



20th July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Principal's Update:

This update letter marks the conclusion of another outstanding year at Corby Technical School. It has been quite an overwhelming experience to see our Year 11 students, our first ever cohort here at Corby Technical School, apply themselves so wholeheartedly to their studies in preparation for their final GCSE examinations. The Year 11 students have shown themselves to be excellent role models to our younger students and have set a foundation of aspiration and ambition for our younger year groups to replicate in the years to come.

Corby Technical School has continued to offer a huge range of trips and visits that have concluded with our successful annual excursions to Ypres, Belgium (Year 8) and Germany (Year 9); both of which were received positively by all who undertook them. Our Year 10s have also enjoyed a range of extra-curricular excursions that have been fantastic opportunities to experience learning and broaden their horizons. As we move into a new academic year we are endeavouring to expand our catalogue of residential opportunities with trips to France, Belgium, Germany and Wales, as well as host of national trips to cities and events taking place across England.

Our school continues to grow with exciting times opening out before us. Our new extension to the building will open in phases with the first phase beginning with the return of our students on Monday, 21st August; access will be granted to the ground floor of the new extension which hosts our updated computer suites, drama studio, lecture theatres and a range of fully outfitted classrooms. The provision will truly be excellent. Parents and carers are likely to have already seen the improvement work we have undertaken in resurfacing our front car park; this will grant us an improved driving and parking surface for both visitors and staff.

In a similar fashion other aspects of the existing school building are being updated over the Summer holiday, this includes: remodelling of reception to create a more inviting entryway in the school; a huge science laboratory refurbishment that increases our capacity to deliver the three science specialisms; and additional art, design and technology facilities that will enable us to increase our STEM provision at Corby Technical School. We have been fortunate that the impact of this work has been minimal and both students and staff are patiently awaiting the completion of these works. We look forward to formally inviting parents/carers in to view our new and updated facilities early next term.

Finally, our incoming cohort of students will be our largest on record with 150 Year 7 students joining us in September. They will join our vibrant school with a current cohort of students who will no doubt be the fantastic role models we need them to be.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well for the Summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 21st August 2017. I would also to thank all our parents for their support over this academic year. On the reverse side of this letter you will find other useful information for the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Reynolds
Principal

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 24th August 2017.

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. As we approach the end of this school year you may wish to order replacement or extra uniform and sports kit in time for the start of next term. Our website contains useful information regarding uniform expectations for all students.

Student equipment

Students will need to ensure that they start the new term with their own personal stationery. As a minimum students should have a black pen, a pencil, a ruler and an eraser. The school will provide any other stationery but it remains the responsibility of each student to be fully prepared for lessons with this basic set of equipment. We have a school shop that is open every morning where students can purchase equipment. Can we also remind that you that all students will need full kit for all PE lessons.

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. The prices for 2017/2018 have increased slightly and are listed below. These are also on the school website:

Breakfast Prices:

Healthy Option/Standard Breakfast - £1.35

Breakfast Plus - £1.85

Full English - £2.35

Lunch:

Sandwich/Baguette/Snack Deal - £2.25

Main Meal - £2.80

Trips and Visits

Our trips and visits have been a great success this academic year. We will send you important information regarding details of next year's trips and visits early next term.

Swipe cards

All students were issued with a swipe card at the start of the year. 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

Training Days

The following days will be training days and therefore school will be closed to students. Details of further staff training days will be sent out at a later date.

Thursday 31st August 2017

Friday 1st September 2017

School Photographs

Braiswick Photographic will be with us on Thursday 7th September for school photographs. There will be individual photographs and tutor group photographs available to purchase.