

3rd March 2023

March Update Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term three has been another great term at Corby Technical School where the school community has seen many successes and experienced a range of events together. Our students and staff all continue to work hard, support one another, and move forward together as part of our thriving community.

We were delighted to hold our Careers Fair this term and the event was supported by local businesses from a range of different industries. All students attended across the day and parents/carers had the opportunity to attend after school and discuss routes into the various sectors with employers. We received some excellent feedback from the exhibitors who were really impressed with our students. Our Careers Lead, Mrs Stevens also arranged a number of events this term for students across the school, including apprenticeship assemblies with Audi and Volkswagen and workshops with Lewis Silkin Law Firm who are based in London. In our assembly programme this term, we have also welcomed visiting speakers from Youthworks Northamptonshire who led assemblies on LGBTQ+ History month, focussing on protected characteristics, British Values and support groups available to students.

This week, we have been celebrating world book day with various activities around the school and in the library. One popular activity with Year 7 and 8 is that they have been decorating their form room doors in the style of their favourite book. Literacy is a golden thread that runs through our whole curriculum, and it is fantastic to see this being celebrated by staff and students alike. Year 10 Art students have taken part in a Graffiti workshop with Marvin Mudzongo from Lemon Pop and created some fabulous pieces. Year 11 students sat several assessments this term, including Spanish speaking assessments, and we are enormously pleased with the rapid progress that they are making ahead of their examinations. Year 11 Food Technology students have completed the practical element of their course and have produced some amazing dishes. They have all worked extremely hard and shown great commitment.

Last week we held our final sixth form open evening of the year. Our sixth form leadership team have been instrumental in presenting our provision from a student perspective and talked with passion about their experiences here.

We would like to start sharing the overview of our Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum ahead of each term. This is also available on the website alongside our other subject overviews, but some parents/carers have told us that they would like this sharing more regularly, so they are able to support conversations with their child around these topics. Please see our website [here](#) if you would like to see a list of recommended resources with more information. Next term PSHE will include the following topics:

Year 7: Healthy Lifestyles

Year 8: E-Safety

Year 9: E-Safety

Year 10: The role of the government

Year 11: Money Management

Year 12: Drugs, alcohol and tobacco

Year 13: Drugs, alcohol and tobacco

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,



Mrs A Reynolds
Principal

KEY INFORMATION

Collection of students from school:

Please can all parents/carers ensure that they park safely in our front car park at the end of the school day and ensure that they prioritise the safety of students in the car park by waiting patiently for students to cross the car park. We are happy to allow parents to use our car park for collection, but if this use compromises student safety we may have no choice but to close our gates.

Uniform:

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, students must wear black school shoes, trainers are not permitted. Further information regarding our uniform expectations can be found [here](#).

Equipment:

Students will need to ensure that they start the new term with their own personal stationery:

- 2 black pens
- pencil
- rubber
- green pen (biro)

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.

Wisepay:

Please ensure your child has sufficient credit on their account to purchase breakfast and lunch in school. We are unable to contact parents during the school day should your child have insufficient funds.

Bank Holidays:

School will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday 7th April 2023 – Good Friday
- Monday 10th April 2023 – Easter Monday
- Monday 1st May 2023 – Early May Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May 2023 - Coronation Bank Holiday
- Monday 29th May 2023 – Spring Bank Holiday

Staff Training Days:

- Monday 17th April 2023 - Brooke Weston Trust Staff Training Day
- Friday 30th June 2023

Parent/Carer Consultation Evening:

- Year 8 – Tuesday 21st March 2023