

#### MR CORMACK'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

#### KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK

All week Y7-11 Careers Assemblies

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday, 11th November Remembrance Day service

Sixth Form Choir visit to Stuttgart

Tuesday, 12th November Odd Socks Day

Thursday, 14th November Y11 Preparing for Success event (4:30-5:30pm)

Friday, 15th November Employer in the Foyer (Sixth Form)

#### WELCOME BACK

The second half term of the academic year has started extremely well. Many thanks to parents and carers for all their help in ensuring the students have returned looking smart and refreshed for another busy half term.

#### LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



We are still celebrating the success of the whole College musical production of Little Shop of Horrors.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) and we are hopeful that the production and cast members might be nominated for more awards as the show was fantastic! Watch this space.

#### **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

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#### **DARK NIGHTS**

It is certainly looking more like autumn even though it's unusually warm. Please ensure your child is safe and visible on these dark nights.

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

This week, I've been delivering assemblies on remembrance ahead of Remembrance Day. Many students are wearing poppies to show their respect and those students who are cadets, guides and scouts will be coming to college on Monday in their cadet uniforms.

#### Y7 PARENTS' EVENING



Yesterday, we had an excellent turnout for Y7 Parents' Evening. Thank you for your support. It was lovely to see you all and hear how we have supported and cared for your child since they started with us in September. Please see page 2 for some of the comments we've received.

#### SPORTING SUCCESS



I was delighted to read all about the success of our Y9 rugby union team this week. The boys played in their first round of the North West Counties competition away against Irlam and Cadishead Academy and recorded a resounding 126-0 victory to progress into the next round. Well done to everyone involved!

#### SEND COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all those parents who attended the coffee morning the SEND department held yesterday. It is always useful to work in partnership and listen to parents and carers. I am very proud of our excellent SEND team and they are always looking at ways they can go beyond for the students we serve.

#### MAIN ENTRANCE AND CAR PARK

May I issue a polite reminder about the use of the 11-16 car park. Please do not use this area to drop off your child, unless they have a disability or you have an appointment in school. It is important that the car park does not become congested at the start and the end of the college day. Your support and cooperation, as always, is very much appreciated.

#### SIXTH FORM TASTER DRIVING SESSIONS



We are really excited to be able to offer our Cowley Sixth Form students some FREE onsite practical driving taster lessons focused on road safety. Students have been emailed with details of how to apply.

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#### STUDENT LEADERS



Yesterday, members of of our Student Leadership Team attended a meeting at the Town Hall, discussing a number of issues affecting young people in St Helens. They represented Cowley fantastically with their input to the meeting and their behaviour throughout. Well done!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Cormack



### Y7 Parent/carer feedback

taken from the Y7 Parents' Evening survey



## My child's biggest achievement at the school has been...

- 100% attendance, no days off.
- Academic excellence, good moral standard and confidence building.
- Becoming more confident in such a small amount of time.
- Coming into school with out any upset and leaving with a smile.
- Head teacher award & continued good reports from lessons.
- Just being his amazing self. Fantastic report from every teacher.





# One thing the school could do to support me/my child better is...

- Everything is good so nothing needs to be improved.
- Continue with the high standard and engage in programs that can build pupils confidence.
- Everything is very well planned out and communicated well too.
- I'm pleased with the school.
- My child has all the support he's needs to do better at Cowley.
- My child is fully supported at he moment there is nothing that I would suggest.
- Nothing, our experience has been great so far.
- School have supported my child in many ways and I don't think anything could be better.

thank you

