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Celebrating 75 years of the twinning of St Helens and Stuttgart



Miss Mitchell, Miss Kay, Jake, Eve, Macca, Mr Sheeran and Cllr Baines in Stuttgart

On Wednesday, 20th September, a number of staff and students from Cowley flew to Stuttgart to be part of the historic anniversary celebrations.

Cowley Sixth Form College A-Level German students, Macca, Eve and Jake joined Miss Kay, Head of Art and Miss Mitchell, Teacher of German, as well as

representatives from St Helens Council and St Helens Music Service in visiting Stuttgart as part of the towns' 75th twinning celebrations.

Mr Sheeran, Executive Principal, reflected on the partnership, saying: "Our partnership spans over 15 years and is something that I am so proud of. So many

students have enjoyed visits and formed new friendships over this time and we hope that this continues for many years. We thank Stuttgart for their kindness and friendship, and look forward to 75 more years."

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COWLEY

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

4.30pm - 7.00pm

Visit the college with your parents/carers to find out about the **courses**, **enrichment activities** and **individualised support** that Cowley Sixth Form College can offer you.



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COWLEY

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MEET OUR HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

2023 - 2024



The staff at Cowley Sixth Form College are incredibly kind and helpful, and you are treated like a young adult.

There are many opportunities for enrichment outside of the classroom, and this is a really great way to meet new people with the same interests as you.

Jack Swift
Head Boy

I chose Cowley Sixth Form College as I found all the teachers really enthusiastic about their subjects at the open evenings.

The staff go above and beyond to make sure everyone is supported and that all students enjoy the subjects they study.

Outside of lessons, there are so many activities for students to get involved with from sports to chess. There is something for everyone here at Cowley Sixth Form College.

Holly Bullen
Head Girl



As part of the celebrations, an official ceremony took place in a beautiful building called Bad Canstatt Saal, where dignitaries from both towns signed the declaration of continuing friendship. Cowley student, Eve, took to the stage to take part in a discussion about the importance of twinning and how much it has helped her studies and those of her peers. She spoke the whole time in perfect German - and was a real credit to the college.

A highlight of the visit was when students from Cowley presented a gift of a stained glass window to Stuttgart. The glass was co-designed by Cowley and Porsche Gymnasium students and symbolises the origin of the twinning partnership in 1948. Miss Kay was commissioned to create the design in stained glass and this beautiful piece now resides in the Rathaus (city hall building).

During the two day visit to Stuttgart, Cowley students, Macca and Jake, attended the Ferdinand Porsche Gymnasium (grammar school) and took part in lessons with their German peers. Eve enjoyed a short work placement at Stuttgart Town Hall and was involved in setting up and organising for the St Helens

delegation.

Cowley's staff and students also got to enjoy a football match and to be present during the naming of a square in a newly built urban area of Stuttgart after St Helens.

Miss Kay commented on the visit saying: "Our students were amazing; Eve, Macca, and Jake were all actively involved in the entire visit, either working in the Town Hall or in the Porsche Gymnasium school.

"The students epitomised the Cowleian values - particularly 'Independent' and 'Positive Contributor'. It was lovely to see Mancia Uddin, a former student, there too in her role as a St Helens Councillor."

Miss Mitchell added: "This trip to Stuttgart was the culmination of many years of hard work, determination, and drive from both sides of the pond. We have all worked tirelessly to build a fantastic relationship with our partner school.

"It is, of course, for the students that we do this time and time again. To be able to experience something of the country, culture and language at first hand when studying a language is priceless

and the students gain so much from it every time both English and German students.

"This time around, the opportunity to take our fantastic A-Level students was a total thrill for me. To see them do their own thing and feel natural and confident in this environment of celebration was immensely satisfying. They were able to navigate themselves around independently of staff the whole time we were there, which is exactly as it should be.

"I have been so pleased to have been able to build relationships over the years and form fantastic friendships with some special German friends: it is very special to me."

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



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SHORTLIST 2023

We are delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted for the 'Outstanding Commitment to Sport in Secondary School' award at this year's Educate Awards.

The awards ceremony takes place in November and we will update via our news channels on how we get on.

PARENTS' EVENINGS - DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 7

Thursday, 9th November 2023

Team Tutors Parents' Evening – Thursday, 27th June

Year 8

Thursday, 7th March 2024

Team Tutors Parents' Evening – Thursday, 13th June

Year 9

Thursday, 18th January 2024

Team Tutors Parents' Evening – Thursday, 27th June

Year 10

Thursday, 22nd February 2024

Team Tutors Parents' Evening – Thursday, 13th June

Year 11

Thursday, 5th October 2023

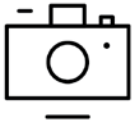
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Year 12

Thursday, 30th November 2023

Year 13

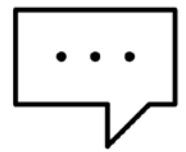
Thursday, 8th February 2024



ENRICHMENT

We are incredibly proud of the huge number of extracurricular activities that are available to students here at Cowley. Our newest addition to the programme is the Olympic sport of Fencing and it's fantastic to see so many students taking part in already.

[View Timetable](#)



Girls in Sport

On Wednesday, 15th September, Cowley's annual Girls in Sport day took place. The weather stayed dry and though cold, the sun made an appearance, making for an even more enjoyable day for our Year 7 girls.

Girls in Sport looks to showcase and celebrate the different sports and disciplines available to Year 7 students at Cowley, including: hockey, gymnastics, football, rugby, dance and netball. The objective of the day is to encourage girls to take part in a sport, maybe one that they haven't taken part in before.

Members of Saints Community Development Foundation delivered some energetic rugby drills.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the 14 Y9 and Y10 Sports Leaders who helped with activities throughout the day.



On Thursday, 12th October, Cowley hosted an Attendance Conference and Coffee Morning for parents/carers.

The Attendance Conference brought together parents/carers, key school staff, representatives from the Local Authority, Primary school staff and Governors to look at attendance from all angles, namely addressing: what is working, what isn't, what are the issues, what can be better and proposed solutions.

The conference was well attended and many provided positive feedback on the event being helpful.

COWLEY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE PRESENTS...



EVITA

lyrics by **Tim Rice** music by **Andrew Lloyd Webber**

School Production

24TH - 28TH

OCTOBER 2023

EMERALD THEATRE

BOX OFFICE

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Judge visit

On Wednesday, 11th October, Cowley Sixth Form College Year 12 and 13 Criminology, Law, Politics and Uniformed Protective Services students were given an introduction into the world of Law by District Judge, David Merrills, and his wife, Jen, who is a solicitor.

David and Jen were able to bring to life topics which have been covered in lessons and to help inspire the students that careers in these industries are doable, both coming from humble backgrounds in the local area and working hard to become successful.

They spoke about their careers and the steps it takes to become a judge/solicitor, then answering a host of great questions from our students before David donned his gown and wig.

Their final message to the students was: "If you want to be in our shoes in 10-20 years' time, you can do it."

We'd like to thank David and Jen for coming in and giving such an informative and interesting talk for our students.



On Friday, 5th October, all Sixth Form students and staff took part in our annual #EmpowerHalfHour wellbeing walk to Victoria Park in support of World Mental Health Day.



Cowley Sixth Form College had the honour of hosting the live broadcast of BBC Radio 4's 'Any Questions' on Friday, 15th September.

The panel on the night was made up of Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, Dame Meg Hillier MP, the TV producer and screenwriter, Sir Phil Redmond, Food and Farming Minister, Mark Spencer MP and the CEO of the Society of Chemical Industry, Sharon Todd.

Under the guidance of presenter, James Cook, the panel delved into a wide range of topics in response to questions posed by the audience.

Some of the topics discussed included the ban on American XL Bully Dogs, China's relationship with the UK, the Pension triple lock and road traffic speed limits.

Cowley Sixth Form College students played an active role in ensuring the smooth running of the event by directing guests on where to park, as well as to help sign in visitors.

Prior to the broadcast, the Head Boy and Head Girl met the panelists in the Green Room, and spoke about their future aspirations, which was met with insightful and valuable advice.

The long-running current affairs debate, is broadcast live on Friday evenings. Members of the public can attend the broadcast and have the opportunity to ask the panel of politicians, journalists and commentators a topical question.