



CORLEY ACADEMY

Inclusion Aspiration Perseverance Independence

NEWSLETTER

October 2023

Headteacher Welcome

We returned to school in September full of excitement for the year ahead and it hasn't stopped. Students have been involved in a whole host of events, concerts and visits which you will read about in this edition of the newsletter. This year we have introduced 'Celebrating Achievements' where we find out about the amazing activities that students are involved in outside of school and proudly display these on our Twitter page. We have also launched our Compass Awards which allows students to earn points for themselves and their Mentor Group.



ASK Apprenticeships

Year 11 students have been involved with the ASK apprenticeships programme this half term, attending an assembly delivered by an ASK Ambassador on the topic of 'an introduction to apprenticeships.' During this, students discovered what an apprenticeship is, the range of apprenticeship job roles available, the different levels involved and how you can find and apply for an apprenticeship.

The ambassador returned a second time to deliver a workshop on making applications and writing a CV. Students developed their writing skills, and were able to draft a CV promoting themselves with reference to their skills, strengths and achievements, as well as sharing education information. This enabled students to gain a different perspective on some of the amazing things they do around school, at home and through volunteering and work and how they can build a great personal profile for prospective employers.

Warwick Arts Centre visit

Members of Year 10/11 Music Option groups visited Warwick Arts Centre on Thursday 12th October 2023 to experience a live music performance. They watched and listened to Suzie Purkis (mezzo-soprano singer) and Flora McNicoll (cello) perform a wide range of music, from Henry Purcell's 'If Music Be The Food of Love' to Kamea Nemeth's 'Bat In Room.' All of our students were great ambassadors for our school and enjoyed chatting to the musicians after the performance.



Compass Awards

We are very excited to have launched our Compass Awards points scheme this half term. Students have been working so hard to earn points by focusing on the weekly Keys to Success such as Being Independent, Being Creative or Being Part of a Team. This half term 19 students have earned themselves a Bronze Compass Award Certificate. Keep up the good work!



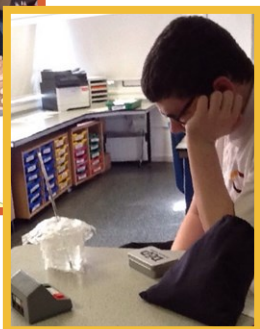
Celebrating Black History Month

KS4 students this term took part in a live Assembly with other students across the UK, recognising and celebrating black women for Black History Month. The assembly was live via Youtube and hosted by the Sanctuary Foundation. Students learned about many black, female role models such as Mary Seacole, Jessica Ennis-Hill, Councillor Asher Craig and more.



Physics Matters

This year GCSE Physics has been offered as an options course for Year 10. Our Year 10 Physicists have had a great start to their course learning about energy. They have carried out the thermal insulation required practical. By undertaking the required practical activities, the students have the opportunity to experience all of the required apparatus and techniques needed for the qualifications.



Practical science activities are enjoyed by the students and have huge significance in the learning process. They engage students, helping them to develop important skills, understand the process of scientific investigation and develop a broad understanding of scientific concept.

Coventry College Open Event

Year 11 students visited Coventry College on Thursday 19th October 2023, touring the facilities and learning about the courses. Students engaged respectfully and represented Corley Academy brilliantly! The tour help students inform future decisions in their next steps in education and all students found it very beneficial. It has been recommended that any prospective applicants apply ASAP and attend any open events at the college. The dates and times of the Open Events at Coventry College are listed opposite.

If any support is needed with applications, students should speak to mentors Mr Cresser or Mr Walker for help.

JOIN US AT AN OPEN EVENT

At our Open Events you'll be able to find out more about our programmes, take a look at our fantastic facilities, chat to our friendly learners and tutors about life at Coventry College and apply!

▶ TUE 17 OCT	2023	5PM-7PM
▶ THUR 30 NOV	2023	5PM-7PM
▶ TUE 23 JAN	2024	5PM-7PM
▶ THUR 21 MAR	2024	5PM-7PM
▶ SAT 27 APR	2024	10AM-12PM
▶ TUE 18 JUN	2024	5PM-7PM

www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/open-events

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BOOK YOUR PLACE

COVENTRY COLLEGE

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 17th October 2023, Corley Academy held a coffee morning to raise money for the Macmillan Nurses. The event was held at Corley Village Hall and students and visitors were able to pay £1 for a drink and a cake. The behaviour of our students was exemplary and a huge credit to Corley Academy. Many thanks to the wonderful team of students who were busy washing up, collecting cups and plates, handing out even more cakes during the morning and for cleaning up at the end of the event. Many thanks to everyone who sent in cakes and biscuits and turned up to support us. Everyone had a great time, and to top it all off, the grand total raised was a huge **£385**! Well done everyone!



Duke of Edinburgh

Huge congratulations are in order to 2022 – 2023 Duke of Edinburgh's Award students, with 7 students completing their Silver Award and 10 students completing their Bronze Award. This is a huge achievement, and these are the first students to complete the full Award since the beginning of the pandemic. There are also two students who will receive a Bronze Certificate of Achievement, and a Silver Certificate of Achievement for completing their Skill, Physical and Volunteering sections of the Award. This was a temporary change that DofE put in place so that students were not disadvantaged due to the pandemic, and were able to gain a certificate to acknowledge their efforts. Students should begin to receive their certificates and badges for their Awards before the Christmas break.

We are also very proud to receive a certificate from DofE to show that Corley Academy students spent a whopping total of 299 hours collectively working towards their Skill section between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023! Students spent this time learning snooker and pool, and how to play each sport. This is another huge achievement, and we are very proud of them.



Post 16 Fundraising

“Dear everyone, Thank you for donating cakes to our cake sale, we appreciate it. We have raised £70 in total for our Post 16 fundraising. We also thank all those who attended and bought cakes from us. We would like to say thank you to the staff members that came and helped us with selling cakes, setting up and packing away. From Post 16.”

Donations for Coventry Cyrenians



The following statement is from a Year 11 Life Skills student as part of their ASDAN PSE Level 1 Certificate project:

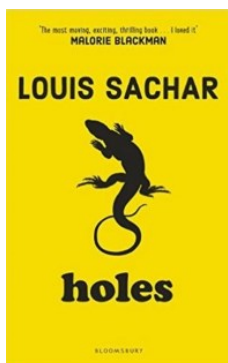
"Class 11 Life Skills are supporting a local charity called Coventry Cyrenians and they have asked us to bring in two items that would help the homeless at Christmas time: chocolate bars (nut free) and men's toiletries. If you are able to, please kindly bring in these items to Room 9 between 8.45 and 9.15 to Ms Hickling on a Monday or Tuesday and Mrs Foxon or Ms Harrold on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. We will gift them these donations at Christmas lunch this year.

If you want to see some of the work this charity does, please see the link below:

<https://coventrycyrenians.co.uk/> Your generosity is much appreciated. Many thanks, Year 11 Life Skills class"

Celebrating Achievements

This academic year we have introduced Celebrating Achievements, where we highlight the activities our students are involved in outside of school. We are very proud of their achievements. Below are some of the amazing activities our students have been involved in this half term. Check out the others by following Corley Academy on Twitter.



Recommended Reads

Each newsletter we will feature a recommended read or a book review. In this edition of the newsletter, our recommendation comes from a Year 7 student:

"I am really enjoying reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar especially the way it is about a curse and goes back in time. It is also funny and entertaining."

*Wishing all our students and families a restful half term.
We welcome students back to school on
Monday 6th November 2023.*