



CHINA 2025



A group of Y9 students have travelled to China as part of Cowley's involvement in the Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP).

The college has proudly been a part of the MEP since it was set up in 2016, offering this fantastic annual opportunity for our students to visit East Asia and create lifelong memories.

Over the course of an 11-day excursion, the students have been taking part in intensive language and cultural activities and spending time with pupils in schools across China.

Flying into Beijing, the students have immersed themselves into Chinese culture, mastering the art of using chopsticks and getting lots of opportunities to use and

improve their Mandarin speaking skills.

There have been plenty of activities for them to get stuck into as well, with Chinese square dancing, traditional Chinese arts and crafts and some ancient Chinese history just some of the tasks they have been enjoying.

There have been lots of trips out to see some of the amazing sights of China, including the Great Wall, the Bird's Nest Olympic Stadium, as well as Beijing Zoo where they saw some pandas.

It has been incredibly impressive seeing how well the students adapted in such unfamiliar surroundings, showing off the Mandarin language skills they have been learning at Cowley. A trip of a lifetime!

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COWLEY

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

MEET OUR HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

2024 - 2025



"At Cowley Sixth Form, everyone strives for you to be your best and will go above and beyond to give you every opportunity to do so.

"The opportunities to better yourself, both inside and outside the classroom, are endless and every single staff member wants to make sure that you succeed at everything you do.

"It has remained the fantastic learning environment that drew me towards it in the first place."

Daniel
Head Boy

"I chose Cowley Sixth Form because of the small class sizes, as I feel that the subject teachers can take time to make sure all students are reaching their full potential.

"I also think there is a great support system of staff, so I am comfortable to voice any concerns.

"The opportunities they provide here are great ways for students to grow as individuals, teaching us skills to utilise in our future."

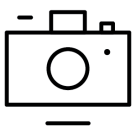
Abigail
Head Girl



11-16 Head Boy, Head Girl & Deputies

Principal's Award

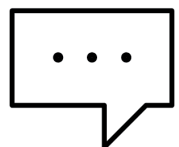
Each week, two students from each year group are nominated by their Head of Achievement to receive the Principal's Award. This award recognises and rewards students who have gone above and beyond to really set themselves apart. Here is a selection of photos from some of our most recent winners.



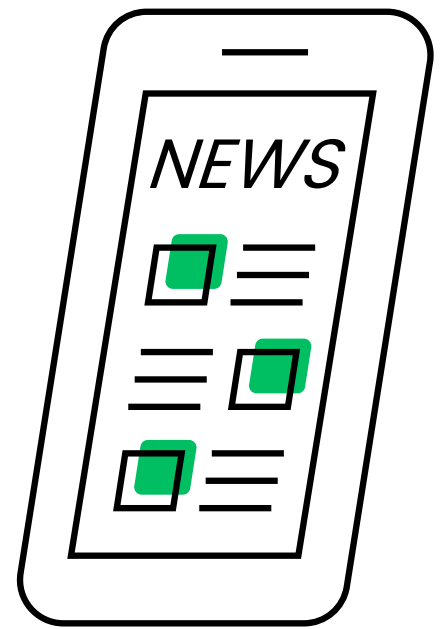
ENRICHMENT

We are incredibly proud of the huge number of extracurricular activities that are available to students here at Cowley.

[View Timetable](#)



News in brief



RECENT NEWS AND EVENTS

Bronze Accolade



A number of Y7 students have been working towards and achieving the Bronze Accolade as part of their Cowley Experience.

The students are required to provide evidence that they have gone above and beyond the normal high standards at school and at home to achieve the criteria points.

Achieving this accolade is no small feat with only a handful of students reaching this milestone to date. These students stand out as shining examples of what can be accomplished when you work hard and put your mind to something.

We are incredibly proud of your achievements, very well done.

Quinta



The annual Y8 residential trip to Quinta was again a superb event.

For many students, this is their first time away from their families, but everyone through themselves into the activities and enjoyed every second of it!

There was raft building, assault courses, water sports, archery and, generally, just being around their friends which created an amazing atmosphere and memories that will live with them forever.

Cricket success



It has been a busy term of our college cricket team, with a number of fixtures taking place.

After close run defeats against Hope Academy and Sedburgh School, Cowley picked up their first victory of 2025 with a great performance against St Edwards in Liverpool.

Chasing a target of 93, the team played superbly with both ball and bat and held their nerve, showing real determination to chase their target down with 10 balls to spare!

After working incredibly hard in practice, we're delighted that they have a win on the board to show for it as they've improved so much in such a short space of time, well done!

Sports Day



Once again, this year's Sports Day was a tremendous event.

It was fantastic to see so many students involved and enjoying the events, with some really close competitions.

Well done to everyone who participated and congratulations to all the event winners!

Speedy Careers



Our Year 9 students had the fantastic opportunity to meet six inspiring professionals from a variety of industries during our Speedy Careers event.

Each speaker had just 5 minutes to share their journey and insights into their career path, all with the help of a fun countdown timer and walk-on music to add some energy to the event!

A huge thank you to all of our incredible guest speakers for sharing their time and expertise with us.

Y10 Work Experience



Year 10 students have been out and about in the world of work carrying out their two-day work experience placements.

We've had students in a wide variety of different work places including Manchester Airport, Edge Hill University and Merseyside Police.

It has been wonderful to see the students throwing themselves into it and getting the most out of their experience.

A small number of students completed some virtual work experience in college while they also received a talk from Cowley alumnus Jonathan Milligan who spoke about the journey to get to where you want to be.

Well done, Year 10!

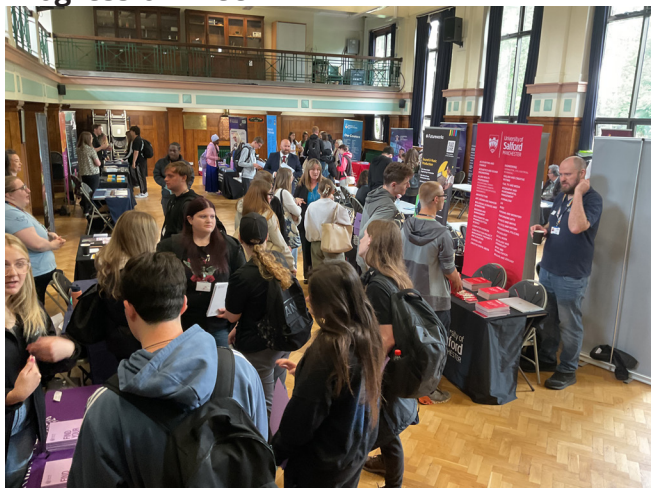
Y6 transition



It has been wonderful to meet our new cohort of students who will be joining us in September during their transition days.

These days are really important for the students to get to meet the staff and find their way around college, as well as trying new subjects they might not have done in primary school to get them ready to start on the front foot when they arrive in September as fully fledged Cowleians.

Progression Week



Y12 students took part in Progression Week, featuring a day with universities, a day with employers and apprenticeship providers, a day of mock assessments and three days of work experience.

Once again, it was a busy few days with more than 60 organisations visiting the college over the course of the week to provide information for the students to inform their progression decisions for Higher Education, apprenticeships or employment once they've finished their time at Cowley Sixth Form.

New Student Welcome Day



The sun shone for a fantastic New Student Welcome Day.

All the students looking forward to joining Cowley Sixth Form in September attended this transition day and got a great taste of things to come for them, meeting their new teachers and classmates, finding their way around the campus, and enjoying the festival at lunch time on the amazing grounds with football, inflatables, outdoor games as well as some great music from our resident DJ. We're looking forward to seeing you all back in September!

Merseyside Fire and Rescue VR session



This term, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service held a drop in session in Cowley Hall with their VR headsets for the students to use to visualise what it's like to work within the service.

It was a really excellent session and a really good and engaging way to demonstrate the skills needed for a role in the Fire and Rescue service. The students really enjoyed taking part.

BTEC Sport interviews



Our Year 12 BTEC Sport students took part in mock interviews as part of the course.

They looked smart, spoke with confidence and presented themselves professionally.

The BTEC Sport course offers students practical experience and theoretical knowledge in areas such as fitness training, sports coaching, and leadership.

Activities like mock interviews help prepare students for careers in the sport and fitness industry by developing their communication, organisation, and employability skills.

Well done to all! You were all remarkably calm before the mock interviews!

What is **your** attendance?



100%

Perfect - well done!

You're giving yourself the best opportunity for success.



97%

Impressive!

Up to **6** days
absent from school

**30 missed
lessons!**

High attendance leads to improved and high achievement.



**96.9%
- 93%**

Worrying!

Up to **14** days
absent from school

**70 missed
lessons!**

Too many missed school days. Less chance of success.



92%

Concern!

Up to **16** days
absent from school

**80 missed
lessons!**

Reduced chance of success. Possible court action.



90%

Serious!

Considerable absence
from school

**Over 100
missed lessons!**

Lowest chance of success. Possible court action.

WHY IS GOOD ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

We place great emphasis on excellent attendance. To be successful at school and to take advantage of all the amazing opportunities and enrichment that the school can offer, your child should aim for 100% attendance.

In order to support your child in achieving 100% attendance, we request that whenever possible, medical appointments are made outside of the school day, as losing time during the school day will impact upon their overall attendance figure and also hinder their progress.

Attendance to school is vital in achieving true potential. 1/2 a missed day per week equates to one grade lower at GCSE across all subjects –this is a proven fact.



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, when they're unwell.

[Take a look at the advice from the NHS here.](#)

If your child is refusing to attend school, this is known as 'school refusal' or 'school phobia' and is often caused by fear and anxious feelings.

Take a read of our 2-page document about school refusal and some advice for parents/ carers, plus the support that we, and external agencies, can offer.

[Open Document](#)



COWLEY Y11 PROM



Mr Westhead and Mrs Mason took the Cowley Y11 Prom to another level with a fabulous event.

The students all looked super smart and the atmosphere was lovely, with live music, dancing and fabulous food.

This was the first Cowley Prom to have a firework display which was a wonderful surprise for the students after a busy year of studying and exams. It was a joy to see their faces when they went outside and saw the sky light up for them.

It was a truly memorable event, one which the students will look back on with great fondness in the years to come, and we must thank the Year 11 team for their amazing work in organising it.

We are incredibly proud of the students for all their hard work, not just this year and in their final exams, but throughout their five years on the 11-16 site.

We received some brilliant feedback from other guests at the venue about their behaviour and good manners. Well done!

