

13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## OCTOBER UPDATE LETTER 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

This update letter marks the conclusion of a highly successful term at Corby Technical School. At the start of term, we had the pleasure of welcoming back our existing students as well as our newly expanded cohort of 150 Year 7 students. We are delighted at how well these students have settled into our school. They have come to us with excellent attitudes towards their studies and are upholding the values of our school well. We have also opened our first Sixth Form with a small cohort of Year 12 students. They are relishing in our specific technical offer where we have courses running such as Maths, Computer Science, Engineering, and Physics. The students have risen to the level of challenge that Post-16 study brings. In addition to their academic studies all students in Year 12 are now first-aid trained and their extra-curricular work next term will now focus on bespoke work experience and a peer mentoring scheme for lower school students. We will be holding an open event for prospective Sixth Form students on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm.

Our extra-curricular provision this term has seen students attend a theatre trip to the West End to see Aladdin, an author visit to a local school, and a weekend activity residential to Wales. Our theatre trip proved to be extremely popular so we do intend to organise another trip later on this year. Year 7 have all taken part in our tailor-made activity week where they have been to Corby swimming pool, the cinema, kayaked at Rutland Water as well as several in-house activities such as our infamous Master Chef. Thank you to those parents/carers who attended our residential information evenings. We still have a few places remaining for the Year 8 residential to France. If you would still like your child to attend then please pay the deposit via Wisepay to secure the place. If places are full for either residential we will hold a waiting list so please do contact the school as we may be able to increase the numbers on the trip if we have the demand.

The improvements we have been making to our school building and grounds are near completion. The new block opened in September and has brought additional facilities such as the drama studio, lecture theatre and high-quality computing facilities. Our refurbishment of the existing top-floor is almost complete and will be opening on the first Monday back after our break. This will offer two new Art and Design rooms, an improved Design and Technology studio and four new Science laboratories.

I would like to thank all our parents for their support over this term. On the reverse side of this letter you will find other useful information and key dates for this academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Angela Reynolds  
Principal

## **KEY INFORMATION AND DATES 2017-2018**

### **Progress reports**

All students have been given their progress report for the term. Please can all parents/carers please return the reply slip by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017. Year 7 students will receive an academic report in Term 2.

### **School uniform**

May I take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for ensuring that your child comes into school in full school uniform and appropriate sports kit. Our website contains useful information regarding uniform expectations for all students.

### **Lost property**

We have a few items in lost property. If students could initial their personal belongings where possible (including shoes/trainers) this would help us to identify the owner. Lost property is accessed from the library so students can see the librarian if they have lost something.

### **School breakfast and lunch**

Please can you ensure that your child has sufficient funds on their card to pay for school meals for the beginning of the new school term. This is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that regular payments are made through Wisepay. We regret that we can not authorise any form of overdraft on a students account. We have a balance checker in school that students can use to check their own accounts.

### **Swipe cards**

All students are issued with a swipe card from school. The school will re-issue a card for free where it is faulty. However, if a student has lost their card or damaged it, they will need to pay £5 for a new card. Please see our web-site for the full code of conduct.

[www.corbytechnicalschool.org/page/default.asp?pid=382](http://www.corbytechnicalschool.org/page/default.asp?pid=382)

### **School Photographs**

Braiswick Photographic will be with us on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November for school photographs. There will be individual photographs and tutor group photographs available to purchase.

### **Staff training days this year**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### **Parent/carer evening dates**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Year 12 Progress Evening

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 – Year 11 Progress Evening

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Year 8 Progress Evening

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – Year 10 Progress Evening

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Year 9 Progress Evening

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Year 7 Progress Evening

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Year 8 Options Evening

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Year 12 Progress Evening