

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 11 and 13 - Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

The government announcement made this week confirms that students in Year 11 and 13 will not be taking exams this summer. The government is working on plans to guarantee that every student gets the qualification they have been studying for, is not disadvantaged and has what they need to move to the next step of their education. There is currently no further instruction as to how these qualifications will be awarded but I am sure this will be communicated in the coming days. Please be assured that Corby Technical School staff will continue to do their utmost to ensure that our students who were due to take exams, do receive satisfactory results.

As the news broke, students and staff alike responded with mixed emotions including anger, upset, confusion and a sense of loss and I am sure you as parents/carers have experienced this at home. In school yesterday, we did our best to reassure students that their time has not been wasted as all of the knowledge and skills they have gained still remains. Furthermore, as mentioned above, the exam boards are working with the government to ensure that students receive the grades they have worked hard for.

We will still set work for students to review over the next few weeks. We know that students will still want to top up their knowledge to ensure they are as prepared as possible for their next step in learning or the world of work. We have placed all resources online via Microsoft Teams. We will be reviewing the resources we are providing weekly and will do our best to tailor these resources to our students as appropriate.

As disappointed as we all feel regarding the exam news we know and understand that we are part of a wider strategy to keep ourselves and others as healthy and safe as possible. I wish you and your family members well during this time of uncertainty.

At Corby Technical School, we have had the pleasure of teaching and supporting a hugely committed group of students in both Year 11 and 13. We are extremely proud of them and what they have achieved and we are certain that they will have wonderful and fulfilling futures ahead of them.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds  
Principal