



KEY EVENTS COMING UP AFTER HALF TERM

Year 9 1:1 Options Interviews

During the first week back, Year 9 students will have a one-to-one interview to discuss and finalise their options choices.

Year 11 Sixth Form Interviews

Interviews take place for Year 11 students who have applied to join Cowley Sixth Form in September.

Thursday, 23rd February

Year 10 Parents' Evening.

Friday, 24th February

Y8 boys hockey tournament at Liverpool College, 2:00-4:00pm.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS WEEK

Principal's Award



Congratulations to this week's group of students who achieved the Principal's Award. To be chosen from a year group is a fantastic achievement, I'm really proud of you.

New York, New York!



This morning, a group of 40 students, from across all year groups, embarked on a College trip to New York! I wish them a safe journey and I'm sure they'll have the trip of a lifetime!

Talk from Magdalene College

A group of our Climb to 9 students this week went to Hope Academy for a presentation by representatives from the University of Cambridge, Magdalene College, about thinking ahead to university and the critical thinking and study skills required to succeed.

The Tempest

Yesterday, Year 12 and 13 English Literature students went to Stratford-upon-Avon to see an excellent Royal Shakespeare Company production of their set Shakespeare text, The Tempest.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, students took part in Safer Internet Day. In Computing lessons, we started conversations about life online, designing posters with things students enjoy online plus ideas and ways to stay safe whilst using the internet. There is some information about staying safe online on the Cowley website: [click here](#).

Discord App

We've been made aware of a concern regarding the Discord App from the local authority who want us to make parents aware and to provide links to the Thinkyouknow website.

The Thinkuknow website offers some advice, tips and support for parents and contains a tool to report any concerns: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents.

PLACED Project

A group of Year 8 students have been working with St Helens Borough Council on a project to rejuvenate St Helens town centre. They have put forward some ideas about how the town centre could be improved for young people, and these will be displayed to the public on Bridge Street Thursday, 16th February from 11:30am-5:30pm.

Sporting successes

Once again, we've seen lots of great achievements from our sports teams this week. I've enjoyed reading all the reports from the PE department, including our Year 7 rugby team becoming Lancashire Under-12 champions! Well done to everyone involved!

Power of Poetry



More than 20 Cowley students, from across all year groups, have had their poems published in 'The Power of Poetry'. Work is selected for publication based on perception, imagination, expression, creativity and use of language. It's fantastic to see their great work in print!

Half term reading

It has been a busy half term, and while it's very important for students to recharge their batteries, I would also encourage them to continue reading every day.

For Year 11 and Year 13 students, it is an important time, with exams coming up, to get into good self study and revision routines.

Students have found half term Masterclasses really useful in their preparation for exams, and once again, we will be offering a number of sessions next week to help students with their revision. I'd encourage students to get involved if they can. Please check our social media for details.

Return to College

College will reopen on Monday, 20th February. It has been fantastic to see the students looking so smart this year, so please make sure that all uniform and equipment is ready for the first day back.

It has been a packed and really strong half term. Thank you to all parents and carers for their continued support.

Wishing you all a relaxing and safe half term and we look forward to see students back in College on Monday, 20th February.

Best wishes, Mr Cormack