



COWLEY
ACADEMY

Head of School UPDATE

Friday 22nd May 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

We have finally reached the end of Term 5, with one term to go I can't actually believe we will shortly be arriving at the end of this academic year!

Year 11 are now at mid-point of the exam stage and have been coping incredibly well with the pressure of exams, their independent revision and their own personal organization. Thank you to all parents and carers for continuing with the positive encouragement that is happening at home. Well done to all Year 11 students - we are very proud of them all!

This week, we sent out details of a Parent Governor Ballot via ParentMail inviting all parents/carers to vote. We were pleased that six parents are interested in the two vacancies we have for Parents Governors at Cowley Academy. As there are more applications than vacancies, we are therefore holding a ballot and the deadline to vote is Tuesday 2nd June 2026. Parent Governors play an important role in representing the views of all parents and helping to positively support school improvement. It is therefore important that as many parents/carers vote as possible.

Tickets for our end of year school production will go on sale from 9am on Monday 1st June 2026. The 'Summer Showcase' event will take place on Thursday 18th June 2026 with the show starting at 6.30pm. The performance will take place in the school's Main Hall and will be open to families and friends to attend. This music and drama spectacular will feature a performance of 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' by the KS3 Drama Group plus music performances from the stage and screen. Tickets are £4 in advance from www.ticketsource.co.uk/cowleyacademy and you can select your preferred seats when booking. Please remember to book early as our last production sold out in advance!

SUMMER SHOWCASE



Thursday 18th June 2026 • 6.30pm start (doors open at 6.00pm)

Tickets £4 in advance from www.ticketsource.co.uk/cowleyacademy



Aspire • Challenge • Achieve

I have been pleased to open the first block of our new toilet facilities, the building work is continuing on and this will enable us to provide further new facilities. There have been some changes to how students can get to their lessons but please rest assured we are doing everything to minimise disruption during the ongoing works and lessons have not been affected. Students were able to hear about our many new developments in a special assembly this week. Many of these initiatives have been introduced as a result of student requests through our 'Student Say We Listen' section on the school website.

One of the fantastic literacy initiatives we have to encourage students to engage with reading is our Accelerated Reader programme. This is where our Year 7 and 8 students have time during their afternoon registration to read their chosen books, which can then be carried on as home learning. They can then use the Accelerated Reader portal to check their targets, progress towards their targets and take quizzes. Congratulations to the following students who are top achievers in their House for Term 4.

Banks House (Orange)	- Meeting Points Target:	Jacob Gregory
	- 100% on a Reading Quiz:	Austin Figg
	- Completed Reading Bookmark:	Jenson Lees
Bass House (Yellow)	- Meeting Points Target:	Albert Colman
	- 100% on a Reading Quiz:	Jasmine Tebbutt
	- Completed Reading Bookmark:	Charlie Horn
Cowley House (Blue)	- Meeting Points Target:	Kathy Carney
	- 100% on a Reading Quiz:	Alfie Spridgen
	- Completed Reading Bookmark:	Coby Smith
Flinders House (Green)	- Meeting Points Target:	Chloe Congreve-Atkin
	- 100% on a Reading Quiz:	Noah Ward
	- Completed Reading Bookmark:	Owen Collingwood
Swift House (Red)	- Meeting Points Target:	Gerda Katinskaite
	- 100% on a Reading Quiz:	Kevin Rimkus
	- Completed Reading Bookmark:	Priya Newark

I would also congratulate Elijah Malcolm in Year 7 for becoming to second student at Cowley Academy to complete the Ambition Reading Challenge. This initiative is where students can read any ten books from a specially curated list of 50 classics that have been chosen for their enjoyment and challenging nature. Elijah received a £15 book token, 250 achievement points and a special Ambition Reading badge for his efforts. If any students are interested in completing this challenge, they can speak to Mrs Green in the school library.

During half term, please remember parents/carers and our students have access to our 'Feeling worried or anxious' section on our website (www.cowleyacademy.co.uk/feeling-worried-or-anxious) where they can also email worried@cowleyacademy.org.uk during half term. This is monitored over the holiday period and we will respond to your email. Please also use our Student Wellbeing Charter which also outlines all the support available for young people should they have a concern. We have informed students that if they feel there is an emergency safeguarding concern, not to wait for an email response from the school - please always dial 999. We also have a wealth of wellbeing support on our school website for students to access during the holiday period in our Student Wellbeing Charter.

Finally, we currently have a variety of non-teaching and specialist teaching vacancies across the Trust. Some of these are brand new vacancies as we are expanding the SEN and inclusion staff in our schools to offer even more support to students. All positions are required to start in September 2026 and the closing date all for the following vacancies is 8am on Friday 12th June 2026. If you are interested in finding out more or applying online, please visit: www.slat.org.uk/vacancies. Alternatively, if you know someone else who may be interested, please forward them details.

Vacancy	Schools required at
Pastoral Lead (SEND Focus)	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy
Specialist Teacher - Access to Learning	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy
Inclusion Learning Mentor	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy, Giles Academy and Cowley Academy
Classroom Cover Instructors	Bourne Academy, Spalding Academy and Giles Academy
SEN Administrator	Spalding Academy and Cowley Academy
Careers & Student Advisor	Giles Academy
Examination Administrator	Spalding Academy
Art Technician (Maternity Cover)	Bourne Academy

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st June 2026.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoy the warm weather!

Kindest regards,



Mrs Kath Kilby

Head of School, Cowley Academy

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- www.x.com/CowleySLAT