



## KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK

All week	Sixth Form BTEC examinations continue
Monday	Hockey Tournament
Wednesday	Y11 GCSE Rehearsal Examination Results Day
Thursday	Cowley Sixth Form Open Evening

Happy New Year! 2025 has started off strong, though chilly, and we're grateful to all of our parents/carers for your continued support.

### Cowley Winter wonderland



*A beautiful winter scene as viewed from my office*

This week has come with its challenges, and we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our site staff for their hard work in gritting paths and clearing snow. Another well done goes to all our students – we've seen so much resilience this week and we truly recognise and appreciate their efforts. We understand that many have faced difficulties arriving on time due to the weather, and we want to express our gratitude to parents, carers and our transport companies for getting students in. We want to reassure everyone that allowances were made for those students who were late due to the weather this week.

I'm also proud of our staff who braved tough

journeys to ensure they were here to teach and support the students.

The kind emails and messages from parents and carers expressing gratitude for our decision to remain open have been truly uplifting, especially those from parents working in emergency and essential care sectors, who have shared that they wouldn't have been able to go to work otherwise.

See the next page for some photos from this week.

### Exams

This week has been busy for our Sixth Form students as they have been undergoing mock exams. We have all been impressed by their focus and determination. Their hard work, in both individual study and group revision sessions, is truly commendable and it's inspiring to see how seriously they are taking their academic aspirations. I am confident that their efforts will pay off.

### Employability Profiles/Rating

We have created an employability profile for all students that looks at five key components of college life that link with the world of work. This profile will be sent home over the next few weeks. Each student has been graded based on key factors such as attendance, behaviour, punctuality and achievement points.

### NODA nominations

We are delighted to announce that Cowley has received multiple nominations for the whole-college production of Little Shop of Horrors at the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) North West District Awards, including: Best Supporting Female Character in a Youth Musical, Best Leading Female Character in a Youth Musical, Best Choreographer of a Youth

Production, Best Musical Director of a Youth Production and Best Youth Musical.

### The Cowley Way

On Tuesday, our students revisited 'The Cowley Way' with their teachers. 'The Cowley Way' sets clear standards for how we approach everyday life at Cowley, covering everything from how we communicate with one another to how we enter and leave classrooms. I am very impressed by how quickly our students have embraced these expectations and demonstrated a positive attitude towards them.

### Students who are late

From Monday, students who arrive from 8:35-9:00am will enter via the staff side entrance door (located at the front of the main building - just to the right of the Reception area).

### Former Cowley students recognised in the King's New Year Honours list 2025

Two former Cowley students, Professor Paul Monks and Andrew Wilson MBE, have been recognised in the King's New Year Honours List 2025. This serves as a powerful reminder that Cowley students have the potential to achieve greatness and make a lasting impact in any field they choose. The St Helens Star published an article earlier this week on Professor Paul Monks - [take a read of the full article here](#)

### Cowley Sixth Form Open Evening

Cowley Sixth Form College's Open Evening takes place next Thursday, 4:30-7:00pm.

Register your place at Open Evening now: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cowley-sixth-form-college/cowley-sixth-form-college-open-evening/e-dmkez3>

# COWLEY

## SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

# OPEN EVENING

Thursday, 16th January 2025  
4:30 - 7:00pm

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