COWLEY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



Student safety

With darker evenings, Halloween celebrations, and the availability of fireworks, it's especially important that students make sensible choices when out and about. Please encourage your child to stay with friends, keep to well-lit areas, and to stay safe. We want all our students to enjoy the break, have fun with friends, and return to school happy, rested, and safe.

Upcoming Events

Return to College
Monday 2nd November

Y11 Rehearsal Exams
W/C 9th November
W/C 16th November

Remembrance Day
Wednesday 11th November

Y7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 12th November

Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 19th November

Staff INSET Day (College closed to students)
Friday 27th November



Our newsletter front page photo this week is of our brilliant Year 11 Ambassadors, who proudly support the school, lead by example and represent Cowley at events so wonderfully.

Thank you for a brilliant start to the school year

As we reach the end of a wonderfully busy half term, I want to thank our students, staff and families for helping make it such a positive start to the academic year.

I have been incredibly proud of our students, who have embraced every opportunity available to them. Whether representing the college in sport, taking part in educational visits, enjoying enrichment activities or celebrating success through rewards and performances, they have demonstrated the enthusiasm and commitment that make Cowley such a special community.

A particular highlight has been welcoming our new Y7 students, who have settled in brilliantly and quickly become valued members of our school family, as well as forming new friendships.

The next half term promises to be just as exciting, with examinations, our Sixth Form Open Evening, educational visits, enrichment opportunities and Christmas celebrations all to look forward to.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish all of our families a restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another successful term at Cowley.

For a more detailed summary of the half term, please see the letter sent home on Wednesday via MyChildAtSchool (MCAS).

Y7 explore the world of work





On Monday, we welcomed a fantastic range of employers to Cowley International College for our Year 7 Employer Engagement Day, giving students an exciting and hands-on introduction to the world of work.

Throughout the morning, every student had the opportunity to experience eight different employers and industries, taking part in practical workshops designed to bring careers to life.

We were delighted to welcome guests from Merseyside Police, the RAF, St Helens Council, BBC Sport and the banking sector, who shared their knowledge, experiences and insights into their professions.

From exploring different career pathways to developing new skills and asking thoughtful questions, the day encouraged students to think about their futures, challenge assumptions and discover opportunities they may never have previously considered.

Y11 Rehearsal Examinations

WEEK A

Periods	Monday A	Tuesday A	Wednesday A	Thursday A	Friday A
1	Business 1h 45m Construction 1h 30m RE 2h	Science (Physics) 1h 45m	Hospitality (Practical) 2h	Art 2h	
2					
	Break				
	Team Time				
3	MFL (Reading) H = 1h F = 45m (Writing) H = 1h 15m F = 1h	Digital IT 1h			Musical Th 1h
4					Dance 1h Music 1h
	Lunch				
5		Dance 1h Hospitality 1h Music 1h			

WEEK B

Periods	Monday B	Tuesday B	Wednesday B	Thursday B	Friday B
1	Maths (Non-Calc) 1h 30m	Science (Biology) 1h 15m	English (Literature) 2h 30m	Maths (Calc) 1h 30m	MFL (Listening) F = 1h H = 1h 15m
2					
	Break			Break	
	Team Time			Team Time	
3	English (Language) 1h 45m	History 1h 50m Geography 1h 30m	Engineering 1h 30m	Science (Chemistry) 1h 45m	Maths (Calc) 1h 30m
4					
	Lunch				
5	PE 1h Musical Th 1h Comp 45m	Comp 45m			



As we prepare for the upcoming Y11 Rehearsal Examinations w/c 9th November and w/c 16th November, students have been given their Exam timetables and seat Numbers.

It is essential that all students attend and are punctual to their Rehearsal Exams.

Attending these examinations provides an experience that closely reflects the arrangements students will encounter during their GCSE examinations.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's subject teachers/year team.



Sister Act Takes Centre Stage

This week has seen our talented students take to the stage for this year's school production, Sister Act.

Although I am still looking forward to watching the full production over the next two evenings, I have already heard so many wonderful reports from staff, families and audience members. The photographs alone showcase the incredible talent, confidence and enthusiasm of our students.

Productions such as these provide experiences that simply cannot be replicated in the classroom, helping students develop confidence, teamwork and lifelong memories.

My sincere thanks go to every member of staff who has given up countless hours to support rehearsals, costumes, music, technical production and organisation. The commitment shown by staff and students alike is truly remarkable, and we are incredibly proud of everyone involved.

"Our students have shown incredible talent and professionalism throughout rehearsals and performances. They continue to make us proud every time they step onto the stage."

- Miss Radford
Head of Performing Arts

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!



Y9 Rugby
A brilliant start to the season for our Year 9 rugby team, who secured an impressive 32-0 victory away at Rainhill on Wednesday! A special mention goes to Louie, who stepped up to play a year above his age group and rewarded the team with two fantastic tries



Y11 Rugby
Congratulations to our Year 11 rugby squad, who kicked off their North West Counties group campaign with a superb 50-10 victory over Brian Clarke Academy in Oldham.

With six of our scholar players unavailable, it provided a fantastic opportunity for others to step forward and demonstrate their abilities. The team responded brilliantly, producing a performance full of effort, determination and excellent rugby.

A special mention goes to Logan, who announced himself in style by crossing for a try within the opening two minutes of the match.

Well done to all involved on a fantastic team performance and an excellent start to the competition.

BRONZE

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

FOR YEAR 9



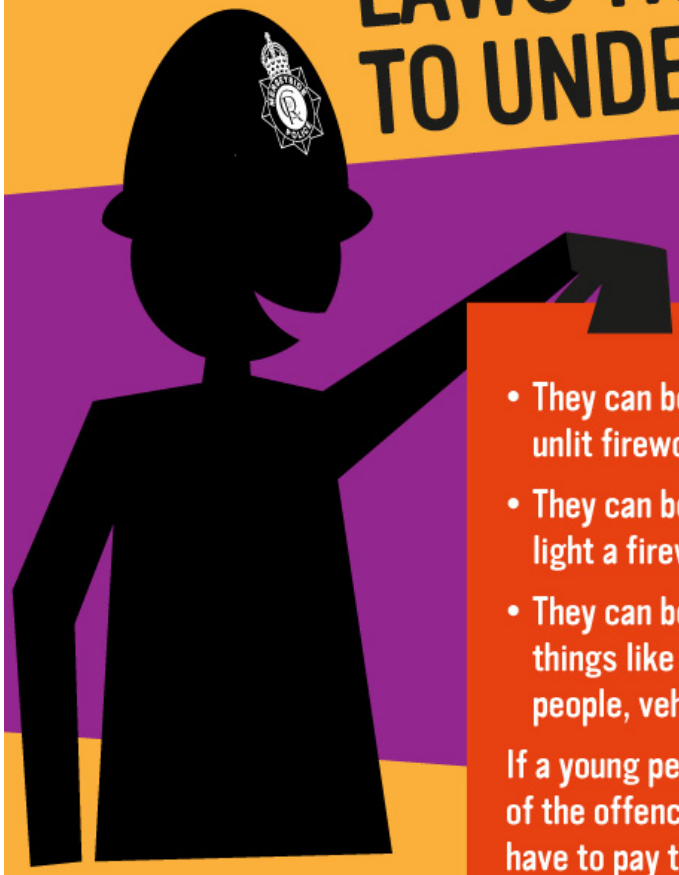
Mrs Carrier gave an assembly earlier this week to our Y9s to introduce the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Take on the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award!

Year 9 students will soon have the opportunity to register their interest in taking part in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. From volunteering in the community to learning a new skill and completing an expedition, DofE is an experience that looks great on future applications and creates memories that last a lifetime.

Keep an eye out for the Microsoft Form, which will be shared shortly for students who would like to find out more and register their interest. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!

LAWS THAT APPLY TO UNDER 16s



- They can be arrested and fined if found with an unlit firework
- They can be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- They can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property

If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the offences above, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine.

IT'S NOT HARMLESS FUN - IT'S CRIMINAL DAMAGE

MERSEYSIDE POLICE
Putting our Community First



- Throwing things at cars/buses/shops and houses can hurt people – drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash
- Getting in trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which means not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous – some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt glass

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