

12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**YEAR 8-11 - OCTOBER UPDATE LETTER 2018**

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted at how well students have settled into the new academic year. They have shown excellent attitudes towards their studies and are upholding the values of our school well. Year 8 students have had the opportunity to learn Spanish this term and this has been very well received by the students. Year 9 have begun their new options courses and we are very pleased with how well they are applying themselves to these courses. Year 10 have approached their first term of GCSE study with maturity and confidence. Year 11 students have made an excellent start to their final year of GCSE's, we have seen many students attending after school support clinics across a wide range of subjects. We are proud that they have shown such fantastic commitment. The students have received a separate letter today regarding external examinations and subject clinics that are available in the October break.

The school has introduced a new management information system and unfortunately due to some errors with the system we have been unable to process reports ready for sending home today. School reports will be posted to your home address during the October break. We will e-mail parents when these have been sent and we will update our website to let you know to expect them. If you have not received a school report for your child by the end of the October break please contact your child's form tutor in the first week of term.

Show my Homework has been out of action this term as there has been some issues with the introduction of a new school management information system. Our external partners are working to ensure that this is up and running by Term 2.

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,



Angela Reynolds  
Principal

## **KEY INFORMATION AND DATES 2018-2019**

### **School uniform**

May I take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for ensuring that your child comes into school in full school uniform and appropriate sports kit. Our website contains useful information regarding uniform expectations for all students.

### **Lost property**

We have a few items in lost property. If students could initial their personal belongings where possible (including shoes/trainers) this would help us to identify the owner. Lost property is accessed from the library so students can see the librarian if they have lost something.

### **School breakfast and lunch**

Please can you ensure that your child has sufficient funds on their card to pay for school meals for the beginning of the new school term. This is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that regular payments are made through Wisepay. We regret that we can not authorise any form of overdraft on a students account. We have a balance checker in school that students can use to check their own accounts.

### **Swipe cards**

All students are issued with a swipe card from school. The school will re-issue a card for free where it is faulty. However, if a student has lost their card or damaged it, they will need to pay £5 for a new card. Please see our web-site for the full code of conduct.

[www.corbytechnicalschool.org/page/default.asp?pid=382](http://www.corbytechnicalschool.org/page/default.asp?pid=382)

### **School Photographs**

Braiswick Photographic will be with us on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November for school photographs. There will be individual photographs and tutor group photographs available to purchase.

### **Staff training days this year**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### **Parent/carer evening dates**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 - Year 11 Progress Evening  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Year 8 Progress Evening  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Year 13 Progress Evening  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Year 10 Progress Evening  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Year 9 Progress Evening  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Year 11 Progress Meetings – TBC  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Year 7 Progress Evening  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Year 8 Options Evening  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Year 12 Progress Evening