

### **Rewards Breakfast**



Congratulations to the students who were put forward for the Principal's Award this week. To be chosen from a year group of over 250 students is a fantastic achievement and one that all these students should be incredibly proud of.

### May half term revision classes

Next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, we are offering a series of focused Masterclasses designed specifically to support Year 11 students.

We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to attend. Our dedicated staff have given up their time to provide this extra support, and we hope as many students as possible will take advantage of this valuable opportunity. See timetable below.

### Parent consultation

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who attended the parent briefing on Wednesday evening. We truly value your input and are always keen to involve you in discussions around change. The evening included some productive and thoughtful conversations, and from this, it's clear that there is strong support for the college to take firmer steps on behaviour. We're pleased that the introduction of our Professional Standards was welcomed.

### Looking Ahead

Further consultations will take place next half term, offering more opportunities to meet and discuss how next year will look—focusing on areas such as uniform expectations and daily routines.

### KS3 Musical

Well done to all the cast of High School Musical and thanks to the staff for their efforts and creating this opportunity for the students.

### **Sports success**



Congratulations to our Y8 boys rugby team who defeated Rainford 16-8 earlier this week to win the St Helens Town Cup at Ruskin Drive! The team played some fantastic rugby and thoroughly deserved to lift the trophy!

On Tuesday, our Y9 boys became Town Cup champions! Beating Haydock in an exciting end to end game 22-16.

The Y9 team also played in The North West Counties final against a strong Bedford side and won! It's been quite the week for our Y9 Rugby lads!

#### A Season to Remember



Our Y9 girls rugby team wrapped up a long but hugely successful season in the North West Counties Final—the first time a Cowley girls' team has reached this stage. Facing a strong opponent, it was a thrilling, end-to-end game. Despite a disallowed try in the final minutes, the team showed incredible discipline and determination, narrowly missing out with an 18-14 result.

From a Year 7 semi-final exit to Town Cup champions in Year 8, and now placing at every level this season, their progress has been outstanding: 1st in the Borough, 2nd in the North West and 3rd in the Nationals

We couldn't be prouder.

### Stay safe this half term



We have received some information from the Local Authority about water safety, please take a look at this webpage with your child: https:// sthelens.gov.uk/article/13118/Open-Water-Safety

We have also received a letter from Merseyside Police (see next page) that also looks at staying safe over the half term.

Wishing you an enjoyable half term break. We return Monday, 2nd June at 8:30.

Mr Cormack

# MAY HALF TERM Y11 MASTERCLASSES

	TUESDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	WEDNESDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	THURSDAY 29 <sup>™</sup> MAY
	English Language (Paper 2) All Pathways 9:00 - 1:00	Maths All Pathways 9:00 - 1:00	<b>RE</b> All Pathways 9:00 - 1:00
		<b>Geography</b> Pathway J 9:00 - 10:55	<b>History</b> All Pathways 9:00 - 11:00
*		Pathway K 11:15 - 1:05	Physics All welcome
		<b>Biology</b> Separates Only 12:30 - 2:00	9:00 - 1:00





## Dear Parents/Carers,

Ahead of this half term, we would be grateful if you would take the time to talk through some of the points below with the young people in your lives, so they can have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

### **Bikes**

We would strongly recommend investing in a bike tracking device. Both pedal bikes and e-bikes are significantly more likely to get recovered, should they be stolen, if they have a tracker. It also increases the potential for those committing these offences to be caught and prevent other people from being targeted.

Research shows that bikes are 83% more likely to be stolen if they're not registered on the national database: Bike Register. We regularly run bike marking events – check your local police Facebook page for events near to you.

## **Shared Spaces**

Across the last few weeks we've seen an increase in reports of antisocial behaviour. We know that the vast majority of children and young people will be out enjoying the parks, beaches and other shared spaces safely and sensibly. A few, though, might make choices which have major consequences for themselves and others.

Even the most typically well-behaved kids can make impulsive decisions, and unfortunately those can result in their future jobs and even their future foreign travel being restricted. We would ask you to speak to young people, no matter how well behaved they are, about where they are going, who they are going with, and to check in with them regularly.

We would ask you to remind young people to walk away from places or people which could land them in trouble, and to talk with them about what they could say or do to get out of the situation if they feel something is getting out of hand.

Keep an eye on your local council and police Facebook page for any free activities to help keep the kids occupied in the holidays.

## Water Safety

It can be incredibly tempting for children to want to play in local bodies of water when the weather is good. Please speak to young people about the dangers of entering water where no lifeguard is on duty.

Even in areas where a lifeguard is present, encourage young people to enter the water slowly and with care, warn against jumping from heights, and remind them that inflatables should never be used in open water.

9% of UK accidental drownings occur between May and August and there is a heightened risk of drowning when air temperatures are higher.

## Fire

With the good weather, many people have everything they need for a barbeque on hand at the moment. Please make sure matches, lighters, fuel and accelerants are well out of reach of children.

Remind children and young people about just how quickly a small fire can get out of control – especially in dry weather.

Thank you.

## **Merseyside Police**