

17th December 2020

December Update Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2 marks another great term at Corby Technical School. During this term, we were able to celebrate the achievement of our students in the 'Celebration Awards' held in the year group zones this term. Although we were not able to share this with parents, we were able to share this success with the whole year group. We were able to share some photographs of the award winners in our CTS snapshot over the last few weeks. All parents/carers of award winners were sent a letter and a photograph of their child receiving their award.

Students have been feeling very charitable this term. We began with our mufti-day for Children in Need and over the last few weeks all tutor groups have raised funds for Save the Children and prepared food hampers for Corby Food Bank. As we could not hold our annual Christmas Showcase this year, we were unable to make collections in our normal way, but we are happy to still be able to support this very worthy cause, especially in such difficult times. The hampers have been taken to the Food Bank to be distributed.

All students have worked hard this term and have sat a number of assessments across lessons. Year 11 students have sat several mock examinations and we are extremely pleased with the rapid progress that they are making.

This afternoon, students and staff had Christmas lunch in school and the afternoon was spent in their tutor groups where they were able to watch the staff virtual Christmas Pantomime, a Christmas film and take part in other activities. Students have adapted to the new ways of working so well this year and we hope that they all enjoyed a bit of fun this afternoon.

I would like to thank all our parents for their support over this term. On the reverse side of this letter you will find other useful information and key dates for this academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds
Principal

KEY INFORMATION

Staff Training Day:

Please be reminded Friday 18th December and Monday 4th January are staff training days, therefore school is closed to students.

We have also removed one of our staff training days from later on in the year, the day that has been removed is Monday 24th May.

Collection of students from school:

Please can all parents/carers ensure that they park safely in our front car park at the end of the school day and ensure that they prioritise the safety of students in the car park by waiting patiently for students to cross the car park. We are happy to allow parents to use our car park for collection, but if this use compromises student safety we may have no choice but to close our gates.

In addition, it would be most helpful if parents/carers did not collect their child from our rear entrance by vehicle. Our preference would be to allow students to exit safely from that entrance ensuring that they have good visibility. Although it is a public road, you will be aware that we have hundreds of students leaving school and it would be helpful if parents did not use Wheatley Avenue to turn in whilst students are exiting. Safety of students must be prioritised over convenience. Planning a meeting point for you and your child further away from school would help to keep everyone safe.

Bike Safety:

Please can parents/carers ensure that students have appropriate safety equipment if they cycle to school. With the dark evenings it is very difficult to see cyclists. Lights, reflective clothing and a cycling helmet should be worn by students.

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 - 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.