

KEY EVENTS COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Year 11 Rehearsal Exams

Good luck to our Year 11 students who will be continuing with some more mock exams next week.

Year 11 External Examinations

Good luck to our Music and Drama students who will be doing some external assessments next week.

Monday, 13th March

Year 11 GCSE Geography students will be completing fieldwork.

Also on Monday, our Year 8 hockey team take part in the regional North West schools finals in Lytham. Good luck!

Tuesday, 14th March

National Pi Day.



SEND Coffee Morning, 9:00-10:30am. As part of Neurodiversity Week, we are inviting parents and carers of SEND students in to the Library to speak with staff and fellow parents in an informal setting.

Friday, 17th March

We will have some students and staff from our partner school in Stuttgart visiting Cowley and taking part in some of our lessons.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS WEEK



Principal's Award

Congratulations to the students who were nominated for the Principal's Award this week. It is a fantastic achievement and I'm very proud of you!

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended last night for Year 8 Parents' Evening. It was great to see you all discussing your child's academic aspirations.



Hockey success

On Tuesday, our Year 8 hockey stars took part in the Merseyside Schools Hockey Tournament in Southport.

Cowley entered two teams in the competition, with our X team winning the tournament!

Not only that, but our Y team finished second! What a brilliant achievement and I'm extremely proud of them. Huge congratulations to everyone involved.



Good luck to the girls who will be competing in the North West finals in Lytham next Monday.

Year 11 Rehearsal Examinations

It has been a busy week of mock examinations for our Year 11 students. The students have been doing really well, and exams continue into next week. Keep up the good work!

Next year's new Year 7

Yet again, Cowley is a popular choice for students and parents. The College remains oversubscribed, where we have more students wanting to come to Cowley than we have places. Year 6 students have been informed that they have received a place to become Cowleians and I look forward to meeting all the new students and their parents during our transition events.

Sixth Form Interviews

Last night saw Year 11 students from other schools, who want to join Cowley Sixth Form College, coming in for their interviews. It was great to see them all looking forward to join in September.

Industrial action

A letter was sent home (via Class Charts), and is also available on our website, detailing the plan for next Wednesday and Thursday.

Below is a snippet of the key details, but please refer to the letter for all the information.

Next Wednesday and Thursday, the College will only be open to Sixth Form, Year 11 students and a small group of identified Year 7-10 students. Sixth Form students will follow their normal timetable.

Year 11 students on Wednesday, 15th March will complete their English Literature rehearsal exam during the morning. On Thursday, 16th March, the Maths and Science papers are scheduled for the morning session. Year 11 students will arrive at 8.30am, in full uniform, and register with the year team in the canteen.

All Year 7 – 10 students not attending next Wednesday, and Thursday will be provided with appropriate independent study to complete at home. Miss Barry, Vice Principal, will be providing more details about this and adding information to our website early next week.

Cowley Gold

Cowley Gold is an area in school where we recognise and reward excellent pieces of work in school.

Every week, staff put forward students' work which has impressed them and these are put up in large display boards along the corridors.

I've been incredibly impressed with the high standard of work our students produce and it always brings a huge smile when I walk past those displays.



Class Charts - homework

Cowley uses the Class Charts App to allow parents and carers to monitor their daughter/son's progress, attendance, behaviour, achievements and to send and receive messages - all in one place.



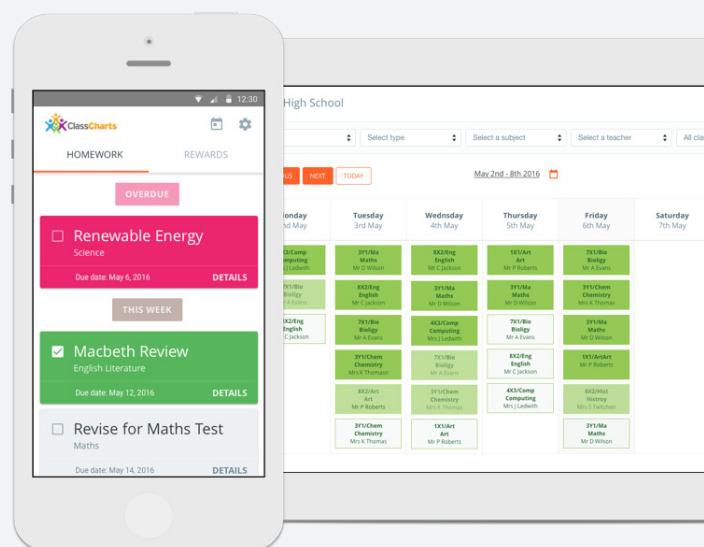
Mr Bennett talks about the Class Charts App here in this useful video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymW8MnhBpBU>

Homework in Class Charts

From January, we have been 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.

Below is how you will see the homework information on the app.



Login

If you require a login for Class Charts, please contact the main office on 01744 678 030. If you've already logged in, but can't remember your details, simply follow the 'forgot password' link on the Class Charts App home page.

If you don't currently have the Class Charts App, please download it for free via the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Sporting success

It was lovely to read about more sporting success, with our Year 7 girls rugby team doing really well on Tuesday.

They took part in the North West Champions Schools tournament and reached the semi-finals despite being a player short throughout the competition.

Well done, girls!

Then on Wednesday, our Year 11 boys football team played against Outwood Academy Haydock and came off with a brilliant 6-2 victory. Fantastic, well done!

I thoroughly enjoy receiving the reports from the P.E. department and reading about how wonderfully well our students are representing Cowley, both on and off the pitch.

Enrichment

We are incredibly proud of the huge number of extracurricular activities that are available to students here at Cowley.

When we say there is something for everyone, we mean it.

The screens around school all show details of when activities are taking place, while we have a booklet, with the full timetable, which can be viewed on our website: <https://www.cowley.st-helens.sch.uk/whats-happening/enrichment-timetable/>.

Cold weather

Over the last couple of days, we've seen snowfall, which has been enjoyed by a number of our students.

I'd just like to remind parents that students are welcome to wear a base layer and/or a plain black jumper.

Please take extra care in the snowy and icy conditions.

It has been another really busy and fantastic week at Cowley. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Cormack