



COWLEY
ACADEMY

Head of School

Friday 11th October 2024

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe we only have one week left of this term! As usual, we have had another successful week at Cowley Academy.

Our Year 7 students have now come to the end of their 'official transition to secondary school'. I must compliment how remarkably well the students have settled in, thanks to the collaborative efforts of our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and enthusiastic students. The transition program, which included Show My Homework, wellbeing, and introductory PHSE and careers sessions, has been a great success. Students have adapted to their new environment with confidence and enthusiasm. We are thrilled to report that our Year 7 students have shown exceptional academic performance. Their curiosity and eagerness to learn have been evident in their participation and achievements across various subjects. Teachers have noted the students' positive attitudes and willingness to engage in classroom activities, setting a strong foundation for their future studies. As you know, we will now re-timetable our groupings based on the CATs scores for Monday 14th October 2024.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support and involvement. Your engagement in school activities, and home support has been invaluable in helping your children thrive during this transition period.

This week, we have launched our second year of the Aspire Passports for students in Years 7 to 10. I have carried out assemblies all week to inform students of the process and to give them their passports. The Aspire Rewards Passports are designed to recognise and celebrate the achievements and positive behaviours of all our students. This innovative initiative aims to motivate and inspire students to strive for excellence in all aspects of their school life, not just academic.

The Aspire passports should come home for you to see, as some of the challenges requires your support and signature. We encourage parents to support their children in this program by discussing their goals and celebrating their achievements at home. Your involvement and encouragement will be key to the success of the Aspire Passport.



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Yesterday we held our hugely successful Careers Fair. The support and effort from our local and national businesses was incredible. We welcomed over 25 exhibitors to what was only the second time we had organised such an event. All students had the opportunity to visit the careers fair with Years 9 to 11 having specific timed slots during lesson time and Years 7 to 8 being able to visit at lunchtime. We were also pleased to be able to offer parents/carers the opportunity to visit at the end of the day. All students were exceptionally well behaved, approaching companies and educators with confidence and asking questions with genuine interest. Some of the feedback we received from exhibitors on the day were amazing, including *"we were blown away by how engaged the students are"*, *"impressed by the students questioning and interest"* and *"surprised by the confidence to talk to adults and how polite they are"*.

On Wednesday, a group Year 10 students attended a STEM trip to Skegness Academy. The talks were organized by AeroDiscover and ranged from satellite debris, flying, maintaining and designing aircrafts. There were many thought-provoking questions, including describing fossil fuel combustion engines as 'Stone Age technology' and futuristic concepts about air taxis and the use of AI in aeronautics. The students were highly engaged, especially with the talks on alternative fuels. The students were engrossed in his stories about 'blowing things up' in his back garden (and shed)! Year 10 also had their perceptions of electric cars challenged, and the question of using plastics as a fuel as a closed loop was also explored.

Finally, we celebrated sporting success this week when our Year 7 football team played their first match as a team against Haven High Academy. They drew 2-2 at full-time and won 3-2 on penalties. Reece and Alfie scored in normal time and Jay-Lee saved 3 penalties in the shoot-out. Players Player of the match was Jay-Lee who made some excellent saves to keep us in the game and Managers Player of the match was Bailey Sanders.



I hope everyone has 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

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 7th November 2024
5.30pm to 8.00pm

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