

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

Thursday 8th October

Sixth Form Open Evening
Y7 Speedy Careers

Friday 9th October

Senior UKMT Challenge (Y12 & Y13)
Sixth Form Mental Health Awareness Walk

Autumn definitely feels like it has arrived this week! It's been another busy one at Cowley, with plenty happening across the school and our Sixth Form.

One of the things I enjoy most about Cowley is that no two days are ever quite the same. Whether it's popping into a new club, welcoming families into school, seeing students head off on a trip or hearing about their achievements, there is always something going on and plenty to be proud of.

Here are just a few highlights and updates from this week.

Enrichment



Our new enrichment timetable is now up and running, with a fantastic range of clubs and activities for students to get involved in.

Earlier this week, I popped into our new Debating Club, run by Mr Jones and Mr Robinson. It was great to see students sharing their views, listening to different perspectives and developing the confidence to discuss and debate a range of topics.

These are such valuable skills, both in school and beyond, and I would really encourage students to take a look at the full enrichment timetable on our website and try something new.

View the full enrichment timetable here:

Cowley Sixth Form Open Evening

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THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER &
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3:30-6:30PM

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Welcoming more Year 6 families to Cowley

It is always a pleasure to welcome prospective students and their families into Cowley,



and this week we held an additional opportunity for Year 6 families to visit us following our Open Evening.

Thank you to everyone who came along. I hope you enjoyed looking around, meeting our staff and students and getting a feel for life at Cowley.

Supporting our Year 11 Students



On Thursday evening, we welcomed Year 11 parents and carers to our Year 11 Preparation Evening.

We know how quickly Year 11 will go. There is a lot to fit in, but there is still plenty of time, and our focus is on helping students use that time well so they feel prepared, supported and confident as they work towards their GCSEs.

There is lots of support available. Our Breakfast Boost runs every morning from 8:00 to 8:30am, providing Year 11 students with a free breakfast and a quiet space to revise. There is no need to book, students can simply come along to the main office.

Our Period 6 sessions also give students extra time with their subject teachers to revisit key topics, practise exam techniques and ask questions.

Please see page 4 for the full Period 6 timetable.

GCSE Geography field trip



Yesterday, our Year 11 GCSE Geography students went on a fieldtrip to Formby beach as part of their coursework.

They collected data on sand dunes that are managed by having fences around them and trees to trap the sand and sand dunes that are unmanaged to compare the results of the two. They did field sketches at both sites, tested the pH of the sand and then used quadrats to collect vegetation data.



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. It was a pleasure to spend time with them and celebrate their success. 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.



Year 11 visit to Shakespeare North Playhouse



Yesterday, Year 11 students had the opportunity to visit Shakespeare North Playhouse to watch a performance of Macbeth.

For some of our students, this was their first experience of visiting a theatre, which made the trip particularly special. Their conduct throughout the visit was exemplary, and they were a real credit to Cowley. It was a pleasure to be able to give them this experience, while also bringing a text they are studying to life beyond the classroom.

Y6 Open Evening design competition winners

Congratulations to the Y6 winners of this year's Technology Department Design Competition, which was held during our Open Evening. The creativity, imagination and design skills on display were fantastic, and our congratulations go to:

- Poppy A – Butterfly Earrings
- Dion K – Nature-Inspired Headpiece
- Isaac B – Leaf Umbrella
- Annabel D – Nature-Inspired Top and Skirt
- Willow R – Nature-Inspired Outfit

A huge well done to our winners and thank you to everyone who entered. Winners can collect their prizes from Cowley 11-16 office.

An update on Parent Payments

We have made the decision to move all online payments to Bromcom/MCAS. This will mean that parents and carers can access key school information and make payments through one platform and app.

The migration is scheduled to take place on 7th October. We will provide a further update once this has been completed, along with guidance on how to access and use the new system.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sixth Form Enrichment Fair



Thursday saw our annual Cowley Sixth Form College Enrichment Fair take place.

There was a great atmosphere as students explored the many opportunities available alongside their studies, including sport, performing arts, British Sign Language, business and much more.

Students were also able to find out about extracurricular opportunities available outside college and across the St Helens area.

It was great to see so many students signing up and looking at new ways to get involved, develop their skills and make the most of their time at Sixth Form.

Sister Act is coming to Cowley!

We were delighted to announce recently that our next whole-school musical will be Sister Act the Musical, and rehearsals are now well underway.

Performances will take place on:
Wednesday 21 October, 7:30pm
Thursday 22 October, 7:30pm
Friday 23 October, 7:30pm
Saturday 24 October, 2:00pm
Saturday 24 October, 7:30pm

Tickets are £13 and will be on sale soon.



SAME
EFFORT
BRIGHTER
RESULTS 😊

LEARN
PRACTISE
IMPROVE
ACHIEVE

YEAR 11

YOU
GOT
THIS! 💖

SMALL
STEPS
MAKE BIG
PROGRESS

PERIOD 6 CLASSES

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!
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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.

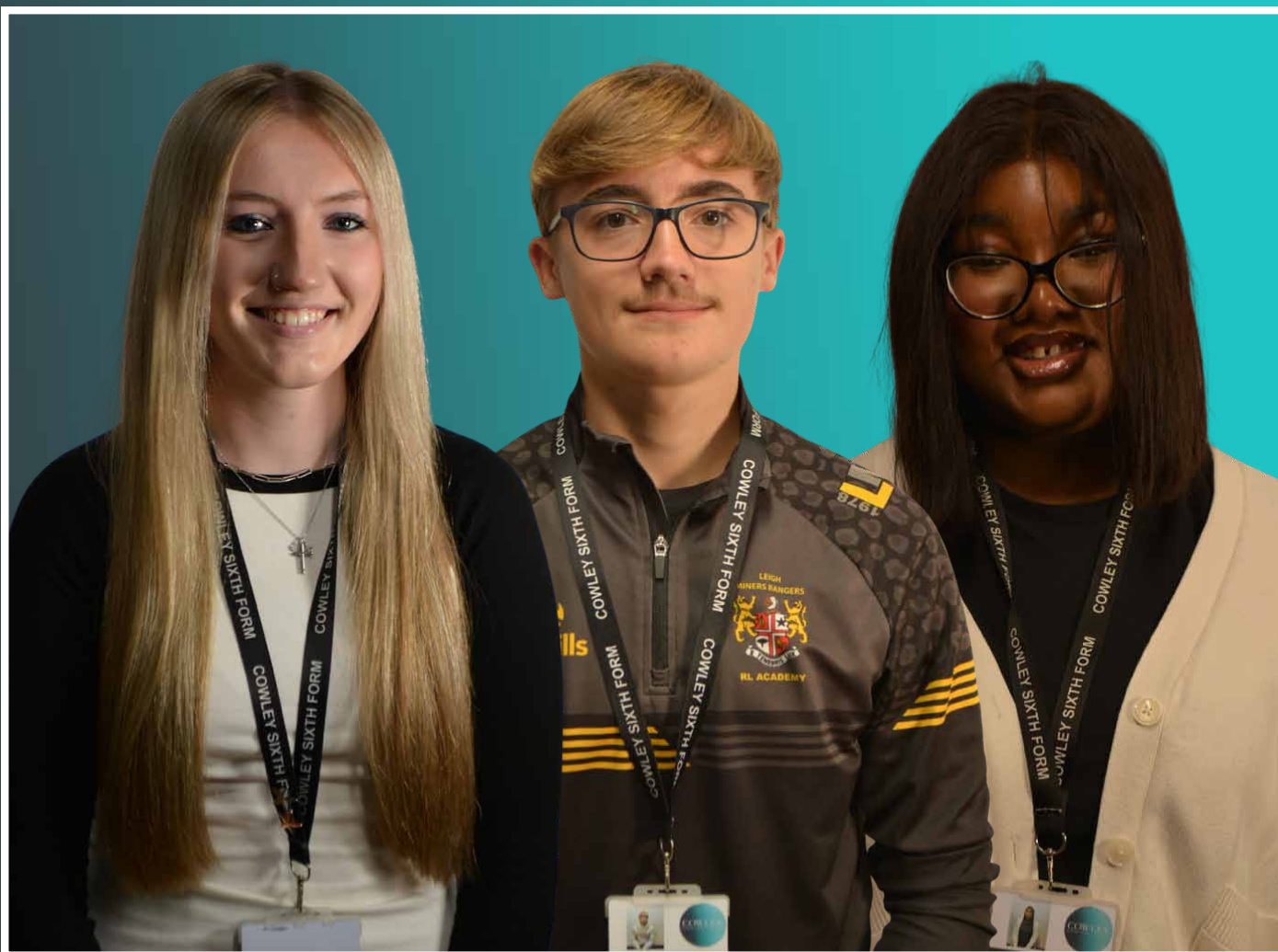
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AIM HIGH
ACHIEVE MORE

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