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THE CORBET NEWS









Hello again,

I am writing this a day after our fabulous Diamond Jubilee Fete. It was so wonderful to see so many people there. It was a particular pleasure to welcome back so many past pupils and hear their memories of The Corbet School over the years. The weather also came good for the occasion. It was pleasing to know how much the school has been loved by so many. Can I thank all the staff, governors, parents and pupils at the school who did so much to make this day happen; as well as thanking all the companies and organisations that added their support. A special thanks to our local primary schools and their pupils who performed at the fete. Finally, I must thank Radio Shropshire for doing a very nice piece on the fete on Saturday morning.

The fete also helped contribute to our 60^{th} anniversary appeal, to raise money towards refurbishing our science labs. Just a reminder that tickets for our yearlong raffle are still available as are our 60th anniversary mugs.

We are well into the general election campaign. Education funding is a major issue for all schools and it needs to be improved to ensure schools can continue to offer the range of educational opportunities pupils and parents expect. While I accept that the overall schools budget for England is greater than it has ever been this is simply because there are more pupils in the system. All schools will face a real terms funding cut of 8% by 2020 unless things change and the proposed National Funding Formula will actually make matters worse for many Shropshire schools. As the fifth richest country in the world we can afford to fund education properly and support our young people to a successful future.

If you are able to speak to your local candidates or MP, please do ask them how they will ensure Shropshire children get the well-funded education they deserve.

The dry weather means that summer sporting fixtures have begun (more details inside).

The year 8 pupils had a great weekend at Arthog over the bank holiday. The year 11 pupils had a very enjoyable leaving day. They have been a great year group and we are sad to see them go but we wish them well for the future.

It looks like the weather is due to improve for half term so let's hope it's a good week.

Maths Challenge - Year 10

In February, ten of the best mathematicians in year 10 were invited to take part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge, a national challenge aimed at the top third of pupils nationwide. The results have now arrived in school and all pupils are to be congratulated on how well they did. Over 250,000 pupils from across the UK sat the challenge and certificates are awarded to the highest scoring 40% of participants nationally (7% gold, 13% silver, 20% bronze).

Special congratulations go to Aaron Lindsay, who had an excellent result and finished within the top 3,000 for his age group. This result meant that Aaron qualified to participate in a further follow on round where he competed against pupils from other countries. Aaron then impressed us again by finishing in the top 25% of this harder follow on round. This was an exceptional achievement.

Bronze Certificate

Well done to:

Aaron Lindsay Gold Certificate and Best In School

Ryan Meddins
Jevan Reynolds
Joe Lewis
Marcus Boden
Lizzie Evans
Dan Potts
Rosie White

Gold Certificate
Silver Certificate
Silver Certificate
Silver Certificate
Silver Certificate
Bronze Certificate

Ben Baker Certificate of Participation

Mrs Hill

Michael Richardson



School Library:



With the mock examinations, April, May and June are quieter months in the Library and, as always, our list of overdue books has lengthened.

If the Library is closed, students are reminded they can return books through the letterbox under the Library Noticeboard. If you need to renew your book, please see Mrs Brett before school in the Library or during the day outside the IT room.



We have been asked about our Book Swap Scheme and the answer is - yes, this is still continuing - we will be promoting again after the exams. If you have opportunity to look, 'swap outs' are on the shelves by the door!

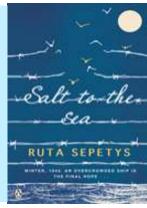
In the meantime, we have been keeping busy with fund raising for new books. Thank you to those who supported our Easter Egg raffle (£30.20 proceeds) and our 4th May cake sale (£63 proceeds). Baking commendations to Amelia Dance, Frankie Stevenson and Annabelle Wixey for their Alice in Wonderland themed cup cakes. Congratulations to 7E who won our Alice in Wonderland Quiz and to 9E who won our Star Wars Quiz. With the proceeds, we have purchased some stunning non fiction books which will be left out on the tables for students to browse.

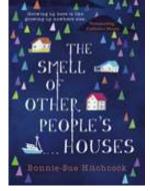




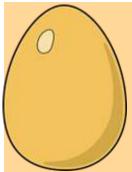
Not forgetting our new fiction titles, most of our Shadowers are now reading their second Carnegie shortlisted book. Two front runners are emerging; if you have opportunity to download and read we would love to hear your feedback.

'Salt to the Sea' is Ruth Sepetys' second historical fiction novel. Sepetys is the daughter of a Lithuanian refugee and discovered that a member of her family had been granted passage on the doomed ship Wilhelm Gustloff. The sinking of this ship was the worst disaster in maritime history (bigger than the RMS Titanic). She discovered that a member of her own family had been granted passage on this ship but failed to board on the day. 'Salt to the Sea' follows the intertwining lives of Florian, Emilia and Alfred, four young people from different European countries who are hoping to escape the advancing Red Army by boarding the Wilhelm Gustloff.





In this accomplished debut novel, Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock sets her coming-of-age tale against a backdrop of Alaska in the 1970s. She alternates the first-person narratives of four teens; Ruth who lives with her strict grandmother and younger sister; Dora who is bedding down at a friend's house to avoid her own parents; Alyce struggling to escape the confines of the town; and Hank, running away from the darkness with his two younger brothers.



The next section of this newsletter is devoted to the Library's new, eggstremely innovative, display of eggs.

Thanks to Mrs Jones (Head of Humanities) for her novel idea <u>and</u> for donating her Year 7s' **eggstraordinary** creations to our Library where they now have pride of place on our non-fiction bookcase.





Mrs Brett's personal favourites are:

The Harry Potter trio (Florence Wright)

Abraham Lincoln (Joseph Brammer)

World War II Spitfire (Caitlin Matley)

Note: Hitler had to be binned - he was a seriously rotten egg - and made the Library very smelly...

Library



This article concludes with a fond farewell from Mrs Brett to our Year 11s who are off on study leave. This year group has some exceptional students and (of course) many have worked with Mrs Brett in the Library.

Good luck with your exams and wishing you all every success in the future.



The Librarian Team will especially miss

ROWAN HALL

who has been an <u>outstanding member of our Library</u>
<u>Family</u> since joining in Year 7.

We celebrated Rowan's achievements with an 'end of an era' party at his last ever Librarian Training session.



Thank you Rowan for all your hard work, for 'standing in' for Mrs Brett, for helping the younger librarians and for being such a good sport.

Please come back and visit us!

All the world is birthday cake, so take a piece, but not too much. George Harrison

Mrs Brett Library

Language Young Leaders

On June 30th a small group of year 10 students will host over one hundred year 5 students from surrounding primary schools for this year's Languages Taster Day.

This year the taster day will take on a travel theme with year 5 students collecting stamps in their Corbet Passport as they visit different 'countries' and learn about different languages and cultures including French, Spanish, Dutch and Italian.

The taster day also gives year 5 students the experience of spending a day at The Corbet School before attending open days in year 6.

The year 10 Language Young Leaders have worked exceptionally hard all year to complete the course which looks at a variety of aspects of teaching and ends with them teaching lessons they have planned and prepared themselves on the day.

Here's wishing good luck to all of the Young Leaders for another successful day.





Karaoke Fundraiser - Raising Money for Shropshire Down's Syndrome Support Group

From Monday 12th to Friday 16th June Students from Oak house will be hosting a Karaoke fundraiser in aid of Shropshire Down's Syndrome Support Group which is an invaluable lifeline to many people living with and affected by Down's syndrome in the local area.

Corbet School pupils from all year groups and houses are welcome to come along and either sing or be a part of the audience for their year group.

Monday 12th June - Year 7 Wednesday 14th June - Year 8 Thursday 15th June - Year 9 Friday 16th June - Year 10

Singers please sign up with your name and your song choice in advance on the noticeboard outside room 25 (MFL Mrs Williams room). Individual singers, duets, trios and groups all welcome! (almost) any song choice welcome! Audience, just show up on the day with a donation!

Singers and audience members please donate generously - minimum 50p donation per person

This will be a really fun way to spend a lunch time and to raise some cash for a great cause.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Williams and Oak House Students



Diamond Festival - Saturday 20th May









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Support from Autism West Midlands

New dates are now available for the popular six session Rising to the Challenge course, run by Autism West Midlands. These sessions help family carers understand their child's autism. This course recently won best Parent Training and Support Programme in the Social Care Awards 2017.

The six sessions cover 1. Autism as a spectrum, 2. Sensory issues, 3. Communication and behaviour, 4. Social skills, 5. Anxiety and anger and 6. Happiness and wellbeing.

The course is held at the Lantern in Shrewsbury and there is a choice of daytime and evening sessions. Places are free and suitable for any Shropshire family carers who have a child with autism or being assessed for autism (diagnosis not needed). For more details and to book a place on-line see https://shop.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/collections/events/products/rising-to-the-challenge the course starts on 21st June, with 3 sessions before the summer holidays and 3 sessions at the start of the autumn term.

Other one day courses will be advertised on the Autism West Midlands website soon, these will take place at venues across the county.

The Autism West Midlands one to one advice sessions continue in community venues in Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Craven Arms, Bridgnorth and Market Drayton and are suitable for any parents who have concerns about autism (diagnosis not needed). To find out dates and book appointments call 0303 0300 111

- Support for Autism West Midlands for practitioners
- From the start of May Autism West Midlands will be offering phone consultations for practitioners supporting Shropshire families. This will provide an opportunity to speak to an Autism Specialist, to talk through concerns, get advice on next steps, and signposting to services. A member of the team will be available every Wednesday (term time only) from 3pm to 5pm on 01743 250962.

They are in the process of setting dates for their half day training courses for practitioners. If you would like to sign up to receive the Autism West Midlands email bulletins for practitioners and get notification of the dates as soon as they are advertised (and details of other activities) please email gemmae@autismwestmidlands.org.uk to join their practitioners email list.

For further information about any Autism West Midlands activities email shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

Governors

If you would like to contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Roger Ford, please email the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Jane Davies. davies.j@corbet.shropshire.sch.uk

Sporting News



Boys VS Girls Netball 2017



On Wednesday 5th April 2017 the year 11 boys rugby team played the annual fundraiser netball match against the year 11 girls netball team. This year the sports council have been aiming to raise money to buy new, permanent outdoor table tennis tables, from this event we managed to raise £70. Despite their best efforts, the boys struggled to get to grips with the footwork rule, so gave many free passes to the girls, however the overall standard of the boys netball was impressive considering they only had an hours training before the match. The girls went on to win the game 9 - 1 with some excellent teamwork, well done girls. Many thanks to all those who came to support.









Rounders Results

Wednesday 10th May Vs Priory School

 Year 10
 Won 15-7

 Year 9 A
 Won 13 - 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

 Year 9 B
 Lost 12 - 13 $\frac{1}{2}$

 Year 8
 Lost 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 16

Year 7 Lost $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $13\frac{1}{2}$



The County Schools Swimming Gala took place on Wednesday 17th May

At Thomas Telford School

Well done to Abigail Perry in year 8 who competed at the County Schools swimming gala. She had an amazing swim and came 3rd in the Junior Girls 100m Butterfly and 4th in the 200m Individual Medley. Fantastic results. Well done Abigail!





Shropshire Schools Annual Golf Competition

Shropshire Schools Annual Golf Competition was held on Friday 12th May at Arscott Golf Club. The school was represented by two pupils: Alex Nixon 9C and Carter Sayce 8B.

Almost 60 players took part from the area in U19's, U16's, U14's and girls.

The competition was tough as was the weather conditions at the beginning of the day as they were teeing off, after a period of dry and sunny weather, the heavens opended.

Alex Nixon current Junior Captain 2016/2017 for Arscott G.C came a respectable 7th. The 17th hole being his demon again!

Carter Sayce also a team player for Arscott had a decent finish against other low handicapped players.

Both boys had an enjoyable and fun day doing the thing they love most in life, and getting to know and socialise with other local competitors and players.

Well done to both boys for representing the Corbet School and good luck in your future competitions.



Year 8 Young Leaders

Twenty six Year 8 students have successfully completed a Sports Leader Course after school, this year. During the course they have looked at qualities needed to be a successful sports leader, communication, organisation and officiating of events. They have had to show commitment by regularly attending the course and help run and organise events for the local feeder primary schools.





Over the course they have helped to run a range of tournaments and events which acts as a qualifier for the North Shropshire tournaments and the winner from this event going on to represent the area in the County Games. The students have had to carry out a number of roles such as umpire, scorer, time keeper, coach and team manager, in a wide range of events such as Tag Rugby, Netball, Archery, New Age Kurling, Cross Country, Basketball and Athletics.

Over the remaining term they will have opportunities to be involved in working with the local primary school pupils further when hosting a Mini Tennis Tournament and Dodgeball festival.

Well done to all the Sports leaders for successfully completing the course.



The Corbet Primary School Partnership

Over the last term the local feeder primary schools have been participating in sporting events at The Corbet School as part of the qualifying rounds for the North Shropshire Area. The winner of the Baschurch Area then goes onto the North Shropshire finals with the chance if successful to represent North Shropshire in the County Games.

They have participated in Dodgeball, Arrows Archery and New Age Kurling competitions. Winner of the Dodgeball was St. John's, Ruyton. Bomere Heath shot themselves to victory in the Archery and Myddle School won the first Kurling competition to be held at The Corbet School.

The Corbet Sports Leaders have helped the events run successfully giving local pupils opportunities to experience competition and different activities within the Partnership.





Corbet Marathon Challenge

On Tuesday 4th April 37 pupils attempted to break the Marathon World record time of 2:02:57 (MEN) or 2:15:25 (WOMEN). Pupils each took it in turn to complete 200m passing a relay baton, which covered the distance of 26.2 miles.

They gave it a good attempt narrowly missing out on the women's world record. The Corbet team time was 2:17:12





North Shropshire College News



Walford Old Students Summer Reunion

North Shropshire College (NSC) is welcoming back old students who previously studied at Walford Campus for a summer reunion evening. The Walford Old Students Association (WOSA) has brought together former key members to sit on the reunion committee to ensure the success of the event. The event will take place on Saturday 24th of June at the Walford Sports Hall, which will be transformed into an elegant venue. The evening will start at 6:45pm for drinks and will give guests the chance to reminisce and catch up with familiar faces ready for a sit down two course dinner at 8pm.

The WOSA Committee members who are taking part in the planning and organisation of the event include Rob Cooke, former chairman of WOSA, David Nightingale a well-known Walford Lecturer, Sam Goddard and Stewart Edwards who are both past chairs of WOSA, Sarah Bayliss, previous secretary plus representatives from the College.

The evening event will include a delicious two course dinner with wine, an entertaining live band, a disco for everyone to have a dance, plus the bar will be open until late! There is also a promise auction and raffle which will take place and the event theme is 'dress to impress'.

One of the main aims of the event is to raise money for the R D Park Trust, a registered College charity that raises money to support students with course-related trips and visits. Many of the Agriculture students go to New Zealand for a three week exchange programme and therefore the money raised within the trust can help fund these amazing once in a lifetime trips.

Many former WOSA members and past students have already expressed an interest in the forthcoming event via the dedicated Facebook Group. Tickets can be purchased individually via Eventbrite at a cost of around £35 per person, or if people would like to purchase a table of 10, there is a discounted group rate at £325. This is a ticketed event only and tickets will be on sale until Friday the 16th of June. For anyone wanting to purchase tickets, it is recommended to buy soon to avoid disappointment.

The Eventbrite tickets can be accessed here:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wosa-summer-reunion-tickets-33996264743.

In order to purchase the tickets, you must enter the password: WOSA2017.

For more information about the WOSA summer reunion event or for any promises for the action or raffle prizes, please contact marketing@nsc.ac.uk.



THE CORBET SCHOOL DIAMOND FESTIVAL





TO BE DRAWN AT THE CORBET SCHOOL ON 1ST DECEMBER 2017

1 ST PRIZE

SMART TV

2ND

HOT TUB HIRE

3RD

SPA DAY FOR TWO

£1 PER TICKET

4th Prize ~ £200 glasses voucher at PW Churms Opticians

5th Prize ~ 1 Month Membership for Two at The Albrighton Hall Hotel

6th Prize ~ Wine Hamper worth £80

7th Prize ~ Chemical Peel at The Skin Clinic

8th Prize ~ £50 voucher for work at Church Road Garage

9th Prize ~ Chocolate Hamper worth £40

10th Prize ~ £40.00 youther for The Queen's Head

11th, 12th & 13th Prize ~ Shiatus Treatment Voucher by Jean Studd

*Mr Tubby Hot Tub hire is Thursday to Tuesday (long weekend). Must be in a 15 mile radius of Corbet School. Wine Hamper includes 12 Bottles of Australian Wine. The Skin Clinic is based at the Dental Spa, Shrewsbury. PW Churms voucher also valid for Sunglasses





Corbet Commemorative Mugs



Corbet Alumni

Staying connected with The Corbet School

Corbet school wants to keep in touch with students after they leave school.

The Corbet School has been a big part of your life, but even once you have left, the school can still provide opportunities to learn new skills and maybe get the job you want. If you stay in touch perhaps you can coach one of the sports teams, help set up community events, hear about career opportunities or maybe help set up a school reunion.

Think about where you want to be in five years time and about the things you plan to do, would not it be great to come back and talk to Corbet students about all the amazing things you have achieved. It will help them see what's possible and how they can achieve it too.

So why not sign up to the Corbet's network today and we will keep you connected with the school after you leave. You will receive emails to keep you in the know.

You can keep in touch either by:

Follow the Corbet Alumni Facebook Page.

https://www.facebook.com/TheCorbetSchoolAlumni

Or email alumni@corbet.shropshire.sch.uk

If you are still unsure and would like more information, please pop in to see Miss Kear (Office situated in the Maths block).



School Shop Direct



Schedule of Events

May 2017

Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June Half-Term

June 2017

•	Monday 5th	Pupils return to school
•	Monday 5th	Year 7 English Exam
•	Tuesday 6th	Battlefields Trip Parents' Information Evening

Wednesday 7th Year 9 Maths Paper 1

Thursday 8th Year 10 GCSE PE Athletics Stadium Visit

Thursday 8th Year 8 Science Exam

Thursday 8th DofE Preparation for qualifying expedition

Monday 12th Year 7 Science Exam

Monday 12th DofE Preparation for qualifying expedition

Tuesday 13th Year 8 English Exam

Wednesday 14th Years 9 & 10 Rewards Evening

Thursday 15th

Year 7 Maths Exam

Thursday 15th

Year 9 English Exam

Thursday 15th Years 7 & 8 Rewards Evening
Thursday 15th - Friday 16th Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Friday 16th Year 10 Geography River Study Visit

(Provisional)

Monday 19th
Year 9 Maths Paper 2
Tuesday 20th
Year 10 Work Experience Health

Tuesday 20th Year 10 Work Experience Health & Safety
Talk

Wednesday 21st Year 4 & 5 Open Morning

Thursday 22nd DofE Kit Return

Friday 23rd North Shropshire Athletics

Tuesday 27th Year 7 Bake Off

Tuesday 27th Year 11 Leavers' Ball

Wednesday 28th Year 7 Cake Sale

Wednesday 28th Year 9 Vaccination Catch-up Session

Thursday 29th Summer Team Photographs
Thursday 29th Year 10 Reports to Parents

Friday 30th Year 11 Prefects Trip to Alton Towers

July 2017

Monday 3rd

Monday 3rd

Thursday 6th

Thursday 6th

Saturday 8th - Tuesday 11th

Monday 10th - Friday 14th

Tuesday 11th

Wednesday 12th

Thursday 13th

Thursday 13th

Monday 17th

Tuesday 18th

Wednesday 19th

Thursday 20th

Friday 21st

Year 10 GCSE PE Stadium Visit

Summer Music Concert

Year 8 & 9 Interim Reports to Parents

DofE Presentations

Battlefields Trip

Year 10 Work Experience

Focus Day 3 & Year 7 trip to Chester Zoo

Year 7-9 Games Day

New Intake Day & Evening

Year 7 Reports to Parents

Year 10 Progress Day

Year 10 Games Day

Athletics Day

Race for Life

End of Term

Term Dates 2017-18

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September - Wednesday 20th December 2017 Half-Term: Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2017 Christmas Holidays: Thursday 21st December - Wednesday 3rd January 2018

> Professional Development Days: Monday 4th September 2017 Monday 30th October 2017

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January - Thursday 29th March 2018 Half-Term: Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February 2018 Easter Holiday: Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April 2018

> Professional Development Days: Monday 26th February 2018

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July 2018 May Day: Monday 7th May 2018

Half-Term: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

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