

23rd July 2024

Preparing for next term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below some details to support students returning to school next term.

Staff training day:

There will be staff training days on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024, therefore students will not be expected in school. All students, including the new Year 7 and Year 12 cohort, will return on Wednesday 4th September.

Student attendance:

In August 2024 the Department for Education are implementing new legislation on school attendance. To ensure you are fully aware of the impact school absence will have on you and your families we have included an information leaflet with this letter.

School uniform:

Details regarding [school uniform](#) are available on our school website. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for school, including PE kit. For consistency and fairness, it is vital that all students adhere to our policies. As well as the detail contained on our website, please note that leggings are not part of our school uniform and must not be worn. There have not been any changes to our uniform policy, and we ask for your support in ensuring that your child's uniform meets our expectations. If you require any additional support, we are always more than happy to support.

Use of mobile phones in school:

Students are permitted to bring a mobile phone into school, but it must be switched off and carried in their school bag throughout the day as part of our "never used, seen or heard policy". If parents /carers need to contact their child during the school day, please contact school reception so a message can be passed on.

School bags:

Please ensure your child has a school bag as it is important that their belongings are kept together during the day and will prevent any loss of equipment and should be big enough to carry necessary PE kit, drinks bottle, packed lunch, school books and stationery. These should not display any inappropriate wording or images. The expectation is that mobile phones are switched off and kept in their school bags also. If your child does not have a bag and their phone is on their person upon their arrival, this will be collected and kept at school reception until the end of the school day. Students are aware of these expectations.

School equipment:

Students are responsible for bringing their own equipment to school each day. As a minimum, students should have:

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

Compulsory extended day – Year 11 students

For Year 11 students our school day includes compulsory education until 4:00pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for all students in this year group. From Wednesday 4th September all Year 11 students will have a timetable for 28 lessons per week as part of this compulsory extended time.

Swipe cards:

It is vital that your child has a swipe card, this records their attendance at school as well as being used to access school printers, for library loans and to pay for meals at break and lunch. It causes significant disruption when students do not bring their card to school. Please ensure your child has a swipe card when we return to school in September, new cards can be ordered via Wisepay if required. Please note that students who do not present a card at mealtimes will be asked to speak with a designated member of staff and only a basic meal will be provided until such time that a new card is issued.

Co-curricular (after-school) provision:

After the summer break, our co-curricular provision will begin week commencing 8th September 2024.

Parent/carer apps

Parents/carers will have become familiar with our school apps, Satchel One and Edulink One. Please note that we will be moving away from Satchel One in September and access to the following information will now be done via Edulink One: attendance; achievement, behaviour, student timetables, homework & co-curricular clubs. Please follow the instructions on our [website](#) to access this information via the Edulink app.

If you have any queries, please direct these to enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org.

Yours sincerely,



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