







On Tuesday 2nd May, two of our rugby teams were victorious in the St Helens Schools Cup Finals at the Totally Wicked Stadium.

Year 7 won a nail-biting thriller, 12-11, against Outwood Haydock with a try on the final play of the match bringing an end to a great game between both teams.

The 2nd final saw Cowley's Year 11 play against a formidable St Cuthbert's. After a strong start from the opposition, Cowley dug deep and battled their way back to a 28-23 win.

The games were hosted by Saints Community Development Foundation. Former Saints players, Paul Loughlin and Neil Holding, presented the trophies and medals, with both also selecting Player of the Match for the Year 7 and 11 game.

We also congratulate Year 8 on their fantastic season that saw them come second in the Town Cup, and to our Year 9 who won the Town Cup in a nail-biter final at Ruskin Drive that ended in a super close 20-18 against Rainford High School.





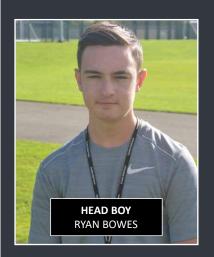






MEET OUR 2022 - 2023 HEAD BOY, HEAD GIRL, DEPUTY HEAD BOYS AND DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS

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.



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. 2022 - 2023

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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

MEET OUR HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

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 2023



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

Year 8
Team Tutor
Parents' Evening:
Thursday, 15th

June

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

Year 10
Team Tutor
Parents' Evening:
Thursday, 15th
June

Principal's Hward

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.













ENRICHMENT



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



View Timetable





SIXTH FORM STUDENTS OFFERED PLACES AT TOP UNIVERSITY

Two Cowley Sixth Form College students have recently received the amazing news that they have been offered places to study Medicine at the University of Exeter.

Maja and Tanishka commented on being "happy, but quite shocked," and "ecstatic and relieved!" after receiving the good news about their applications.

Looking forward to continuing their education in the South West, both students are full of praise for the support and encouragement they have received from staff throughout their time at Cowley Sixth Form College and especially during the application process to Exeter.

Tanishka commented: "My teachers have helped with every aspect of the application, from the actual application itself to mock interviews."

Maja explained that she was ready for each section of the application process: "As part of the application to Exeter, we had to sit an exam that included content that we hadn't started yet, but I felt prepared anyway thanks to all the support and help from staff at Cowley."

The University of Exeter is part of the UK's elite Russell Group of research-intensive universities and is globally recognised as a prestigious higher education institution of outstanding quality.

Cowley Sixth Form College Head of Achievement, Mr Dunford, commented: "We are delighted by the success of these students, and all our students who have shown grit and determination to pursue their study and career goals.

"The application process for studying Medicine at Exeter is particularly challenging and so I'd like to pass on my sincere congratulations to both Maja and Tanishka for their hard work and dedication in achieving their places."

Both students are part of the College's Scholars' Programme which provides an extensive range of subject-based and extra-curricular activities and support for academic high-flyers. The programme includes specific help with the application and selection processes for the most prestigious universities such as Oxbridge, other Russell Group universities and medical schools.



We sat down for a Q & A with Maja and Tanishka about how they're feeling about the exciting news, here's what they had to say:

How are you feeling about being offered the place to study Medicine at Exeter?

T – I am really happy, quite shocked, but happy! M – Ecstatic and also relieved!

What support did you have from the Sixth Form with your application?

T – Loads! Everyone has been so helpful. Subject teachers helped with every aspect, from the actual application through to mock interviews.

M – Same. I received a lot of mock interview help from Mrs Faulkner. As part of the application to Exeter, we had to sit an exam that included content that we haven't started yet, but I felt prepared anyway thanks to all the support and help from staff.

What opportunities have you had as part of the Scholars programme?

M – I have attended a number of undergraduate lectures on a wide range of subjects. As well as this, the Cambridge residential helped to give me an insight into life at a top university.

Do you think that the programme impacted on your successful application?

T – Yes, 100%

M – Definitely. I've had lots of support that has been continuous from Year 12.

PETER PAN PERFORMANCE



Recently, five Year 13 Cowley Sixth Form College Professional Musical Theatre students visited a number of primary schools to perform a pantomime of Peter Pan that they have written and directed.

The students performed the pantomime at six local primary schools and the feedback from all has been brilliant, with one describing the show as "amazing".

A post that we were tagged in on Twitter: We had the pleasure of watching @Cowleian's fantastic drama students perform a Peter Pan pantomime this afternoon. Our children were a loud and passionate audience and they thoroughly enjoyed it!





POLICE CADETS AT EUROVISION!



Two Year 12 Cowley Sixth Form College students, who are part of the Police Cadet scheme, recently attended the Eurovision contest in Liverpool to join the Police in keeping visitors to the huge event safe.

Caitlyn and Elizabeth have only been Police Cadets for a few weeks, but that didn't stop them volunteering to be part of the Police presence at one of the North West's biggest events in decades.

The students who are both studying Criminology, Sociology and Psychology said that the event was "really fun" and that they enjoyed helping visitors and patrolling the Eurovision Village, the main hub for fans and locals to soak up the celebratory atmosphere of the Eurovision Song Contest.

We are so proud of you! Very well done!

Katie Ledwith, a former student, has been in touch to let us know what she has been up to and what an adventure she is having!

Katie, who studied A-levels in Law, Sociology and English Literature at Cowley Sixth Form College, has been to Indonesia as part of a gap year and has spent time working with disabled and disadvantaged children at a school, as well as helping at a turtle sanctuary. She says it's one of the most eye-opening and rewarding times of her life!

Katie will be studying Law at the University of York from September.

We have loved hearing from Katie and wish her all the best for the rest of her gap year and for starting university later this year.

We would love to hear from more former Cowley Sixth Form College students on where you are now and what you're up to! Get in touch by email: marketing@cowleysthelens.org.uk

RECENT COWLEY SIXTH FORM COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL TRIPS



Our Year 12 and Year 13 A-level Politics students packed a lot into their trip to London on Tuesday, 18th April. The students took part in a mock Parliament debate in Westminster Hall, as well as having a guided tour of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. They also spent a little time to take in the sights of London too! We hope that you all had a brilliant time!

About A-level Politics

Politics is a dynamic, topical and fascinating look into political systems around the world, from Westminster to the White House. Students will study how political parties and ideologies are formed, how political decisions are made and who has the power and authority to make them.

Lively, relevant, thought-provoking... however you describe Politics, there's no denying that it's one of the most interesting and engaging A-levels you can study.

> A-level **Politics**







Recently, our Year 12 and Year 13 A-level Psychology and A-level Sociology students took part in Revision Booster Workshops at the Trafford Centre.

The full-day booster workshops were delivered on a large cinema screen by specialist presenters and offered revision and essential exam technique advice.

These valuable workshops were organised by Mrs Quinney to help our students feel even more confident for their summer exams.

About A-level Sociology

Ever wondered how we developed into the society we are today? How the way you see yourself determines the way people identify you?

A-level Sociology will help you to make sense of the society we live in and to understand the cultural and identity issues which affect us all.

> A-level Sociology



About A-level Psychology

Psychology is a subject that focuses on human behaviour and mental processes. A big part of the course is looking at theories to explain certain aspects of human behaviour and assessing the differences across cultures, genders and approaches. The evaluation of ideas through hypotheses and research evidence is a key aspect of Psychology.

> A-level **Psychology**



Life Scientist Programme



On Wednesday, 19th April, five Year 10 students visited the University of Liverpool as part of the Merseyside Young Health and Life Scientist programme.

The visit gave the students an opportunity to gain insight into the different course streams that they could study at university level such as Medicine, Dentistry, Psychology and Life Sciences.

The day involved engaging health-related projects including skull analysis and forensic activities.

Our students were brilliant and are already looking forward to visiting the university again for the next part of the programme.

Year 10 Geographers visit Formby



On Wednesday, 26th and Thursday, 27th April, our Geography Department took Year 10 GCSE Geographers on a coastal fieldwork trip to Formby beach to help them to prepare for their GCSE exam next year.

Students spent the day undertaking a variety of techniques to collect data to compare vegetation cover on a managed with an unmanaged dune.

The fieldwork trip provided students with good quality data that they can use in their GCSE Geography exam in Year 11, as well as to help broaden their fieldwork knowledge and understanding.

Fortunately, both fieldwork days were dry and somewhat sunny, which made the visit even more enjoyable. The Geographers who participated on the fieldtrips were all a credit to the school.

We are continuing to trial homework using the Class Charts app. If you don't have Class Charts, download for free via the Apple App Store or Google Play.





U14 National State Schools Hockey Tournament



On Friday, 5th May, 22 students from Year 7 - 9 attended the National State Schools Hockey tournament in Nottingham

We had two teams in the tournament and we are delighted to report that our U14 team finished second and our U13 team came third!

Mrs Irwin and Miss Mather were thrilled with the way the girls represented Cowley and reported that the team were a pleasure to coach.