

7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our consultation regarding the introduction of an extended curriculum last year.

The majority of the feedback was supportive of being able to offer our young people wider opportunities, but particularly given the recent Covid-19 lockdown, there were some concerns that we should be using this time to help students catch up.

You will be aware that we decided to proceed with modifying the school day to include a sixth session on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For this year, the sessions are providing students with focused recovery sessions in core academic subjects to help them catch up from lost learning. I am pleased to report that this new timetable is working effectively, and our teachers are reporting more focused, attentive, and higher quality learning taking place in the slightly shorter session times.

In my last letter, we made clear that we remained committed to introducing a full extended curriculum in the future to provide our young people with an outstanding and broad curriculum that helps them achieve the best possible results, and develop the right character that will help them thrive beyond school. While nothing will change during this academic year, the new extended curriculum will be introduced from September 2021.

This will mean the school's timetable will look like this:

#### Corby Technical School Timetable – From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Timetable	Start	Finish
Tutor Curriculum/Assembly (25 minutes)	08:45	09:10
Session 1 (including 20 minutes break)	09:10	10:30
Session 2	10:30	11:30
Session 3 (including 30-minute lunch)	11:30	13:00
Session 4	13:00	14:00
Session 5	14:00	15:00
Session 6 (Tuesday-Thursday) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Compulsory Year 11 lessons (English/Maths/Science)</i></li> <li>• <i>Extended optional co-curricular provision for all other year groups</i></li> </ul>	15:00	16:00

We will be confirming the full details of the co-curricular options – which include a variety of academic, practical, vocational, arts, music, and sport opportunities – throughout this school year.

If you have any further comments about these plans, we would be happy to meet with you. Please contact my PA Mrs Sarah Smith ([slsmith@corbytechnicalschool.org](mailto:slsmith@corbytechnicalschool.org)) to arrange a suitable time when we return after the two week break in October.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal