



COWLEY  
ACADEMY

# Head of School UPDATE

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a fantastic week, with students fully engaged in their learning and a really positive atmosphere across the school. I would like to thank students, staff and families for their continued support.

Please could I ask parents and carers to continue supporting the school by ensuring that their child is fully equipped each day with the basic stationery requirements, including an appropriate school bag.

Our examination season has now officially begun. Students who study IT have had their first written exam today whilst our students who study French have this week completed their speaking exam. Mrs Cairns, Director of Modern Foreign Languages for our Trust, praised all of our students for the way in which they prepared for this exam. We continue to support students with revision sessions, subject crammers and Head of Department briefings ahead of exams. While this will be a busy and sometimes tiring time, students have worked incredibly hard in preparation and we are confident they will do themselves proud. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 11 students the very best as they continue through this important period. Their attitude towards their examinations has been outstanding, and they should be extremely proud of the commitment they have shown. We have reminded all students to be calm, considerate and quiet when moving around examination rooms, which demonstrates real team spirit in supporting our Year 11 cohort.

On Wednesday this week, our Year 11 Geography students took part in an assembly led by Anglian Water in which they learnt about the proposed new reservoir in the Sleaford area. This project has been used for the Geography pre-release material for their GCSE exam and this insightful session should help our students as they prepare for their exam.

Enrichment remains a vital part of school life and an important way for students to broaden their experiences, develop confidence and build positive relationships. We strongly encourage all students to take part in at least one enrichment activity, as these clubs play a key role in supporting wellbeing, friendships and personal development.

This week, some of our more able Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. Students were required to answer a series of challenging questions designed to promote mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency. We are very proud of the effort shown by all students involved and look forward to hearing whether any have achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates in due course.

In sport this week we have seen students participate in a Kin-Ball Tournament as well as a Trampolining Competition. Mrs Dunn, Head of PE at Cowley Academy has praised all of those that took part for their effort and determination in these two events.

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A reminder that Year 10 parents and carers should have received a booking link for the Parents' Evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026. This is an important opportunity to meet remotely with your child's teachers to discuss progress, attendance and behaviour, as well as feedback from recent PPE examinations.

We are incredibly proud that our attendance remains above the national average. This week, we have been rewarding students who achieved 100% attendance last term, and we thank parents and carers for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance.

Listening to student voice remains an important part of our school culture. This year we have received many valuable suggestions from students, and where possible, these have helped shape developments across school, including extra-curricular opportunities and eco initiatives. We regularly feedback to students on their ideas, and the 'Students Say, We Listen' section of our website is where students can actively contribute to school life. Students can visit [www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/students-say-we-listen](http://www.cowleyacademy.org.uk/students-say-we-listen) to provide feedback.

The Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership are running three different Online Safety Webinars this month. They are all free to attend and you will need to register in advance to get the link to join the presentation. Further information about each of the webinars is available on the links below:

### **Online Safety Webinar for Parents of Teens**

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- Learn about the apps teens use, key online risks, and how to keep them safe plus tips for confident conversations and a live Q&A.
- [www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160049](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160049)

### **Online Safety webinar for Professionals**

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 1.00pm to 2.40pm
- A free session covering the latest online trends, risks and tools to support children and young people. Suitable for professional working in the Police, Education, Early Help, Social Care, Mental Health and anyone working with children and young people.
- [www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160051](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160051)

### **Online Safety Webinar for Primary Aged Parents**

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- Learn about apps, games, social media and online risks plus practical ways to keep your child safe.
- [www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160048](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160048)

Finally, a date for your diaries - our Art Department are showcasing some fantastic student work at The Sessions House in Spalding on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026. This will be a celebration of the super talented artists work across the school which has been selected for exhibition!

Due to the Bank Holiday, all students will return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

I would like to wish you all a fantastic Bank Holiday weekend.

Kindest regards,



**Mrs Kath Kilby**

Head of School, Cowley Academy

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