



**WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK**

**Monday – Thursday**

MFL Y11 GCSE German Speaking Exams Commence

**Thursday, 23rd April**

Cowley Gold

**Friday, 25th April**

Y13 'Sound of Tomorrow' Performance, The Gerrard Arms, 7pm (see next page for poster)

**Welcome back**

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring that students return to school well-prepared and ready for the new term. Our partnership, and the shared expectations we set together, are vital in helping every student succeed.

As always, this is a busy half term at Cowley. External examinations are beginning for our Y11 and Y13 students, while Y9 internal exams will start next week. We know that exams are an important part of life, and while they can feel challenging, they also provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate all that they have learned.

We can support our young people through this period by maintaining strong attendance, encouraging consistent effort in lessons, and fostering positive revision habits at home. It has been particularly encouraging to see so many Y11 and Y13 students taking advantage of the additional support available, including Easter revision sessions and Period 6



On Wednesday, our Year 8/9 Girls' Football Team secured a fantastic 4–3 victory on penalties against Rainford in the Town Plate semi-final. They now progress to the final and will play Outwood Academy on Wednesday, 22nd April at Ruskin Drive.

after school.

Although time is now limited, there is still every opportunity for students to make a meaningful difference to their final outcomes. With continued focus and determination, they can achieve results they are proud of.

**Visit from Mrs King**

This week I had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs King, Headteacher of Merton Bank. Primary Headteachers are like celebrities when they visit Cowley!

Students love seeing their former teachers and take great pride in showing how much they have grown, as well as how proud they are to be Cowleians.

Mrs King was extremely impressed with the College and our students, and kindly followed up with a lovely email, including the comment: "Children at Cowley are very lucky to be part of such a special place."

**Uniform**

Summer arrived for a few days over Easter, and then in our first week back we've had frost, torrential rain, strong winds and thunder!

As we head into the summer term and get longer spells of warm weather, our usual uniform policy still applies. However, students can carry their blazers on corridors rather than wear them, and girls may swap tights for plain white, black, or bottle green socks.

Further guidance will be sent home this term with more details on our plans for periods of hotter weather.

Students are coming to school looking incredibly smart, and our thanks go to parents/carers for supporting our high standards. As we move through the final term, we know standards can sometimes slip, so we appreciate your support in encouraging your child to take pride in their appearance and finish the school year strongly.

**Ofsted Report**

This week I received our draft report from the Ofsted inspection that took place before Easter.

This will be published in the next few weeks and I will be sure to provide parents with the link.

In the meantime, here is a useful video from Ofsted's Official YouTube channel explaining the new Report Cards and Grading System:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbl0FvY976g>

**Student Planner Competition**

The Eco-Committee are hosting a competition for the best eco-themed design that will feature in the Student Planner for September 2026!

**The design needs to be:**

- Portrait in layout
- There needs to be space at the top of the page for the College logo, so this area needs to have less detail
- The more colour and vibrant the better!
- Must have an environmental theme



All entries must be submitted to Ms Meredith by 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Remember to include your name and team!

# SOUND OF TOMORROW

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24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
7:00PM



THE GERARD ARMS  
ST HELENS

**TICKETS ON SALE**

## Year 13 Sound of Tomorrow Performance



- event starts at 7pm
- It is hosted at The Gerrard Arms, St Helens
- This is a alcohol-free event, no alcohol is allowed in the function room
- Tickets are on sale for £9.95 from now until the 24<sup>th</sup> April, which is the event date

### Socials:

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