



CLASSES OF 2024



At the end of the exam marathon, Y11 and Y13 students have successfully completed their GCSE, A-Level and BTEC examinations and are enjoying an extended summer holiday break ahead of the next steps on their journeys.

All the students worked diligently and showed great dedication during the exam season.

Both year groups had assemblies to look back on some of the fond memories from their time at Cowley.

We are looking forward to seeing the students on their respective results days.

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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."

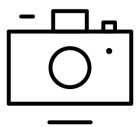
Holly Bullen
Head Girl

SUMMER CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2024
COWLEY HALL
5:00PM
£5.00

Principal's Award

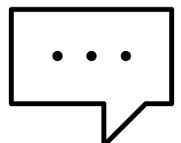
Each week, two students from each year group are nominated by their Head of Achievement to receive the Principal's Award. This award recognises and rewards students who have gone above and beyond to really set themselves apart. Here is a selection of photos from some of our most recent winners.



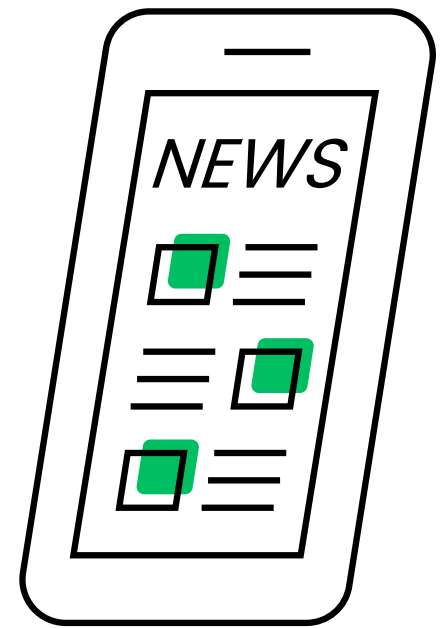
ENRICHMENT

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

[View Timetable](#)



News in brief



RECENT NEWS AND EVENTS

U15 Rounders Champions



Congratulations to our U15 rounders team who recently competed in the St Helens Schools competition and won!

There were a couple of close games, but some excellent batting and fielding saw Cowley through to victory as they beat teams from De La Salle and Rainhill.

Our U13 team also entered the competition in their age group and played really well, although they narrowly lost both of their games, against De La Salle and Rainhill. Nonetheless, well played, girls.

Cowley's Got Talent

This half term saw the annual Cowley's Got Talent event take place.

What an incredibly talented group of students we have here at Cowley, and the event

showcased that perfectly with musical, dramatical and dance acts involved.

It was wonderful to see the students perform to such a high standard and we are extremely proud of all the students who took part.

Uno competition



Recently, a number of Y8 and Y9 students took part in an UNO competition organised by Mrs Green and Gill Haddican (Fearless YTH Youth Worker).

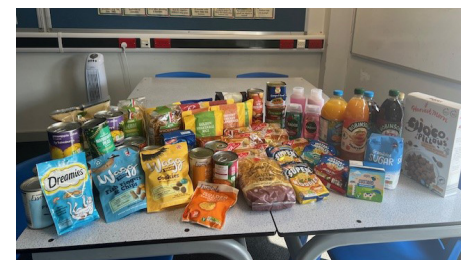
We want to encourage our students to be creative and have fun and this event provided a great opportunity for our all those taking part to enhance their social skills and boost their self-esteem.

The competition was a huge success and we are already

looking at running a games club as a regular extracurricular activity from September.

Well done to the winners and to all who took part!

Foodbank collection



We must thank all the students and staff who contributed to our collection for St Helens Foodbank this half term.

It shows wonderful Cowleian values in helping those who need it the most.

Three Y7 students accompanied staff to help drop the donations off, which weighed in at a whopping 39.6kg.

Thank you to everybody who donated.

QUINTA 2024

The Y8 residential trip to Quinta was, yet again, a huge success.

The weather got the memo as the sun shone throughout the three days, and the students had lots of fun and embraced everything that Quinta has to offer.

Students took part in a number of activities such as archery, raft building and orienteering.

There were also some team building activities and arts and crafts which everyone enjoyed doing.

With the warm weather, the opportunity for a swim did not go amiss and the students all enjoyed taking a dip in the pool and enjoyed each other's company in the beautiful surroundings.

We're looking forward to going back next year!



Y12 Progression Week



This term saw our annual Y12 Progression Week at Cowley Sixth Form College, a week-long event to help students think about what they would like to do after sixth form.

Two Careers Fairs (universities and employers) took place alongside a number of useful workshops and presentations with more than 60 organisations visiting to support the students.

Each student also sat a mock interview and took part in a minimum of three days of work experience.

This year's events have allowed our Y12s to gain lots of valuable information about all the opportunities available to them once they conclude their studies with us at Cowley.

Visit from award-winning photographer



We were delighted to welcome award-winning photographer, Terry Donnelly, to Cowley Sixth Form College.

Terry's work has been exhibited in over 25 countries in International Photography Exhibitions, earning in excess of 250 international awards and 13 'Best in Exhibition' titles.

He delivered an in-depth talk on Composition to our A-Level Art & Photography students and they benefitted from his expertise in photography tremendously.

Students star on BBC Radio 5Live



It was fantastic to hear the views of some of our sixth form students on the Nicky Campbell Show on BBC Radio 5 Live this term.

The students were participating as part of the BBC's #teen24, a day of programming focusing on issues effecting teenagers.

Topics such as mobile phones, politics and body image were discussed with our students getting involved and speaking live to the nation.

It was an amazing opportunity for the students and they were all fantastic on the broadcast. We're extremely proud of them!

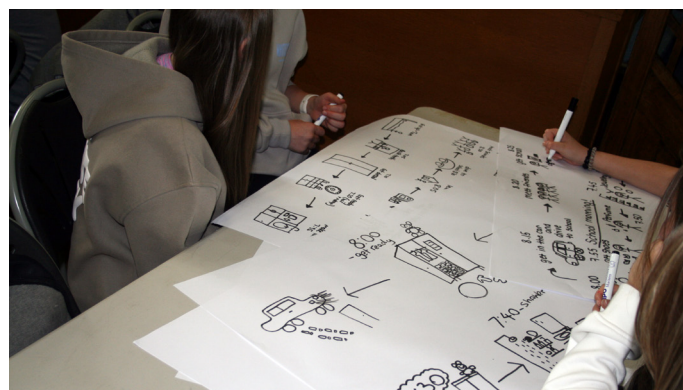
Professor Stephen Small talk



Professor Stephen Small from the University of California, Berkeley, shared his story from being a lad in Liverpool to being a Professor at one of the USA's most important and widely recognised institutions to a group of our Y12 students.

It was a fascinating, insightful and interesting talk, full of aspiration and fantastic stories from Professor Small's life as he spoke about Black History, the importance of language learning and making the most of opportunities.

Y10 Taster Day



Y10 students from Cowley and Outwood Academy Haydock all enjoyed a taster day at Cowley Sixth Form College.

The students were given some insight into life at Cowley Sixth Form College, touring the building and seeing the facilities, experiencing some sixth form subjects as well as enjoying a delicious lunch from the canteen.

It was fantastic to see the students engaging with the activities throughout the day and we're looking forward to seeing them again for the Sixth Form Open Evening early in the new academic year.

New Student Welcome Day



It was a pleasure to welcome in the new Cowley Sixth Form College students who will be starting with us in September for their New Student Welcome Day.

All the students who have applied to join the sixth form were given the chance to sample their chosen subject, meet the staff and new classmates from schools around the borough and beyond, and enjoy a tasty treat from the canteen at lunch time.

Y12 Mock Results



At the beginning of this half term, Y12 students all sat some mock examinations to give them an idea of where they are up to on their chosen courses.

After returning to college, following their work experience placements, students were given their results and there were plenty of happy, smiling faces with an excellent set of results.

We'd like to congratulate the students on their hard work and determination in preparation for and during the exams, attending additional revision sessions to help them fulfil their academic potential.

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.



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](#)



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SHE WAS WORRIED
ABOUT SCHOOL...
BUT LOOK AT HER
NOW!”**

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MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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