

6th May 2022

End of term update letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach our two-week break, I thought I would take this opportunity to share some of our successes from the past term.

Term 4 has been a highly productive term in which students have had the opportunity to take part in a number of trips and activities. Year 12 and 13 students have taken part in workshops with the University of Leicester and received a presentation on student finance as most have now made their UCAS applications for university - an exciting time for the students! Year 11 students have attended subject conferences to support their revision prior to GCSE examinations and this week are visiting Alton Towers. Year 9 students have visited Northampton University for a number of STEAM events.

At the beginning of the term, we celebrated world book day by holding our own CTS Book Week. This involved lots of activities, including a door decorating competition in which tutor groups decorated their form room doors with their favourite book. All students also had access to free *World Book Day* books, played 'Book Recommendation Bingo' and had the chance to meet local celebrated author, Tamsin Winter, who held a creative writing workshop and book signing.

We have also been lucky to welcome other visitors and organisations into our school to work with students. These have included exam buster and wellbeing workshops for year 13 and 11 students, an athlete, Joe Harris, who is talking to students about resilience, and Fuze workshops to inspire students in a range of technical careers.

Our students are always keen to enter into local competitions, and recently, our Art Club students have started working on some entries for a competition set up by the council to mark the occasion of the Knife angel visiting Corby. We have also had recent success in the County Schools Challenge – run by the local police. A group of our students (working with Miss Moore) have got through to the semi finals of this competition, with their entry based on creating a magazine and keyring to raise awareness of child exploitation.

Next term, we look forward to our school residential programme where Year 10 students will be visiting Outward Bound Centre in Howton, Lake District and Year 8 will be visiting the PGL centre in Liddington, Wiltshire. Year 11 Prom this year will be held on Tuesday 28th June 2022 at Corby Technical School, and preparations are well under way, if there are any Year 11 parents who would like to offer their support on the day with decorating the Theatre, please contact Mrs Sarah Smith at s smith@corbytechnicalschool.org.

Year 11 students have completed their Spanish speaking GCSE exam this term, and all students continue to work incredibly hard as we head into the examination period. As Year 11 and 13 students enter the exam period, I am sure you will join us in wishing them the best of luck.

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. 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 AND REMINDERS:

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.

Punctuality

Students must arrive in school by 8.40am to ensure ample time for them to organise their items for the day, store their personal belongings in their locker and arrive at tutor time for 8.45am.

Students can not arrive at school any earlier than 8.00am as we need to ensure that sufficient staff are in place to supervise. Our preference is for students to arrive between 8.15am and 8.40am. Students arriving earlier may be asked to wait in a specific area of the school, i.e. the library, until 8.15am.

We encourage parents to support their children arriving to school on time as being punctual shows good organisational skills and respect for our school values. Students who are late will be expected to attend a detention at the end of the school day on Friday.

Year 11 and Year 13

Students in Year 11 and 13 will begin exams on Monday 16th May 2022. Detailed information has been sent out to parents and this information can also be found on our website. Students who are sitting exams during the holidays will receive a complimentary breakfast and lunch. School will be open from 9.00am until 3.00pm should students wish to use the school as a quiet space to study.

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. Students are expected to wear black shoes to school. Students are not permitted to wear trainers to school.

Wisepay:

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 cannot authorise any form of overdraft on a student's account. We have a cash payment machine in school that students can deposit funds in to as well as a balance checker that students can use to check their own accounts.

Bank Holiday:

School will be closed on Thursday 2nd June for Spring Bank Holiday and Friday 3rd June for the Platinum Jubilee.