

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 11 Online Parents' Evening last night. It was extremely well attended and provided a valuable final opportunity for an informative discussion before students enter their formal examinations.

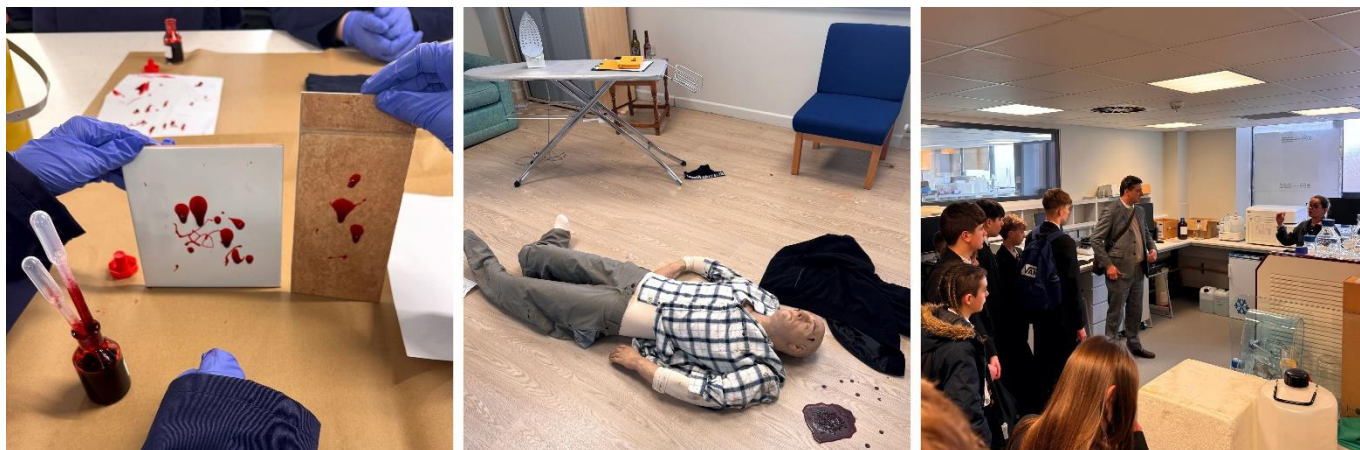
Year 11 students received their PPE results last week. Following a detailed review of every student's performance, we have made adjustments to ensure targeted support is in place. As a result, students may now have a different tutor during registration time, as these sessions have become subject specific intervention groups. This approach allows us to deliver tailored support from subject specialists in the lead up to the exams. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 also have full access to GCSEPod, an effective and highly recommended revision resource.

The Stay Safe Partnership at Lincolnshire County Council will be running a FREE Parent Webinar in conjunction with Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 6pm to 7pm. The theme of the webinar will be 'AI - The Good, The Bad, The Ugly'. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a hot topic and is now part of everyday life - from homework helpers to fun creative tools. But how can parents make sure it's used safely and wisely? Learn how AI can support learning and creativity as well as what to watch out for, like chatbots and misinformation. The webinar will also provide simple tips for family conversations and using parental controls. To book, please visit: [www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2024139](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2024139)

On Wednesday, we had our very first Live Lounge during lunchtime in the Music Studio. We saw performances from our Year 8 students Aleks and Poppy as well as Year 10 students Lexie, Sienna and Jess. The students selected and prepared their songs independently and performed to 35 students. The next Live Lounge will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at lunchtime in the music studio. The line up is already confirmed for this date but students are still able to apply for the following terms Live Lounge's by signing up with Miss Sanderson in the Music Department.



Also on Wednesday, a group of our Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge to take part in a Forensic Science Discovery Day. During the visit, students explored a simulated crime scene, carried out crime scene investigations, and took part in blood spatter analysis, giving them a hands-on insight into how science is used to uncover the truth. The day also included a campus tour and an introduction to university life, allowing students to experience what studying at a university is really like and to learn about future pathways into science and STEM-related careers. The visit was an inspiring opportunity that helped raise aspirations and broaden students' understanding of higher education. Thank you to Mrs Berry for organising this trip.



At Cowley Academy, we are proud to be a Reading School, where reading is central to our culture. Students in Years 7 and 8 take part in daily form time reading to help build confidence, vocabulary and a lifelong love of books. We also use Accelerated Reader, which supports students in choosing appropriately levelled books, tracking their progress and celebrating their achievements. Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey at home.

Student wellbeing remains at the heart of everything we do. Our Student Wellbeing Charter sets out our commitment to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of every learner across the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust. The charter is available on our website within the Student Wellbeing section, where families can explore the full range of pastoral, literacy, careers, enrichment and Young Carer support available.

Have a lovely weekend

Kindest regards,

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