



What's on next week

Tuesday 21st October - Saturday 25th October	Whole college production of The Addams Family
Tuesday 21st October	Y12/13 Free To Be Me Day
Thursday 23rd October	All Stars Secondary School Awards Y13 trip to Warrington
Friday 24th October	Final day of half term

Principal's Award



Well done to all the students who were put forward for the Principal's Award this week. The nominations highlighted some truly impressive achievements, and I'm incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

The Addams Family

It is a big weekend for rehearsals for next week's whole college production of The Addams Family. The set arrives on Saturday and students will have the opportunity to rehearse with the set on Sunday.

It is going to be another incredible production. My thanks go to the Performing Arts team who going above and beyond to provide this experience for our students.

If you haven't already, please make sure you snap up the final few tickets available to come and see our talented students in action. Details can be found on the poster on page 4 of this newsletter.

Cowley Excel Programme event

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended Cowley Sixth Form's Excel Programme welcome event on Wednesday evening.

It is fantastic that there are so many sixth form students with high aspirations and the Excel Programme is designed to challenge those students to achieve their very best and support them onto the next steps in order for them to fulfil their ambitions.

Open Evening 2



It was lovely to meet the parents and future Cowleians on Monday for those who missed our Open Evening back in September.

After my short welcome and overview, the Y11 Ambassadors took parents and future Cowleians on a tour of the College. Once again, I am very proud at the confidence of these students and the passion they have to show future Cowleians just how Cowley has supported and shaped them over the past five years.

Thank you for the wonderful comments about the college and our Y11 Ambassadors and I look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Year 7 rugby stars!

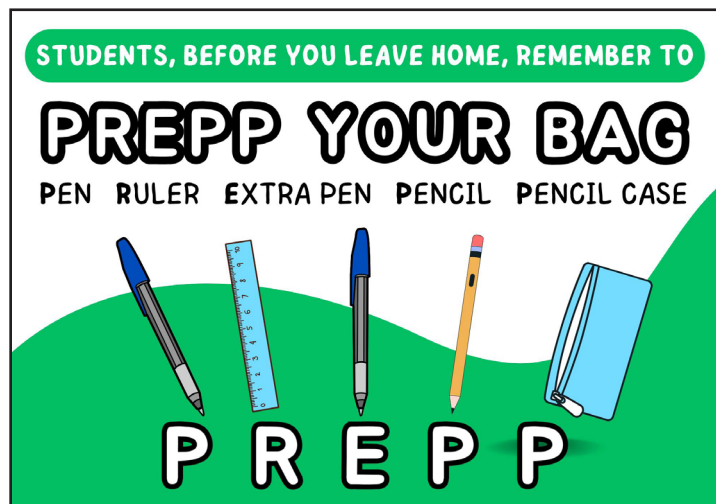


Huge congratulations to three of our talented Year 7 girls who were selected to represent St Helens at Twickenham Stadium last Saturday in a national rugby union festival.

They played four matches and emerged victorious in all four. After the festival, the girls enjoyed a special behind-the-scenes tour of the England changing rooms, an inspiring talk from Rachael Burford, a 2014 England Women's Rugby World Cup winner and met current World Cup winners Abbey Ward and Tatyana Heard, even trying on their winners' medals!

Very well done, we're so proud of you!

Coming to school prepared



We please ask for your support in ensuring your child comes to school fully prepared each day. This includes bringing a pen, spare pen, pencil, ruler, pencil case, and any additional items they may need — such as their PE kit.

Screen Time Challenge



The Cowley Eco Committee are challenging students to reduce their screen time for the sake of both the planet and their mental health.

There's a competition element to the challenge, so don't forget to send in your photos of your screen free time to eco@cowleysthelens.org.uk.

Half term sessions



During half term, the Art department are putting on some additional coursework sessions to help support students.

Final week of half term

It only seems like yesterday that we returned to College after the summer holidays, but already we are coming to the end of the first half term! It has gone extremely well and I'm extremely proud of how well the students are doing. Let's have 100% attendance and everyone in for the last five days of this half term to finish it on a high.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mr Cormack

YEAR 11 INTERVENTION (P6)

ALL SESSIONS TAKE PLACE AFTER SCHOOL
FROM 2:50 - 3:45PM (APPROXIMATELY)

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
German Foundation, M12 Higher, M11 2:45 - 3:30PM	Maths Head to the Maths corridor to be directed into the appropriate session	English Liaise with your English Teacher	Physics Science corridor, E8
Geography 2:45pm - 3:15pm	Construction Coursework Drop-in Mr Middleton	Childcare W6	Separates Science 7-9 Alternating weeks Biology/Physics, E4
Art For Y10 & Y11 W14 & W15	Graphics/Textiles *From January onwards* Mrs Westhead	Art For Y10 & Y11 W14 & W15	Chemistry **Planned to start 10 th October** Week B Only, E7

Dancers to attend their normal Thursday and Friday
P6 sessions



COWLEY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE PRESENTS



The Addams Family

MUSICAL

21st October - Open Dress

**22-25
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**EMERALD THEATRE
COWLEY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE**

Performances
Wednesday 22nd - Saturday 25th October, 7:30pm
Additional Matinee
Saturday, 25th October, 2:30pm

FOR TICKETS, EMAIL: [TICKETS@COWLESTHELENS.ORG.UK](mailto:tickets@cowleysthelens.org.uk)



Dear all,

I am writing to express my concern about the current upward trend in the use of electrically assisted pedal cycles (EAPCs) and electric bikes in Merseyside.

To address this, Merseyside Police has launched **Operation Gears**, a targeted campaign to tackle serious organised crime, robbery and ASB linked to the illegal use of two-wheeled vehicles, including electric motorcycles, scooters and non-compliant e-bikes.

As with all major cities, Liverpool is experiencing a boom in electric bikes and electrically assisted pedal cycles (EAPCs). Whilst this is seen by many as an alternative to public transport and the increased cost of vehicles, this has undoubtedly presented a problem whereby electric bikes / EAPCs are reported as a dominant form of transport, many do not understand the legalities in relation to these bikes and alongside the education, there will be those who inherently utilise these for criminality and target vulnerable users.

Merseyside Police are committed to tackling the increased threat and risk posed by EAPCs and electric bikes but in doing so, education is needed for those using them.

A large portion of riders are young people, sometimes illegally dependent on their age and the absence of a substantial driver's licence. More importantly, they are leaving themselves vulnerable to being targeted for the bikes which are seen as a high-value item. There have been many reports of various crime that are cross-cut with electric bikes being involved and we do not want any of our Merseyside young people to become a victim of any crime.

We believe there is a need to develop a better understanding of laws and regulations that govern the use of these EAPCs and electric bikes despite



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numerous social media and news reports. This letter intends to seek your support to educate your students and parents through your assemblies, newsletters, and online platforms.

This is in the hope that with this education; firstly, the roads become safer for both adults and especially children, but also pedestrians, as we recognise some who ride electric bikes, do so on pavements, endangering the safety of others and secondly; to reduce the number of victims associated with EAPCs / electric bikes including road traffic accidents, theft, and robbery, which have an added impact on both our NHS and Mersey Fire and rescue service. The safety also extends not just when riding the bike but storage of bikes as some batteries can become unstable which has sadly caused house fires, some fatal.

Identifying an illegal

ELECTRICALLY ASSISTED PEDAL CYCLES (EAPCs)

Electric motor mounted to the front or rear wheel (or under the pedals) to provide electric drive without pedalling



Twist and go throttle and accelerator

Battery mounted to the frame with zip ties or other methods

You can ride an electric bike if you're 14 or over, as long as it meets certain requirements. These electric bikes are known as 'electrically assisted pedal cycles' (EAPCs).



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You do not need a licence to ride one and it does not need to be registered, taxed or insured.

What counts as an EAPC?

[EAPC standards and legal requirements - GOV.UK](#)

An EAPC must have pedals that can be used to propel it.

It must show either:

- The power output
- The manufacturer of the motor
- The battery's voltage
- The maximum speed of the bike

It's electric motor:

- Must have a maximum power output of 250 watts
- Should not be able to propel the bike when it's travelling more than 15.5mph
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Where you can ride?

- If a bike meets the EAPC requirements, it's classed as a normal pedal bike. This means you can ride it
- On cycle paths and anywhere else pedal bikes are allowed.

Any electric bike that does not meet the EAPC rules is classed as a motorcycle or moped and needs to be registered and taxed.

You'll need a driving licence to ride one and you must wear a crash helmet.



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OFF-ROAD ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE



**SOLD FOR OFF-ROAD USE ONLY
(PRIVATE LAND ONLY IF THE RIDER HAS PERMISSION)**

This is an electric motorcycle.

Some of the most well-known manufacturers of off-road electric motorcycles would include SUR-RON, Talaria, Bultaco, Stealth etc.

They are not street-legal.

They are only street-legal with a valid number plate, registered with the DVLA, taxed and MOT'd.

You may hear these motorcycles also referred to as 'scrambler bikes'.



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Identifying an illegal **POWERED SCOOTERS**



External company VOI (you may spot them as the red scooters around Merseyside) are the only road-legal versions of the powered scooters.

- All powered scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs)
- The only place privately owned scooters can be used is on private land (with the landowners' permission)
- If used on the road or in a public place, they are treated as motor vehicles



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We will continue to tackle the issue from a policing perspective but work closely alongside partner agencies as we recognise that we need assistance beyond the police to tackle this upward trend. I am sure you are in agreement to ensure the safety of the students is paramount and with that, I hope that with this bit of education, we can make students and parents make better choices and enable the safety of themselves and others.

Related articles:

- [Only purchase safe and legal e-bikes: new Government safety campaign](#)
- [Panorama - E-Bikes: The Battle for Our Streets - BBC iPlayer](#)
- [Warning issued after three people die due to lithium battery fires - Liverpool Echo](#)

Kind Regards

Sergeant Carly Slinger

Prevention Hub

Merseyside Police



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