

15th December 2021

December Update Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2 has been another great term at Corby Technical School where the school community has seen many successes and experienced a range of events together. Our students all continue to work hard, support one another, and move forward together as part of our thriving community. During this term, we were able to recognise some of the achievements of our students from last year in the Celebration Awards evening held in school. It was amazing to see the families of the students sharing the evening with us and to see the pride in the students at receiving the awards.

Sixth Form students this term were able to attend trips to Northampton University for a taster day and they also attended the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair which was held at the King Power Stadium in Leicester. Year 11 students have sat several mock examinations and we are extremely pleased with the rapid progress that they are making. Year 11 students also took part in a revision session with David Hyner on revision and goal setting and a Drama physical theatre workshop with GymJam theatre company to enhance their exam performances. Year 10 students have taken part in an army careers day where they met some members of the armed forces and learnt about cadet forces and potential careers available in the army. Year 9 students completed their PiXL edge programme and received their certificates this term, developing their leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication skills.

We held a mufti-day for Children in Need and we raised a fantastic £1049.34 towards this worthy cause. Students also took part in a range of activities over breakfast and lunch which included "Guess the name of the Bear" and "How many sweets are in the jar" which was arranged by Year 8 students.

Year 7 students have presented some excellent assemblies including one about Christmas traditions from around the world. It was wonderful to see how their confidence has grown since being at the school. Many of them are also enjoying attending our co-curricular clubs each week and have been achieving some fantastic successes within these.

We were delighted that Corby Technical School were also nominated by Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust to become a Music Mark school for this academic year. This is in recognition of the school's commitment to the performing arts subjects that we offer as part of our broad and balanced curriculum. The talents of our students have been shared this term in the Charity Showcase as well as several students performing live music to their peers in our assembly programme.

On Friday 17th December, students and staff will have Christmas lunch in school and the afternoon will be spent in their tutor groups where they will be sharing in festive activities together. Students have adapted to the ever-changing ways of working so well this year and we hope that they will all enjoy some fun activities as we end this term.

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. I hope you enjoy the festive period with your loved ones and stay happy and healthy moving into the new year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds
Principal

KEY INFORMATION

Staff Training Day:

Please be reminded Tuesday 4th January is a staff training day, therefore school is closed to students. Students will return on Wednesday 5th January. All students should arrive by 8.40am.

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.

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 – Wednesday 9th February 2022

Year 8 – Wednesday 12th January 2022

Year 9 – Wednesday 9th February 2022

Year 10 - Thursday 6th January 2022

Year 12 – Thursday 27th January 2022

Uniform:

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, students must wear black school shoes, trainers are not permitted.

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.