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End of term update letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are at the end of our first term back together as a school community and students have engaged well with their learning over the last eight weeks. Special mention should be made of our Year 11 students who have faced challenging times due to the cancellation of summer examinations. These students have worked hard to demonstrate their knowledge in a range of internal assessment this last term. There have been some tense moments but overall they have demonstrated great resilience and determination.

Thank you to all parents and carers for engaging with the lateral flow testing procedures from home, this diligence has no doubt helped keep the school community safe this term. Your child may continue with this testing over the holiday period and it would be helpful if you test before our return to school on Monday 24th May. With regard to COVID restrictions, we are expecting further announcements from the government over our holiday period, and in particular, further detail relating to the wearing of face masks in school. We will write to you over the holiday break as soon as we have reviewed the updated guidance.

We are very keen for students to begin next term as organised as possible. 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 5 fully equipped. A standard stationery list can be found over the page.

In addition, all students need to be meeting expectations of smart dress at all times. We understand that there may have been difficulty in getting hold of items of uniform when limited shops were open. Please can you ensure that your child has correct uniform when they return in term 5. Please see our website if you would like any further information regarding school <u>uniform</u>. As you know, we allowed students to wear their own jumpers/hoodies as we ventilated classrooms over the colder months. Ventilation remains one of our safety measures but there is no longer the need for student to wear jumpers of hoodies from Term 5 onwards. Students should leave these items at home.

We wish all students a safe and enjoyable break, and look forward to welcoming them back next term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Reynolds Principal

KEY INFORMATION

Stationery list:

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

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.

Bank Holiday:

School will be closed on Monday 31st May for Spring Bank Holiday.

Training day:

Monday 28th June is a Brooke Weston trust training day and school will be closed to students.