MR CORMACK'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

End of the academic year

Well, that's gone quickly! September seems like only yesterday! It has been a fantastic academic year, full of achievement and enrichment and I'm extremely proud of our students.

Principal's Award

Congratulations to this week's winners of the Principal's Award! It was a joy speaking to them about their achievements. Well done!

Aspiring Medics



A group of Y10 students had the opportunity to attend a hands-on NHS workshop at the Walton Centre. The students, all with a keen interest in pursuing careers in medicine, had the chance to learn about the wide range of careers in the NHS. They got to meet healthcare professionals and ask questions about their journeys into the medical field.

This is just the beginning of their exciting journey into healthcare, I'm so proud of their enthusiasm and dedication to learning more about the world of medicine and I hope this event only expanded that ambition.

China trip



Our Y9 Mandarin students returned from their trip to China last weekend and they had a great time!

Hearing about all the experiences they've enjoyed during their trip has been fantastic and I'm delighted we've been able to offer them this amazing opportunity.

I've really enjoyed reading all the student blogs from the trip, which you can read on the college website <u>here</u>.

Loire Valley trip



Another international excursion took place at the beginning of the week with a group of Y9 French students embarking a four-day trip to the Loire Valley.

While they were over there, the students were able to improve their language skills in real-life situations and I hope this has further boosted their motivation for GCSE French for the next couple of years.

Cowley Sixth Form podcast

The final episode of the Cowley Sixth Form College student podcast, Cowley Unplugged, was released this week, focused on the student experience.

Three of the students shared their experiences of life in the sixth form, answering questions about friendships, support, lessons and the food in the canteen!

It was a really enjoyable listen, please check it out <u>here</u>.

Paramedic visit



On Monday, a group of sixth form aspiring Medics, Doctors and Vets were invited to meet, Dr Chris Marsh in his rapid response vehicle. He volunteers shifts each month for Northwest Pre-Hospital Critical Care Charity alongside his fulltime job as a Specialty Registrar in Anaesthesia.

He spoke to the students about his varied route into his career from his time at Sixth Form, through university and the various posts he has held since becoming a doctor.

He brought a rapid response vehicle with him and talked through the various pieces of kit and equipment and how they would be used at a roadside trauma and the students were able to investigate the equipment for themselves.

Masked Singer



It has been an enjoyable final day of term. The students were treated to a Masked Singer - staff edition as part of the final day activities, with a number of staff singing in disguise with the students trying to guess who it was before the big reveals!

The students enjoyed it and I'd like to thank the staff who volunteered to take part, there might be a career on stage for some of them!

Celebration assemblies

It has been lovely to see each year group recognise the many achievements of the past term in our end of year celebration assemblies.

So much has been achieved over the course of the summer term and we have so much to celebrate and look back on these successes. Well done!

Open Evenings - Save the Dates

The calendar for 2025-2026 has been put together and we can announce our dates for Open Evenings.

We invite Y5 and Y6 students and their families to our 11-16 Open Evening which will take place on Thursday, 11th September.

Y10 and Y11 students and their families are invited to attend the Cowley Sixth Form College Open Evenings which will be held on Thursday, 9th October and Thursday, 6th November.

Please check our social media channels and the college website for further details over the summer.

Enjoy the summer

Another academic year has passed, and I'd like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support of the students and the college.

May I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all when we return to College on Wednesday, 3rd September.

Mr Cormack

