



KEY EVENTS COMING UP NEXT WEEK

BTEC Exams

Tuesday 31st January

New York Trip - final meeting

Thursday, 2nd February

Year 13 Parents' Evening

Thursday, 2nd February

Year 9 Stock Market challenge

Thursday, 2nd February

Over 100 students from Years 9-11 will take part in the UK Maths Challenge. Very best of luck!

Friday, 3rd February

Sixth Form Mock Exam Results

Friday, 3rd February

Year 9 Stock Market Challenge

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS WEEK



Principal's Award

Congratulations to this week's students who achieved the Principal's Award, I'm really proud of you!

Passport to the Prom

Passport to the Prom was launched on Thursday for Year 11.

Students have between 30/01 and 31/03 to meet the criteria set by the Year 11 team and this includes factors such as attendance, attending period 6 and behaviour. The prom passport allows students to monitor their progress with team tutors filling in their passport during Friday team time.

More information about the prom will be released in due course following meetings with the venue and the prom committee.

Year 11 Performing Arts

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to the students and staff

who were here until 7pm on Thursday night working on coursework. This shows phenomenal commitment from both our dedicated staff and students. Brilliant.

Continuing with Performing Arts, our Year 11 music students also deserve recognition for working so hard after college and during weekends by coming into college to practice to improve their music skills. My sincere thanks go to Mr Watkins and Mr Gerrard for creating this opportunity for students.

Mandarin trip

On Wednesday, 28 Year 7 students visited The University of Manchester to celebrate Chinese New Year by taking part in a number of workshops. The students also got to enjoy Chinese food as part of the experience.

The college celebrated Chinese New Year earlier this week by having some dishes available to students in the canteens.

Some brilliant stats from this week

- Almost 100 students achieved 10 or more Grade 1s in lesson monitor!
- Four Year 8 students became the first students in the college to achieve 1000 points in Class Charts!

Rewards Store

The Class Charts Rewards Store has been restocked with new rewards, such as cakes for a class, vouchers and stationery. Students have been working hard to generate points and orders have already been placed!

Industrial action - next Wednesday

A letter was sent via Class Charts this week detailing the plan for next Wednesday. Below is a snippet of the key details (please check Class Charts or our website for the full letter).

Next Wednesday, 1st February, the College will only be open to Sixth Form and a small group of identified Y7-11 students. Parents/carers of this identified group will receive a personal communication in the next few days.

All students not attending next Wednesday will be provided with appropriate

independent study to complete throughout the day. Miss Barry will be providing more details about this and adding information to our website early next week.



Criminology visit (Y13)

On Wednesday, a member of the National Crime Agency came in to speak with our Year 13 Criminology and Unformed Protective Services students. As part of the visit, a crime case study was discussed before students got to carry out a mock forensic search of a classroom.



University of Oxford visitor

Earlier today, we welcomed Anna McMurtrie, an Access and Outreach Coordinator from St Peter's College, University of Oxford who spoke with our Cowley Honours and Cowley Scholars students about applying to Oxford and top universities.

January is coming to an end and the mornings finally seem a little bit brighter as we approach spring.

I've taken the opportunity this week to walk around the college as lessons are taking place and I had a real sense of pride as I saw students focused and engaged with the outstanding lessons that our staff have planned. There is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes and seeing how much enjoyment that our students have in lessons really is testament to the dedication of the team here at Cowley.

I am looking forward to joining parents to watch the hockey tomorrow morning. See you then if you are going.

Best wishes, Mr Cormack