



COWLEY  
ACADEMY

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Welcome to Term 5 - a shorter term than usual with only 19 school days left until the next half term. There was a fantastic positive atmosphere in the school on return, students returned looking smart, proud and confident heading into Term 5. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support with this.

I would like to thank both students and staff for their commitment to our Easter revision sessions. Attendance from our Year 11 students was outstanding, with many students commenting on how helpful and reassuring these sessions were in preparation for the upcoming examination season. We recognise that this is an anxious time for our Year 11 cohort, and please be reassured that we will continue to support them throughout this important journey.

Over the Easter break myself and seven of our Year 11 students who study French at GCSE joined Year 11 students from our other Trust schools on an unforgettable trip to Paris, where they fully immersed themselves in French culture and language. Throughout the visit, students communicated with Parisians in the target language, particularly when ordering food and drinks in French, putting their classroom learning into real-life practice and getting prepared for their speaking exam. A highlight for many was the opportunity to try traditional French delicacies, with several students bravely trying escargots (snails) and les cuisses de grenouille (frog legs). Their willingness to embrace new experiences was fantastic with some enjoying the dishes and saying they will absolutely be eating them in the near future! The group explored some of Paris's most iconic landmarks, including climbing to the top of the Eiffel Tower, admiring the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame and dancing to live music at the Sacre Coeur creating lasting memories while learning about the city's history. Students also navigated the Paris Metro, gaining a true sense of daily life in the city, and enjoyed discovering some of Paris's hidden spots. Overall, the trip was a fantastic success, both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves and embraced French culture!



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During the final week of last term all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in our Inter-house competition organised by the PE department. All students were able to take part to represent their house in either Netball or Football. Student effort was fantastic and there was a good sense of sportsmanship throughout. Flinders House were the overall winners for Year 7 and Year 9. Cowley House and Banks House shared the overall winner accolade in Year 8.



We continue to reward students for their outstanding conduct in school and those with a clean Strike Card for Term 4 were entered into the Strike Card Draw this week in assembly. Congratulations to all students who entered the Strike Card Draw and, indeed, the winners who received their gift vouchers this week!

Parent Governors play a vital role in representing the views of parents and carers and in supporting school improvement. We currently have Parent Governor vacancies at Cowley Academy and warmly invite parents and carers of students currently attending the school to apply. As a Parent Governor, you will join the school's Local Advisory Board (LAB) and will be expected to attend three evening meetings per academic year. We are particularly keen to hear from those who can represent the diversity of our local community. The deadline for completing the online application form is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

The Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership are conducting a 'Keeping Safe Survey' for all students aged 11-18 in secondary schools. This is to be completed by your child and you can complete with them. As students know better than anyone else about what happens online, they would like to know about the apps they use, online harms they see or experience and what support actually helps. This survey is completely anonymous, quick to complete and can help make real change as their honest answers will help change education resources and support. Please visit [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/secondaryother](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/secondaryother) to complete the survey.

Finally, at the end of this update we have included the new of timetable extra-curricular and enrichment sessions for Term 6. This includes lots of clubs, activities, sports and revision sessions that take place during lunchtimes and after school.

Kindest regards,

*K. M. Kilby*

**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)
- [www.x.com/CowleySLAT](https://www.x.com/CowleySLAT)

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## Extra-curricular activities

TERM 5 (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026)



### Lunchtime extra-curricular activities

MONDAY				
Art	Art Club	All Years	Art Studio	Miss O'Callaghan
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
Sport	Football	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 / Live Lounge Rehearsals	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	STEM Challenge	Year 9	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
Science	STEM Challenge	Year 9	Lab 3	Dr Wright
Sport	Basketball	Year 10	Courts	Mrs Dunn
FRIDAY				
Maths	Cipher Challenge	All Years	Room 3	Miss Richardson
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
Sport	Rounders	Years 9/10	Changing Rooms	Miss Earth
Sport	Year 10 Sports Leaders	Year 10	Room 7	Mr Brader
WEDNESDAY				
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	Athletics	All Years	Changing Rooms	PE Staff
THURSDAY				
Art	Art Club	All Years	Art Studio	Miss O'Callaghan
Music	Band Rehearsals	All Years	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
Performing Arts	Dance Club	All Years	Drama Studio	Ms Milliard
Sport	Cricket – Boys and Girls	Years 7/8/9	Changing Rooms	Mr Lake
Sport	Rounders	Years 7/8	Changing Rooms	Mrs Dunn
FRIDAY				
Maths	TTRPG Games Club	All Years	Room 2	Mr Thorne

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## Year 11 Revision sessions

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### Lunchtime Year 11 revision sessions

MONDAY				
English	English Intervention (Sets 2 and 3)	Year 11	Room 15	Mrs Poulson
Maths	Maths Intervention (Higher)	Year 11	Room 5	Mrs Green
Media	Media Intervention	Year 11	Tech 2	Mrs Blower
Sport	CNAT Sport Intervention	Year 11	Room 11	Mrs Dunn
Sport	CNAT Sport Revision	Year 11	Room 6	PE Staff
TUESDAY				
English	7+ English Intervention	Year 11	Room 13	Mrs Deane
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 11	Mr Brader
WEDNESDAY				
English	English Intervention	Year 11	Room 12	Subject Teachers
Geography	Geography Intervention	Year 11	Room 9	Mrs Marshall
History	History Intervention	Year 11	Room 1	Ms Baker
THURSDAY				
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
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 Sport Intervention	Year 11	Room 11	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 (Higher/Foundation)	Year 11	Lab 4	Miss Moore / Miss Foster
Sport	CNAT Revision	Year 11	Room 7	Miss Earth
TUESDAY				
Art	Art Intervention	Year 11	Tech 3	Miss Laretta

WEDNESDAY				
Art	Art Intervention	Year 11	Art Studio	Miss Paris
Maths	Maths Intervention	Year 11	Room 5	Subject Teachers
Music	Music Intervention	Year 11	Music Studio	Miss Sanderson
THURSDAY				
Business	Business Intervention	Year 11	Room 6	Mr Roberts-Raphael
English	English Intervention	Year 11	Room 15	Mrs Poulson
French	GCSE French Intervention	Year 11	Room 21	Miss Marsden
FRIDAY				
IT	IT Intervention	Year 11	Room 11	Mr Green
Sport	CNAT Sport Intervention	Year 11	Room 7	Mrs Dunn