

30th June 2025



Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below details of the Year 6 induction period, 7th-9th July 2025

A couple of points to note – if you intend to drop off and pick up your child each day, please do so outside the school grounds. All Year 6 students, even those with older siblings at the school, are to make their way to the school canteen, ready for an 8.35am start. As such, it will be the entrance on Gamble Avenue, rather than the main reception, which they will use at the beginning and the end of the day.

Could we also respectfully ask that parents/carers do not park in the bus stops on Gamble Avenue when dropping off/collecting students, as this will impede the normal running of the school bus service.

If you have any questions, either about the arrangements for the 3 days or any other aspect of your child's transition to high school, please do not hesitate to contact us on the number listed above.



Year 6 Induction Days – Timetable of Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Notes
Day 1 Monday 7 th July Primary School Uniform required.	8:00 – 8:35 am	Arrival/Assembly	Students will arrive in the canteen and at 8:35 am and be taken for an assembly with the Year 7 Head of Achievement Mr Westhead. Students will be put into team groups and escorted to their form room by their team tutor.
	Period 1 and 2	Team activities – meet your team tutor Tour of the College Biometric registration	Students will complete some activities with their Team Tutors designed to provide an opportunity to learn about the key systems in place at Cowley. Students will be shown how to add money on to their accounts using the Biometric system. Students may require money for break and/or their lunch.
	10:30 – 11:00	Break	A selection of items available in the canteen – funded by the college.
	Period 3	Team activities continue	Students will complete some activities with their Form Tutors designed to provide an opportunity to learn about the key systems in place at Cowley.
	12:15 – 1:15	Lunch	Lunch will be provided for on the first day and funded by us as a college.
	1:20 – 2pm	Cowley's Got Talent	Your child will experience different performances from students with support from our Performing Arts Department.
	**2:45 pm	Dismissal	Students will be dismissed through the Gamble Avenue exit. Please do not expect to collect your child from the main College entrance.



Day 2 <i>Tuesday 8th July</i> <i>Primary School Uniform required.</i>	8:00 – 8:35 am	Arrival / Assembly	Students will arrive in the canteen and have an assembly with the Year 7 Head of Achievement, Mr Westhead in which the activities of the day will be outlined to students.
	Period 1 – 2	Taster Sessions	A variety of taster lessons designed to give an insight into what Cowley has to offer.
	10:30 – 10:50am	Break	A selection of items available in the canteen. Please provide money for your child to purchase items. If on FSM this will be provided. FSM is to the value of £2.60. If your child requires more than this amount, please provide top up money for them.
	Period 3	Taster Sessions	A variety of taster lessons designed to give an insight into what Cowley has to offer.
	12:15 – 1:15	Lunch	Please provide money for your child to purchase. If on FSM this will be provided. FSM is to the value of £2.60. If your child requires more than this amount, please provide top up money for them.
	1:15-2:15	CAT Testing	Students will complete tests which are used in conjunction with Key Stage 2 Levels to place students into sets.
	**2:15 - 2:45 pm	Closing Assembly/Dismissal	Students will be dismissed through the Gamble Avenue exit. Please do not expect to collect your child from the main College entrance.
	6p.m.	INDUCTION PARENT'S EVENING	
Day 3 <i>Wednesday 9th July</i> <i>Primary School PE Kit to be worn</i>	8:00 – 8:50 am	Arrival / Team Time	Students arrive in the canteen and will be taken to their form room by their form tutor.
	9-10:20am	CAT Testing	Students will complete tests which are used in conjunction with Key Stage 2 Levels to place students into sets.
	10:30 – 11am	Break	A selection of items available in the canteen. As day 2 – please provide money for your child to purchase items. FSM is to the value of £2.60. If your child requires more than this amount, please provide top up money for them.
	Period 3	Taster Lessons	A variety of taster lessons designed to give an insight into what Cowley has to offer.
	12:15 – 1:10	Lunch	Please provide money for your child to purchase. If on FSM this will be provided. FSM is to the value of £2.60. If your child requires more than this amount, please provide top up money for them
	1:10-2pm	PE Activity	*Appropriate clothing required
	2pm	Assembly	A final assembly with the Head of Lower School, Mr Rowland
	**2:45 pm	Dismissal	As day 1.

Students will require appropriate clothing for the PE/Games activity on Wednesday 9th July. Please note that it is not necessary to wear a full PE kit, active wear will suffice. Students will not be given opportunity to change their clothing during the day so they will need to wear something that is comfortable for their CAT Tests.

Students waiting for friends/siblings or the College buses will remain in the College canteen until 3:05 pm. Those students leaving at 2:45 pm will be dismissed at the Gamble Avenue exit. Please do not collect your child from the main College entrance.

There will be a member of senior staff available between 3:15 and 4:15 on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July if you wish to discuss any aspects of your child's induction to Cowley.

I look forward to meeting you at the parents' evening on Tuesday 8th July 2025 – 6.00pm.

Yours faithfully

L. Rowland

Mr L Rowland
Head of Lower School