

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Term 4 Update Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we end another term at Corby Technical School, the community has seen numerous accomplishments and participated in a variety of events during Term 4. This has been yet another fantastic term. It has been quite motivating to see the dedication and tenacity of our Year 11 and 13 students during their exam preparation, we wish them every success as we head into the examinations season.

Our Careers Fair was a fantastic success with excellent feedback from the exhibitors, they were very impressed with our students and their engagement at the fair. Parents and carers also had the opportunity to visit the fair and meet the various employers and discuss pathways.

Year 11 students have attended session before and after school as they prepare for their GCSE examinations, we have also held subject conferences in English Language and Maths which students have attended after school. Next term they will have the opportunity to attend conferences in Spanish, History, Science and English Literature.

A group of our Year 10 Sociology Students experienced a Crime Scene to Courtroom day delivered by Simon Smith from Zakon. During the session students had to solve a real-life crime, collect evidence and present in an enactment of the trial. Students interacted very well and enjoyed this experience.

Our Ski Trip was an amazing experience and students thoroughly enjoyed it. Many of the students had not skied before but by the end of the trip all had made it to the top of the mountain, the students displayed great resilience and determination. We look forward to the next trip to Italy in 2025.

Year 9 students had an inspirational talk from Mandy Young MBE, Kate Parsons and our sixth form students Lana and Lexi about their success stories and future plans to celebrate International Women's day. Year 7 and 8 Students had an amazing opportunity to trial a brand new version of Minecraft Education, designed by the RAF and delivered by Skewb. Students were shown how the RAF would react in the event of a natural disaster, how to create sustainable power sources and build a bridge that would be wide enough and strong enough for a convoy delivering aid. Year 12 and 13 attended a talk with the Composer and Music Producer, David Lowe. David has many years of experience in the music industry and gave a great demonstration of how a composition is created and answered questions from a group of keen young music producers.

May we thank our parents'/carers for their support this term. Additional helpful information and important dates for this academic year are on the back of this letter. Please remain engaged with us via our social media platforms and Snapshot where we share the achievements of our fantastic students.

School will reopen on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April on Week B timetables.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds  
Principal

## **KEY INFORMATION**

### **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.

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 8 Parent Carer Consultation Evening (online).
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Year 7 Learning Insight Evening (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:**

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, students must wear black school shoes, trainers and leggings are not permitted.

Blazers are a standard part of our school uniform and all students are expected to wear their blazer each day, 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.

### **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.

### **Bank Holidays:**

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Good Friday
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Early May Bank Holiday
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Spring Bank Holiday

### **Staff Training Days:**

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024