



COWLEY
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 27th September 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had a very busy week this week at Cowley Academy.

On Tuesday we had our annual Open Evening which was a fantastic evening and gave us an opportunity to showcase our amazing school. There were over 200 student helpers who volunteered to promote our subjects and provide tours to new families and these students were an absolute credit to our school. Their enthusiasm and positivity throughout the whole evening was incredible. We welcomed over 800 visitors and the feedback we have received has been incredible. We cannot wait to meet our future students and start their transition to secondary school.



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Last weekend, our PE department took 29 netball players from Year 8 to 11 to PGL in Boreatton Park (near Shrewsbury) for a weekend of netball and adventure activities. The weekend was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to not only compete against other schools but, to also develop their teambuilding skills. Over the weekend each year group participated in a tournament of six netball games over two days – VERY wet days! Although, we did not reach any semi-finals, a huge highlight was the Year 9 team beating both Bourne Academy and Spalding Academy.

The trip to PGL was not just about the netball, the students had the opportunity to take part in a variety of adventure activities such as the giant swing, trapeze, zip line, climbing and archery. There was also some fantastic evening entertainment: camp fire and then a silent disco - which saw some questionable dancing from not only the students but, Miss Earth and Miss Pratt! A shout out goes to Autumn-Rose Payne in Year 11 who managed to get all the students dancing from Cowley, Bourne and Spalding Academy on the first night! During the awards ceremony the students were fortunate enough to receive a talk from Anya Williams who is currently playing on the Manchester Thunder team and is part of the Roses Academy at just age 17.

All the students were a credit to the school as they showed great team spirit and resilience. A huge well done to the following students who received votes for Players Player and Coach's Player from Miss Carter, Miss Earth and Miss Pratt.

- Players Player: Autumn-Rose Payne, Gracie-May Tew and Ellie Hilton
- Coach's Player: Jorja Reid, Brooke Chambers and Teya Dyke



On Thursday we celebrated the 'European Day of Languages', students engaged in a range of fun activities and competitions. Each of the form groups across the school competed to make a languages 'graffiti wall', covering their sheet with words in different languages, as well as drawings of flags and messages about the importance of languages and why we should learn them. The forms with the best graffiti walls won prizes!

But that's not all for competition; another competition has been launched across the school on Satchelone to complete an activity of choice from a given list. Students can either: upload a picture of something related to European language/culture, write and upload a small paragraph as to why they feel learning languages is important, create a poster with the theme 'languages for peace'. This selection of activities makes the competition accessible and appealing to all and what's more, students can earn points for their houses and there will be prizes for the best entry in each category!

Also on Thursday as part of our PSHE programme we invited a representative from Lincolnshire County Council to deliver an assembly to our Year 11 students relating to Young Passenger Awareness. Students had a series of tasks to complete during the session and all students found this very thought provoking. Our PSHE programme is mapped each academic year to ensure all of our students are receiving pertinent and age-appropriate information to continually build the personal development of our young people.

Today in assembly our Year 10 students have had a letter to advertise our 'How To Succeed at GCSE Evening'. This is a very informative night led by Mr Hind, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, myself and Mrs Cairns regarding preparation, support and revision tips for Key Stage 4 and in the lead up to examinations. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Finally, staff at the school today have been supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning by having a 'Bake A Cake' stall. Thank you to the staff that contributed to this event and supporting a fantastic cause! Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

K. M. Kilby

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

Thursday 7th November 2024
5.30pm to 8.00pm

SAVE THE DATE

BOURNE ACADEMY

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The banner features a photograph of a young woman with long brown hair and safety goggles, smiling and holding a flask with purple liquid. The background is dark blue with gold and white text. A white starburst graphic contains the text 'SAVE THE DATE'. The Bourne Academy logo, which consists of two crossed swords, is positioned to the left of the event details. The tagline 'Aspire • Challenge • Achieve' is written in a gold, sans-serif font at the bottom right.

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