

26th April 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

YEAR 11 - UPDATE ON NEXT TERM

Year 11 students have been working extremely well this term and we are proud of the resilience they have shown in these difficult times. We write to outline the arrangements for next term.

Week 1 next term

All Year 11 students are expected to return as normal after our May holiday on Monday 24th May. During the first week back we will be continuing to ensure that students have all required learning in place to support them with their next steps. During this week, we will also be meeting with all students on a one-to-one basis to ensure that they are prepared and ready for the next transition and understand what is required of them to make this successful. We also hope to hold a mini-celebration towards the end of the week so that students can mark the occasion and celebrate with staff and their peers. The last day students will be required to attend school in person will be Friday 28th May 2021.

Further support during Term 5

The statutory leaving date for Year 11 is Friday 25th June. We will be continuing to provide support and guidance for the students over this period which will include contact with home, as well as online drop-in sessions for students. In addition, there will be various learning activities in place for students to engage with:

- Students who are hoping to return to the Corby Technical School sixth form provision will be asked to complete transition work throughout Term 5. This will be a combination of independent learning, live Teams lessons and towards the end of term we will be running Masterclasses as part of our Sixth Form Induction Programme.
- Students who are hoping to embark on an apprenticeship will be provided with transition work relating to employability skills.
- If your child is preparing for studies outside of Corby Technical School, or an apprenticeship, we would recommend that you speak with the provider to ensure that your child is fully prepared for their next steps.

Students will still be able to access careers advice and guidance throughout this period.

Further celebration

Students are also very keen to mark the end of Year 11 with a 'Summer Celebration' in place of their school prom. As a nation we are all expecting the easing of restrictions on both 17th May and then again on 21st June. As I am sure you understand, the uncertainty makes planning difficult for us as we are unsure whether any restrictions will still remain in place at school. At this stage we have started some initial discussion with students in the hope that we will be able to plan an event towards the end of June. We do not want to raise expectations too high just in case we are not able to take any plans forward. Initial discussions have focused around a low-key, low-cost, in-

school event. We would welcome support from any parents/carers who feel they may have the time to support us with any organisation. Please contact Miss Arshad if you would like to offer support.

As a reminder GCSE results day is **Thursday 12th August**. Students will be expected to come into school and collect their results. We always provide our students with support and guidance and staff will be there to answer any questions.

If you have any questions relating to this, please contact your child's form tutor or e-mail Miss Arshad, Head of Year 11 sarshad@corbytechnicalschoool.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mrs Reynolds
Principal