



### KEY EVENTS NEXT HALF TERM

Thursday 9th January  
Presentation Evening

Thursday 16th January  
Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 21st January  
Y7 Mandarin Trip to Manchester

Thursday 23rd January  
Y9 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 28th January  
Y11 Progression Day

Wednesday 29th January  
Intermediate Maths Challenge

Thursday 13th February  
Y13 Parents' Evening

New York trip (until 17th February)

Friday 14th February  
Half term break up (at 3:05pm)

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to all the students who were nominated for this week's Principal's Award. I'm extremely proud of you, well done!

### REWARDS BREAKFAST



This morning, the students enjoyed a Christmas rewards breakfast in the canteen for their efforts over the course of this term.

### REWARDS ASSEMBLIES

It has been another busy half term and each year group has enjoyed a rewards assembly where students have been recognised for some fantastic achievements over the course of the past half term. A lot has been achieved over the course of the past seven weeks and it's really important that we recognise this.

### PRESENCE NOT PRESENTS

I sent out a letter to all parents and carers earlier this week, following Mrs MacKay's assemblies about being present with loved ones over the festive period.

Thank you for your support, once more, during this busy term. If you haven't seen the letter via your Class Charts app, you can find it on the college website here: <https://www.cowley.st-helens.sch.uk/end-of-term-letter-from-mr-cormack/>

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening. Once again, our students demonstrated how talented they are in music, dance and drama with some tremendous performances. I'm extremely proud of them and their work and congratulate them on putting on such a fantastic show.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER



As well as the ever popular student Christmas dinner which was enjoyed earlier this week, we also invited some of the local community to enjoy a festive meal and some entertainment.

Each year, Mrs Green liaises with our local Age UK charity and we provide a Christmas party for some amazing people.

Some of our Y10 students helped with the serving and chatted with our guests while the choir provided some excellent festive musical entertainment.

I'd like to thank our visitors for coming in and I hope they enjoyed their afternoon at Cowley.

### CHURCH VISITS



This week, our Y7 and Y8 students have been visiting local churches to learn about the meaning of Christmas. The students represented the college fantastically as they listened to the Christmas message. I'd like to thank the local churches for inviting us to attend.

### THE COWLEY CHARITY CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE



This week, Mrs Smith and the Student Leadership Team have been organising a charity Christmas Challenge, where we have been collecting donations for St Helens Foodbank. The Student Leaders helped to deliver the packages to the foodbank earlier today.

It can be a difficult time for people, and I've been overwhelmed with the generosity from the Cowley community with hundreds and hundreds of donations to help those in our local area who need a bit of additional support over this period.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated both on the 11-16 site and sixth form.

May I take this final opportunity of 2024 to thank you all for your continued support. I wish you all an enjoyable, relaxing and safe festive period.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back in college on Tuesday 7th January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Cormack

# Safeguarding in the Spotlight



## We're still here

Supporting you over the festive period

Kooth's live chat hours over the holiday period

24th December	(Christmas Eve)	12pm – 8pm
25th December	(Christmas Day)	4pm – 8pm
26th December	(Boxing Day)	12pm – 8pm
31st December	(New Years Eve)	12pm – 8pm
1st January	(New Years Day)	4pm – 8pm

Other days over the holiday period will follow our usual live chat hours of 12pm – 10pm on weekdays and 6pm – 10pm on weekends.

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With the Christmas break upon us, we appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to the daily pastoral support, trusted adults and friends that the school community provides.

You're not alone - Kooth is still available to access during the Winter holiday period.

If you or someone you know needs extra mental wellbeing support during the holiday season, Kooth are here.

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## Student Spotlight



Three of our Y9 students and aspiring mathematicians have been adding to their learning by attending the Mathematics Education on Merseyside (MEM) Masterclasses.

The students were nominated by the Maths department for their enthusiasm and ability in the subject and, over the past couple of months, they have attended four Masterclasses across the region to enhance their learning.

The sessions included activities on Roman Numerals, origami, pyramid building and fun mathematical puzzles at venues including Liverpool John Moores University and Liverpool Hope Academy.

The students enjoyed the experience, saying: "We really enjoyed the Masterclasses, they were fun and interesting.

"It has helped our understanding of Maths and opened our eyes to see what you can do with Maths in the future."

During the final session, the students received a presentation in one of the university lecture theatres where they collected a certificate, pen and some maths books.

The College would like to thank the students' parents for their fantastic support of this programme.

