

SPOTLIGHT ON...

WELCOME BACK!

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We hope that you all had a great Christmas and New Year break and we're delighted to have you back in college for another busy term!

Reminder

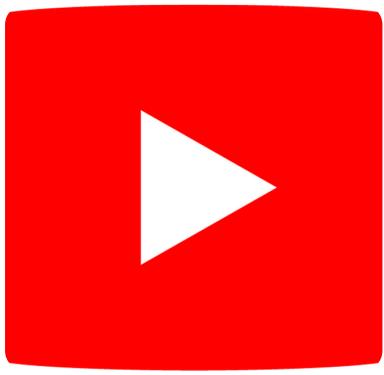


KEY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Cowley Sixth Form College now has its own YouTube channel to feature long-form, shorts and podcasts. Please give the channel a follow:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CowleySixthForm>



EXAMS

Please be aware of exams taking place in Cowley Hall. Please keep quiet around the canteen during these periods. Thank you.



UCAS DEADLINE

Year 13, please be aware of the UCAS application deadline for equal consideration is 6pm on Wednesday 14th January. Please make sure your applications are submitted before this deadline.



BBC Weekly News Quiz



QUIZ



YOUR SIXTH FORM

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IMPORTANT DATES

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**EXTERNAL BTEC EXAMS
COMMENCE**

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PRESENTATION EVENING

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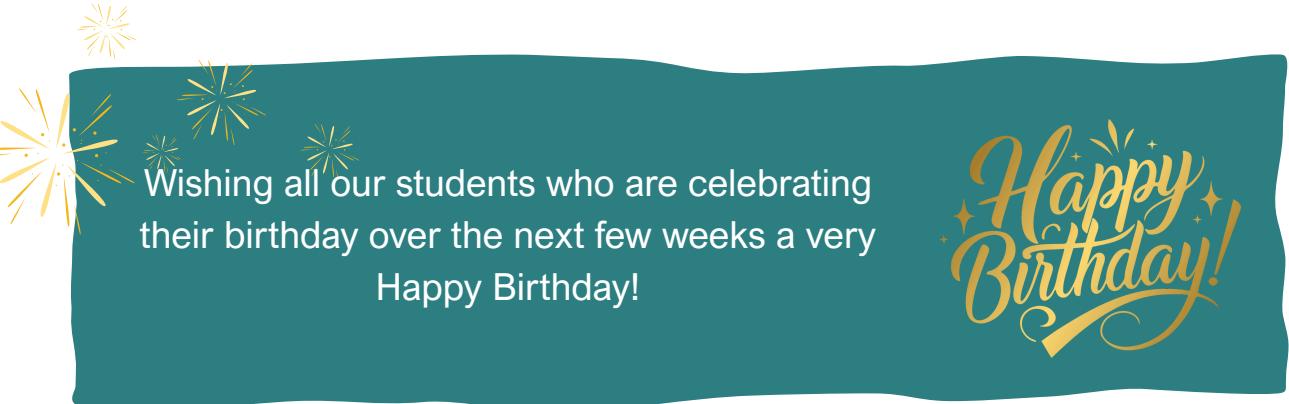
**UCAS DEADLINE FOR EQUAL
CONSIDERATION FOR
APPLICATIONS**

17
JAN

**COURSE INFORMATION
MORNING**

29
JAN

PARENTS' EVENING





GCSE RESIT RESULTS

This week has been buzzing with excitement as GCSE resit results finally dropped, and we couldn't be happier with what we've seen around college. The smiles amongst the students involved made it clear that all that revision and hard work was absolutely worth it.

Huge congratulations to everyone who passed their resits! You should be proud of yourselves and we're proud of your achievements too.

For those of you who needed these grades to progress with your courses or future plans, this is your moment. Doors are opening, and you're walking through them with your heads held high. Your tutors have been talking about how determined you've been, and it's paid off in the best possible way.

To everyone who gave it their best shot, regardless of the outcome, remember that one set of results doesn't define you. There are always different routes to where you want to go, and the college support team is here to help you figure out your next steps.

Congratulations!

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Students OF THE **MONTH**

December

we're thrilled to announce our Students of the Month who've been smashing it in their studies!

In Year 12, Josh has been absolutely killing it in Criminology this term (in a totally legal way, obviously!). His teachers have been seriously impressed with his dedication and hard work, consistently going above and beyond.

In Year 13, Emily has been putting in incredible effort in her Nursing studies, showing the kind of care and determination that'll make her an amazing healthcare professional. Her commitment to learning the skills and knowledge needed to help people hasn't gone unnoticed.

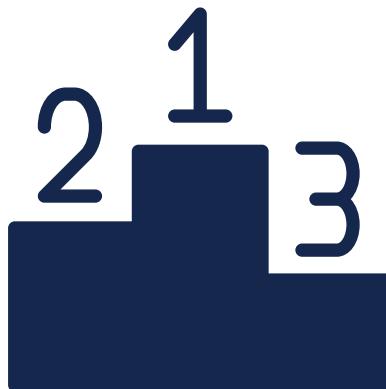
Well done to both Josh and Emily and keep up the good work!

Congratulations!



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ACHIEVEMENT POINTS



Well done to the students who sit at the top of the achievement point leaderboards. These students are consistently excelling in each aspect of college life, keep up the good work!

Y12

#	Name	Points
1	Cameron G	220
2	Lucy R	205
3	Lauren W	190
4	Katie B	187
5	Yasemin V	182
6	Mason H	175
7	Ruby A	169
8	Keisha M	168
9	Valentin K	167
10=	Oscar R	165
10=	Jude H	165

Y13

#	Name	Points
1	Lily-May H	226
2	Emily P	219
3	Sophie C	209
4	Tawananyasha M	205
5	Alaa A	202
6	Lucas B	201
7	Corey W	199
8	Elizabeth L	193
9	Matthew L	190
10=	Zach B	180
10=	Boo G	180

UNIVERSITIES



Leeds Futures

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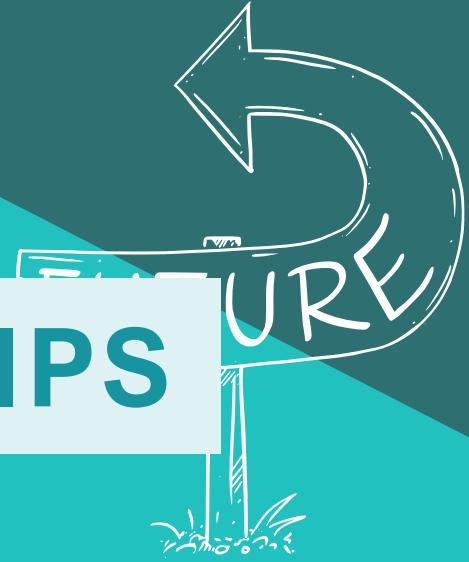


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APPRENTICESHIPS



What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a paid job where the employee learns and gains valuable experiences. Alongside on-the-job training, apprentices spend at least 20% of their working hours completing classroom-based learning with a college, university or training provider which leads to a nationally recognised qualification.

An apprenticeship includes:

- paid employment with holiday leave
- hands-on-experience in a sector/role of interest
- at least 20% off-the-job training
- formal assessment which leads to a nationally recognised qualification

Please click [here](#) for full listings of Higher and Degree Apprenticeships with more than 2000 listings from over 80 employers, including locations, salary information and direct application links.

For further information and to apply for apprenticeships, please visit the [National Apprenticeships website](#).

Don't forget to use [Unifrog](#) to explore Apprenticeship opportunities as well!

APPRENTICESHIPS



STFC Apprenticeship Open Evening

Daresbury Laboratory, Cheshire

Tuesday 20 January 2026, 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Introductory Talks at 5:30pm, 6:15pm and 7:00pm



Reserve your place now via: bit.ly/49D3hQI



Apprenticeships



Application Tips for Apprenticeships Live Virtual Careers Talk

Wednesday 28th January 2026, 12.30pm-1pm

We're looking for driven, enthusiastic individuals ready to kickstart their careers in the construction industry.

Join us on this LIVE virtual careers talk with top tips how to apply.
Students, Parents, Careers Leads and any influencers welcome.



Register



Terri Turner
Senior Recruitment

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Who is Speedy Hire?

Speedy Hire is the UK and Ireland's leading provider of tools, plant, and specialist equipment hire, founded in 1977 and now operating from over 180 depots. We serve a wide range of markets, including construction, infrastructure, industrial, rail, and more. We also provide safety-critical services such as equipment inspection, training, and certification.

Sustainability

We are leading the way in making construction more sustainable. We aim to be net zero by 2040, and are already using electric and hydrogen-powered equipment, low-carbon fuels, and solar energy across its depots and vehicle fleet. We make sure nothing goes to landfill and work closely with suppliers to reduce waste and carbon across the whole supply chain.



Emerging Talent Programmes & Work Experience

We offer a variety of routes for young people and early-career professionals to start, learn, and grow within the business.

Apprenticeships

- Cover a wide range of areas such as engineering, driving, business support, hire and sales, and depot operations.

Graduate Programmes

- Kickstart a professional career in areas like ESG (environmental, social, and governance), finance, HR, IT, and operations.

Work Experience & Placements

- Short-term placements give students a real taste of life in the construction and hire industry.

Find out more



CAREERS



Our [Careers website](#) includes a [calendar of upcoming events](#), [labour market information](#) and a link to [Unifrog](#) amongst many other things. Please take a look.

Want to find a bit more information about industry sectors, the skills required and salary expectations? Please take a look at the Labour Market Information section of the website and the linked presentation with lots of useful information: [Top careers to consider](#).

You are able to request a 30-minute appointment with our independent Careers Advisors at any time during your time at Cowley. Please email careers.info@cowleysthelens.org.uk to arrange.

Useful information

[UCAS.com](#) - All the information about universities, how to apply and upcoming events can be found on the UCAS website.

[OpenDays.com](#) - Full listings of all UK university Open Days and events can be found via this link.

[www.amazingapprenticeships.com](#) - Explore some of the apprenticeship opportunities that are available.