

21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## December Update Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term two 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 continue to work hard, support one another, and move forward together as part of our thriving community. During this term, we were able to recognise some of the achievements of our students from last year in the Celebration Awards evening held in school. It was amazing to see the families of the students sharing the evening with us and to see the pride in the students at receiving the awards.

We held a non-uniform day for Children in Need and we raised a fantastic £870.71 towards this worthy cause. Students also took part in a range of activities over breakfast and lunch. We also held activities across the school in tutor time and assemblies as part of the anti-bullying week in November. Our students fully embrace this event every year, as we constantly strive for a tolerant and respectful community in which all feel valued.

Sixth Form students have completed the expedition section for their Gold Duke of Edinburgh and were required to present the aim of the expedition and what they have achieved over the course of the expedition. Both groups created and presented detailed and reflective presentations, and both presented well to the audience of the DofE, and senior staff. We are all incredibly proud of the students. This sees the completion of their expedition section and the first Corby Technical School students to have achieved this.

Our Winter Showcase took place last week and I would like to thank the staff and students for their hard work and preparation for the evening, we enjoyed watching our talented students and welcoming their parents/carers into school to share this with us. Students presented Drama, Music and readings and the event was supported by students and technicians, this was a great way to celebrate the festive period together.

Students and staff have enjoyed Christmas lunch in school and more festive activities in the afternoon. Today was also a non-uniform day, and proceeds will be going to Shelter. Our charitable work has also been supported by our sixth form leadership team who have organised a collection for our local foodbank of both food and clothing, thank you to all who have donated to this.

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. I hope you enjoy the festive period with your loved ones and stay happy and healthy moving into the new year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds  
Principal

## **KEY INFORMATION**

### **Staff Training Day:**

Please be reminded Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January are staff training days, therefore school is closed to students. Students will return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. All students should arrive by 8.40am.

### **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.

### **Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings/School Events:**

Below are details of Parent/Carer Consultation evenings and school events for this next term, please note parent/carers consultation evenings will take place virtually. Further details will be sent in due course.

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Year 10 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Year 11 Now and Next Event – in school
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 – Year 12 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Sixth Form Open Evening – in school
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Year 9 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Year 9 Now and Next Event – in school

We will also be holding in school events such as Learning Insight evenings as we have received positive feedback from these events that offer a great opportunity to meet staff in person as well as sharing important information.

### **Uniform:**

We know that holiday periods offer a great opportunity to get prepared for the term ahead. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, students must wear black school shoes, trainers and leggings are not permitted.

Please be reminded that if your child wishes to wear a jumper underneath their blazer, it must be a school branded jumper. These are available from our school uniform provider. However, please also note that it is sufficiently warm in school that a jumper is not required, and it is also possible to wear a plain white top under a shirt if this is your child's preference.

### **Wisepay:**

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

### **Bank Holidays:**

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Good Friday
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Early May Bank Holiday

### **Staff Training Days:**

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024