Uniform reminder: as the summer is coming to an end and we head into the winter months please can I remind students that a black v-neck jumper is available to wear under the blazer as an optional item of uniform. The round neck sweater is a PE item of uniform and must only be worn for PE.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mrs Kath Kilby

Head of School, Cowley Academy

Upcoming key dates



Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

SLAT SIXTH FORM Open Evening

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**BOURNE
ACADEMY**

Thursday 7th November 2024
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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- www.facebook.com/CowleyAcademy
- www.twitter.com/CowleySLAT