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Mr P. Adams

Hello again,

The ongoing pace of change never seems to let up and this affects the Corbet School as much as every other school. You may have seen in the press recently that the Corbet School and some of its feeder primaries are considering forming a multi-academy trust. The role of local authorities in education is being reduced and schools are being encouraged to work in groups called 'multi academy trusts' to provide support to each other when the local authority can no longer provide it; several MATs already exist in Shropshire. If our local schools do decide to go down this route then all stakeholders will be fully consulted.

The government has published the second consultation phase of the National Fairer Funding Formula. I had great hopes that this would lead to an improvement in funding for Shropshire schools; I have to say I am very disappointed. The proposed formula has been devised in such a way that there is hardly any increase in funding for Shropshire schools and a significant number will be worse off. So, yet again, Shropshire tax payers and their children are getting a worse deal than many others, particularly those in urban areas and London. I will be discussing this with our MP, Owen Patterson, in the near future.

As always, it's been a very busy time in school with lots going on. Year 9 pupils had a very successful skiing trip to the Aosta Valley, Italy. The staff who accompanied the group were full of praise for the attitude and behaviour of pupils. The year 10 separate science pupils enjoyed a trip to Science Live in Birmingham and 30 year 8 pupils went on the Picture Portfolio Creative Writing and Outdoor Learning trip.

Our sports teams have been in action, a particular mention goes to the year 11 netball team who performed very well at the North Shropshire Netball tournament.

As you may have seen, The Corbet School will be celebrating its 60th year with a Diamond Anniversary Festival, which will be held on Saturday 20th May. I do hope as many parents, carers, pupils and staff as possible can get involved and come along on the day. We will also be holding an anniversary raffle with some great prizes donated by local people and companies. As you are aware we have an ambitious target of raising enough money to refurbish one or more of our science laboratories.

Finally, I offer enormous thanks to the CFA for their excellent quiz night. The CFA are always looking for parents, carers and friends to join them, so do please get in touch, via the school, if you would like to get involved.

It only remains for me to wish you all an enjoyable half term.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2017

Last Friday a group of year 11 students took part in a ceremony to mark the remembrance of the Holocaust. The Holocaust devastated so many people's lives but it is our duty to remember those that lost their lives during the years of hardship. Around the county, schools were taking part in individual ceremonies to mark Holocaust Memorial Day, each planting a fruit tree as a permanent reminder of those that suffered. In our school, a cherry tree was planted, placed at the front of the bus turn where it would not be disturbed.

The service was lead by our R.E teacher, Miss Green, who said some words on the importance of remembering. Also present were two members of Shropshire Council, who each said small prayers and quotes written by survivors and other influential Jewish people.

It is hoped that the cherry tree will flourish and grow, so that in years to come, we can look out upon the tree and take a minute to remember all those that died during the Holocaust and how life goes on after them.









This year, Holocaust Memorial Day was held on the 27th of January. Through a week of assemblies and the planting of a commemorative cherry tree on the grounds of the school, we committed ourselves to remembrance, with the theme this year of 'how can life go on?' In our assemblies to the rest of the school, we attempted to not only convey the importance of remembering, but to also remind the pupils that we can only do this through respecting all those who were a victim of this genocide; the living, and the dead. Moreover, we hope that the new cherry tree will act as homage to those we will remember, and that a physical memorial will ensure future students of the school continue to learn from the past.

Emily Lowe 11R

Science Live Trip



On the 23rd January Mrs Clark and Mr Jones, aided by Mrs Gerrard's organisation behind the scenes, took the Year 10 Triple scientists to Birmingham to attend 'GCSE Science Live', a series of lectures delivered by some eminent scientists. Talking about their areas of interest were chemist Professor Andrea Sella, physicist and frequent television presenter Professor Jim Al-Khalili, anatomist Professor Alice Roberts (who also has numerous TV credits), engineer Professor Mark Miodownik and space scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock. A senior examiner also gave advice on success in GCSEs. The scientists were excellent and thoroughly thought provoking. The Corbet students were excellent audience members and were impeccably behaved throughout the day. Ellie Kelsall and Ben English have written about their experience below.

On the 23rd January, the year 10, triple science students were given the opportunity to visit the Birmingham Symphony Hall to attend a series of talks given by some of the most popular scientists. I found the day a useful and interesting experience that I would recommend to any upcoming triple scientists that are given the opportunity.

The talks varied from an examiners advice to worm holes in space. In my opinion, all the talks were interesting to listen to, some containing live practicals and others just presentations followed by an audience question and answer.

Personally, my favourite talk of the day was given by Maggie Aderin-Pocock, a presenter of The Sky at Night, who spoke about colonisation of Mars and space in general. I found this talk interesting as I am already passionate about astronomy but it also opened up my mind to the future possibilities of space exploration.

Overall I found the day a great way of showing students how the new style of GCSEs are structured and gave pupils a great insight to the further developing world of science.



Ellie Kelsall

A few weeks ago, the Year 10 triple science students were given the opportunity to go on the Science Live trip in the Birmingham Symphony Hall. We were there to watch a selection of real Professors give a talk on a subject of their choosing. The hall was packed with triple science students from all around the area and it was a real sight to see just how many people were interested in science like I was.

The first professor to give his lecture was Professor Mark Miodownik. He is a materials and engineer scientist and teaches in London, he gave an interesting speech about how many materials we waste and what we can do to recycle and use the precious resources on our planet. He also educated us on what rare materials go into everyday objects like phones.

The second lecture was from an exam marker who gave us advice on how to properly answer questions on exam papers. His advice was interesting to hear and he told us about the most common mistakes, such as how many people lose marks for writing CO2 wrong. However he was a bit boring to listen to!

Another professor was Andrea Sella, a synthetic chemist at London, he talked to us about "strange ice" and how the atmospheric pressure and temperature affects the melting point of ice. He demonstrated to us his work, even causing a few loud explosions on the way!

Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock gave us a lecture on space and what lies out there. She told us how we are using cutting edge technology to survey the galaxy. She is currently working on the James Webb telescope and developing instruments that will go up and help us understand the galaxy.

Professor Alice Roberts studies fossils to give us a better understanding of what came before us on our planet, she also gave us the scenario if there were no fossils on the planet and we would still know the basics of evolution and how we came about from primates.

Finally Professor Jim Al-Khalili gave us a talk on time travel, is it possible? And how could we do it. He told us that travelling at close to the speed of light would allow us to come back to the "future". However going back in time is much more difficult, he even told us the movie Interstellar was scientifically correct we could use black holes to go back in time.

Ben English

Awareness warning

Roblox: There is a new game doing the rounds which is raising CSE concerns. This has been brought to our attention by PC Crump. The game is called Roblox; the issue which is raising concerns is that there is a chat feature via which it is reported that children are receiving indecent messages. Further information can be found at:

https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/life/news/parents-warned-about-online-gaming-platform-roblox

Year 7 Readathon

Have you seen any Year 7 pupils reading in strange places?

Don't worry. Year 7 are currently taking part in Readathon during their English lessons and may be trying to meet their reading challenge by

completing extra reading at home as well.

Will they meet their targets?

Will they be able to support the national campaign by raising money to help Readathon's partner charities?

Watch this space... And thank you for all your help so far.



Governors

"I thought it would be useful to clarify a misleading report which appeared in the local press recently. The report suggested that the Corbet School was applying to become an Academy. As you are aware the school has been an Academy since 2011 so the newspapers are rather out of date. The Governing Body, however, is giving consideration to forming a Multi-Academy Trust with some of its feeder primary schools and discussions about this are ongoing. No decisions have been reached on this and all the schools concerned will consult with parents and staff before any final agreement is reached."

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

Charities

The Xmas Jumper day raised a total of £621.20 and was shared between Save the Children Fund and Corbet Jubilee fund.

£319.59 (including Hot Choc) to Save the Children £301.61 for the Jubilee fund.

Staff Xmas card collection raised £125 for the Severn Hospice.



Picture Portfolio

Creative Writing and Outdoor Learning





On the 1st February, 37 Year 8 pupils visited Preston Montford Field Studies Centre to participate in a photography and creative writing class. The aim of the class was to use the environment to inspire us to write pieces of descriptive and narrative writing. The coach took us from school to the Centre, and we then went to the classroom.

'six amber varnished tops peek out from behind the fissured centred coal black wood. Dozens of long, stumpy branches sleep soundlessly on the rustling auburn ground.'

Ellie Cooke (8C), Amelia Dance





'Slowly the delicate dew drops dripped down the crystal white petals, landing on the crisp, golden brown leaves that had survived the harsh winter.'

Poppy Hughes (80) and Izzy Stuckey (8B)

When we arrived in the classroom Dr Drever showed us a PowerPoint explaining reading, annotating and grammar awareness. Shortly after this we went outdoors in groups of two or three and took artistic and peculiar pictures of the environment.

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Once back in the classroom we picked one photo to describe in detail, using adjectives, verbs, metaphors, juxtaposition and other language features. Together, as a group, we wrote a description of the object and then we shared it with the class and explained why we had chosen the picture and what features we used.

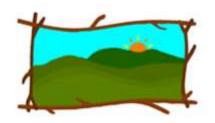
'The golden branches reach out towards the steely sky, intertwining with their crimson counterparts. The explosion of colours, so vibrant and exciting, is visible from miles away.' Matthew Squire (8C) and Ernie Williams (8C)

When we had finished presenting, we went outdoors again and took pictures of people, using the environment to take individual, interesting photos. Back in the classroom, we chose our favourite picture and wrote a story about it. Jon helped us save our work and Mrs Leach handed out the evaluation sheets. Each group presented their story. We really enjoyed the trip because it gave us the chance to use the environment to influence our writing and to improve our literacy skills.



outdoor learning

Laura Sanderson 80



Well done everyone for working so hard on this project!



Year 7 Parents Evening Survey Results

Year 7Parents' Evening- Questionnaire Results - February 2017									
Question									
		Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagre e		Strongly Disagree	
	Strongly Agree	%	Agree	%	Disagree	%	Strongly Disagree	56	total %
1 Mychildenjoys school	24	49%	25	51%	0	0%	0	0%	100%
2 The school keeps my child safe	39	80%	10	20%	0	0%		O%	100%
3 The school informs me about my chil d's progress	23	47%	24	49%	2	4%	0	0%	100%
4 My child is making enough progress at this school	24	49%	25	51%	0	0%		0%	100%
5 The teaching is good at this school	27	55%	22	45%	0	0%		O%	100%
6 The school helps me to support my child's learning	23	47%	25	51%	1	2%		0%	100%
7 The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	15	31%	29	59%	0	0%	0	O%	90%
8 The school meets my child's particular needs	25	51%	23	47%	0	0%		O%	98%
9 The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	20	41%	25	51%	3	6%	0	O%	98%
10 The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	15	31%	24	49%	3	6%	1	2%	88%
11 The school is led and managed effectively	20	41%	28	57%	0	0%		O56	98%
12 Overall, I am happy with mychild's experience at this school	26	53%	23	47%	0	0%	0	O%	100%

Year 8 Parents Evening Survey Results

	Year 8 Parents'	Evening - Questi	onnaire R	esults					
Question									
		Strangly A gree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree	
	Strongly Agree	96	Agree	%	Disagree	56	Strongly Disagree	56	total %
1 My child enjoys school	24	49%	24	49%		0%	0	0%	985
2 The school keeps my child safe	36	73%	13	27%		0%	0	0%	1009
3 The school informs me about my child's progress	21	43%	27	54%	2	3%	0	0%	1009
4 My child is making enough progress at this school	24	49%	25	51%		0%	0	0%	1009
5 The teaching is good at this school	20	41%	28	57%		0%	0	0%	989
6 The school helps me to support my child's learning	17	41%	28	57%	1	2%	0	0%	1009
7 The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	20	35%	28	57%		0%	0	0%	929
8 The school meets my child's particular needs	20	41%	29	57%	1	156	0	0%	999
9 The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	27	41%	21	58%		0%	0	0%	995
10 The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	16	55%	33	43%		0%	0	0%	985
11 The school is led and managed effectively	23	33%	24	67%		0%	0	0%	1009
12 Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	25	51%	24	49%		0%	0	0%	1009
Total responses received	49								

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not to be used during school time. Can parents/carers please support us with this, if your child is not feeling well or needs to contact you they must go to reception, not use their mobiles. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 Vouchers. Please can you collect these on our behalf. Vouchers can be handed in via the collection box in the library.



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Scholastic Book Fair

SCHOLASTIC HALF-PRICE BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY: Our final sales total is a fantastic £912.18 and we have been able to choose £180 worth of free books for the Library. House points have been awarded to our Librarian sales team for their sterling efforts. Thank you students, parents, teachers and support staff for your generosity.

The Corbet School Primary Schools Sports Partnership

The start of the year has been a busy month with Quick Sticks Hockey, Gymnastics, Sports Hall Athletics and Cross Country events being held at The Corbet School for the local feeder primary schools. The events are organised by The Corbet School P.E. department with students involved in the running and officiating of events. The winners of these events qualify for the North Shropshire area tournament as part of the school games.

Below Year 10 students who helped in the running and officiating of a Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament.





Gymnastics

Nine Year 8, 9 and 10 pupils helped to run and organise a gymnastics competition for the local feeder primary schools as part of the North Shropshire qualifiers for the school games. After warming up the primary school pupils, the Corbet students had to judge the pupils floor routines and vaults. After an enjoyable morning of gymnastics the winning team was St. Andrew's School, Nesscliffe. A big well done and thank you to the Sports Leaders for their energy and enthusiasm, encouraging the primary school pupils, in what for most their first competition.





Year 8 Sports Leader Training

This term has seen the second group of Year 8 students starting their sports leader training after school on a Monday.

They have already been involved in helping to successfully run a Sports hall Athletics competition for 10 teams and over 80 primary school pupils and a Cross Country event which was attended by over 100 runners. They have looked at qualities needed to be a successful leader and will have further opportunities to work with the local feeder primary schools during this term.







Shropshire Schools Cross Country

Saturday 4th February at Oswestry School

Results

Year 7 girlsMolly Green 35th
Ceri O'Hagan 40th

Year 8/9 GirlsMia Tate 16th

Year 7 BoysJack Viner 18th Place

Year 8/9 Boys Liam Rawlings 1st Place (special mention)









Ski-tastic!

Roman Allen

February 2017

The Year 9 ski trip took place 21^{st} - 29^{th} January 2017. 57, year 9 pupils travelled by coach to Pila in the Aosta Valley, Italy. Some of us had never skied before, some of us were seasoned professionals! It didn't matter what ability you were, the Interski instructors brought the best out of us all and really helped us all enjoy it. In the evenings we did a variety of activities - bowling, disco, pizza night and had a great laugh together. We thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and would like to thank the teachers for taking us!









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Rugby Results

Year 11 V Belvidere - Lost 19 - 7

Year 10 V Abraham Darby - Won 19 - 5

Year 10 V Marches - Won 43 - 14

Year 9 V Shrewsbury School - Lost 31 - 7

Year 8 V Prestfelde - Lost 43 - 5

Year 8 V Lacon Childe - Lost 20 - 15

Year 8 V SJT - Won 50 - 0

Year 7 V marches - Won 40 - 0





Netball Results

U16 North Shropshire Netball Tournament Wednesday 11th January

Results

Won 10-3 Vs Oswestry

Won 9-2 Vs Ellesmere

Lost 7-4 Vs Adcote

Won 5-4 Vs Thomas Adams

Won 8-4 Vs Lakelands

Lost 12-5 Vs Marches





Maths

Year 8 students Maths young leaders award

Would you like to have a go at teaching maths games and activities?



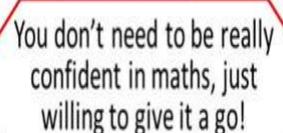


Would you like to help run activities with primary pupils?

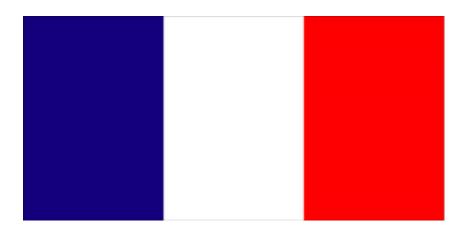
Would you like to gain valuable skills that can be applied in many roles as well as look great on your CV?

If so come along to a meeting in room 23 with Mrs Roberts (maths) on Friday 3rd March at 1.30 to find out more about it.









YEAR 11 GCSE FRENCH FOUNDATION READING & LISTENING WORKSHOPS



Every Tuesday lunchtime 1.50-2.15

Room 26 Mrs Johnson

You may bring lunch if needed

SESSIONS IN JANUARY 2017





The Corbet School











DIAMOND FESTIVAL

Saturday 20th May



Go Karts
Disco Dome







Ex-pupil Andy Mills Singing from 6pm

For more information

diamondfestival@corbet.shropshire.sch.uk



Corbet to Celebrate its Diamond Anniversary



In 2017 The Corbet School will be celebrating its 60th year with a Diamond Anniversary Festival which will be held at school on **Saturday 20th May**. The festival is part of a year long celebration which will include a variety of events and activities. As well as celebrating our past we aim to raise funds to allow us to refurbish the science laboratories to make them suitable for modern science lessons.

Our vision is for the Festival day itself to span the afternoon and evening (hopefully outside!), with a programme of performances on the stage, sporting activities, competitions, craft and commercial stalls, reunion events, food, bar and much more! We are at the exciting stage of planning and are looking for contributions and ideas from our students, staff, parents, local groups, primary schools and businesses. Our theme is 'Through the Decades' to add to the fun!

We are very aware that The Corbet School is part of the local community and that many parents, children, primary schools, businesses and local organisations have all been a part of our history. We hope that you are able to support us with this exciting year ahead and there are a number of ways:

- 1. Support your child/ren in the fundraising & activities they may become involved in.
- 2. Do you know of any companies/organisations who may be interested in giving a prize?
- 3. Companies/organisations who may want to get involved? (e.g. sponsorship, host a stall).

If you might be able to help please fill in the slip below and return it to school.

Thank you so much for your help and contribution, it is really appreciated.

Diamond Anniversary

Student name/s:	:
Your name:	
Company/Organisation:	
Your relationship to them:	
Contact name:	
Contact details: Telephone	
Email	



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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).







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Careers Information

Students interested in apprenticeships should remember to look on the www.gov.uk website. All students interested in college/sixth forms, ideally need to apply before February half term.



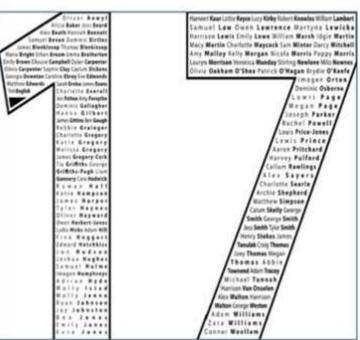
Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies

<u>YEAR 11</u>

Order your Leavers' Hoodies online by 7th April

- · Go to www.corbetschool.net
- · Select the 'Pupils' tab then the 'Year 11 leavers hoodies' dropdown option

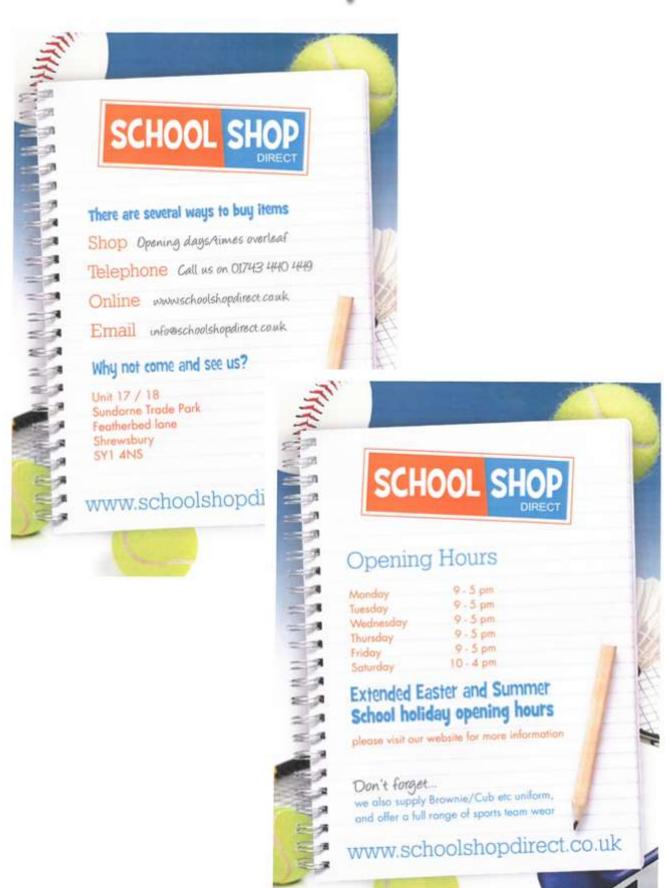








School Shop Direct



Schedule of Events

March 2017

•	Wednesday 1st	Year 9 Digital English Trip
•	Thursday 2nd	World Book Day
•	Thursday 2nd	Year 11 Interim Reports
•	Thursday 2nd	Year 9 KS4 Options Evening
•	Thursday 9th	Year 9 Reports to Parents
•	Wednesday 15th	Year 9 College Pupils Taster Day WNSC
•	Thursday 16th	BBC School Report
•	Thursday 16th	Year 9 Parents' Evening
•	Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd	Year 11 Art Exam

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd Thursday 23rd

Friday 24th Wednesday 29th

Wednesday 29th - Thursday 30th

Thursday 30th - Friday 31st

Friday 31st

Year 11 French GCSE Written & Speaking

Assessments

CFA Easter Bingo

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition 1

Non-Uniform Day - Comic Relief

Winter Team Photographs

Focus Day 2

April 2017

•	Thursday 6th	Year 8 Reports to Parents
•	Friday 7th	End of Term
•	Monday 10th - Friday 21st	Easter Holidays
•	Monday 24th	Start of Summer Term
•	Monday 24th	Year 9 Vaccinations
•	Monday 24th - Friday 5th May	Year 10 Internal Exams
•	Monday 24th	Year 7 School Council Meeting
•	Tuesday 25th	Year 8 School Council Meeting
•	Wednesday 26th	Year 9 School Council Meeting
•	Thursday 27th	Year 10 School Council Meeting
•	Thursday 27th	Year 7 and 10 Interim Reports to Parents
•	Thursday 27th	Year 8 Maths Challenge
•	Friday 28th to Sunday 30th	Year 8 Trip to Arthog

May 2017

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th

Wednesday 10th

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th

Thursday 25th

Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June

GCSE Art Moderation

GCSE Art Exhibition (Invitation only)

Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition 2

Parents' Forum Meeting

Half-Term

June 2017

Wednesday 14th

Thursday 15th

Thursday 15th - Friday 17th

Friday 23rd

Thursday 29th

Thursday 29th

Years 7 & 8 Rewards Evening

Years 9 & 10 Rewards Evening

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

North Shropshire Athletics

Summer Team Photographs

Year 10 Reports to Parents

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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