



WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Wednesday, 29th April

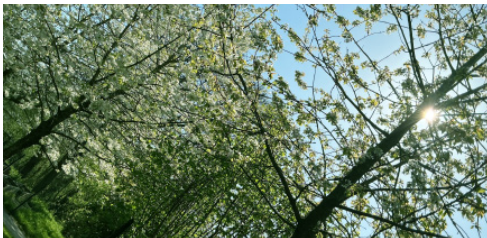
Y7 & Y8 Junior Maths Challenge
Y8 & Y9 Trip to Liverpool Hope Uni

Thursday, 30th April

Y8 Trip to Catalyst Museum

Friday, 1st May

Y10 Tourism MEP Project



Spring has arrived, and our students are already enjoying everything it brings. The bluebells are in full bloom in Cowley Woods, and the trees are covered in blossom, creating a beautiful setting for time outdoors. Our spacious grounds give students the chance to explore, relax, and appreciate nature—something we know they really value.

With the weather getting warmer, we remind all students to bring a refillable water bottle to college each day to stay hydrated. We have water dispensers located on every floor level.

Principal's Award



Congratulations to this week's Principal's Award recipients. These students were put forward for going above and beyond in their efforts, attitude, or achievements.

On Thursday, these students joined me for a special breakfast where their successes were recognised and celebrated.

Being chosen is a fantastic accomplishment—very well done to all involved.

The All Stars Awards are back!



Cowley's 2025 All Star nominees

This week, we began planning for the St Helens Secondary Schools All Stars Awards. This is a wonderful evening celebrating the achievements of students across the borough. Last year, four Cowley students were shortlisted, with one going on to win in their category.

We look forward to sharing updates with you if we are shortlisted again this year.

Exams



Exams have begun, with Y11 students completing their MFL speaking assessments and Y9 students sitting internal exams. I have been really impressed by the commitment and dedication shown by our students. This success is a shared effort, so a sincere thank you to parents, carers, and staff for their continued support.

Mobile phone ban

Mobile phones have once again been in the news, with reports of Government plans to introduce a legal ban in schools across England. Take a look at the news article here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5y7vd6gpq1o>

Students have been asking what this means for Cowley. Our response is that our current policy is working well, and the vast majority of students ensure that their mobile phones are powered down and kept in their bags, allowing them to focus on their learning while in school. We will await further guidance from the Department for Education and keep you updated on any changes.

Y6 to Y7 transition

Y6 students have recently found out which high school they will be attending, and we are looking forward to welcoming our new intake to Cowley from 29th June for the transition week.

This week, Mr Rowland has visited Merton Bank Primary School to meet with incoming students and their parents, and he will be visiting more primary schools over the coming weeks.

We have a dedicated page on our website offering some useful information for parents/carers of Y6. This includes a magazine to help students learn more about life at Cowley, along with encouraging messages from our current Y7 students. Take a look here: <https://www.cowley.st-helens.sch.uk/y6-joining-cowley-in-september-2026/>

SPORTS

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On Thursday, our Year 8/9 football team secured a fantastic 4–1 victory over Outwood Haydock in the Town Plate Final. The team showed outstanding determination, teamwork, and attitude throughout. Congratulations to the entire team for bringing home our first piece of silverware this year.



On Thursday, our Year 9 football team won their first ever trophy beating Rainford 2-0 in the St Helens Town Plate Final. Their attitude all year has been exceptional and we send our congratulations to the team!



The Year 8 Rugby team took on Rainford yesterday—current Town Cup, North West Counties Cup and National Cup champions. In an incredible contest, Cowley just fell short of what would have been a famous victory, losing 22–16. However, the team showed outstanding bravery, camaraderie and resilience. Every player gave absolutely everything.

Rainford may have won on the scoreboard, but Cowley won in so many other ways. As a student said after the game, “I am so proud of every one of you—I can’t wait for Year 9.” At that point, the result almost felt irrelevant.



Yesterday, our Year 7 rugby team took on Haydock in the Town Cup semi-final. Despite having only nine players, the team delivered an outstanding performance, securing a 36–8 victory. The girls were absolutely phenomenal!

The team will now face either Rainford or Hope in the final, with the date to be confirmed.