

KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 9th December
Y12 Law students visit to Law Courts

Senior Choir - Performance at St Helens Rotary Club (4-6pm)

Tuesday 10th December
Y13 Criminology students visit to Law Courts

Wednesday 11th December
Attendance Conference and Coffee Morning (11:30am)

Employability Profile Parent Conference (5:30pm)

Friday, 13th December
Y7 World Faith Day

Sixth Form - Employer in the Foyer

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Congratulations to the students who were nominated for this week's Principal's Award. I'm extremely proud of you and I really enjoyed meeting them for breakfast yesterday to hear about their fantastic achievements.

ANTI-BULLYING CONFERENCE



On Tuesday, we hosted our anti-bullying conference to listen to the views of parents, students and governors to discuss how we educate students and ensure that they are happy and safe at Cowley. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Safeguarding in the Spotlight

SOCIAL MEDIA AND COUNTY LINES

There is information that "one in four young people (24%) reported that they see illicit drugs advertised for sale on social media - a significant figure considering how recent a phenomenon this is."

County lines is the name given to drug dealing where organised criminal groups (OCGs) use phone lines to move and supply drugs, usually from cities into smaller towns and rural areas.

They exploit vulnerable people, including children and those with mental health or addiction issues, by recruiting them to distribute the drugs. This is often referred to as 'drug running'.

Most common social media platforms used to advertise drugs are **Snapchat 56%**, **Instagram 55%** and **Facebook 47%**.

Most drugs are available with adverts viewed being Cannabis 63%, Cocaine 26%, MDMA/Ecstasy 24%, Xanax 20%, Nitrous Oxide 17% and Codeine/Lean 16%.

How can Parents use Social Media to protect their child

If a young person is linked to online criminal activity, some essential information to evidence:

- Username
- App being used
- QR code/barcode (Snapchat, this can be found by clicking the account detail in the top left corner of the home screen.)
- Evidence of content that is concerning. This can be through a screenshot or taking an image from a different device. Screenshots on some apps like Snapchat and Instagram alerts the original poster that a screenshot has been taken and this can put someone at risk of further harm.
- Some apps have functions that mean that messages or images shared are only visible for a small period of time or are only able to be opened once. The best way to record this is through taking a photograph of it from another device.
- Seek immediate advice from the local police, who have access to specialist resources to ensure that the evidence is recovered to allow for children to be safeguarded.



MANDARIN EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME (MEP) MEETING

This week, I attended a meeting with all the other MEP schools across the country. It reminded me, again, of what an amazing opportunity the students at Cowley have with us being involved in this programme.

Y11 REHEARSAL EXAMS



It's been a busy week with Y11 rehearsal exams taking place. The students handled the week very well and I'm confident this will stand them in good stead for the summer. Some students said "the exams were hard" and yes, they are, but we have time to prepare further and, if they work hard in lessons and revise at home, the exams will go well in the summer.

Y7 DROP IN SESSIONS

Thank you to all the parents and carers of Y7 students who have attended the drop in sessions the year team have been holding this week. I hope you've found it useful to pop in and chat with the team about all things Cowley. If you've not yet booked on, more sessions are running before Christmas.

SPORTING SUCCESS

On Thursday afternoon, our Y7 rugby team played away at Saddleworth in the North West Counties competition. The conditions were far from ideal as torrential rain from Storm Daniel hit the region! Nevertheless, they performed brilliantly to win and progress in the competition.

Also braving the rain yesterday were our Y7 footballers who played friendly fixtures against Rainford. Well done to all involved.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Mr Cormack

WE INVITE YOU TO OUR

EMPLOYABILITY PROFILE



PARENT CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY

11TH DECEMBER, 5.30PM

Includes

- looking at the new student employability profiles
- opportunity to offer your thoughts/suggestions

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

