

14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## END OF YEAR UPDATE LETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

This update letter marks the conclusion of another outstanding year at Corby Technical School. It has been an amazing experience to see our Year 13 and Year 11 students apply themselves so wholeheartedly to their studies in preparation for their final GCSE and A level examinations. These students have shown themselves to be excellent role models to our younger students and have set a foundation of aspiration and ambition for our younger year groups to replicate in the years to come. We are looking forward to Year 13 students will receiving their A level results on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August with Year 11 GCSE results on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

Corby Technical School has been able to offer a huge range of trips and visits this term with Year 10 students visiting the Lake District, Year 8 students spent three days at PGL Liddington, and current Year 9 students will visit Aberdovey Outward Bound Centre in September. Our Year 12 and 13 students had the opportunity to spend time at Leicester University, experiencing university life and taking part in exciting activities. Year 7 were able to take part in an activity week and visited Rutland Water, Corby International Pool, Savoy Cinema and enjoyed lots of activities in school. The students had an amazing week spending time with their peers and tutors.

We are delighted that our after-school co-curricular provision has been so well attended by students throughout the year. In addition to this, all students have enjoyed a range of extra-curricular excursions within the school day that have been fantastic opportunities to experience learning and broaden their horizons, including workshops with Medical Mavericks, Fuse and Resilient Me. As we move into our new academic year, we will be offering more opportunities to all our students.

Further recent celebrations have included our Year 11 Prom and a Celebration of Culture day. The Prom was fabulous night, it was lovely to see the students come together and celebrate their CTS journey with their cohort and staff and we hope to welcome many of them back to CTS as sixth form students. On our Celebration of Culture day this week students from Year 7, 8 and 9 performed dances, music, poetry and showcased displays representing their cultures over our lunch-break. During tutor time, students used paper hands to write or draw something that represented their culture at home, these will be displayed in school to share our cultural diversity.

Below are some key messages for the start of next term.

### Key information

We are very keen for all students to be well-prepared for the start of next term. There are some key changes and reminders that parents/carers and students will need to be aware of:

#### Staff training day

There will be a staff training day on Friday 2nd September, therefore students will not be expected in school.

#### Co-curricular provision

After the Summer break, our co-curricular provision will begin week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> September. During the first two weeks back in August students may book into study club if they wish.

#### August timetable

Students return in August in their current year group. All students will be taking part in an adjusted curriculum in our first two weeks back (Monday 22nd August – Friday 26th August, Tuesday 30th August – Thursday 1st September). Students will be able to view their timetable from the Satchel One App. Parents/carers also have access to this App and can view the timetable. Students should check on what days they need to bring their PE kit.

- Students in Year 10 and 12, during this time will focus on their academic subjects as part of our 'grab-a grade' fortnight as well as allowing time for year group sports festivals.
- Students in Years 7 to 9 will follow a broadly similar curriculum that is further enhanced with workshops from the Northamptonshire Police Fire and Crime Commissioners Office and Service 6, first aid lessons and sports festivals. Year 8 students will also partake in student elections and employability skills workshops.

#### Student arrival to school

From next term, students should arrive for school between 8.30am and 8.40am. As a school we need to ensure we have adequate staff in place to support students in the morning. Students who arrive earlier than 8.30am can use the school library between 8.20am and 8.30am. Students must not arrive late for school, and we expect parents/carers to ensure their child is punctual every day.

#### School bags

Students will no longer be using lockers as from next term. All students must have a school bag in which to keep their belongings. This should be big enough to carry necessary PE kit, drinks bottles, packed lunch, school books and stationery. Further information can be found on our website [here](#).

#### Mobile phones

Students are permitted to bring their mobile phone to school, but it must be switched off and kept in their school bag. This rule applies as a door-to-door policy therefore students will not be allowed to use their phone whilst in the building or at break or lunch. Students are responsible for looking after their own belongings.

#### School uniform

We expect all students be dressed appropriately for school every day. As you may be purchasing new school items for next year, please be advised that many supermarkets and clothing shops will advertise clothes as 'school wear' that are not in line with our school uniform policy. Please ensure you have read our uniform policy and purchase clothing and shoes that meet our expectations.

#### Swipe Cards

It is vital that your child has a swipe card, this records their attendance at school as well as being used to access school printers, for library loans and to pay for meals at break and lunch. Please ensure your child has a swipe card when we return to school in August, new cards can be ordered via Wisepay if required. Please note that students who do not present a card at meal times will be asked to speak with a designated member of staff and only a basic meal will be provided until such time that a new card is issued.

#### Extended day - Current year 10 students

For year 11 students our school day includes compulsory education until 4:00pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for all students in this year group. From the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> September all Year 11 students will have a timetable for 28 lessons per week as part of this compulsory extended time.

This key information, plus additional reminders can be found in the attached document that will serve as a handy reminder for the return of students to school.

Finally, we welcome our incoming cohort of Year 7 students, joining us on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. They will join our vibrant school and our older students will no doubt make the new students quickly feel part of our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this year, and I wish you all well for the Summer break.

We look forward to seeing our students again on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 when the school re-opens.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds  
Principal