

14th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7, 8 & 9 – School Reports and Tutor Meetings

All students received a full report earlier this academic year based on the work that they had completed in school. This report represented the progress they were making before the lockdown period began, and targets that were set informed by this. Many of you would have also attended the parent/carer evening and discussed your child's progress with their subject teachers.

As you know, all students have been at home studying remotely since Monday 23rd March. During this period, we have provided weekly learning activities for all students in all subject areas, a suggested timetable for home learning activities, and a wide range of enrichment and wellbeing resources on our website. Students have received feedback on their work via self-marking quizzes and teacher feedback in Microsoft Teams, and our lesson content has been created to respond to the learning needs identified through this process. We have provided support to many families via our home learning e-mail account and have tracked the engagement of students on Teams. Heads of Year, the SEND team, and the home learning team have also contacted families to offer additional support where needed.

The school have e-mailed you today with a school report that summarises your child's engagement with their home learning and points towards next steps for the new academic year. In addition to the remote academic study, all students who have been able to access Microsoft Teams have had the opportunity to engage with their tutor once a week. This has also formed part of our school report summary along with a tutor group statement from your child's tutor.

We appreciate that students have taken different approaches to their learning during the lockdown period and all of our plans for the next term are focused on supporting the students to reconnect with their learning in school. Any gaps in prior knowledge will be addressed where needed, and teachers have planned their curriculum carefully to ensure it is accessible to all students whilst maintaining an appropriate level of challenge. We are keen to support your child as much as possible on their return to school and therefore in addition to this school report we would like to arrange a short meeting with your child's tutor.

This meeting will be an opportunity for your child's tutor to explain in more depth what we have put in place to support your child in re-establishing their routines in school, and reconnecting with their in-school learning. You will also have the opportunity to share information about your child's home learning experience and well-being with their tutor so that we, as a school, are fully informed and can put in place any additional support your child may need. To facilitate this conversation, we have set-up a meeting for you with your child's tutor on a video call. These meetings will take place over our first two weeks back in August. Appointments can be made from today and the deadline for making these appointments is Tuesday 18th August at 13:00. Please login to the [parents evening system](#) using your usual login details and book a slot that is convenient for you.

There is some further information on how the [video call](#) will work on our website. Please note our preferred method is video call as this means that staff do not need to share devices such as telephones as the video call can be facilitated from a personal laptop. The video function can be switched off if preferred giving an 'audio only' experience. If you are unable to access the video call, please still book an appointment and add a note that you would like a telephone call instead. If you would like some support booking an appointment, please contact our main reception on 01536 213100, or via enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Reynolds', written in a cursive style.

Mrs A Reynolds
Principal