



WHAT'S GOING ON NEXT WEEK

All week

- The Great Big School Clean

Monday, 24th March

- U13 Merseyside Tournament at Greenbank

Tuesday, 25th March

- Y8 Shakespeare Workshop

Wednesday, 26th March

- Y7/8 Visit to Liverpool FC
- Y10 Macbeth Workshop

Thursday, 27th March

- Y10 Parents' Evening

Principal's Award



Congratulations to our Principal's Award winners for this week! Yesterday, the students enjoyed a celebratory breakfast and received their certificates for their excellent work and efforts. I'm very proud of them.

Sixth Form Admissions Interviews



On Monday night, we held the final session of Admissions Interviews for Y11 students who have applied to join Cowley Sixth Form College in September 2025.

The academic aspiration of Y11s from across St Helens is incredible as they apply for Cowley Sixth Form. Our sixth form is such a special place and if you have any questions about graduating from Y11 to Cowley Sixth Form, then please contact the Sixth Form team on **01744 678030** (option 2) or email admissions@cowleysthelens.org.uk.

Sporting success



Well done to the Y9/10 girls rugby team who made it through to the St Helens Schools Town Cup semi-final this week with a victory over Rainford. It was a thrilling game with the girls playing some superb rugby. I'm extremely proud of them!

Easter School



Over the Easter holidays, we will be running an Easter School to support Y11 in preparing for their GCSEs.

Along with the breakfast boosts, period 6s and the Saturday Study Squad sessions, we are committed to supporting the Y11 students ahead of their GCSE exams, so I'm delighted that staff have volunteered to give up part of their half term to offer this additional revision for the students.

A timetable is being put together and this will be posted out via Class Charts and social media as soon as we have a copy.

Lockdown

I was incredibly proud at how the students conducted themselves during the lockdown drill earlier this week. They were sensible and mature which enabled us to prove that we have the systems in place to keep the Cowley family safe. I also had three senior Health & Safety colleagues observing the drill and they too were incredibly impressed with the procedures and the students.

Safeguarding in the Spotlight

Student Safety on Public Transport: Tips for Getting to and From School Safely

As students travel to and from school, it's essential to keep safety at the forefront of their minds, especially when using public transport. While buses are a convenient way to travel, there are steps that both students and parents can take to ensure the trip is as safe as possible.

Here are some important tips for staying safe while using public transport:

1. Plan the Route in Advance

Make sure your child knows the best and safest route to take. Familiarise them with the bus schedule, stops, and what to do if there's a delay or disruption.

2. Stay Aware of Surroundings

Encourage your child to stay alert during their journey. It's important not to get too distracted by phones, music, or reading. Being aware of their surroundings can help them spot any potential issues or unsafe situations.

3. Travel with a Friend or Group

Where possible, your child should try to travel with friends or classmates. There is safety in numbers, and traveling in groups can offer support in case of emergencies.

4. Keep Belongings Close

Advise your child to keep their bags, phones, and personal items close to them. Never leave items unattended or in easy-to-reach places where someone could grab them.

5. What to do if they feel unsafe

If they feel uncomfortable or unsafe, they should move to a different area of the vehicle, if possible, or alert a staff member or bus driver when safe to do so.

6. Know Emergency Contacts

Make sure your child has important phone numbers saved in their phones (or written down) – including yours, the school, and emergency services. In case of any trouble, they can quickly reach someone for help.

Report Any Concerns:

If your child notices anything suspicious or feels unsafe, they should report it immediately to a teacher, parent, or public transport authority.



Uniform

With the recent nice weather, we are certainly now in spring, the sun is shining and the days are getting longer. We are becoming concerned that some girls are choosing to roll their skirts very short. The uniform policy states "just above or just below the knee". Please can you support your child with following the policy and keeping their skirt at an appropriate length. Please the link to the policy [here](#).

German visitors



This week, we welcomed a number of students and staff from Ferdinand Porsche Gymnasium High School, our partner school in St Helens' twin town of Stuttgart.

The students took part in some lessons and activities with some of our students, providing a wonderful opportunity for them to meet young people from a different country, learn about their culture and, of course, try some German speaking with them!

It was fantastic to see the students mix and converse, both in English and German!

Bus Update

Please be aware that starting on Monday (24th March), both Bus Service 706 routes will be subject to timing changes in the mornings.

The departure times for both 706 services will be 15 minutes earlier than usual. Please make sure to adjust schedules accordingly from this day. Further information can be found on the Stagecoach website [here](#).

Y7 Bronze Accolades



Y7 students have been working really hard since September to gain the criteria needed for the prestigious Bronze Award as part of their Cowley Experience. The criteria all relate to the six Cowley Values of Independent, Positive Contributor, Good Communicator, Aspirational, Healthy and Considerate.

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The students need to provide evidence that they have gone above and beyond the normal high standards at school and at home to achieve the criteria points. I was delighted to see our first three recipients of the accolade this week, well done Amelia, Heidi and Joshua! I'm really proud of you!

It's been another packed and busy week. May I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Cormack

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NO BOOKING NECESSARY

COURSE ENQUIRY EVENT

Whether you've already applied or are still considering your options, we invite Year 11 students and their parents/carers to join us at this Saturday Course Enquiry event. **Get all the information you need about Cowley Sixth Form.**

- ✓ For current Year 11 students
- ✓ Personalised Tours
- ✓ Course Information
- ✓ Admission Queries
- ✓ A-Level, BTEC and Gateway Help

SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH, 10 -1PM