

What's on next Week

Tuesday 25th November Y7 Rugby Fixture (Home)

Wednesday 26th November Y11 Trip to University of Liverpool

Thursday 27th November Y10 Rugby Fixture (Home) & Y7 Rugby Fixture (Home)

Friday 28th November INSET Day - students not in school

INSET DAY NEXT FRIDAY - 28th November

Next Friday, all of our teaching staff are heading over to Trinity MAT for a day of training with colleagues from across the Trust.

That means that students will not be in school next Friday - they've got a slightly longer weekend coming up, and I'd really like everyone to use it well. For our Year 11 and Year 13 students, it's a great chance to reflect on recent exams and keep that preparation going. For everyone else, it's the perfect time to catch up on homework, do a bit of revision, and maybe even squeeze in some Christmas shopping!

After this, we push straight through to 19th December and the start of the Christmas holidays — please do make sure your child is in every day, right up to the Christmas break.

Principal's Award



Very well done to the students who were put forward for the Principal's Award this week. Celebrating the achievements of our students is so important to me, and I truly look forward to this breakfast celebration each week.

Y11 Mock Exams

Year 11 rehearsal exams are done! The results from these exams takes place on 10th December. We continue to encourage Y11 to take up all the support that we are offering, from Breakfast Boost in a morning, to Period 6 after school.

Assembly on Safety and Anti-Bullying



This week, Mr Bennett delivered an important assembly focused on safety and anti-bullying. He reminded students of our key message: "Tell, Tell, Tell." When staff are aware of a concern, we can step in and support.

Students were encouraged to report worries in any of three ways: by speaking directly to a member of staff, by placing a note in the school's reporting box, or by using the SHARP system on our website: https://cowleysthelens.thesharpsystem.com/index.php

Music award



I am delighted to share that we have been appointed as a Lead School for Sound! Music Hub.

This appointment recognises our school's strong commitment to high-quality music provision and our dedication to supporting the musical development of children and young people across our wider community. This will mean that we can ensure that every young person has the opportunity to engage with music in meaningful ways.

Solar panels - Cowley in the news



We're delighted to share that Cowley has been selected as one of 250 schools to benefit from the Great British Energy Solar Power programme, part of the Labour government's plan to reduce energy costs.

This investment will help us lower our environmental footprint and move towards a more sustainable future for our community. The savings on energy will allow us to direct more funding into our students, curriculum, and classrooms. It's a project that brings real environmental benefits — something we value deeply at Cowley — while enabling us to reinvest those savings directly into learning.

Cold weather has arrived

With the colder weather setting in, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat and, if possible, a base layer for extra insulation.

Sports News

Football



Earlier this week, our Year 9 superstars played a friendly match against De La Salle. They produced some brilliant football and created plenty of chances, but couldn't quite find the finishing touch, with De La Salle taking the game 2–0. Every player gave 100%, and I'm incredibly proud of their fantastic conduct and effort.

Rugby

On Tuesday, Miss Leigh and Miss Raines took our U14 girls' rugby team to a Touch Rugby Union Festival at Preston Grasshoppers. The team worked hard to adapt their rugby mindset, showing impressive teamwork and determination. They represented Cowley superbly — respectful, and polite throughout. We are so proud of them!

Finally, we have two international trips taking place this term, one to Germany and another to France. It was great to see students and parents getting excited at the two information evenings this week. Wishing you all a safe and relaxing weekend.

Careers Fair Inspires Students



Our Careers Fair took place on Thursday, giving students an excellent opportunity to explore their future pathways. We know that strong exam performance and good attendance play a vital role in helping students achieve their career aspirations — but understanding the options available after GCSEs is just as important.

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome a wide range of employers and colleges into Cowley. Students engaged confidently with visitors, asked thoughtful questions, and gained valuable insight into the next steps open to them. It was a hugely positive event, and we're proud of how well our students represented the school.

COWLEY SIXTH FORM COLLEGE













Sixth Form students raise money for Children in Need

Today, Cowley Sixth Form College students have been showcasing their entrepreneurial spirit in the most fun and creative ways to raise money for Children in Need.

During Team Time, our Year 12 and Year 13 students were challenged to come up with ideas for our annual Children in Need Marketplace—and wow, they truly delivered!

The hall is buzzing with activities, including karaoke, darts, raffles, homemade cakes, drawings, crêpes, and even a "Guess the Name of the Teddy" competition.

We can't wait to find out the total amount raised!

A huge thank-you to all students, staff and families who contributed, participated and donated. Your support makes a real difference.

