



Headteacher Welcome

We have had an exceptionally busy Summer Term. From exams to sporting events, we have managed to achieve a lot in the past seven weeks - some of which you will read in this edition of the newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff for their hard work and commitment to our students over the whole of this academic year. I wish all of our students, families and staff an enjoyable and restful summer and look forward to welcoming our students back to school in September.



Year 11 Leavers' Celebrations

After a busy exam season, our Year 11 students enjoyed a well-deserved week of celebrations and enrichment activities as they marked the end of their time at Corley Academy.

The week began with a range of exciting workshops and guest sessions. Representatives from the Army led team-building exercises and shared insights into careers in the armed forces, while a STEM Ambassador gave an inspiring talk about their global career in the steel industry—having worked in over 40 countries!

Friday 20th June saw the much-anticipated staff vs. students football match. There was plenty of laughter as Mr White enthusiastically handed out red cards—mainly to staff! Despite a spirited effort from the students, the teachers clinched the win. A fantastic time was had by all.

As the week continued, students had the chance to let loose and have fun with activities including an inflatable assault course and laser tag in the woodlands. On Thursday 26th June, they enjoyed a thrilling day out at Drayton Manor Theme Park. Their final day, Friday 27th June, was marked by a special celebration assembly hosted by Mr White. Students were presented with their Record of Achievement folders and shared a delicious meal with their families and staff.



A big thank you goes to the Heart of England Conference Centre for donating tables for our Leavers' Assembly, Prime Pizzas and Punjabi Foods for generously providing pizzas and samosas, the Lions Club of Coventry Godiva for their kind monetary donation towards the food, and to Ms Merrithew and her team for the beautiful table decorations that made the event truly memorable.



As we say goodbye to some students and look forward to welcoming others into our Post 16 cohort in September, we wish all our Year 11 and Post 16 leavers the very best for their future paths. You will always be a part of the Corley Academy family.



Reading Leader launch- Keresley Grange School

On Thursday 12th June, we launched the first (of what we hope will be many) Reading Leader visits to Keresley Grange Primary Academy. Six of our Corley Academy students, who identified themselves as enthusiastic readers and supportive peers, visited the local school to engage in reading for pleasure activities with primary-aged students. It was fantastic to see our values shining through each and every one of the Reading Leaders; they showed independence when thinking of ways to explain a concept or explore a story, inclusion when they supported those younger readers who struggled with phonics, perseverance when they modelled 'never giving up' on tricky word sounding and aspiration in stepping up to this inspiring role. We are extremely proud of the connection between the Reading Leaders and the younger students at Keresley Grange. Look out for expansion to the Reading Leaders group and further supportive peer reading activities at Corley Academy from September.



Students Dig Deep at Apprenticeship Careers Day



On Monday 7th July 2025, students from Corley Academy had the fantastic opportunity to take part in an inspiring Apprenticeship Careers Day, delivered by Balfour Beatty Vinci in collaboration with Tarmac, McGinley Support Services (Infrastructure) Ltd, and Flannery. The event gave students a real-world insight into the wide range of exciting apprenticeship opportunities available within the construction industry.



Throughout the day, our students were immersed in hands-on, engaging activities that sparked both curiosity and enthusiasm. From operating remote control diggers to testing their engineering skills in a "tallest and strongest tower" challenge using only straws, the event offered a fun and educational look into the diverse roles that construction has to offer.



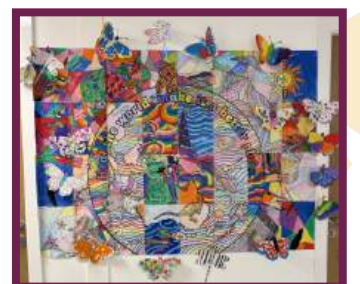
One of the highlights was the chance to get behind the (virtual) wheel with a construction simulator, where students tried their hand at driving a digger. They also had the chance to climb into a real digger cab, see a huge cement mixer in action, and get up close with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), rock samples, and a wide array of construction tools and equipment.

This unforgettable day not only helped raise awareness about apprenticeship pathways but also inspired many of our students to consider careers in construction and civil engineering.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers from Balfour Beatty Vinci, Tarmac, McGinley, and Flannery for making the day so memorable. Your time, energy, and expertise made a real impact and gave our students a glimpse of the exciting futures that could lie ahead.

Class 4 Artwork

For world environment day, Class 4 wanted to make a statement piece of artwork for everyone to enjoy. They decided to make a collaborative piece of artwork using lots of different media. They used pastels, colouring pencils, colouring pens, paint and collage. When we had finished, they thought it was missing something so we made lots of very colourful butterflies to add to this. We think we have transformed our entrance hallway into a beautiful, colourful welcoming space.





Music Showcase

On Wednesday 2nd July 2025 we held our Music Showcase, where students (and staff) performed for parents, their school friends and to staff. The hall was full and bursting with energy and excitement!

We had soloists performing on drums, bass guitar, ukulele and vocals, the school Rock Band, the school Brass Group and Mr Juggy's World Drumming Group.

The event again showcased the Corley Academy Choir. Adele has been working with our students again this year, teaching them to sing in parts and in harmony. They performed brilliantly!

Everyone did so well, overcoming nerves to deliver excellent crowd-pleasing performances. We are all so proud of everyone who took part and look forward to next year's showcases!



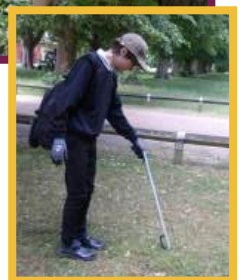
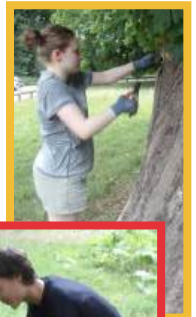
Duke of Edinburgh Summer Update

All Duke of Edinburgh's Award groups have spent time this half term volunteering at Coombe Abbey Park. They have spent this time litter picking and cutting back the epicormic growth on the avenue of lime trees, which has helped to make the site cleaner and tidier for visitors, and also helped upkeep the health of the trees.

Students have worked as part of a team to complete these activities, and have showed resilience, as the weather has been extremely hot on some of these visits. They have also been excellent ambassadors for Corley Academy when offsite, and have interacted positively and respectfully with Coombe staff, who have supported us with the tasks.

We are very grateful to Wendy, Michael and the rest of the Estates team at Coombe Abbey Park, as we have been fortunate enough to be able to volunteer annually there since 2018. It has also been fantastic to hear that some of the DofE students have visited Coombe Abbey Park since the volunteering commenced there, and have been able to show their friends and family the work that they have completed.

A huge congratulations is in order for our students that will have completed their Bronze and Silver DofE Awards by the end of this academic year, and a big well done to those who are now halfway through completion of their Award. We look forward to many more DofE challenges and adventures during the next academic year.



Thank you!

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents who kindly bought a book for the school during our last book fair. These fantastic books have swelled the numbers in our school library and have already caught the eye of our budding librarians who volunteered today to organise them onto the shelves. Thank you for your generosity.

Police Dog Trails

A small number of Corley students were lucky enough to attend the West Midlands Police 63rd National Police Dog Trials on Thursday 8th May. The event was held at the tactical training unit in Birmingham and saw police dogs and their handlers from across the UK compete in a series of trials including agility, obedience and searching. Police dogs are an integral part of the police force from protecting the public and fighting crime to detaining offenders, finding missing and vulnerable people, and recovering vital evidence; working every day to keep our communities safe. The event not only allowed students to watch demonstrations but also meet the handlers and their dogs; they even got to meet some puppies! While there, students were able to talk with officers and handle equipment from other departments of WMP including Crime Scene Investigators, Highways, Fire Arms, Drone Team and Riot Squad. They also got to try on the uniforms of Paramedics, Air Ambulance and Fire Fighters. A great day was had by all!



Teacher 'Hot Seat' Session

This year, Mrs Zinkus and Mrs Thornton have been working on a Year 7-8 Transition Project with Coventry Education Psychology Service to implement some new events and resources that will support Year 7 students with the move to Year 8. The purpose of the project is to ensure that the change is as smooth and manageable as possible and that students feel physically, mentally and emotionally prepared for their next phase of education.

With this in mind, on Wednesday 25th June Lesson 1, a selection of different staff members, who had not taught some of the Year 7 classes before, visited Year 7 students in the Hall. Students had prepared questions to ask the staff beforehand. For 5 minutes only, each teacher sat in the 'hot seat' and the Year 7 students had the opportunity to ask staff questions and get to know them better. The session was a huge success! Students were extremely engaged and thoroughly enjoyed asking staff questions to learn more about them. The staff involved commented on how enjoyable and informative the session was.

Sports Day

On Wednesday 16th July 2025, our whole school attended Pingles Athletics Track in Nuneaton, to take part in our annual Sports Day. Sports Day is a chance for students to take part in athletic events and perform to the best of their ability, competing for individual and team achievements. It was great to see so many students taking part and trying all the different events on offer. Students were proud of their achievements and were trying their best throughout the morning. Parents were invited to attend, having the chance to watch the students take part in the different sporting events and to watch the medal ceremony. All the students were fantastic representatives of our school offsite and everyone showed great positive social skills, through supporting one and other and cheering on their peers. A big thank you goes out to all the staff in the school for helping make the day a success. The event is planned meticulously by the PE staff team and highlights the best of our school community. Well done everyone for your efforts and sporting successes.



Sending very best wishes to all our students and families for an enjoyable Summer holiday.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025