



COWLEY  
ACADEMY

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

During February half term, 33 of our students from Years 8 to 11 went to Andorra for the school ski trip. Each day, students took part in five hours of skiing, supported by professional ski instructors who helped them develop their skills, confidence and enjoyment on the slopes. Throughout the week, they embodied our school values of **Aspire, Challenge and Achieve** in everything they did. Other activities during the week included a pizza night and a chance to explore the local shops. The trip offered a wonderful blend of adventure, teamwork, physical activity, independence and cultural experiences, making it a truly rewarding and confidence building week away. Our students were exceptional ambassadors for the school, and we are incredibly proud of them. A heartfelt thank you to all the staff who helped organise, supervise and support the trip - your dedication made this fantastic experience possible.



At the end of this update we have included details of all of the extra-curricular clubs and enrichment activities for Term 4, including revision and intervention sessions for Year 11 students to help them achieve the best GCSE grades possible in the lead up to their summer exams. The aim of this programme is not only to develop academic skills, but improve self-confidence, life-skills and leadership experiences as well as being enjoyable.

Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

Last term at Cowley Academy saw ten Year 10 students work towards gaining their Bronze Award as a Wellbeing Champion, a programme support by Healthy Minds Lincolnshire. The students applied to be part of the programme and have come up with ideas to support the school community's wellbeing. They have devised a club with a number of activities that will support young people in managing their own wellbeing, which is being launched this term, where they will hopefully be working towards their silver award. They have advertised the club in assemblies during young people's mental health week. Their initiatives include; arts and crafts, peer support, journalling, a picnic, ideas on how to support stress and time management, baking among others. They have even come up with a jingle! They plan to run the club on a rota and use their free weeks to be out at lunchtimes checking in with students and supporting their wellbeing. We couldn't be prouder of our Wellbeing Champions!



Our Year 9 students have had a busy week this week. On Tuesday, they had a careers Assembly with Boston College and on Wednesday they had a second careers assembly delivered by Bakkavor Apprenticeships. These assemblies gave our students the opportunity to find out about the options available to them in post 16 as part of our careers provision.

As part of our PSHE provision, we continue to provide opportunities for external providers to deliver a variety of workshops alongside our robust curriculum. On Tuesday, Year 9 took part in a Sexual Harassment Awareness workshop delivered by Lincolnshire Police. The session involved identifying behaviours that constitute sexual harassment and developing student's understanding of the legal definitions of consent and factors that affect the ability to consent. The workshop also included improving knowledge about the laws that protect victim-survivors of sexual harassment and assault, and how to report a crime. Students also learned about Lincolnshire Police's StreetSafe initiative in which students can report safety concerns in public places without giving their name.

Finally on Thursday, Year 9 had a one hour assembly with Lincolnshire Police on Anti Knife Crime. What a busy week for Year 9!

We continue to promote and encourage Year 11 students to complete as much revision as possible to maximise the time left at school, remember the more loyalty cards completed the more prizes that can be won by attending the intervention sessions! We have also launched our Year 11 Aspire Passport this week, which rewards our students for all their efforts during Year 11. The higher up the passport they go, the more vouchers they will get! We are very proud of their conscious efforts to their studies and excellent attendance in school so far this term.

It was fantastic this week to experience the Year 11 Food practical examinations, the Food Technology room was turned in to the MasterChef kitchen and, what amazing dishes our young people produced. Mr Billingham, Mrs Cairns and myself really enjoyed the visit to the Food room at the end of the exam to participate in the tasting task! We have some amazingly talented chefs amongst our Year 11 students who produced some incredible professional dishes. Well done to all involved.

We are continuing to see lots of students in Years 7 to 10 complete their Aspire passport and collecting their badges. A reminder that some of the Aspire challenges can be completed at home, such as make and cook a family meal or complete one task to help out at home for seven days. This week in assemblies we have also been encouraging students to Go for Silver! For those students who have achieved a Bronze Aspire badge in previous terms, now is the time to aim to achieve the Silver Award! Also, for those students who have not quite met all challenges for the Bronze award - there is still time! It would be absolutely fantastic to see all students in each year wearing either a Bronze, Silver or Gold badge by the end of this academic year.

Following on from the event we held at Cowley Academy last term, if you are interested in teaching or know someone else who is interested, we are holding a **'Get Into Teaching'** event on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Bourne Academy to inspire future teachers. This is an fantastic opportunity for anyone who wants to work as a teacher at any of the schools in our Trust or in other secondary schools in Lincolnshire, Rutland and Peterborough. Our Trust are one of the Lead Partners for Lincolnshire ITT and in September 2025, we opened a Teaching School Hub based at Spalding Academy where we have a full cohort of trainee teachers gaining their recognised teaching qualification with us.



## Get Into Teaching OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 18th March 2026 • 5.30pm to 7.00pm  
AT BOURNE ACADEMY



Discover how you can 'Get Into Teaching' and gain a recognised teaching qualification with our one-year school centred Initial Teacher Training.




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In addition to this, we will also be holding a **'Become a Teaching Assistant'** event on the same day at Bourne Academy. Becoming a Teaching Assistant is a highly rewarding and valued job at our Trust. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit even more Teaching Assistants to join our SEN team. The role of Teaching Assistants is to provide additional support in the classroom for SEN students. They have the opportunity to be involved in extra-curricular activities at the school plus there is a Teaching Assistant Responsibility allowance (TAR) which can be worth up to £3,500 for suitable candidates. Working as a Teaching Assistant is a great way to work into education and progress your career.




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These events are for those who want to work at any school in our Trust. For more information about either of these events or to register that you would like to attend, please visit: [www.slat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.slat.org.uk/vacancies)

Finally, I would like to remind all Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) parents/carers that next Thursday (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026) is World Book Day. To celebrate this event in school we have been informing all of Key Stage 3 students that they are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. We are holding an in-house competition for the best contribution to a World Book Day costume and will be celebrating the event across the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Mrs Kath Kilby**

Head of School, Cowley Academy

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- [www.instagram.com/CowleyAcademy](https://www.instagram.com/CowleyAcademy)
- [www.facebook.com/CowleyAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/CowleyAcademy)
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## Extra-curricular activities

TERM 4 (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026)



### Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY				
IT	IT Club	Years 7/8/9	Room 11	Mr Green
Maths	Maths Intervention (Foundation)	Year 10	Room 3	Miss Richardson / Mr Thorne
Maths	Maths Intervention (Higher)	Year 10	Room 8	Miss Hubbard
Music	Choir	All Years	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
Sport	Basketball	Year 9	Courts	Mr Brader
TUESDAY				
Creative	Craft Club	Year 7	Cottages	Miss Pulley
DofE	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Years 10/11	Room 1	Ms Baker
Geography	Eco-Club	Years 7/8/9	Room 10	Miss Sexon
IT	Warhammer Club	All Years	Room 11	Mr Green
Music	SoundTrap & Songwriting Club	All Years	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
Sport	Football	Year 8	Courts	Mr Lake
WEDNESDAY				
Creative	Craft Club	Year 7	Cottages	Miss Pulley
English	Debate Club	Years 7/8/9	Room 15	Mrs Poulson
English	Reading Club	Years 7/8/9	Library	Mrs Green
French	French Club	Years 7/8/9	Room 22	Miss Simeoli
Geography	Eco-Club	Years 7/8/9	Room 10	Miss Sexon
Music	Live Lounge (every 2 weeks)	All Years	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
PSHE	LGBTQ+ (Q Club)	All Years	Lab 2	Miss Nelsey / Mrs Coleman
PSHE	Wellbeing Club	All Years	Lab 5	Miss Foster / Miss Kindred
Science	Science Club	Years 7/8	Lab 3	Dr Wright
Sport	Football	Year 7	Courts	Subject Teachers
THURSDAY				
Music	Open Practice	All Years	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
Performing Arts	Drama Club	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Milliard
Sport	Basketball	Year 10	Courts	Mrs Dunn
FRIDAY				
Maths	Board Games Club	All Years	Room 2	Mr Thorne
Maths	Cipher Challenge	All Years	Room 3	Miss Richardson
Music	Open Practice	All Years	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
Performing Arts	Drama Club	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Milliard

## After school extra-curricular activities

MONDAY				
Music	Music Intervention	Years 10/11	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
Sport	Fitness Suite	Years 7/8	Fitness Suite	Mr Grassby
TUESDAY				
Art	Art Intervention	Years 10/11	Tech 3	Miss Laretta
Music	Music Intervention	Years 10/11	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
Sport	Football	Years 7/8	Changing Rooms	Mr Lake
Sport	Football	Years 9/10/11	Changing Rooms	Mr Brader
Sport	Netball	All Years	Changing Rooms	Mrs Dunn
WEDNESDAY				
Art	Art Intervention	Years 10/11	Art Studio	Miss Paris
Music	Music Intervention	Years 10/11	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
Performing Arts	Summer Concert Rehearsals	All Years	Drama Studio / Music Studio	Ms Milliard / Miss Sanderson
Sport	Indoor Cricket – Boys and Girls	Years 7/8/9	Changing Rooms	Mr Lake
Sport	Girls Football	All Years	Changing Rooms	Miss Carter
Sport	Sports Leaders	Year 10	Room 7	Subject Teachers
THURSDAY				
Art	Art Club	All Years	Art Studio	Miss Paris
Music	House Band Rehearsals	All Years	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
Performing Arts	Dance Club	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Milliard
Sport	Rugby – Boys and Girls	All Years	Changing Rooms	Mr Brader
Sport	Fitness Suite	Years 9/10/11	Fitness Suite	Subject Teachers
Sport	Trampolining	All Years	Changing Rooms	Mrs Dunn
Sport	Netball	Years 9/10/11	Changing Rooms	Miss Carter
FRIDAY				
Maths	TTRPG Games Club	All Years	Room 2	Mr Thorne
Music	Music Intervention	Years 10/11	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson

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## Year 11 Revision sessions

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### Lunchtime Year 11 revision sessions

MONDAY				
English	English Revision (Invited)	Year 11	Room 18	Subject Teachers
Maths	Maths – Higher Intervention	Year 11	Room 5	Mrs Green
Media	Media Intervention	Year 11	Tech 2	Mrs Blower
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Year 11	Room 19	Mrs Dunn
Sport	CNAT Revision	Year 11	Room 19	Mrs Dunn
TUESDAY				
French	French Intervention	Year 11	Room 22	Miss Simeoli
Maths	Maths Intervention (Foundation)	Year 11	Room 5	Ms Hubbard / Mrs Palmer
Religious Studies	Religious Studies Intervention	Year 11	Room 17	Mr Grassby
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Year 11	Room 19	Mr Brader
WEDNESDAY				
English	English Intervention (Invitation Only)	Year 11	Tech 2	Mrs Blower
Geography	Geography Intervention	Year 11	Room 9	Mrs Marshall
History	History Intervention	Year 11	Room 1	Ms Baker
THURSDAY				
English	English Intervention (7+)	Year 11	Room 14	Subject Teachers
Geography	Geography Intervention	Year 11	Room 10	Miss Sexon
Science	Science Intervention (Higher Tier)	Year 11	Lab 5	Miss Foster
Science	Science Intervention (Foundation Tier)	Year 11	Lab 4	Miss Moore
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Year 11	Room 19	Miss Carter
FRIDAY				
Business	Business Intervention	Year 11	Room 6	Mr Roberts-Raphael
French	French Intervention	Year 11	Room 21	Miss Marsden
Media	Exam Skills	Year 11	T2	Mrs Blower
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Year 11	Room 19	Mr Lake

### After school Year 11 revision sessions

MONDAY				
History	History Intervention	Year 11	Room 16	Miss Foster
Music	Music Intervention	Year 11	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
Science	Science Intervention (H/F)	Year 11	Lab 4	Miss Moore/Miss Foster
Sport	CNAT Revision	Year 11	Room 7	PE Staff
TUESDAY				
Art	Art Intervention	Year 11	Tech 3	Miss Laretta
Business	Business Intervention	Year 11	Room 6	Mr Roberts-Raphael

WEDNESDAY				
Art	Art Intervention	Year 11	Art Studio	Miss Paris
Maths	Maths Intervention	Year 11	Room 5	Subject Teachers
THURSDAY				
English	English Intervention	Year 11	Room 12	Subject Teachers
French	GCSE French Intervention	Year 11	Room 21	Miss Marsden
Music	Music Intervention	Year 11	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
FRIDAY				
IT	IT Intervention	Year 11	Room 11	Mr Green
Sport	CNAT Intervention	Year 11	Room 7	Mrs Dunn