



# SIXTH FORM STUDENT WINS GERMAN WRITING COMPETITION

Cowley Sixth Form College Year 12 student, Eve Kelly, has won a prestigious German A-Level writing competition organised by the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures at King's College London.

The competition, open to A-Level students across the UK, invited students to submit an original piece of writing in German of about 400-450 words on the topic of climate change.

Entries were judged on both the content and the language. News of the success was broken to Eve, rather fittingly, during a recent college trip to Stuttgart with the rest of Cowley's German A-Level students.

Talking about her reasons for entering the competition, Eve explained: "I wanted to enter to be able to express my thoughts on something outside of A-Level whilst using my German, as I really enjoy writing, especially in German.

"German is definitely my favourite subject because of how diverse language learning is and how much you receive from it, like the opportunity to express yourself in a different perspective of language.



"In the future, I want to continue my German learning at university, alongside Mandarin. I would really like to live in Germany and maybe work over there doing translation, teaching or something in publishing."

As the winning entrant, Eve was invited to a prize-giving ceremony where she received a book token. Her essay has been published in the *Königspost*, the German-language magazine produced by students at King's College London, which has a wide circulation among university

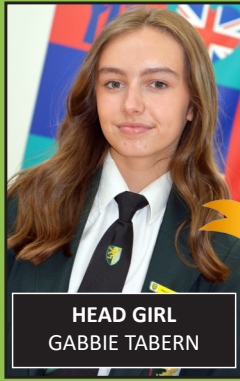
students and language learners across the UK.

Mrs Faulkner, Director of Cowley Sixth Form College, said: "We're incredibly proud of Eve for this achievement. To win a nationwide competition like this is no mean feat.

"As the only sixth form college in the area to offer A-Level German, it is fantastic to have students like Eve who enjoy the subject and are excelling with it, both inside and outside of college."



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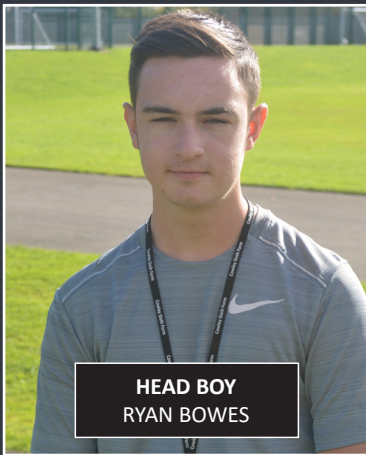


**DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS**  
SUSANNA PETERSBURSKA  
SHANNON ANDERS

## MEET OUR 2022 - 2023 HEAD BOY, HEAD GIRL, DEPUTY HEAD BOYS AND DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS

Cowley's Ambassadors are Year 11 students who have been successfully selected to represent the College, not only on a daily basis, but also on Open Evenings and at wider community events.

They are a wonderful group of willing, conscientious and enthusiastic students who are always prepared to aid and assist in College life.



**HEAD BOY**  
RYAN BOWES

2022 - 2023

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## SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

### MEET OUR HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL



**HEAD GIRL**  
MAJA PETERSBURSKA

Congratulations to Ryan and Maja for being voted by their peers to be this year's Head Boy and Head Girl at Cowley Sixth Form College.

Ryan said: "I'm really proud to represent the College. It's something I wanted to do after being Deputy Head Boy at the 11-16 site."

Maja added: "I'm honoured to have been voted Head Girl. It's a privilege and I hope I don't disappoint anyone."

## PARENTS' EVENINGS 2022-2023



**Year 7**  
**Team Tutor**  
**Parents' Evening:**  
Thursday, 29th  
June

**Year 8**  
Thursday, 9th  
March  
  
**Team Tutor**  
**Parents' Evening:**  
Thursday, 15th  
June

**Year 9**  
**Team Tutor**  
**Parents' Evening:**  
Thursday, 29th  
June

**Year 10**  
Thursday, 23rd  
February  
  
**Team Tutor**  
**Parents' Evening:**  
Thursday, 15th  
June

**Year 11**  
Thursday, 2nd  
March

# Principal's Award

Each week, two students from each year group are nominated by their Head of Achievement to receive the Principal's Award. This award recognises and rewards students who have gone above and beyond to really set themselves apart.

Currently, there are more than 1,540 students at Cowley, so to be nominated is truly an achievement. We send our congratulations to all of the students who have received the Award.

Here is a selection of photos from our most recent winners.



## THE GREAT GATSBY ADDED TO COWLEY STAFF!



We are thrilled to have a new member of staff in the form of our therapy puppy, Gatsby, who started with us at the beginning of this term.

Gatsby is a cockapoo and his favourite toys are a squeaky bear and lion, which he tries to carry in his mouth despite them being too big! His interests include being petted and running up the stairs!

Gatsby has made a great start to his Cowley career, getting on really well with staff and students, as well as his therapy dog colleague, Rolo.

The two therapy dogs will work together as part of the College's wellbeing and mental health programme.



Cowley  
Presentation  
Evening  
2023



# PRESENTATION EVENING

At the beginning of January, we held our annual Presentation Evening. It was a superb event celebrating the many successes from the 2021-2022 academic year.

It is one of the highlights of the College calendar and it was fantastic to see so many students collecting prizes for their hard work.

There were some VIP guests in attendance including Marie Rimmer, CBE, MP for St Helens South and Whiston, and the Mayor of St Helens, Councillor Sue Murphy, who was awarded an

MBE in the New Year's Honours List for Public and Political Service.

Our special guest speaker was former pupil and current St Helens rugby legend, James Roby, who gave a fantastic speech about his time at Cowley and how it has helped him with what he has gone on to achieve, as well as congratulating all our prize winners and handing out the awards.

It was a brilliant night, and we are already looking forward to next year's event! Well done to everyone who picked up an award!

## ASPIRING MATHEMATICIANS TAKE PART IN MASTERCLASSES



Two aspiring mathematicians in Year 9 have been adding to their learning by attending the Mathematics Education on Merseyside (MEM) Masterclasses.

The two students, Tom Curley and Rhys Crehan, were nominated by the Maths department for their enthusiasm and ability in the subject and, over the past couple of months, have attended four Masterclasses across the region to enhance their learning.

The sessions, which took place at the University of Liverpool, Liverpool Hope University and Ridgeway High School on Saturday mornings, included activities on Roman numerals, origami, bridge building, fun mathematical puzzles as well as a spot of maths juggling from guest speaker, Colin Wright.

Both students commented that the juggler was their favourite part of the experience, stating that he was "really interesting and funny".

Reflecting on the experience, Tom said: "At the beginning, I was quite nervous, but I settled as soon as I got there.

"It wasn't like a test, it was all about finding enjoyment from maths. I've learned a lot and found it very enjoyable and am thinking about studying maths after high school."

Rhys added: "I was nervous at first, especially with it being in a university setting, but there was tonnes of help which eased the nerves.

"It was an experience I enjoyed, seeing how maths is used outside of school and as part of a career."

During the final session, the students received a presentation in one of the university lecture theatres where they collected a certificate, pen and some maths books.

The College would like to thank the students' parents for their fantastic support of this programme.

## CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION AT COWLEY SIXTH FORM



Recently, a visitor from the National Crime Agency came into Sixth Form to speak to Year 13 Criminology and Uniformed Protective Services students.

She went through some crime case studies with the students, sharing some of her personal experiences, as well as answering some questions.

At the end of the two-hour session, the students donned gloves, swabs and plastic bags to carry out a forensic search of the classroom.

It was a really engaging, interesting and fun session, so we'd like to thank our guest from the National Crime Agency for giving up their time to speak to our students.

## NURSE CADETS RECEIVE APPRENTICESHIPS TALK



Recently, students on the Cowley Sixth Form College Nurse Cadetship programme were given a talk about nursing apprenticeships by visitors from the healthcare sector.

The guests shared information about the courses and the different career pathways they can lead

to, sharing their own individual experiences and knowledge of the healthcare profession.

As part of our Nurse Cadetship programme, the students spend two days a week on work placement in various healthcare sectors to gain hands on experience, alongside the study they carry out within college. This talk, and others which take place throughout the course, provides additional value to their learning experience.

It was a thoroughly engaging session with students asking plenty of questions, and we would like to thank our guests for taking the time to speak to the students.

## TOTALLY WICKED CAREERS FAIR



Cowley Sixth Form College's Head Boy, Ryan, joined Mr Dunford at a recent careers event organised by Outwood Academy Haydock at the Totally Wicked Stadium.

Manning the College's promotional stand at the event, they handed out prospectuses and spoke to lots of Haydock's Year 11 students about the great opportunities on offer at Cowley Sixth Form, with a number of pupils, there and then, making applications to join in September.



# SPOTLIGHT

ON SUBJECTS THAT WE OFFER AT SIXTH FORM

We've listed the A-level and BTEC courses available at Cowley Sixth Form College below. Details about each course can be found on our website and in our new 2023 Prospectus.

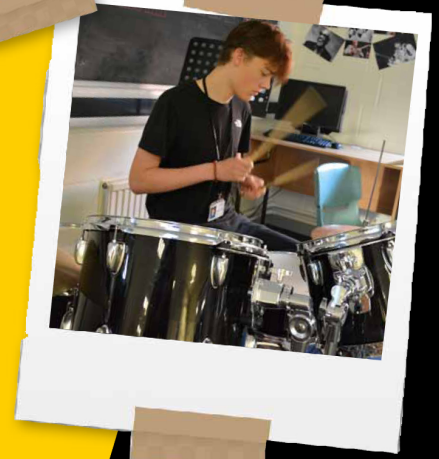
Students can study A-Levels, BTECs or a combination of the two.

## A-LEVEL SUBJECTS

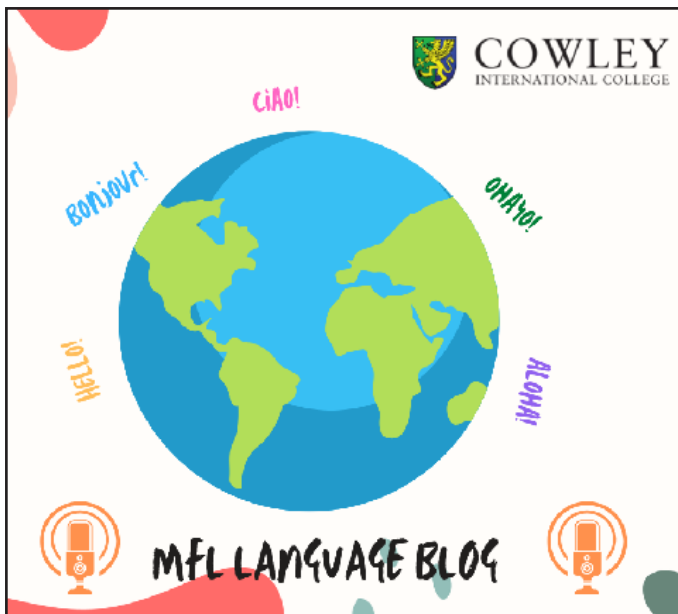
Art and Design  
Biology  
Chemistry  
English Language  
English Literature  
Ethics, Philosophy and Religion  
French/German/Spanish  
Further Mathematics  
Geography  
History  
Law  
Mathematics  
Physical Education  
Photography  
Physics  
Politics  
Psychology  
Sociology

## BTEC SUBJECTS

Animal Care  
Art And Design: Fashion and Graphics  
Business  
Children's Play, Learning and Development  
Computing  
Construction (includes work placement)  
Creative Digital Media Production  
Creative Digital Media - Film and Video  
Criminology  
Engineering  
Games Development  
Health and Social Care  
Music Performance  
Professional Musical Theatre  
Nursing Cadetship (includes work placement)  
Science  
Sports Coaching and Development  
Travel and Tourism  
Uniformed Protective Services



**COWLEY**  
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



Our MFL department have started a new weekly blog on our website to help students, staff and families to learn some different languages.

We have an increasing number of pupils at Cowley who are bilingual, and they have been keen to promote their native languages. They have recorded some basic words or phrases (such as numbers, days of the week and greetings) which appear in our weekly blog.

Each week, a new language audio file will be added to this page, so please check it out on the College website. See how many you can master over the year!

If you're a student and interested in languages, there is a Language Club on Thursday lunchtime. See any member of the MFL team to find out more!

## SEE HOMEWORK SET ON CLASS CHARTS



From the beginning of this term, we have been trialling using the Class Charts App to set homework.

Your child's homework will be easy to locate:

1. Open the App and log in
2. Select your child by clicking their name
3. Click on 'Homework' in the top middle of the screen
4. From here, you can scroll down and find out about the homework your child has been set and the homework they have completed.

### Login

If you require a login for Class Charts, please contact the main office on 01744 678 030. If you can't remember your details, simply follow the 'forgot password' link on the login page. If you don't currently have the Class Charts App, please download it for free via the Apple App Store or Google Play.



## CHINESE NEW YEAR

To celebrate Chinese New Year, 28 Year 7 Mandarin students visited The University of Manchester for a number of workshops including arts & crafts making celebratory New Year decorations as well as some language learning in the university setting.

The students also got to enjoy Chinese food as part of the experience.

The college also celebrated Chinese New Year by having a number of Chinese dishes available to students in the dining areas.

## INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

More than 100 of our leading mathematicians from Years 9-11 have been taking part in the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Intermediate Maths Challenge.

The Challenge was a 60-minute test with multiple choice questions, and as ever, it really tested the mathematical skills of the students to the full.

Photos from the event and details of how the students got on will be posted in the next issue of the newsletter and on our website.



## ECO COMMITTEE UPDATES



As part of an external competition from charitable organisation, Kids Against Plastic, this half term, the Cowley Eco-Committee have been asking students to design a poster that highlights the issue of single-use packaging in the canteen and around school and encourages behaviour change to reusable items.

We have received lots of great entries from students across all year groups, which have now been sent to Kids Against Plastic for judging.

In another project, the Eco-Committee have been meeting with school leaders as part of the 'Energy Investigators' initiative from Eco Schools.

This project supports students to review energy usage in school, before stepping up and delivering five energy-reducing activities across the campaign week.

Each action is designed to raise awareness within the school community, change behaviours, and reduce our carbon footprint.

Finally, in Eco news, the Eco-Committee have been working with Sustrans, a charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle in the community, on the 'By Ours' project.

This has focused on improving cycle routes and paths in the local area to encourage active travel.

We would like to hear parents' and carers' thoughts on the pupils' design ideas. A survey can be completed at: <https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/cic-survey>.

A summary of engagement and design work can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3ZY1rCc>.

## ENRICHMENT

There is something for everyone at Cowley!

For full details of all our half termly enrichment opportunities, please read the next pages!

## Monday

Enrichment	Description	Year Group/s	Teachers	Venue & time	Academic/ Wellbeing
Library Services	The library is open every break and lunch for you to borrow, return and renew your books, take reading quizzes plus catch up on homework.	7-11	Miss Durie	Library 10:55-11:15am 1:15-1:55pm	Academic
Girls Handball	Improve skills and knowledge of handball.	7-11	Mrs Sheridan	Sports Hall 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Maths Challenge Mondays	Come along and explore the inner mysterious of the mathematics universe in the form of puzzles, games and challenges.	7-8	Mrs Lloyd	E12 1:30-2:00pm	Academic
Movie Club	Come and watch your favourite movies in a safe space during Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes. We love to have suggestions on movies. We love a good sing song and to laugh.	7-11	Mrs Smith	M26 1:30-2:00pm	Wellbeing
Music KS4 Composition	Students can work on their theory and practical for Unit 2.	10	Mr Gerrard Mr Westhead	W10 1:30-2:00pm	Academic
Revision Club	General revision for Year 11 students.	11	Mrs Chadwick	R2 1:15-2:00pm	Academic
Rugby	Improve skills and knowledge of rugby.	10	Mr Llewellyn	3G 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Tick and Pass Rugby	Improve skills and knowledge of rugby through tick and pass non-contact rugby.	7-8	Mr Gordon	3G 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Weights	Train and improve various fitness components in safe manner.	10-13	Mr Foster	Weights Room 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Football	Improve skills, knowledge of football through games.	8-9	Mr Foster Mr Rowland	3G 3:05-4:15pm	Wellbeing
Girls Multi Skills Sports Club	Improve skills and knowledge in a number of different sports.	7-11	Miss Mather	Sports Hall 3:05-4:15pm	Wellbeing
Girls Rugby	Improve skills and knowledge of rugby.	7-13	Miss Church	Top field 3:05-4:15pm	Wellbeing
Wellbeing	Mr Middleton is in W2 every break and lunch for those needing mindful space.	All	Mr Middleton	W2 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing

## Tuesday

Enrichment	Description	Year Group/s	Teachers	Venue & time	Academic/ Wellbeing
Library Services	The library is open every break and lunch for you to borrow, return and renew your books, take reading quizzes plus catch up on homework.	7-11	Miss Durie	Library 10:55-11:15am 1:15-1:55pm	Academic
Basketball	Improve skills and knowledge of basketball and play games.	8	Mr Gordon Mr Avis	Sports Hall 1:15-2:00pm	Wellbeing
Boxing	Learn the basics of boxing in non-contact manner.	9-13	Mr Llewellyn	Gym 1:15-2:00pm	Wellbeing
Computing coursework catch up	A chance to improve your Computing coursework and revise.	11	Mrs Nelson	R4 1:15-2:00pm	Academic
Girls Only Weights	Train and improve various fitness components in safe manner.	10-11	Mrs Finnigan	Weights room 1:15-2:00pm	Wellbeing
Junior Choir	A great opportunity for students to expand their technique.	7-9	Mr Gerrard	W10 1:30-2:00pm	Wellbeing
Music Theory KS4	Students work on their reflective writing skills for component 3 to create notes that they take into their controlled assessment.	11	Miss Radford	W11 1:30-2:00pm	Academic
Tick and Pass Rugby	Improve skills and knowledge of rugby through tick and pass non-contact rugby.	9-11	Mr Gordon	3G 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
First Aid	A great opportunity for students to learn lifesaving techniques from dealing with small cuts to carrying out CPR.	7-8	Mr Chesworth	R4 3:15-4:15pm	Wellbeing
Football	Improve skills, knowledge of football through games.	7, 10 & 11	Mr Avis	3G 3:05-4:15pm	Wellbeing
Homework Club	Come and complete your homework after school in the supportive and focused atmosphere of the library.	7-11	Miss Durie	Library 3:15-4:15pm	Academic
Music Performance KS4	Students will develop key ensemble skills on their chosen three pieces.	11	Mr Watkins	W10 3:15-4:30pm	Academic
Netball	Improve skills and knowledge of netball.	9-13	Mrs Sheridan Mrs Finnigan	Sports Hall 3:05-4:15pm	Wellbeing

## Wednesday

Enrichment	Description	Year Group/s	Teachers	Venue & time	Academic/ Wellbeing
Library Services	The library is open every break and lunch for you to borrow, return and renew your books, take reading quizzes plus catch up on homework.	7-11	Miss Durie	Library 10:55-11:15am	Academic
Basketball	Improve skills and knowledge of basketball and play games.	9-11	Mr Avis	Sports Hall 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Chapter Club	Chapter Chat allows students from every year group to discuss their favourite books, exchange recommendations and support BASH (Book Awards St Helens).	7-11	Miss Piercy Miss Leyland Mr Ball Miss Ratcliffe Miss Edwards	Library 1:30-2:00pm	Academic and Wellbeing
Chess Club	Come and play chess, and if you can't yet play, come and learn.	7-11	Mr Howarth	E15 1:30-2:00pm	Wellbeing
Computing coursework catch up	A chance to improve your Computing coursework and revise.	11	Miss Hoult	W12 1:15-2:00pm	Academic
Concert Band	A great opportunity for pupils to develop their instrumental skills playing in an ensemble alongside other musicians.	7-13	Mr Gerrard Mr Westhead	W11 1:30-2:00pm	Wellbeing
Hockey	Improve skills and knowledge in hockey.	9-10	Mrs Irwin Miss Mather	Sports Hall 1:15-2:00pm	Wellbeing
Music Practical KS4	Students work on their choreography skills to develop routines to rehearse in lesson for component 3.	11	Miss Radford	CIH 1:30-2:00pm	Academic
Table Tennis	Improve skills and knowledge of table tennis.	7 & 10	Mr Gordon	Gym 1:15-2:00pm	Wellbeing
Tick and Pass Rugby	Improve skills and knowledge of rugby through tick and pass non-contact rugby.	7-9	Mr Gordon	3G 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Trampolining	Improve skills and knowledge of trampolining.	7-11	Mrs Finnigan	Gym 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Girls Football	Improve skills and knowledge of football.	7-11	Ms Kay	3G 3:05-4:15pm	Wellbeing
Rock School	A great opportunity for students to expand their technique and interpretive skills on guitars, keyboard, drum and vocal. Students will work in bands on a selection of pop/rock classics for a performance.	7-13	Mr Follin Mr Westhead	W11/Practice Rooms 3:30-4:30pm	Wellbeing
Rugby	Improve skills and knowledge of rugby.	7-8	Mr Gordon Mr Foster Mr Irwin	Top field 3:05-4:15pm	Wellbeing
Russian	Short course in Russian.	8	Mr Chapple	M12 3:15-4:00pm	Academic
Science Club	Extracurricular experiments and observations.	7-8	Science department	E2 3:05-4:15pm	Academic
Wellbeing Wednesdays	Check in, chill out and relax in a friendly, caring and sharing environment designed to improve your wellbeing on a weekly basis.	7-11	Mrs Manchester Miss Durie	Library 3:15-4:15pm	Wellbeing

## Thursday

Enrichment	Description	Year Group/s	Teachers	Venue & time	Academic/ Wellbeing
PE GCSE Catch Up - Practical	Improve skills in practical activity.	10-11	Mr Avis Mr Gordon	Sports Hall 7:45-8:30am	Academic
Library Services	The library is open every break and lunch for you to borrow, return and renew your books, take reading quizzes plus catch up on homework.	7-11	Miss Durie	Library 10:55-11:15am 1:15-1:55pm	Academic
Basketball	Improve skills and knowledge of basketball and play games.	7	Mr Gordon	Sports Hall 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Computing coursework catch up	A chance to improve your Computing coursework and revise.	11	Miss Hoult	W12 1:15-2:00pm	Academic
French	French immersion course, a short course in French.	9	Miss Banks	M15 1:30-2:00pm	Academic
Games Club	Come along and enjoy a range of fun games with your friends.	7-11	Mrs Clark	M22 1:15-1:55pm *Week B only*	Wellbeing
Girls Gymnastics	Improve skills and knowledge of gymnastics.	7-11	Mrs Finnigan	Gym 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Hockey	Improve skills and knowledge in hockey.	8	Mrs Irwin Miss Mather	3G 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Languages Club	Offering a 6-week course in a variety of languages. Half term 2A - Japanese & Polish.	7-10	Mrs Lavelle Mr Chapple	M14 - Japanese M12 - Polish 1:30-2:00pm	Academic
Music Theory	A great opportunity to develop your music theory knowledge. There will also be a opportunity to take ABRSM music theory exams.	7-13	Mr Gerrard	W10 1:30-2:00pm	Academic
Music Theory KS4	Students work on their component 1 theory notes to take into their controlled assessment.	10	Miss Radford	W11 1:30-2:00pm	Academic
Tick and Pass Rugby	Improve skills and knowledge of rugby through tick and pass non-contact rugby.	Girls only	Mr Gordon	3G 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Weights	Train and improve various fitness components in safe manner.	10-13	Mr Foster	Weights room 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Football fixtures	Schools matches.	All years	Mr Gordon	TBC	Wellbeing
Homework Club	Come and complete your homework after school in the supportive and focused atmosphere of the library.	7-11	Miss Durie	Library 3:15-4:15pm	Academic
Netball	Improve skills and knowledge of netball.	7-8	Mrs Sheridan Mrs Finnigan	Sports Hall 3:05-4:15pm	Wellbeing
Rugby	Improve skills and knowledge of rugby.	9	Mr Avis	Top field 3:05-4:15pm	Wellbeing

## Friday

Enrichment	Description	Year Group/s	Teachers	Venue & time	Academic/ Wellbeing
Hockey	Improve skills and knowledge in hockey.	8-13	Mrs Irwin Miss Mather	3G 8:00-8:55am	Wellbeing
Library Services	The library is open every break and lunch for you to borrow, return and renew your books, take reading quizzes plus catch up on homework.	7-11	Miss Durie	Library 10:55-11:15am 1:15-1:55pm	Academic
Dodgeball	Improve skills and knowledge in dodgeball. Inter-team competition.	7	TBC	Gym 1:15-2:00pm	Wellbeing
Eco Club	A great opportunity to make a difference in college, working sustainably and creatively to reduce our carbon footprint.	7-11	Mrs Williams	W9 1:30-2:00pm	Academic & Wellbeing
Football	Improve skills and knowledge in football.	12-13	Mr Llewellyn	3G 1:15-2:00pm	Wellbeing
Hockey	Improve skills and knowledge in hockey.	7	Mrs Irwin Miss Mather	Sports Hall 1:15-1:55pm	Wellbeing
Music Performance KS4	Students have the opportunity to develop performance skills and theory knowledge.	11	Mr Gerrard	W10 1:30-2:00pm	Academic
Badminton	Improve skills and knowledge in badminton.	7-11	TBC	Sports Hall 3:05-4:15pm	Wellbeing
KS4 Music Theory	Students work on their component 1 theory notes to take into their controlled assessment.	10	Miss Radford	W11 1:15-1:55pm	Academic