COWLEY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Friday, 16th October 2026

MR CORMACK'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

Sister Act Performance Dates

Wednesday 21st October, 7:30pm - £13
Thursday 22nd October, 7:30pm - £13
Friday 23rd October, 7:30pm - £13
Saturday 24th October, 2:00pm - £13
Saturday 24th October, 7:30pm - £13

With just one week remaining before half term, I would like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support, and our students for the fantastic start they have made to the academic year.

There has been so much to celebrate since September. We have welcomed hundreds of prospective families through our Open Evenings, launched an exciting programme of enrichment activities, and celebrated student achievements in the classroom, on the sporting field and within the wider community. Students have embraced a wealth of opportunities, demonstrating the ambition, resilience and enthusiasm that make our school such a special place.

We were also delighted to welcome Peter Wilson to Cowley this half term. His inspiring message challenged students to believe in themselves, step outside their comfort zones and make the most of every opportunity available to them. More recently, we were incredibly proud to see Cowley students recognised at the St Helens All Stars Awards, where their achievements, character and contribution to others were celebrated alongside young people from across the borough.

There is still plenty to look forward to next week as our talented cast, crew and staff bring Sister Act to the stage. There are over 70 students in the cast from Years 7 - 13; I am so proud of them. There are still a few tickets available. To reserve your tickets, please place your order via the ticket email: tickets@cowleysthelens.org.uk
Once you receive a confirmation email, tickets can be collected and paid for at the 11-16 Reception. The production promises to fantastic, and I know audiences are in for a real treat.

It has been a tremendous start to the academic year, but we are certainly not slowing down. We have many exciting events, opportunities and celebrations planned in the lead-up to Christmas.

Please note that college closes next Friday at 2:50pm for the half-term break.



Celebrating Success at the St Helens Secondary Schools All Stars Awards

One of the highlights of this week was attending the 2026 St Helens Secondary Schools' All Stars Awards at Saints RFC on Tuesday. The event brings together schools from across the borough to celebrate young people whose achievements make a real difference to their schools and communities.

I was immensely proud to see three Cowley students recognised on such a prestigious stage. Declan and Taylor were shortlisted for Young Carer of the Year, while Noah was nominated for Outstanding Contribution to the St Helens Community.

I am delighted to share that Noah was announced as the winner of the Outstanding Contribution to the St Helens Community Award. His dedication to supporting others and making a positive impact beyond school is truly inspiring. Declan and Taylor were highly commended for their remarkable commitment as young carers, receiving special recognition from the judges.

The evening was a wonderful celebration. Every nomination represented a story of resilience, kindness, determination and service to others.

The guest speaker was Abi Ekoku, whose message encouraged young people to embrace opportunities, believe in themselves and make the most of every experience. Adding to the occasion was a wonderful choir made up of students from secondary schools across the borough.

Congratulations to Noah, Declan and Taylor. We are all incredibly proud of what have achieved and the way they represent Cowley.



Y7 Boys Impress at Ruskin Football Festival

On Tuesday, our Y7 boys took part in the Ruskin Football Festival. The boys were a real credit to the school, demonstrating excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and commitment. There was also plenty to celebrate on the pitch, with the A Team winning every game! Perhaps most impressive of all was the way our students conducted themselves throughout the event. Well done Y7!

Celebrating – Students –



Principal's Award
One of the highlights of my week was joining students from Years 7 - 11 for the Principal's Award breakfast. Each student had been nominated by their year team for going above and beyond and was presented with a certificate to recognise their achievements. Well done to you all!



Attendance Award
A big well done to this week's Attendance Superstars (not all students were photographed)! It was lovely to recognise students who are showing such a positive approach to school and making every day count. Keep up the fantastic work!



Cowley Gold
Congratulations to our latest Cowley Gold recipients! These students have been nominated by their teachers for producing an exceptional piece of work and showing real effort, creativity and commitment to their learning.



Y7 Georgia
Congratulations to Y7 student, Georgia! Georgia has been Morris dancing for the past six years. Since March, Georgia has been practicing and competing every single week, showing incredible commitment, and passion for her sport.

At her End of Season Dance Championships recently, all of that hard work paid off when she was crowned Leader of the Year! What an outstanding achievement!



Y10 Louie
We are delighted to share that Louie Owen in Y10 has been awarded a place on the St Helens RLFC Team Excel Programme.

This is a fantastic achievement and recognition of Louie's hard work, Congratulations, Louie! We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to following your journey



Y8 Oliver
We are thrilled to share that Oliver in Y8 has signed for Everton Academy U13s.

Earning a place within a professional academy is a significant milestone, and we are incredibly proud to see him rewarded for his commitment and determination.

Well done, Oliver! We wish you every success as you begin this exciting new chapter with Everton Academy.



A huge well done to one of our fantastic Y9 students, who has made incredible progress with her reading over the last two years, through hard work, determination and commitment.

Her progress has been outstanding, and she should be incredibly proud of everything she has achieved.

To celebrate this fantastic achievement, she received a well-deserved certificate and sweet treat earlier this week. Pictured here with Mrs Wade, whose dedication, encouragement and unwavering support have played an important role in this reading success, along with Cowley's SENCO, Mrs Mackay.

Congratulations on a truly outstanding achievement!

SAME EFFORT BRIGHTER RESULTS

YEAR 11

PERIOD 6 CLASSES

YOU GOT THIS!

LEARN
PRACTISE
IMPROVE
ACHIEVE

SMALL STEPS MAKE BIG PROGRESS

Additional support • Intervention • Enrichment • Brighter futures

MONDAY

Staff Meetings

OUR STAFF SUPPORT YOUR SUCCESS

TUESDAY

Art
Various teachers
(W14/W15)

French (Higher Tier)
Ms Lavelle
(M14)

French (Foundation Tier)
Mr Chapple
(M12)

Geography
Various teachers
(Various rooms)

WEDNESDAY

Dance
Miss Radford

Maths
Various teachers
(Various rooms)

French (Foundation Tier)
Mrs Mitchell
(M17)

THURSDAY

English
Various teachers
(Various rooms)

Art
Various teachers
(W14/W15)

PE / BTEC Sport
Mr Gordon
(W12)

FRIDAY

MORE PERIOD 6 CLASSES COMING SOON!

CHECK BACK FOR UPDATES!

More classes will be added and this timetable will be updated throughout the year.

KEY INFORMATION

- Period 6 sessions provide additional support, intervention and enrichment opportunities.
- Students should attend the class appropriate to their subject and tier.
- Teachers and rooms may occasionally change.
- New classes will be added throughout the year.

WORK HARD
AIM HIGH
ACHIEVE MORE

BRIGHTER TOMORROW STARTS WITH WHAT YOU DO TODAY

COWLEY
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



OPEN EVENINGS 2026

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER &
THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

3:30-6:30PM

Scan here to register to attend

DEVELOPING LIFE READY LEARNERS

St. Helens Santa Dash

WILLOWBROOK HOSPICE
Every Contact Counts

Sunday 29th November

11.00am start

At the BrewDog Stadium





Adult €10, Child €5,
Family of 4 €20





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