

February 2025

Dear Students

Another half term is complete and we are now half way through the school year. I am sure you would agree your final January wearing a Cowley uniform has been incredibly fast and very busy.

Since returning from Christmas we have:

- Presented you with your rehearsal exam results
- Met with you and your parents for your 1:1 appointment
- Continued to provide you with additional support for your summer exams
- Seen great attendance at Breakfast Boost and after college revision classes

Yet again, I am impressed with the maturity and determination of Y11, as we see another 'lift' in effort and commitment. I am so proud of your year group, and I am confident about your results this summer.

The reaction to the rehearsal exam results was what we experience every year, as we try to create an experience for you and your peers. Yes, there was relief, surprise, and some disappointment. Please remember, these results are a statement of your performance in December 2024. As I explained, these December results can, and will improve. You must respond with effort to revise at home and use the staff and those extra sessions for support. It is that simple, if you turn up every day, study at home and work hard in lessons – you will achieve this summer. Let's face it, revision is not enjoyable, it is boring; but if you do it, the impact on your exam grades and your life will be incredible.

Your results this summer are a statement to how hard you have worked and your preparation for the exams. The conversations we have been having with students and parents during the 1:1s have been fascinating. It is tremendous to hear about revision routines at home and how students are including extracurricular activities to balance their time and provide some stress busting opportunities. However, there are a small number of students who are clearly not prioritising their studies and spending a huge number of hours distracted on things like social media and consoles each night. These distractions will not enable students to achieve. This is the moment to be disciplined and selfish with your time. You need to ensure every night there is the following:

- Homework
- Revision/self-study
- Family time
- Relaxation time



Your half term break starts on Saturday and it has to be different to other February breaks, as you must spend time revising every day. This is what Y11 students do across the country. Also, Mrs Dawber has arranged for free tuition during the Master classes on Monday and Tuesday. I hope to see you attend these.

I have so much respect for you, and I want to be celebrating with you on results day in August.

2025 is your year, and it is here for the taking. Make the most of the rest of year 11, you are awesome and are capable of amazing results. It is not going to be easy, but it will be worth it for the rest of your life.

Enjoy the half term break and ensure you are doing the required revision time each day as Mr Westhead says "Revise, Rest, Repeat"

Best wishes,

Mr Cormack