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Dear Parent/Carer,

Congratulations! We are pleased to hear that your child has been allocated one of the precious places at the college for September 2025 and will therefore become a Cowleian. Founded in 1716, Cowley has been educating and supporting students to become successful Cowleians for over 300 years. From September your child starts a significant chapter in their life and we encourage your child to immerse themselves into Cowley life. I am sure you are delighted that they will be joining such a progressive, yet traditionally based college that is internationally renowned for its inventive partnerships, excellent standards in academic achievement and extra-curricular activity. As people from St Helens and beyond are aware, Cowley has a long and proud history, and we are delighted that your child will have the opportunity to be part of this.



We all remember the time when we graduated from primary to secondary school; it is a very important step in a child's education and development. I am proud of the care and support provided by the Cowley transition team which enables students to have a wonderful start here at Cowley. The Year 7 team will visit each primary school and spend some time learning about them and talking with their class teachers. Your child will also attend the three-day Induction (**7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July**) here at Cowley where they will sample lessons, meet some of their teachers and most importantly start to make new friends. More information will be available closer to the time to provide you with more details about the timings of the day and any requirements for the students.



Building a strong relationship with parents/carers is vital for students' success and I would like the opportunity to meet with you and to tell you more about our college and provide more information so your child can have a positive transition to Cowley in September. I have therefore, arranged a Year 6 parents' meeting on **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm** in Cowley Sports Hall. After the meeting, there will be an opportunity to speak to me and key members of staff. **This is a very important meeting and I strongly urge you to make every effort to attend.**



Cowley is much bigger than the primary schools and students travel from far and wide to attend the college. Please be aware that your child may be entitled to assisted travel if you live over 3 miles from college (2 miles for low-income families). If you think you are eligible for this concession, more information and an application can be obtained by contacting the college school transport section at the council on 01744 671033 or by visiting the council website from where the application can be downloaded: [Secondary school transport - St Helens Borough Council](#).



### Uniform

We do not apologise for having professional standards at Cowley and this includes our uniform. We expect students to look smart and have pride in their uniform. Information regarding Cowley uniform can be found on the website and clicking on the following link [Uniform, Footwear and Essential Equipment - Cowley International College - St Helens](#). Non-branded items are freely available at local shops and supermarkets. Branded items are kept to a minimum and are available through our local uniform retailers in the town centre, JayMax, 91-93 Church Street and Whittakers, 38 Bridge Street. The PE kit is only available through the two local retailers, but school has negotiated a competitive fixed price on behalf of parents for all PE uniform items so both retailers will charge the same price. We encourage parents to access used uniform which is available from the college or local groups, e.g. St Helens School Uniform Bank and Swap Shop.



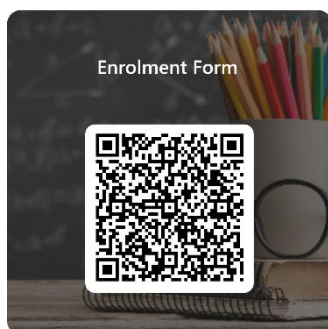
### **Parent Pay**

The college operates an online payment facility. Your Parent Pay log-in details will be available for you to collect on the Year 6 parents Evening on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Enrolment**

Please click on the link or scan the QR Code to complete your child's enrolment information.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xZXzR3kLzK>



This information provides us with relevant information about your child and how we should contact you in an emergency.

**Please complete the form no later than Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025, so that we can update our records before the three Induction days commence.**

**\*\*\*Please note that any child who has not returned their form in full by this date will not be able to have their biometric data ready to use in the canteen in September.**

Communication to parents and carers is so important. Please remember to keep us updated with any changes to contact information as and when they happen; this includes, change of address, mobile phone numbers and email addresses. This can be updated via our MCAS app which you will receive a separate email to set up in due course.

I look forward to meeting your child during the Induction days and I look forward to talking with you on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July.

In the meantime, do explore the college website <http://www.cowley.st-helens.sch.uk/> and our social media for a taste of life at Cowley.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Cormack", is written in a cursive style.

**Mr R Cormack**  
**Principal**