



3rd July 2025



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another busy and successful year at Cowley International College, I would like to thank you for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to work in partnership with you to help our students thrive.



Next week, we are excited to welcome our new Cowleians as Year 6 students attend their induction days in preparation for September.

Please note that the college will close for the summer break on **Friday, 18th July**. Students will finish at **1:00pm**. If your child uses school transport, please ask them to speak to their Team Tutor so we can assist with any necessary arrangements.



Changes for September

We have already started to implement some new procedures and I am proud of how the students are responding to these changes.



From September, Cowley will operate slightly differently as we continue to align our routines with our core priorities. Please take note of the following updates:



Structure of the School Day

- The school day will now begin at **8:30am**, with Period 1 starting at 8:35am.
- Team Time and assemblies will move to later in the morning.
- Our free breakfast offer continues – students are welcome to join us from 8:15am.

If you drop off or pick up your child, please avoid using the 11–16 car park unless you have specific permission. This space must remain clear for visitors and students with disabilities.



Year 11 Breakfast Boost

Our successful Year 11 Breakfast Boost will continue. Year 11 students are welcome to attend the library from **8:00am** for independent study. This was a valuable part of many students' revision routines this year and will remain a key support initiative.



Break and Lunchtime Arrangements

- Break and lunchtimes will now be staggered across year groups. This change will help reduce queuing times and improve supervision and behaviour.
- Students will be allocated zoned areas to enjoy their social time while ensuring other lessons can continue undisturbed.
- Lunchtime will be reduced to 30 minutes, as shorter queues mean students can eat and relax in less time. The current 50-minute lunch has led to issues in the final part of the period, which we aim to reduce.

End of the Day and Enrichment

- Period 5 will finish at **2:45pm**, and school bus times have been adjusted.
- Our broad and exciting enrichment programme will return in September, running on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, some Thursdays, and Fridays from **2:50pm** until **3:50pm**.
- These enrichment activities are free of charge and an essential part of our commitment to personal development. We expect all students to participate in at least one enrichment per week.
- Once students have chosen their enrichment activities during the first half term, these will be included into their timetables for parents to monitor their child's attendance and participation via the MCAS app.
- Year 11 students will be directed to academic enrichment sessions, which will also appear on their timetables and enable the students to achieve in their GCSE exams.

Detentions

A small number of students may receive detentions as part of our behaviour policy. These will be either 30, 60 or 90 minutes, depending on the nature of the behaviour issue. Detentions will be held the day after the detention is logged.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. I wish you and your family a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards,



Mr Cormack

Principal