

28th February 2020

MARCH UPDATE LETTER 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to all parents & carers for your support this term. We have seen most of you at our parents' evenings and at the Year 11 Now and Next event. Many of you also came along to our first ever careers fair yesterday and your support is greatly appreciated.

This term students have had the opportunity to take part in a number of trips and activities over this term. All students had the opportunity to extend their knowledge of future careers at the Careers Fair meeting local leaders of industry and further education. Other experiences have included a Year 7 and 8 students taking part in the Debating Club with Northampton University, Year 7 students also visited Corby Business Academy to take part in a Harry Potter inspired event. Other trips have included Year 9 and 10 students visiting Moulton College Food and Innovation Centre where they met the programme coordinator and took part in a baking lesson. Year 10, 11 and 13 students have also been able to attend Drama performances of "An Inspector Calls" and "A Streetcar named Desire" as part of their studies and Year 13 visited MMT, a leading digital company. We have also had some important visitors in school this term with visitors from the DfE who discussed our curriculum and technical focus with staff and students and the Royal Navy who spent time with our Food technology students. We are very grateful for the input from visitors and industry for helping to inspire our students.

Next term, Year 11 and 13 students will be on their final stretch of exam preparation ready for their forthcoming GCSE and A level examinations. They have been working exceptionally well in the lead up to May and we are confident that they will do very well.

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 2019-2020

Year 11 Prom

Year 11 Prom this year will be held on Thursday 25th June 2020 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.

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.

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.

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. Student 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 students account. We have a balance checker in school that students can use to check their own accounts.

Easter Bank Holiday

School will be closed Friday 10th April 2020 and Monday 13th April 2020 for the Easter bank holidays. School will reopen to students on Tuesday 14th April.

Early May Bank Holiday this year is Friday 8th May 2020.

Staff Training Days

- Tuesday 26th May 2020
- Friday 26th June - 2020 - Brooke Weston Trust Training Day