

19th December 2018

DECEMBER UPDATE LETTER 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Term 2 marks another great term at Corby Technical School. As part of the Trust's 'ambition for all' campaign we celebrated the fantastic work that students do in school throughout the month of October. There were many highlights including Year 13 Physicists visiting CERN, workshops in school with the RAF100 event and Northampton University, celebrating Black History month and a visit from former member of staff Nigel Barrett who talked to students about war and conflict. If you missed any of the action please have a look through our weekly CTS snapshot which is available on our web-site.

As a technical school we are always striving to enhance opportunities for students. This term, two tutor groups in Year 7 and 8 were selected to take part in an innovative project in an I-pad learning experience. Students trialled the system over six weeks using them in many of their lessons and also as a home study device. We were extremely pleased at how well the students creatively used these devices to support their learning. We will be holding a celebration event for students and parents/carers in the New Year.

All students have worked hard this term and have sat a number of assessments across lessons. Year 11 students have sat several mock examinations and we are extremely pleased with the rapid progress that they are making. Many of our Year 13 students are in the process of applying for university and Post-18 apprenticeships. The remainder of the year for these students will be one where hard work and dedication will matter more than ever, and as our first cohort of A level students we are very inspired by their ambition.

We have rounded off the term with a fantastic showcase of talent from both students and staff. It is always a delight to see how talented and courageous the students are. Thank you to everyone who donated to Corby Foodbank, the donations will be dropped off by the end of the week and I am sure they will be gratefully received.

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,



Angela Reynolds
Principal

KEY INFORMATION AND DATES 2018-2019

Progress reports

All students have been given their progress report for the term. Please can all parents/carers return the reply slip by Friday 11th January 2019.

Staff training day

- Friday 21st December 2018 – school will be closed to students.
- Monday 7th January – school will be closed to students and will reopen on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Residential Trips 2019

Please see below payment details for residential trips, please ensure all payments are up to date.

- Year 10 – Barcelona – next instalment due 3rd January 2019 - £100
- Year 9 – Germany – next instalment due 7th January 2019 - £75
- Year 8 – Belgium - next instalment due 7th January 2019 - £75

Car Park

We would like to thank all parents for ensuring they are parking safely at the end of the school day when collecting students from school. We ask for your continued support in this matter.

Show my Homework

Show My Homework is now working well and many students are using this as a platform to support them with organising their studies at home. As parents and carers you also have access to this system. If you are unsure how to login please contact your child's tutor who will be able to support.

Punctuality

Please be reminded that students must be here by 8.30am. Students need the opportunity to go to their lockers to prepare themselves for learning. Students who arrive after 8.30am are then late for lessons which causes disruption to other students. All lessons commence at 8.35am and we need to ensure that these lessons begin without interruption. Often students who arrive late are flustered, and as a school we are keen for them to begin their day feeling prepared and confident for the learning ahead. We ask for your support with this to ensure learning is maximised for all.

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. Our website contains useful information regarding uniform expectations for all students.

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. We regret that we can not authorise any form of overdraft on a students account. We have a balance checker in school that students can use to check their own accounts.

Swipe cards

All students are issued with a swipe card from school. 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 website for the full code of conduct. www.corbytechnicalschool.org/page/default.asp?pid=382

Parent/Carer Consultation Evening dates

Wednesday 16th January 2019 – Year 8 Progress Evening
Wednesday 30th January 2019 – Year 10 Progress Evening
Wednesday 6th February 2019 – Year 9 Progress Evening
Wednesday 13th February – Year 11 Progress Evening