



WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

All week

Y11 & Y13 external examinations

Friday, 16th May

Employer in the Foyer (Sixth Form)

Principal's Award



Congratulations to the students who achieved the Principal's Award this week. To be chosen out of over 250 students in a year group, for going above and beyond, is fantastic and something to be celebrated. You've done brilliantly and I'm very proud of you!

Sporting successes



It has been a very busy week of sporting events and we've enjoyed some tremendous success.

Starting with rugby, and I attended the Town Cup rugby finals on Tuesday afternoon at the Saints Stadium and it was a joy to watch both our Y7 and Y11 teams in action.

Both teams represented the college fantastically and played well with the Y7s unfortunately beaten but the Y11 team lifted the trophy after a great performance. Congratulations to both teams for reaching the finals.

The girls Y9/10 team also played their final at the Saints Stadium the following day and played brilliantly to retain their title from last year. Well done, girls!

The Y8/9 girls rugby team played in the National Cup Festival in Leeds on Tuesday and made it through to the final four before narrowly losing out in the semi-finals. Nonetheless, it's a brilliant achievement.

Our Y10 boys rugby team made it through to the National Cup semi-finals with a terrific 28-12 win against St Benedict's (Cumbria) this week. Well done, boys!



Away from the rugby field, our boys hockey team came away with a third place finish at the North West State Schools competition. They played extremely well and thoroughly deserved their bronze medals.



And finally, our cricket team played their first game of the season against St Mary's in Crosby and gave a fantastic performance, scoring their highest run score to date.

I'm extremely proud of all the sports teams, well done to everyone involved.

Exams

The Y11 and Y13 exams really kick off next week. Now is their time to shine. Every moment completing some revision will bring students closer to the success they desire.

Staff have been teaching targeted revision

sessions ahead of the GCSE exams to give the students the best preparation possible so they're ready for what's ahead of them.

Attendance

I met with some business leaders and headteachers this week and the discussion turned to attendance at school.

In schools, we know how having good attendance at school enables students to succeed in exams, maintain good friendships and build those routines and employability professional standards.

The business leaders were adamant about importance of having good attendance and punctuality at school and this will help the students in their future aspiration.

Parents and school staff desperately want all of our Cowley students to reach their maximum potential and have a great life when they are older. Please can we ensure that students are in every day until the long summer holiday.

School trips

I met with Mr Dickinson this week to run through some of the amazing trips taking place this summer.

As we know at Cowley, students have superb opportunities. Be prepared for some fabulous photos this term as we have trips to Quinta with all of Y8, plus visits to China, France and Cambodia!

VE Day

This week, we marked 80 years since Victory in Europe Day (VE Day), a historic moment when, on 8th May 1945, World War II in Europe officially came to an end.

VE Day reminds us of the bravery of those who served, the sacrifices made for peace, and the importance of standing together in the face of adversity.

Have Your Say feedback

Recently, we sent out a parent/carers survey to request feedback on Behaviour, Structure and Routine at Cowley.

The 'Cowley Way' has made so many improvements in this area this year and I'd like to thank parents and carers for completing the survey and providing us with your insights.

The feedback has been reviewed and we're working hard on responding and amending aspects of the Cowley Way for September.

COGA Meeting



Last night, I attended the final Cowley Old Girls Association (COGA) Meeting. For more than 100 years, COGA has been meeting, and it was wonderful to hear about Cowley in the past and the how Cowley continues to evolve and support the local community.

I would like to thank COGA for their generous donation towards our library to support our current students' literacy.

New Sixth Form Newsletter

Cowley Sixth Form College now has their own bi-weekly newsletter. You'll be able to find the latest updates, student achievements, upcoming events and important notices for our Sixth Form community.

It's well worth a read, and is available on the sixth form website here: <https://www.cowleysixthform.org.uk/cowley-sixth-form-newsletters/>

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Cormack