

# MR CORMACK'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

#### COMING UP NEXT WEEK

All week Y12 Progression Week

Monday, 23rd June Y11 Final Celebration Assembly

Tuesday, 24th June Cowley's Got Talent (6pm)

Wednesday, 25th June Cricket fixture at St Edwards

Friday, 27th June Sports Day

## Principal's Award



Congratulations to this week's winners of the Principal's Award! It was a smaller group than usual due to the Quinta trip and exams but it was lovely speaking to the students about their achievements. I'm extremely proud of you.

#### The end of exam season

It was the final exams for our Y11 and Y13 students this week and I'm really pleased with how it's gone. The students were exhausted, it's been a long process, but the message I kept hearing from them was "the preparation and revision has helped."

I'm looking forward to seeing Y11 students at the celebration assembly on Monday, and then again at Prom and the Y13s at their Leavers Celebration event. Well done and relax!

## MyChildAtSchool App



If any students require any help with the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app, we are running some lunchtime sessions in the Library every Monday from now until the end of term to answer any questions the students might have.

## Y10 Mandarin Excellence Programme event



Last Friday, some Y10 Mandarin students attended a visit to the languages department at University of Liverpool.

The students listened to a talk from a senior academic leader about her personal experience of learning Chinese when she worked in China. She also introduced the languages courses at University of Liverpool and how this is linked to the future job prospects.

They also took part in two workshops, where they enjoyed a chopsticks competition, bamboo painting in traditional style and had a tour of the university campus and language department.

It was a really enjoyable day and the students represented the college impeccably. Well done!

## Parent consultation on uniform

I'd like to thank all those parents and carers who came into college this week to discuss school uniform. It was a really useful event and we really appreciate your feedback.

#### **Behaviour for Learning procedures**

This week, we have started to launch our new behaviour for learning procedures. Next week, we will be introducing red cards and students will be required to spend 5 lessons in inclusion.

I know that 99% of lesson marks each week are good or outstanding so I am confident that students will make the right choices and ensure their behaviour does not disrupt their learning or the learning of the other students.

# Warm weather

Thank you for your support with the warm weather over the past few days.

It is vital that students bring a reusable drinks bottle to maintain hydrated and wear suncream during these summer days to keep them protected, particularly when the weather is as warm as it has been.

## Quinta

Last night, I attended the Y8 residential trip at Quinta Hall.

As I arrived, the students were dancing in the outdoor disco, chatting with friends and enjoying the summer's evening in the beautiful surroundings of Quinta. It was wonderful to see them having such a good time.

It had clearly been a busy couple of days, as they went quickly to sleep which gave me the opportunity to sleep for a few hours before returning to college this morning for a busy day's learning.

Quinta is an annual trip for Y8s and it is always great speaking to past students as they remember the amazing opportunities and the friendships gained on this fantastic residential.

My thanks go to the staff who have planned the residential and come away from their families for a few days to provide this opportunity for our students. It is greatly appreciated by both the students and I.

There is a great selection of photos on the next page so you can get a glimpse of the enjoyment the students have had this week!

#### Cricket



It has been a busy week for the Cowley cricketers.

At the beginning of the week, the team travelled to Sedburgh School to play at a beautiful ground against a very strong team.

With the opposition fielding four players who play for Yorkshire, it was always going to be a difficult game but the team gave it their all and represented the college fantastically.

Then yesterday, a group of 12 Y7 students participated in a cricket tournament at Ruskin Drive and had a fantastic afternoon.

Well done to everyone involved.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Cormack









