

25th February 2022

March Update Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term three 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 and staff all continue to work hard, support one another, and move forward together as part of our thriving community.

We were thrilled to see the return of our Careers Fair this term and the event was supported by local businesses from a range of different industries. All students attended across the afternoon and parents/carers of students in Years 10-13 had the opportunity to attend and discuss routes into the various sectors with employers. Earlier in the term, we held an Industry Breakfast with our Careers leaders and it was a pleasure to welcome our industry partners into school to share our whole school focus on employability skills.

School trips have also enhanced our student experience this term. Sixth Form students attended a cinema trip as part of their Creative Digital Media course. Five of our EPQ students also visited Northampton University for a tour, and to attend a study skills workshop. The Drama GCSE group visited the theatre, and Year 9 students visited Northampton University for a "Taster Day" and took part in session on legal careers and theatrical make-up. Many of you will also have been a part of our parent/carer information broadcasts about residential trips planned for later this year. It is fantastic to see our trips and visits provision opening back up, as these experiences are invaluable for developing students' life skills.

Year 11 students sat several assessments this term and we are extremely pleased with the rapid progress that they are making ahead of their examinations. Year 11 Food Technology students have completed the practical element of their course and have produced some amazing dishes. They have all worked extremely hard and shown great commitment.

Year 10 students have taken part workshops with the Solomon Theatre Group and watched a performance aimed at educating students on Knife Crime and Gangs. Medical Mavericks also visited school, and students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in workshops for those interested in a career in science or medicine. These are always a great success with our students, and it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm they show when taking part. Year 8 students have presented some excellent assemblies on the law and why this is important in society, and year 7 all made nominations for people who have shown kindness and incorporated these into a tutor assembly on 'Random Acts of Kindness Day'.

We are delighted that Corby Technical School has become a certified National Online Safety school in recognition of the work we have been doing to educate students, parents, and staff in how to stay safe online. If parents/carers wish to sign up to access this resource, there is further information on our school website [here](#).

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

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.

Uniform:

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, students must wear black school shoes, trainers are not permitted. Further information regarding our uniform expectations can be found [here](#).

Equipment:

Students will need to ensure that they start the new term with their own personal stationery:

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

The school will provide any other stationery, but it remains the responsibility of each student to be fully prepared for lessons with this basic set of equipment.

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 Holidays:

School will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday 15th April 2022 – Good Friday
- Monday 18th April 2022 – Easter Monday.
- Monday 2nd May 2022.