



## EDUCATE AWARD WINNERS!



Photo credit: Educate Awards

Cowley is celebrating winning the award for 'Outstanding Commitment to Sport in a Secondary School' at the recent Educate Awards.

The Educate Awards, the North West's biggest education awards for schools, academies, colleges, teachers and non teaching staff, took place at Liverpool Cathedral on Friday, 17th November.

Cowley were up for one award – Outstanding Commitment to Sport in a Secondary School, and were up against some brilliant schools with fantastic sports provisions. As part of this award, judges look at

how committed schools are to developing sporting skills and opportunities for students to be active and compete on a regular basis through the provisions of teaching, coaching, extracurricular activities, partnerships and more.

The judging panel was particularly impressed by our entry, which presented the partnerships the school has with local sporting clubs, such as Saints, and the facilities outside of school that students are able to benefit from because of this.

Cowley was also praised by the panel for its extensive

curriculum, the variety of extra-curricular activities available, and sporting scholarship programme that is in place to enable students with the ability to pursue careers at an elite level.

On the win, Mr Cormack, Principal, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have won at the prestigious Educate Awards.

"This award is testament to Cowley's dedication in providing our students with the very best sporting opportunities. I would like to thank staff, our partners, parents and students for their part in this win."



# Christmas Concert

**20 DECEMBER 2023**

6:00 PM

TICKETS £5 FROM PERFORMING ARTS STAFF



## COWLEY

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

### MEET OUR HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

2023 - 2024



The staff at Cowley Sixth Form College are incredibly kind and helpful, and you are treated like a young adult.

There are many opportunities for enrichment outside of the classroom, and this is a really great way to meet new people with the same interests as you.

Jack Swift  
Head Boy

I chose Cowley Sixth Form College as I found all the teachers really enthusiastic about their subjects at the open evenings.

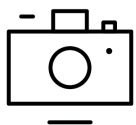
The staff go above and beyond to make sure everyone is supported and that all students enjoy the subjects they study.

Outside of lessons, there are so many activities for students to get involved with from sports to chess. There is something for everyone here at Cowley Sixth Form College.

Holly Bullen  
Head Girl

# Principal's Award

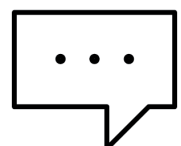
Each week, two students from each year group are nominated by their Head of Achievement to receive the Principal's Award. This award recognises and rewards students who have gone above and beyond to really set themselves apart. Here is a selection of photos from some of our most recent winners.



## ENRICHMENT

We are incredibly proud of the huge number of extracurricular activities that are available to students here at Cowley.

[View Timetable](#)



## PARENTS' EVENINGS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

### **Year 7**

Team Tutor Parents' Evening – Thursday, 27th June

### **Year 8**

Thursday, 7th March 2024

Team Tutor Parents' Evening – Thursday, 13th June

### **Year 9**

Thursday, 18th January 2024

Team Tutor Parents' Evening – Thursday, 27th June

### **Year 10**

Thursday, 22nd February 2024

Team Tutor Parents' Evening – Thursday, 13th June

### **Year 11**

Thursday, 29th February 2024

### **Year 13**

Thursday, 8th February 2024



## Evita

At the end of the last half term, we saw six top class performances of Evita, the whole school musical production.

Every year, we are extremely proud of the high quality and professional production put on by our students and staff. Not many schools would be able to deliver such an amazing show and perform with a live orchestra. Well done to everybody who was involved in making the show such a success.

Thank you to all the parents who supported and attended the performances. We received so many nice feedback emails and messages, which really are appreciated.



## Cowley Remembers

On Friday, 10th November, Cowley marked Remembrance Day with our student cadets coming in their uniform, an impeccably observed two-minute silence and the laying of wreaths to remember and honour those armed forces members who have died in the line of duty.

We are very proud at how Cowley students are always so respectful and thoughtful during this important annual event. Lest We Forget.



## Careers Fair

Cowley's annual Y10 Careers Fair was another fantastic event with more than 25 exhibitors visiting the College to speak to our students about future options and opportunities.

All Y10 students visited the Fair throughout the afternoon, while it was fantastic to see so many students from other year groups attend the open session during lunch time, and making the most of the opportunity to be aspirational and consider their future.

## Students and staff enjoy Berlin trip



On Wednesday 25th October, a group of 28 Year 11 and Cowley Sixth Form College A-level German students set off for a 3-night stay in Berlin.

The group packed a lot into the trip, starting with a cycle tour of the most prominent landmarks in Berlin, taking in some fantastic architecture, experiencing some of the culture and learning about the history of the city.

They visited the Bernauerstrasse exhibition, an open air museum dedicated to the former Berlin wall. There was also an exhibition showing many pictures of the time when Berlin was divided and accounts from people who lived on both sides of the wall.

There was a visit to the Topography of Terror, a series of images from the time of the Nazis and the full history of the time when Hitler was in power.

There was a stop at Checkpoint Charlie, a former crossing point between the East and West of Berlin at the time after the war and the allies were in control.

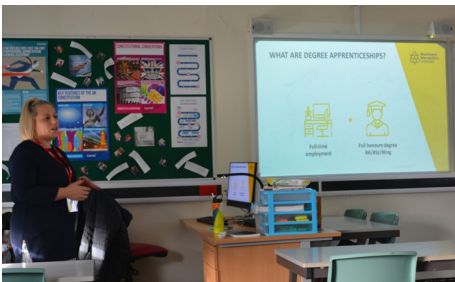
They also headed to Hohenschonhausen Prison, a former Stasi (secret police) prison for those to be interrogated by the communist/socialist ruling east of Berlin leaders before concluding the trip by watching a live ice hockey match, a popular sport in Germany.



### Visitor from the Crown Prosecution Service

Cowley Sixth Form College Law and Criminology students welcomed Janet Potter, Deputy Chief Prosecuting Officer for the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).

Janet spoke at length with our students about the role of the CPS and the challenges they face, linking a lot of information with the Law and Criminology specification that the students are working to.



### MMU provide talk on Degree Apprenticeships

Some of our Y13 students received a presentation about Degree Apprenticeships, delivered by a representative from Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU).

As MMU are one of the universities to offer Degree Apprenticeships, they explained to the students about what Degree Apprenticeships are, which employers and employment sectors they work with, what skills can be gained from Degree Apprenticeships and the processes of how to apply.

It was a really informative and useful session.



### Clinical Psychologist talk

Our Y12 and Y13 Criminology, Psychology and Uniformed Protective Services students enjoyed a talk from a Clinical Psychologist explaining all about her role and sharing some fascinating insights.

There was a Q&A in which some great questions were asked by the students and it was an incredibly engaging and interesting talk.



### Sixth Form Content Creators

Following on from volunteer opportunities to become Team Tutor Assistants and Subject Mentors, we have offered Sixth Form students the opportunity to join the College marketing team.

Abigail and Riley are the first new recruits who will be working to help create some fresh new content for the College's social media channels and website, which will include some photographs, videos and written content.

There are also a number of projects in the pipeline for the new year which our Content Creators will be working on, so watch this space!

# COWLEY

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



Cowley Sixth Form College students demonstrated their entrepreneurial skills in the most fun way to help raise money for Children in Need.

Y12 and Y13 students were tasked during Tutorial time to come up with ideas to raise as much money as possible at our annual Children in Need marketplace and wow did they deliver!

There was everything from a human fruit machine to tombola, to catch the rat, to a bake sale, to play your cards right and guess the name of the teddy.

More than £400 was raised in just one hour, which is a fantastic achievement!

Well done, everyone!





## Christmas Light switch on

On Monday, 27th November, one of the favourite events in the Cowley calendar took place as we switched on the Christmas lights.

The whole of Year 7 gathered around the college atrium for the occasion with yet another exceptional performance from Cowley Senior Choir providing some festive music as the college got into the Christmas spirit.

This year's special guest, Councillor David Baines, helped us countdown from five to one before pressing the switch to turn on the lights.

Thank you to the Premises Team who worked over the weekend to decorate the giant Christmas tree and set up the Christmas lights ready for the Monday morning switch on. The huge Santa Claus and Snowman bring the fun element to the atrium, while the nativity scene reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas.





## Y10 visit to Manchester Airport

14 Y10 Travel and Tourism students visited Aerozone at Manchester Airport, an on-site education centre.

During the visit, students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in realistic role-play work zones and explore a variety of careers on offer in the dynamic world of aviation.

There was also a fascinating and insightful talk by Manchester Airport's Telecommunications Manager, Mr Adams.

Before leaving, the students also got to take a tour of the airport's new Terminal 2.



## COP28

On Tuesday, 28th November, a group of students from the Cowley Eco-Committee attended a virtual event all about the COP28 conference, an annual event held by the United Nations about environmental issues.

The meeting was presented by young people who have been delegates at the conference itself and are doing some amazing things in political and environmental activism.

The students learned about what happens at the conference, why it's so important and the controversies surrounding it.



## Book Buzz

All of our Y7 students have received a brand new book as part of the Book Buzz programme.

Reading is so important, and Book Buzz is an initiative by the National Literacy Trust to help schools inspire a love of reading in younger students.

Principal, Mr Cormack, presented students with their books.



## Y10 Business talk

Our Y10 Business GCSE students got the chance to meet five local entrepreneurs who spoke to them about their journey from school to business owners.

The students were able to ask questions and spoke of their own aspirations to run their own businesses in the future, so it was a really inspiring session.

# What is **your** attendance?



100%

**Perfect - well done!**

You're giving yourself the best opportunity for success.



97%

**Impressive!**

Up to 6 days absent from school

**30 missed lessons!**

High attendance leads to improved and high achievement.



96.9%  
- 93%

**Worrying!**

Up to 14 days absent from school

**70 missed lessons!**

Too many missed school days. Less chance of success.



92%

**Concern!**

Up to 16 days absent from school

**80 missed lessons!**

Reduced chance of success. Possible court action.



90%

**Serious!**

Considerable absence from school

**Over 100 missed lessons!**

Lowest chance of success. Possible court action.

## WHY IS GOOD ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

We place great emphasis on excellent attendance. To be successful at school and to take advantage of all the amazing opportunities and enrichment that the school can offer, your child should aim for 100% attendance.

In order to support your child in achieving 100% attendance, we request that whenever possible, medical appointments are made outside of the school day, as losing time during the school day will impact upon their overall attendance figure and also hinder their progress.

Attendance to school is vital in achieving true potential. 1/2 a missed day per week equates to one grade lower at GCSE across all subjects –this is a proven fact.

Our school target is 97% which mean to achieve this, all pupils must have an attendance of at least 97%.



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, when they're unwell.

[Take a look at the advice from the NHS here.](#)

If your child is refusing to attend school, this is known as 'school refusal' or 'school phobia' and is often caused by fear and anxious feelings.

Take a read of our 2-page document about school refusal and some advice for parents/carers, plus the support that we, and external agencies, can offer.

[Open Document](#)

