

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

## MARCH UPDATE LETTER 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Term 3 has been a busy Term at Corby Technical School. Students have had the opportunity to take part in a number of trips and activities over this term. They have been extending their knowledge of future careers and medical careers have been at the forefront with Year 9 taking part in the Medical Mavericks experience and Year 10 students participating in Operating Theatre Live. Other career centred experiences have included a Year 9 visit to Silverstone for the Big Bang Science Fair, and Year 7 students visiting FESTO who are a leading robotics company based in Northamptonshire. We have also invited some guest speakers in to school. Year 12 students enjoyed a visit from the Police regarding a variety of careers in the Police force and Year 9 and 10 students listened to a presentation from a theme park designer who discussed the many exciting projects he has worked on. We are very grateful for the input from visitors and industry for helping to inspire our students.

Next term we look forward to our first ever Musical performance at Corby Technical School. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of April we will see a spectacular performance from students across years 7 to 10 in our school production of "High School Musical". Tickets are available at reception and we will use the proceeds to purchase equipment for future performances. Year 11 and 13 students will be on their final stretch of exam preparation ready for their forthcoming GCSE and A level examinations.

On Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> March starting at 5.30pm we are holding parent information sessions. All parents/carers are invited to attend. There will be three sessions on the evening that focus on online safety, supporting your child's learning and higher education and apprenticeships information. Light refreshments will be provided from 5.00pm. It would be helpful if you could sign up to the event using our parents evening system, the event name is "Parent Information Sessions".

Year 11 Prom this year will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Geddington Road, Corby. A letter has been sent to all Year 11 parents and a copy given to student outlining the costs and the payment deadlines. The letter also outlines the expectations of students prior to the Prom.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.

### **Swipe cards**

All students are issued with a swipe card from school. All students are expected to use their swipe cards. Students will be delayed at reception if they do not have a swipe card as this requires additional administration on the day. If a student has lost their card it is important this card is replaced without delay. This can be paid for on Wisepay.

### **Attendance**

Attendance over this term has shown a decline, largely due to illness. We hope that this improves significantly over Term 4 as we move into Spring. We aim for a minimum of 96.5% attendance for all students. The attendance for your child for this year has been included with your child's progress report. If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance please contact our Education welfare officer, Mrs Toye.

### **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. Students who are late will be expected to attend a Session Six at the end of the school day on either Tuesday or Thursday.

### **Year 11 and Year 13**

If you are the parent of a Year 11 or Year 13 student you will have received a letter detailing the subject clinics that will take place during the March break. A copy of this letter has also been given to your child.

### **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. Students are expected to wear black shoes to school.

### **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 student's account. We have a balance checker in school that students can use to check their own accounts.

### **Parent Information Session – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

5.30pm – 6.00pm – Online Safety – How to keep you child safe online

6.00pm – 6.30pm – Supporting your child's learning

6.30pm – 7.00pm – Post 16 – Higher education and Apprenticeships

### **Parent/Carer Consultation Evening dates**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Year 7 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Year 8 Options Evening

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Year 12 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

### **Easter Bank Holiday**

School will be closed Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 for the Easter bank holidays. School will reopen to students on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.