

9th October 2020

October Update Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are at the end of our first term back together as a school community. The students have been superb and have settled back into school well. We ended the term with a whole school virtual assembly to ensure our community is connected. Much of this assembly focused on celebrating success, with that in mind I am hoping that all parents/carers enjoy our weekly newsletter the 'CTS snapshot' where we show what has been happening that week in school. You may have also been lucky enough to be notified by text that your child has received a 'lesson star'. Lesson stars are awarded by the class teacher for exceptional contribution that lesson from a member of the class. If your child has not received this accolade they have over twenty opportunities a week to aim for this recognition and it would be wonderful for all students to gain a 'lesson star' at some point.

Next term, we will be continuing with our reconnection curriculum. If you would like to review what your child will be studying across the year please visit the [curriculum](#) section of our website. At the bottom of the page you will find some documents that will show you an overview of the learning for each year group.

All students should be providing their own stationery, equipment and water bottle to use in school. Please can you support us by ensuring that they return in term 2 fully equipped. We have added two more items to this list that we regularly use in school and it would be helpful if these items can be part of the 'standard set' of equipment that students bring (green pen & glue stick). Sharing or borrowing equipment in this new way of working is a challenge so it is important that students are prepared with their own equipment to keep all risks to a minimum.

- refillable water bottle
- 2 black pens
- pencil
- rubber
- scientific calculator (we recommend the **Casio fx-83GT**).
- green pen (biro)
- glue stick

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable break. On the reverse side of this letter is some key information for the new term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds
Principal

KEY INFORMATION

Breakfast:

From Term 2 we will offer breakfast to students in school. This will be a “grab and go” option in line with lunch arrangements. More information will be available on our website during the holidays including a sample menu. Children in receipt of free school meals will now use the restaurant rather than collecting a snack before school.

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings:

Below are details of Parent/Carer Consultation evenings for this school year, please note these meetings will take place virtually. Further details will be sent in due course.

Year 7 - Thursday 18th February 2021

Year 8 - Thursday 14th January 2021

Year 9 - Thursday 21st January 2021

Year 10 - Thursday 7th January 2021

Year 11 Evening 1 - Thursday 12th November 2020

Year 11 Evening 2 - Thursday 25th March 2020

Year 12 – Thursday 28th January 2021

Show my Homework (Satchel One):

We hope that as parents you find the Satchel One app useful. You should have a personalised account that will enable you to view homework assignments that your child has been set. We have recently purchased another part of the Satchel One platform and you should now also be able to view your child’s school timetable in the same app. This part of the app syncs with our school management information system and captures any updates as soon as they are made.

Students can also download the app onto their smartphones and review their homework and timetable to enable them to be fully prepared for school. If you have issues accessing this platform please contact the school at enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org so that we can support you. If your child is struggling to access the platform, please ask them to speak with their tutor.

Wisepay:

Please ensure your child has sufficient credit on their account to purchase breakfast and lunch in school. We are unable to contact parents during the school day should your child have insufficient funds.