



## School Meal Charges

In setting the budget for 2019/20, the Council made a commitment to increase charges in line with inflation. This will result in increased charges for meals in order to ensure that budgeted levels of income are achieved. The new charges, which are to be implemented from 1st September 2019, will be set to achieve an overall increase in income of 2.5%, though individual cafeteria items will be subject to different levels of increase depending on how demand for those items is likely to be affected.

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## OVER 130 STUDENTS AND STAFF TAKE PART IN 5K CHARITY RACE

On Thursday, 23rd May, over 100 students and members of staff gathered around the bandstand in Victoria Park for the start of the college's annual 5K charity run.

The 'Compete or Complete 2019' race, that is organised by Mr Gordon, challenged our runners to complete 2.5 circuits of the park by either walking or running before finishing back at the bandstand where they were each presented with their medals by Mr Sheeran.



Year 12 student, Steven Mayston, claimed first place by completing the course in an impressive 18 minutes and 45 seconds. Astonishingly, Steven has won this event for the last three years running!

Congratulations to everyone who took part and to everyone who has supported.

Through sponsorship, this event has helped to raise almost £1000 for Cancer Research and the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.





## STUDENTS GET SET FOR ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO CHINA



HEAD BOY  
**Connor Goldthorpe**



HEAD GIRL  
**Madeleine Hale**



DEPUTY HEAD BOY  
**Thomas Hughes**



DEPUTY HEAD GIRL  
**Jasmina Rai**



On Wednesday 3rd July, 36 Year 8 students who have been studying Mandarin Chinese for two years, set off on a trip-of-a-lifetime to China.

The students will stay in Shanghai for two weeks at the Shanghai Foreign Language School.

On arrival, students will enjoy an opening ceremony that has been prepared by the host school. This event will provide an opportunity for students to meet students from local schools in China, as well as students from other UK schools who are also part of the Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP).

The students have a busy itinerary for the full two weeks that they are in China. During the morning, students will study Mandarin Chinese for around four hours.

Afternoon activities are centred around students learning more about Chinese culture and developing their language skills. Students will venture into the city to markets, local attractions and places of interest to put their newly learnt vocabulary to use.

As part of the visit, students will explore some of the top attractions in Shanghai, including: The Bund (famous waterfront on the west bank of the Huangpu River and

regarded as the symbol of Shanghai), Nanjing Road (Shanghai's principal shopping street), Shanghai Museum (China's most important museum of classical Chinese art) and The Shanghai Tower (famed for having the world's highest observation deck).

At the end of the two weeks, there will be a final closing ceremony and celebratory graduation organised by the host school.

Mr Edwards, Teacher of Mandarin Chinese at Cowley said: "This represents a fantastic opportunity for our students who have worked very hard on learning Mandarin Chinese over the last two years.

"Some of our students have never been abroad before and they will be fascinated by the sights and sounds of one of the greatest cities in the world, Shanghai."

Cowley has been an MEP school since 2017 and is one of only nine schools in the North West to be part of the programme.

As part of the MEP, this visit has been organised and is managed in China by the British Council in partnership with Hanban (Office of Chinese Language Council International and Confucius Institute Headquarters).

## SIXTH FORM HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL



HEAD BOY  
**Adam Gardam**



HEAD GIRL  
**Lucy Vernon**



To help students to improve their teamwork skills from the moment they start their journey at Cowley, from September, Forms will be known as Teams and Form time will become Team time.

This initiative follows on from the popular and competitive House system at Cowley that sees six different Houses earn points throughout the year for good behaviour and achievements.

## PROGRESSION WEEK AT COWLEY SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Cowley Sixth Form College's annual Progression Week took place from 24th - 28th June.

The incredibly busy week started with universities from across the UK setting up in Cowley Hall, creating a huge information hub. The next day saw employers and apprenticeship providers visit Cowley Sixth Form to present to students. Day three

was a nerve-wracking day for students as it was mock interview day. Students dressed to impress and spent the day preparing for a mock interview, before being interviewed by a number of different organisations. The busy week rounded off with students starting their work experience.





## YEAR 7 RUGBY TEAM CROWNED TOWN CHAMPS

In May, Cowley's Year 7 rugby team became St Helens Champions in a nail biting final. Despite being 28-16 down with less than 10 minutes play left, the team dug deep in the final minutes to triumph in a 42-28 win!



## SIXTH FORM STUDENT IN HIS ELEMENT TO BE SELECTED TO BE PART OF A PRESTIGIOUS SCIENCE PROGRAMME

Year 12 student, Ryan Marvell, has been selected to take part in a prestigious Nuffield Research Placement, which places students in industry or academic projects run by universities.

Ryan, who is currently studying A-Levels in Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry at Cowley Sixth Form College, will be based in the Institute of Ageing & Chronic Disease at the University of Liverpool for four weeks.

Nuffield Research Placements give Sixth Form students hands-on experience of a

professional research placement. By working with professional researchers, students gain an invaluable insight into a wide variety of scientific careers and they are able to make more informed choices about what to do after college.

Speaking about finding out that he had been selected to be part of the programme, Ryan said: "I am over the moon to be taking part in a Nuffield Research Project; this work experience will be invaluable."

## COWLEY WELCOMES BACK GERMAN FRIENDS AS PART OF ANNUAL VISIT



On Tuesday, 11th June, Cowley was visited by students from Bad Pyrmont, a town in the Lower Saxony, Germany.

Cowley have great links with Bad Pyrmont and this is the 10th annual visit that we have enjoyed.

Throughout the year, Cowley students enjoy regular video conferences with their German counterparts to help develop conversational skills.

The visit this year involved Cowley's Year 8 students asking

questions and answering questions in an interview format.

The session provided all students with the opportunity to get to know each other's interests, hobbies and to get an insight into home life.

During lunch, all Cowley students who study German were invited to the Library to converse with our guests. This was a lively and engaging hour and a few new friendships were certainly formed.

The visit this year coincides with meetings about a future Erasmus project that includes schools from across Europe. We will write more about this exciting project that involves Cowley in the next academic year.

We would like to thank our German friends for visiting Cowley.

Wir freuen uns auf ein Wiedersehen.

We look forward to see you all again soon.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ANNUAL CELEBRATORY AMBASSADOR LUNCH



On Wednesday, 26th June, Year 11 Ambassadors were invited into college for a celebratory meal with Mr Sheeran, Mr Hewlett and Mrs Green.

Cowley International Hall was decorated and music played softly in the background as students spent the afternoon enjoying a buffet lunch.

This annual event looks to celebrate Ambassadors who have dedicated their time to helping others in the college.

### COWLEY ADDS TO ITS AWARDS LIST

This academic year has seen the college add two internationally recognised awards to its already decorated list.

Through providing quality education and excellence in the award area, the college has been awarded the Eco-Schools Silver Award and the Religious Education Quality Mark (REQM) Gold Award.

#### About the awards:

Eco-Schools Silver Mark



Eco-Schools give Marks to recognise excellence in environmental action and learning.

REQM Gold Award



The REQM recognises high quality RE, particularly those schools which are providing their learners with

authentic experiences and contributing to whole school outcomes.

#### LIBRARY BOOKS

Please remind your daughter/son to return any borrowed books back to the college Library before the end of term.

# YEAR 13 LEAVERS' CELEBRATION 2019

On Friday, 28th June, Year 13 Cowley Sixth Form College students enjoyed an Oscars themed leavers' celebration at Haydock Park Racecourse in the very glamorous Moët et Chandon Bar Suite

