

29th September 2025



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this message finds you well after a restful summer break.



First, I would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on the impeccable way they have returned to college. They continue to demonstrate focus, engagement, and maturity—clear evidence of the routines and expectations that have been embedded since Year 7. Staff have given tremendous praise for their conduct, effort, and especially their support of younger students who are adapting to Cowley's systems. They are a credit to you, to the college, and most importantly, to themselves.



At present, the dates for the final exam series remain provisional. Once they are confirmed, I will share them with you. As a guide, exams usually begin around three weeks before the May half-term (approximately the week commencing 5th May 2026) and typically end at the end of June (around the week commencing 29th June 2026). I will confirm these dates once they are finalised. I implore you to refrain from booking holidays or trips during the exam season as there is no option to move/rearrange or change an external examination.



I can, however, confirm that the next rehearsal examinations will begin on **Monday 10th November**. The year group approached these exceptionally well in June, and we are confident they will once again rise to the challenge. The students are very fortunate to receive the offer of additional sessions after school with their subject teachers. A timetable of available sessions is posted on our website and social media platforms. Your support with their attendance at these sessions is greatly appreciated. Additionally, pupils can attend the library at 8:00 a.m. for Breakfast Boost sessions with Mr Robinson, where they can access the computers, revision resources, and print any homework or past papers.



Year 11 have an exciting yet demanding year ahead, culminating in their final celebration assembly and, of course, the Prom. Fundraising will begin shortly, and I am pleased to confirm the rumours: Mrs Green and I have agreed to complete a skydive to help raise funds! I am eager to see what creative ideas the students come up with to surpass our efforts.



I must also stress that the Prom is a **privilege, not a right**. Tickets will be earned through a combination of good attendance, positive behaviour, and commitment to self-study, as evidenced in part through progress logs. For this reason, I kindly ask that you **do not begin purchasing dresses, suits, or other related items at this stage**. It is important to note that tickets can be revoked as well as awarded; students are expected to uphold the highest standards throughout the year to secure their place.

Thank you, as always, for your support as we work together to ensure our Year 11 students achieve their very best.

Thank you again,

P Collins

Mr. P Collins
Head of Achievement for Year 11