



COWLEY
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Head of School UPDATE

Friday 13th February 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

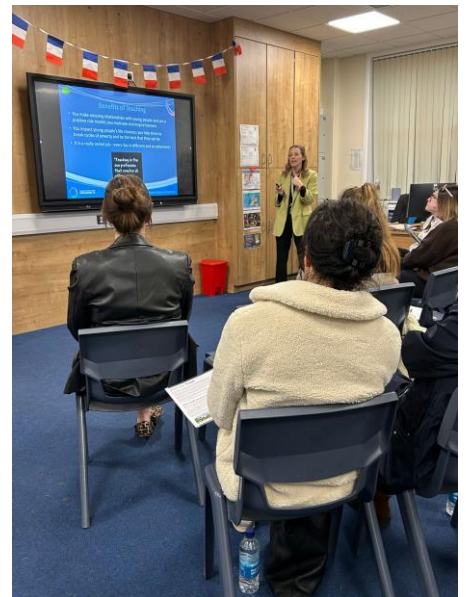
On Thursday this week, we celebrated the end of the Year 11 Prefect duties with a celebration Prefect Breakfast. They now hand over the baton to Year 10 students who have been selected for Temporary Prefect positions following successful applications. We have been able to award lots of students in Year 10 with temporary prefect status in this trial position prior to being awarded full prefect status. Congratulations to all Year 10 students who have been awarded this important role in the school.

On Tuesday, we held our first Young Carer Breakfast, which was an opportunity to share with students the support that is available. Further information on the support for Young Carers is available on the website (www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/young-carers).

On Thursday, our Year 10 cohort took part in an engaging and interactive workshop delivered by Lincolnshire Police that examined knife crime and its impact on those who carry, use or are victims. The workshops are designed to change young people's attitudes to knife crime and removing the myths that carrying a knife will protect you. Students considered both the victim and the perpetrators to show young people how their choices can have long lasting consequences. Students examined an actual cold case from Lincolnshire, working in groups to weigh up the evidence and examine the consequences. They explored concepts such as Joint Enterprise, in which two or more defendants can be convicted of the same offense even when they have different levels of involvement.

On Wednesday evening, we were delighted to be able to host a successful 'Get Into Teaching' event, welcoming prospective trainees interested in starting a career in education. Attendees were introduced to Lincolnshire ITT, learning about the course structure, the balance of in-school training and professional study, and the support available throughout the programme. The application process was clearly explained, helping guests understand each stage and how to prepare effectively. The event concluded with an opportunity for attendees to speak directly with experienced staff, ask questions, and gain valuable advice. It was an informative and engaging session, giving aspiring teachers the clarity and confidence to take their next steps into teaching.

For anyone who was unable to attend, there will be an additional 'Get Into Teaching' event taking place at Bourne Academy on Wednesday 18th March 2026. Details can be found on our website.





I would like to congratulate Abbie Westbook in Year 9 who recently took part in a Young Writers competition to write a Ghost Story. "Young Writers" run competitions across the UK to promote poetry and creative writing. Abbie's story has been selected to be published in a book which is showcasing young writer's work. The book when published will be called Ghost Stories 2025 - Midnight Madness. Abbie has been presented with a certificate of recognition in assembly this week.

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to remind parents and students about our safeguarding support available over the holiday period. If any student requires support for an out-of-school hours concern, we have a designated email address: worried@cowleyacademy.org.uk. This account is monitored during the holiday by designated staff. While responses may not be immediate due to the holiday period, please be reassured that support and guidance will be provided as soon as possible. Additional external safeguarding support and helplines can be found on: www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/safeguarding and wider wellbeing resources can be found on: www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/student-wellbeing-charter

Term 3 has been an amazing term and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 23rd February 2026.

I hope you and your families all have a fantastic half term break.

Kindest regards,

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