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Mr P. Adams

Hello again,

This has felt a very long term and I'm sure all members of our school community are looking forward to the Christmas break.

Our Jubilee Year is now coming to its end and it's been a successful and interesting year; raising nearly £10,000. It has been a real pleasure for the school to welcome back ex pupils and ex staff. I hope you were able to attend the jubilee fete in the summer, it was an excellent afternoon that will long live in the memory. The final act of the year was to draw the yearlong raffle. Congratulations to the lucky winners. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in making this year such a success; particular thanks to our parent Governors, Shelly Hurdley and Nicola Jebb.

It has been a busy term in School. It was a great pleasure to welcome back our last year's year 11 pupils to collect their certificates and prizes. The School prides itself on ensuring pupils achieve very well at GCSE, far better than other North Shropshire schools. It was a very enjoyable and emotional evening with the certificates and prizes being presented by James Staniforth, Principal of Shrewsbury Colleges Group. James gave a very enjoyable talk to pupils explaining to the ex-pupils and parents about how hard work and effort in education will be rewarded with better performance.

I hope as many of you as possible were able to come to the Performing Arts showcases that ran in early November. They were excellent events that showcased the many talents of our pupils. Thanks to all the staff that helped put this production together.

As I'm sure you are aware pupils at The Corbet School are very keen on helping and supporting others. We raised around £800 for Children in Need and we had our third Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children.

It was disappointing for all involved that our annual Carol Concert in All Saints Church, Baschurch, had to be cancelled. Let's hope the weather is kinder next year.

The Corbet Friends Association "Christmas Chocolate Bingo" again proved a great way to kick off the festive celebrations. The event was well attended and greatly enjoyable. I must thank the local Spar shop in Baschurch who made a very generous donation of prizes along with parents and staff who also donated prizes. The CFA raised around £4000 for the School last year. I am so grateful to those parents, friends and staff who give their time to the CFA; the school would be a poorer place without them. Please do contact the school if you would like to be involved.

Our sporting teams have been in action with many excellent results full details are included inside.

As the year comes to an end, I really hope that we can have greater political certainty in the country next year so that the government can concentrate on issues other than "Brexit", particularly education.

I think we can say that winter has well and truly arrived. I hope that the communications regarding the recent school closures were effective. Thanks to everyone who helped us clear up in the aftermath of the snow, particularly Mr Holbrook and his tractor. I have a horrid feeling we could be due for more bad weather at the start of the year, so be prepared.

May I conclude by wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Governors

There have been changes to the Corbet Governing body this term. On October 16th I succeeded Roger Ford as Chair. Roger has long been a governor at the Corbet acting as Chair for the past eight years. It is pleasing that he has chosen to remain a governor, as his support and experience will be invaluable to me as the new Chair. Staff and governors are grateful for his service to the school and offered him a big thank you at the last Governing Body meeting.



Roger Ford

The governors have been sorry to lose the services of Lindsay Jenno, Julie Squires, Stuart Brown and Alan Wright. All have willingly given their time to the service of the school and local community. Alan in particular has been a governor for the past thirteen years. His commitment and dedication to the school community have been greatly valued.

On behalf of my fellow governors I am pleased to welcome Matt Sturgess, a newly elected parent governor. It is pleasing to see parents coming forward and finding time in their busy schedules to contribute to the work of the governing body at a time of rapid educational change. An election will be held in the New Year to fill an outstanding vacancy for another parent governor. There is also a vacancy for a Community governor.

I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Kirby, the winner of our Diamond Anniversary Raffle. Final figures for the Diamond Jubilee events will be published on the school website. As this busy term draws to a close the Governors would like to wish all staff and pupils a very Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

Helen Scarisbrick
Chair of Governors

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

Diamond Jubilee Raffle Draw

The draw took place On Friday 1st December at 11.15am and the winners were drawn by our Senior Prefects:

Congratulations to all the prize winners.

1st Prize: Smart TV, Winner: K. Kirby

2nd Prize: Hot Tub Hire, Winner: R. Chew

3rd Prize: Spa Day, Winner: A. Lindsay

4th Prize: £200 Opticians Voucher, Winner: L. Long

5th Prize: Gym Membership, Winner: W. Sturgess

6th Prize: Wine Hamper, Winner: J. Dibble

7th Prize: Chemical Peel, Winner: A. Meddins

8th Prize: £50 Church Road garage Voucher, Winner: J. Jones

9th Prize: Chocolate Hamper: R. Ford

10th Prize: £40 Queen's Head Voucher, Winner: E. Evans

11th Prize: Shiatsu Treatment Voucher, Winner: P. Turner

12th Prize: Shiatsu Treatment Voucher, Winner: T. Dawson

13th Prize: Shiatsu Treatment Voucher, Winner B. Davies





Literacy and Learning Outside the Classroom



Storytelling in the Woods

On Wednesday 15th November, Dr Drever, Mrs Leach and Mr Richards took 30 Year 7 pupils to Montford Bridge Field Studies Centre to make and tell stories outside.

What I liked most about today was acting out stories around the fire and collecting things also exploring outside. I liked the wormery and bug houses.

I like the feeling of nature.

(Bethany Stimpson 7R)



What I liked most about today was . . . being outdoors in loads of different places. I also liked the fire. I enjoyed this because it's different to learning and being in school.

(Millie Harrower 7B)

What I liked most about today was . . . the campfire, because I like listening and telling stories and collecting props for our poem.

(Ralph Evans 7C)





What I liked most about today was:

walking in the beautiful woodland area and listening to stories around the fire because it was interesting to hear

other people's stories.

(Jacob Forsyth 7E)

What I liked most about today was:
sitting around the fire telling stories, talking with people we wouldn't normally talk with and exploring the area.

(Samuel Capener 7R)



What I liked most about today was:
sitting around the campfire and telling stories because it was a new experience. I also really enjoyed making up the poem in the willow classroom because it was a lovely setting.

(Katherine Oldham 7E)



I really liked today!

My favourite bit was when (at the end) we gathered round the fire and acted and told our stories.

I had really good fun!

(Megan Dolben 7C)



Chaucer Lecture

On the 3rd November some year 10 students attended a Chaucer lecture at Oswestry School, run by The Chaucer Heritage Trust. The lecture was a good experience for all those that went. Oswestry School kindly provided us with lunch and, although short, the trip was beneficial to everyone and taught us a lot about Chaucer and the renowned Canterbury Tales.

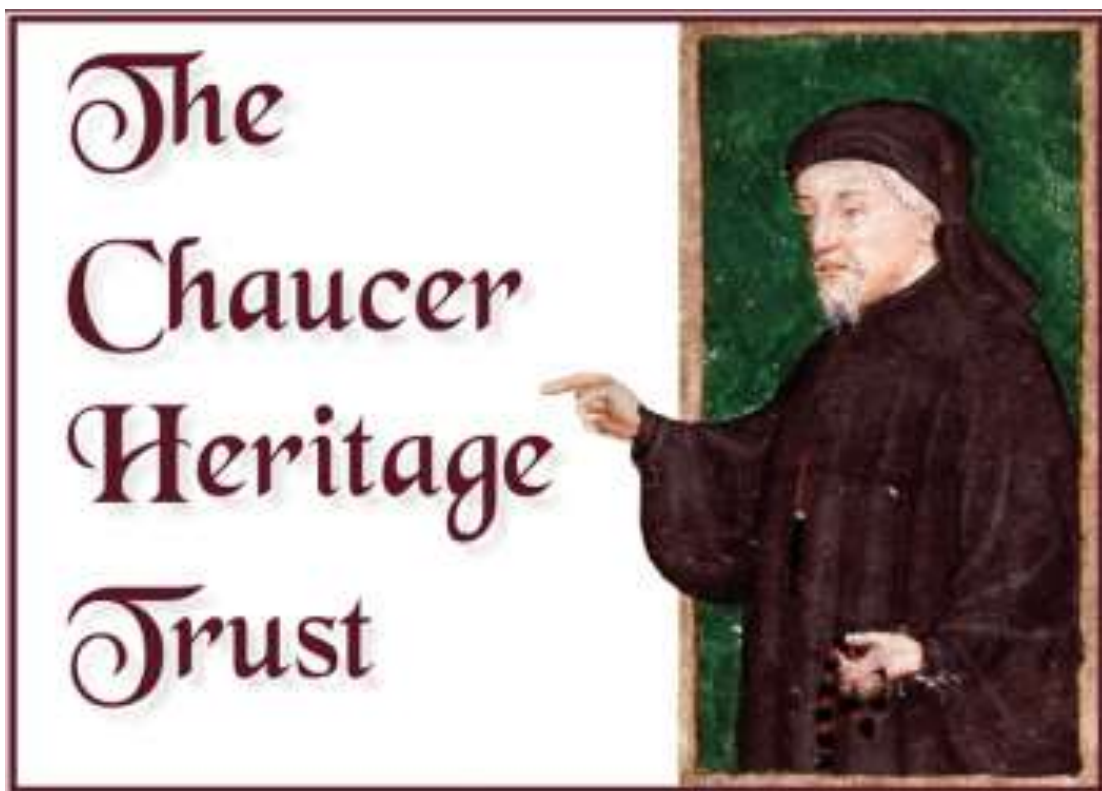
The Canterbury Tales was a book mostly made up of a collection of poems about different characters that Geoffrey Chaucer met whilst on pilgrimage. Some of the characters include 'The Ploughman' and 'The Nun.'

During the lecture we were shown information that told us about Chaucer's history and work and we were asked questions by Dr Charles Farris who specialises in the works of Chaucer. This was followed by discussion with other pupils, some of which were from Oswestry School, about our interpretations of his work. Shortly after this we tried to read out some of the original tales which proved difficult as it was written in old English! Finally we made our own character prologues, which have since inspired the group to enter the National Chaucer writing competition.

Back at school we each individually created our own prologue which will be judged by Steven Fry, Patience Agbabi and Gail Ashton. Students how took part in the lecture found this to be a great exercise in applying the knowledge that they took away from the lecture.

We were privileged to be able to go on the trip and I would recommend it to any lower school students that, in the future, may be given the opportunity to go on a trip like this.

Written by Eloise Quinn-Lock 10E



Food Bank Collection

Once again, Mrs Williams and her helpers from Oak house will be collecting food items to take to Shrewsbury Food Bank.

Shrewsbury Food Bank opened in 1993 and was the third foodbank to open in the country. The food bank is organised by 55 volunteers who also run 4 other community projects including support for parents and carers of young children in the Shrewsbury area, community cage football project and they also provide clothing and interview advice to job seekers, all free of charge.

Last year Corbet School students made an outstanding effort and donated several large boxes of food but we would like to beat that again this year! Currently 60 people per week rely on Shrewsbury Food Bank and they have given us a list of 'most wanted' items that would make a huge difference to someone in your local community this Christmas so please give if you can.

The donation box can be found in the foyer outside room 25 and the items include: Milk (long life, semi skimmed), Sugar, dried spaghetti, Male grooming products (deodorant, shaving etc), fruit juice (long life), tin of ham or turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing, carton of custard, tinned fruit salad, long life cream, mince pies, Christmas pudding, biscuits, chocolates, Christmas crackers.

In the new year we will be visited by the manager of the foodbank who will feed back on how our donations helped others over Christmas.

For more information please visit <http://www.barnabascommunityprojects.org/foodbank.html> or come and speak to Mrs Williams or a member of Oak House.



BBC Children In Need

The non uniform day for Children in Need raised an amazing £813 (including £180 for the cake sale & raffle).

Congratulations to Max Houston (70) who was the winner of the Pudsey cake which was kindly donated by Mrs Sturgess.



Important Information Regarding Term Dates

Term dates for the academic year 2017-18 dates have previously been issued on our website and newsletters, however, could we please draw your attention to the fact that our term dates differ to those published by the local authority.

If in doubt please check with the school.

Copies of 'Term Dates & Holidays 2017-2018' are also available from Reception or the School Office.

Year 11 Parents' Evening Questionnaire Results

Question	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		total %
	Strongly Agree	%	Agree	%	Disagree	%	Strongly Disagree	%	
1 My child enjoys school	4	57%	3	43%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %
2 The school keeps my child safe	4	57%	3	43%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %
3 The school informs me about my child's progress	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %
4 My child is making enough progress at this school	7	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %
5 The teaching is good at this school	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %
6 The school helps me to support my child's learning	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %
7 The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %
8 The school meets my child's particular needs	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %
9 The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	4	57%	3	43%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %
10 The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	3	43%	4	57%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %
11 The school is led and managed effectively	5	71%	2	29%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %
12 Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	6	86%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	100 %

Total responses received

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Year 10 Parents Evening Questionnaires Results

Question	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		total %
	Strongly Agree	%	Agree	%	Disagree	%	Strongly Disagree	%	
1 My child enjoys school	1	14%	5	71%	0	0%	0	0%	86%
2 The school keeps my child safe	4	57%	3	43%	0	0%	0	0%	100%
3 The school informs me about my child's progress	5	71%	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	86%
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9 The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	2	29%	4	57%	0	0%	0	0%	86%
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11 The school is led and managed effectively	2	29%	5	71%	0	0%	0	0%	100%
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Total responses received 7

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.

The Corbet Extravaganza

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of November saw the Corbet School present two evenings of musical and dramatic entertainment known as The Corbet Extravaganza. The drama featured comedy and tragedy, with subject matter ranging from The First World War, to environmental damage, to the intricacies of local government! Musical acts included piano, violin, vocal and even DJ sound mixing! Both evenings were well attended and comments from audience members ranged from the positive to the ecstatic! Many thanks to everyone who attended (money raised will go towards the purchase of more equipment for future productions) or helped in any way.



The Corbet Extravaganza



British Rifle Shooting

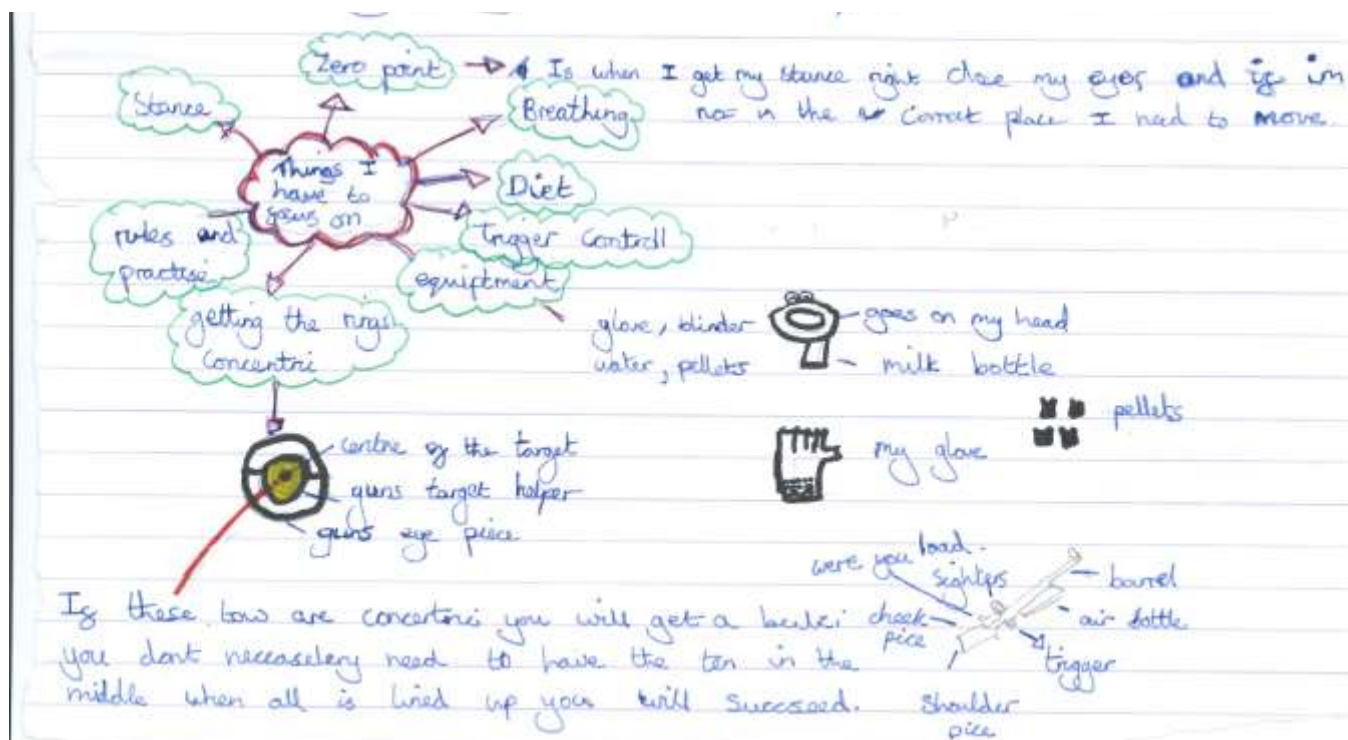
I'm in the national squad for shooting. And over half-term I got a gold medal for Under 12's 6 yard rifle, I shot at the JI's (Junior Internationals) against everyone and got a bronze medal for springer.

I shoot a 6 yard rifle, 10 metre sporter air rifle, springer, shotgun, pistol and even a small bore. People come from all over the world such as: America and Africa.

I started this hobby by Scouts, it was a special evening where we got to try shooting. So I went along like a normal night and tried it and my coach Alan Herbert said I had a good eye and asked if I wanted to come again, so I did and after a lot of practise I joined the County Squad. After that I carried on my journey to the National Squad.



Bethany Smith



Teams4U Shoeboxes

Thank you to all staff, parents and pupils who contributed to The Corbet School shoebox collection this year. In total a fantastic 75 shoeboxes were collected for the charity Teams4U.

The charity send the shoeboxes to Romania where each shoebox is given to a vulnerable child or family through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages. The shoeboxes are given in relationship with the local community as part of a long term commitment to these children. If anyone is interested in contributing who hasn't already then you are still able to donate at <http://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/> to help fund the delivery of the shoeboxes to Romania.

Once again thank you to everyone who has supported this in 2017.



Year 6 Maths Morning

Over the last half term the Year 9 maths Young leaders have been working hard organising and planning various activities to deliver to Year Six pupils from our feeder primaries.

On Tuesday 5th December 2017 Year sixes from five primaries took part in the maths morning and had a great time taking part in five different activities. They looked at properties of shapes whilst making origami Christmas trees, studied time whilst planning a Christmas dinner, practiced symmetry whilst completing Christmas pictures, solved Christmas puzzles following the order of operations and practiced their coordinates plotting pictures of Rudolph.

All the Young Leaders have worked incredibly hard organising their sessions and it was fantastic to see their hard work pay off. Well done to all the Young Leaders.





All pupils in years 7 and 8 have continued to work hard in their maths lessons to become Numeracy Ninjas.

The following pupils have made the most progress in their maths group.

7A1	Lily Marmaras	8A1	Elina Rone
7A2	Jack Ninnis and Skye Brown	8A2	Ffion Gittins
7A3	Megan Dolben	8A3	Hannah Brown
7A4	Cari Glover	8A4	Morgan Cummins
7B1	Sensie Shaw-Mason	8B1	Martha Creaser-Ogden
7B2	Hettie Walsh	8B2	Amelia Quinn-Lock

Black belts have been achieved this half term by:

Year 7

Cameron Nicoll
Sebastian Nixon
Carlito Puente
Bethany Stimson
Joshua Vaughan
Airleia Barton
Ryan Darlington
Hannah Evans
Lauren Hamer
Josh Gilbert
Emily Cartwright
Poppy Darlow
Jack Dawling
Sophie Grindley
Emma Herbert-Jones
Lucas Hughes
Jacob Forsyth
Sam Gregory-Cork
Archie Holland
Lewis Jones
Rhys Jones
Tilly McLaughlin
Bethany Meddins
Katherine Oldham
Eleanor Orrell
Henry Proctor
Sensie Shaw-Mason
Jack Williams
Joseph Williams
Alister Cartwright
Kelly Gregory
Hettie Walsh

Year 8

Seth Ridgway-Jones
Khalika Ward
Andrew Whiston
Taylor Youens
James Young
Mia Armstrong
Harvey Bates
Jack Brough
Martha Creaser-Ogden
Lewis Jones
Alex Ladenegan
Grace Lloyd-Amos
Sian Roberts
Keeley Thomas
Adam Tirebuck
Jack Viner
Ollie Walsh
Matthew Weaver
Lauren Welch
Sean Baynham
Tilly Davies
William Harding
Owen Jones
Erin Marmaras
Emily Dance
Bella Dooley
Oliver Drew
Josh Florian
Daniel Gwynn
Ashleigh Hayward
Edward Moore
Imogen Owen
Megan Price
Amelia Quinn-Lock





Charlie Shingler
Macie Smith
Alex Teichmann
Florence Wright

These pupils have achieved Grand Master status (5 black belts in a row):

Year 7

Bethany Meddins

Year 8

Joe Chesters

Adam Tunnadine

Congratulations to all pupils

Mrs Hill



Year 11 Maths Visit to Salford University

On the 16th of November, set 1 and 2 maths year 11 pupils went to Salford University. Here we watched and took part in lectures from famous and local mathematicians along with other schools. The day consisted of lecturers proving how maths is everywhere - even secretly in the Simpsons! After realising in nearly every Simpsons episode there is a complex mathematic formula in the background of Homer's office, we were introduced to statistics and probability in real life situations.

Also we were involved in games like head or tails with the whole hall of students, played pen and paper games and also worked out code pattern after being inspired by the original enigma code breaking machine. It demanded some strategic thinking! Overall I think it was an eye opening trip to see where maths can take you and how important it is in everyday life!



Christmas Card Entries

Our upper school GCSE art pupils entered in to the spirit of the festive season with 27 fabulous entries for the annual Corbet School Christmas Card Competition. The Senior Leadership Team were unable to choose a winner as the quality of the entries was so high this year it wouldn't have done justice to all the pupils. They have therefore selected eight entries for a special commendation. Thank you to all of the pupils who took part, who should all be congratulated.



Georgia King 10R



Frankie Stevenson 10B



Lucy Simcox 10E



Lyall Gittins 10R



Maddison Forbes 10B



Naomi Williams 10C



Nell Hayward 10B

Naomi Williams



Hannah George 10O

School Library :



It seems appropriate that World Kindness Day closely follows Remembrance Day. Mrs Brett's act of kindness was to present each Librarian with a token which they could exchange for one of our withdrawn Library books. Some Librarians chose to keep their chosen book whilst others decided to replicate this act of kindness by giving their book to a friend or sibling.

Now in the run up to Christmas we have been running several competitions. Our November **KS3 monthly Quiz** was won by 7R and in response to complaints from several Year 10 and Year 11 students, our **December Quiz is open to the whole school**. The winning Tutor Group will receive a box of Roses to share.



The winners of our **Reading Competition** (the top Tutor Group in each Year) are:



Year 7 : Redwood
Year 8 : Cedar
Year 9 : Beech
Year 10 : Beech
Year 11 : Beech

Abi Purslow (11B) deserves a special mention for single-handedly winning the chocolates for her Tutor Group (and for reading most of our School Library's Fantasy Romance books)!

Please support our
School Library's



October's 'Super Thursday' saw the publication of over 500 new books (for adults and children) to entice Christmas shoppers. Last year, it is estimated the British Public bought sixty six million books worth £588m.

To celebrate the re-opening of the Library after Year 11 mock examinations and to ensure our Library stock remains up to date, we launched our Christmas raffle to raise funds for the Library.



There has been lots of interest in our star prize, Boomer the Boogying Beagle (hold my lead and watch me walk and sing)!

THE DRAW HAS BEEN SNOWED OFF! This will be taking place after Christmas, please support generously.



Since the half term holiday, it has been lovely to see more of our Year 7s using the Library and we now have three new students on our Librarian Team waiting list. We also have some new **Friends of the Library** (Abigail Purslow, Susie Lawson, Laura Sanderson and Joseph Brammer).

Mrs Brett would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to everyone in the Librarian Team for your hard work and especially to the older Librarians for welcoming the younger members into our Team.



A number of Librarians are progressing through Mrs Brett's Award Programme (bronze, silver, gold and platinum) and we now have a four tier structure, red badges (gold and silver level Librarians working behind the issues desk), yellow badges (bronze level), blue trainee badges, 'probationers' and last but not least, those on the waiting list.

OUR LIBRARY

RED BADGE LIBRARIANS

Lilly Long (Yr 11)
Charlotte Longland (Yr 11)
Samantha Gunn (Yr 11)
Dan Potts (Yr 11)
Molly Creaser-Ogden (Yr 10)
Jayne Preece (Yr 10)
Frankie Stevenson (Yr 10)
Ellie Cooke (Yr 9)
Amelia Dance (Yr 9)
Eleanor Sturgess (Yr 9)

YELLOW BADGE LIBRARIANS

Louisa Pound (Yr 11)
Katie Waters (Yr 11)
Louise Dance (Yr 9)
Keira Edwards (Yr 9)
Olivia Wade (Yr 9)

TEAM

BLUE BADGE TRAINEES

Lucy Garside (Yr 9)
Georgina Hirst (Yr 9)
Matthew Squire (Yr 9)
Mia Armstrong (Yr 8)
Beth Stimson (Yr 7)

PROBATIONERS

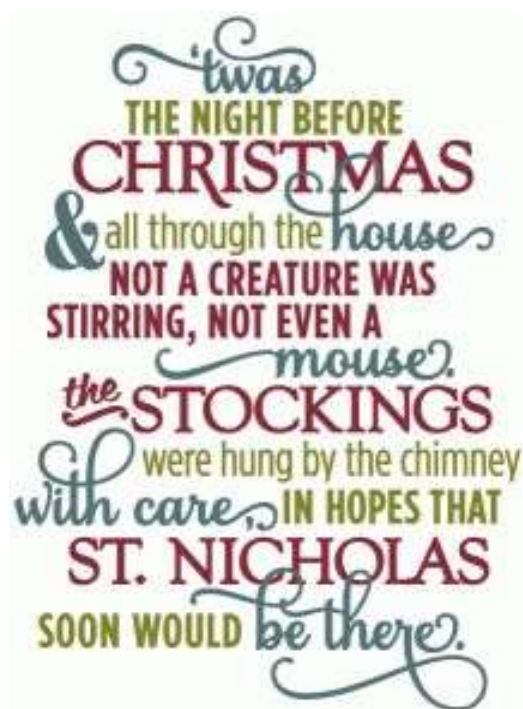
Megan Chew (Yr 9)
Airleia Barton (Yr 7)
Dylan Ford (Yr 7)

WAITING LIST

Madelaine Milburn (Yr 7)
Jess Russell (Yr 7)
Sophie Turner (Yr 7)



Please save some of your Christmas pennies for our book fair - arriving 11th January 2018.



Merry Christmas

Mrs Brett
Library

GCHQ / Business language Champions - "The word is not enough" Event

Business Language Champions collaborated with GCHQ last month in organising an event for some of most able linguists in Year 10.

The aim of the event was to encourage pupils to think about different careers with languages. GCHQ work alongside MI5 and MI6, and with their group of language analysts they help fight against terrorism, threats to the nation, people and drugs trafficking amongst other serious crimes on a global scale.

The pupils had to work on a variety of language tasks throughout the day including cracking codes, listening to criminal conversations and deciphering them, working out transport routes the criminals have used, and even solving a puzzle to release myself who had been kidnapped!

Pupils also got a taster lesson in Chinese, Arabic or Korean, and heard key note speakers talk about their experiences of language learning and how they use their languages in their work. The day culminated in the pupils doing a presentation entirely in French in front of a panel of GCHQ judges about how they had solved the crime and about the transport networks used in France. They were brilliant, confident, and were applauded on their presentational skills and accent.

The pupils finished the day by designing a board game relating to GCHQ, buying what equipment they needed and writing the rules in French.

It was a great day! The pupils were a credit to the school.

Mrs S. Roberts
MFL Department



GCHQ / Business language Champions - "The word is not enough" Event

I loved going on the BLC / GCHQ trip, as I think I benefited greatly from attending.

During the day we had to use our existing French, Spanish and a bit of German. Yet I loved the fact that we also had to work out a new language we hadn't met before. Teamwork was a massive part of this and I feel it helped me to have more confidence to take charge of something and work with people I don't normally.

The trip opened my eyes to the extent of jobs that require and jobs you can get, using language qualifications. It has definitely encouraged me to think outside of 'French Teacher' or 'translator'.

It was amazing actually having people from GCHQ to talk to and learn from. Thank you for organising this Mrs Roberts.

Molly Creaser-Ogden 10B

Two weeks ago, we went to an event organised by GCHQ and Business Language Champions. It was about learning about new possibilities and opportunities of language qualifications, not just a teacher or a translator!

I really enjoyed it because we were able to use our French in different ways. We did a presentation in French on the geographical makeup of France. This was hard but very rewarding. We had a taster session in our choice of languages, Korean, Mandarin Chinese or Arabic. This was my favourite part of the day because we got to experience a language we would normally never hear of at school.

In conclusion, I really loved the day and would definitely recommend it to other enthusiastic linguists.

Jannick Jones 10E

Two weeks ago, six pupils were chosen to go on a GCHQ trip, where we would use our French to complete a series of tasks. I found this one of the best things because it enabled us to apply our French to problem solve rather than just class work.

Another thing we did, was learn some of an unusual language, we could choose from Chinese, Korean or Arabic. This was by far my favourite activity.

In conclusion GCHQ was amazing and opened my eyes to the opportunities that languages can offer, beyond a school teacher.

Ben Harper 10E



GCHQ / Business language Champions - "The word is not enough" Event

Early in the morning, Molly Creaser-Ogden, Ben Harper, Nell Hayward, Jannick Jones, Billie Martin and I, along with Mrs Roberts, set off to Newport Girls School. When we gathered in their school hall, with about nine other schools, a lady spoke to us about what GCHQ was, telling us that it was part of the team which protects the UK that heavily employs language analysts. She said how we would be given a variety of mysteriously sounding tasks to try and stop an international drug crime and then in the end we would have to do a presentation of the many different ways to get from a to b but also including what we thought about the day. Then, she introduced us to a team of analysts that would be there to help us when we needed it. First, though as an icebreaker, we had to go on different tables with people from different schools. We had to match up British sayings with their French or German counterpart. Although this was a little awkward luckily it did not last long. Then the six of us split into groups of two where we would have a lesson in an unusual language that we would not normally learn, with Billie and I, having a lesson in Korean, while the others did Chinese or Arabic. They said these would be useful in later tasks. We then went back to our teams and started working on the tasks which included having to solve many cryptic messages to determine the appearance of the criminal and where the illegal business would take place.

Then in an unfortunate and sudden turn of events, we were informed that Mrs Roberts was cruelly taken away from us and that we had to complete a series of tasks to try and win her back. We had to translate some French, German and Spanish phrases to try and answer the questions. We luckily won her back and we continued with the tasks.

The tasks included, deciphering some written codes and translating some audio of the criminals communicating in a different language.

Then after we completed the tasks, we were given a separate task to create a board game with a GCHQ theme to try and win a prize. We did complete an amazing looking game but unfortunately, we somehow did not win. They also revealed the results of the overall day and we were not the winners of the day out to Bletchley Park, where Alan Turing worked, though we were probably very close!

So in conclusion, the trip made me realise that learning a language has more benefits than getting a job as a translator, as it helped me realise that it could open up a wide range of amazing opportunities all around the world.

Zac Smith 10E



Year 8 Sports Leaders



Year 8 Sports Leaders meet after school every Monday night. They have looked at the qualities needed to be a successful sports leader and how to organise and officiate different events. This term they have been involved in helping to organise and run Cross Country events for The Corbet Feeder primary Schools. At the first event there were over 120 runners and at the most recent event there were over 140 runners. They have carried out a variety of roles from Marshall to hares where they show runners the route to follow, tail runners where they support slower runners to Finish Marshalls when they give out place tickets.

Next term they will continue to develop their leadership skills plus have the opportunity to be involved in officiating and running further tournaments in Dodgeball, Gymnastics, Basketball and Sports Hall Athletics. The winning feeder school qualify to represent the area in the North Shropshire Qualifiers. This is a great opportunity for any Year 8 students who are interested in developing their leadership skills and helping to organise Primary School Sports Tournaments. Please see Mr. Goodridge or Mrs. Simms to find out further information.

Year 10 Sports Leaders

The last few months has seen the Corbet School P.E. department organise and host a number of primary school sports tournaments for the local feeder primary schools. The winners of these events qualify to represent the Baschurch district in the North Shropshire area tournament and if successful chosen to represent North Shropshire in the County Games.

A high 5 netball tournament which was attended by 7 feeder primary schools, saw some fantastic skills and team work. The matches were umpired by Year 10 students who displayed superb knowledge and understanding of the game, which helped in the overall success of the tournament.



A Tag rugby tournament which was attended by 8 feeder primary schools, saw some fantastic rugby skills and team play. The matches were refereed by Year 10 students. Well done to all the Year 10 boys on helping make the event so successful and enjoyable. Picture below of Year 10 students with the winning school, St. John's School, Ruyton.

The Corbet School Sports Council

The Corbet School Sports Council is made up of students in Years 9 to 11 who have followed a Sports Leaders course in Year 8 and / or have regularly represented the school at sport; and some may have played sport at County Level or even higher. They have an interest in contributing to the development of sport and extra - curricular activities at The Corbet School and meet regularly once a week.

This term they have run a very successful Inter House Dodgeball tournament for all pupils in Years 7 -11 during lunchtimes. They have also run a badminton club for fellow students of all abilities at lunchtime and are currently running a Table Tennis Club for years 7,8 & 9 on Monday lunch times and for Years 10 & 11 on Wednesday lunchtime.



During the school year they also helped to organise Charity Events and are hoping to organise a Colour Run and continue the yearly Race for Life in which the whole school are involved. This term they have organised a Penalty shootout and a Basketball free throw competition.



North Shropshire Netball Tournament

The North Shropshire Netball Tournament was held on Wednesday 1st November.

8B Team

Vs Thomas Adams - Lost 6-0

Vs St Martins - Lost 4-1

Vs Marches A - Lost 5-0

Vs Marches B - Lost 2-0



8A Team

Vs SJT A - Won 10-0

Vs Grove - Won 5-0

Vs Oswestry - Won 2-0

Vs Adcote - Lost 2-1

Vs SJT B - won 2-0



Semi-final Vs Marches - 1-1 draw at full time played golden goal and unfortunately lost.

10B team

Vs St Martins - Won 6-4

Vs Oswestry - Lost 4-0

Vs SJT - Won 3-1

Vs Grove - Lost 1-0



Semi-final Vs Marches - Lost 10-2

10A team

Vs Marches Lost 5-4

Vs Thomas Adams A - Won 5-2

Vs Lakelands - Won 7-7

Vs Thomas Adams B - Won 10-0



Semi-final Vs Oswestry Won 4-1

Final Vs Marches - Extremely close game but unfortunately lost 8-7.

County School Games



The County School Games took place on Thursday 9th November.

Well done to the pupils who were selected to compete at the Shropshire School Games. They represented North Shropshire in Cross country and were part of strong teams who all did really well.

Year 7 girls

Emily Cartwright 17th

Georgina Trow 18th

Lauren Hamer 23rd

North Shropshire Team 3rd place



Year 7

Reggie Davies 19th

North Shropshire team 2nd place

Year 8

Ollie Walsh 8th

Adam Tunnadine 11th

North Shropshire Team 3rd place

Year 9

Mia Tate 13th

North Shropshire Team 2nd Place



North Shropshire Swimming Gala



North Shropshire Swimming gala Results from Wednesday 15th November 2017

Backstroke

U13 Girls - Emily Cartwright (Yr 7). 4th Place
U13 Boys- Theo Appleby-Hawkes (Yr 8) 7th
U15 Girls - Asha Tunner-Tar (Yr 7) 2nd
U15 Boys - Ben Cooke (Yr 10) 7th

Butterfly

U13 Girls - Abi Haynes (Yr 7). 2nd
U13 Boys- Ollie Drew (Yr 8) 3rd
U15 Girls - Abi Perry (Yr 9) 3rd
U15 Boys- Ben Cooke (Yr 10) 5th

Freestyle

U13 Girls - Hettie Walsh (Yr 7) 9th
U13 Boys - Theo Appleby-Hawkes (Yr 8) 7th
U15 Girls - Zara Graham (Yr 10) 3rd
U15 Boys - Fin Delaney (Yr 10) 6th

Breaststroke

U13 Girls- Bethany Meddins (Yr 7) 8th
U13 Boys - Ollie Drew (Yr 8) 5th
U15 Girls - Cora Paul (Yr 10) 3rd

Individual medley

U13 girls- Abi Haynes (Yr 7) 3rd
U15 girls - Ash Tunner-Tar (Yr 7) 2nd

Relays

U13 Girls - 5th
U15 Girls - 3rd



A special mention goes to Asha Tunner-Tar in year 7 who swam up into the U15 squad. Well done to the U15 girls team who finished 2nd overall out of 10 teams. Well done.



Stockport Swimming Meet - Level 2

Asha Turner-Tarr (70) had a exciting weekend at the Stockport Level 2 Swimming Meet which took place from 17th to 19th November, with personal bests in 5 out of 8 events with notable performances in:

800 Freestyle in a time of 10.16 with a British ranking of 4th for her age.

100 Freestyle in a time of 105.02 with a British Ranking of No 1 for her age.

200 Freestyle in a time of 2.19.87 with a second British Ranking at No 1 for her age.



Her next meet is Mid December and then in January it is the County Championships over three weekends starting 13th/14th Jan.

Well done Asha.

Rugby Results

Yr 10 V Marches - Lost 50-0

Yr 10 V Abraham Darby - Lost 40-0

Yr 10 V Thomas Adams - Lost 24-10

Yr 10 V Oswestry School - Won 26-10

Yr 11 V Oswestry School - Lost 17-10

Yr 9 V Oswestry School - Won 49-0



Netball Results

Vs Priory on Tuesday 21st November 2017

Year 7 Won 5-4

Year 8 Won 6-4

Year 9 lost 4-11

Year 10 Won 11-9

Year 11 Won 17-9

Vs Thomas Adams on Wednesday 18th October 2017

Year 7 Won 16 -2

Year 8 Lost 7-5

Year 9 Won 16-1

Year 10 Won 11-5

Year 11 Won 28-20



North Shropshire Cross Country Results 2017

Year 7 Boys - Team - 4th Corbet

Year 7 Girls - Team 2nd Corbet

Year 8 Boys - Team - 2nd Corbet

Year 8 Girls - Team 4th Corbet

Year 9 Boys

Year 9 Girls -

Year 10/11 Boys

Year 10/11 Girls - Team 4th Corbet

Individual mentions 6th place - Reggie Davies

Individual mentions - 2nd Place - Georgina Trow,
3rd Place - Emily Cartwright, 5th Place - Lauren Hamer

Individual mentions; 1st Place- Ollie Walsh, 2nd Place - Adam Tunnadine

Individual mentions; 7th Place - Rosie Carter 10th Place - Ceri O'Hagan

Individual mentions; 11th Place- Will Evans

Individual mentions; 3rd Place- Mia Tate

Individual mentions 1st Place - Liam Rawlings, 10th Place - Callen Teichmann

Individual mention - 9th Place -Olivia Harris



CRY for Matthew Newsletter

Autumn 2017

Welcome to our newsletter

This year **we have screened over 400 young hearts** and **we have raised over £15,000** to help us repeat this again next year. The cost of screening has now been increased to £50 per person, which is still a very small amount to pay to know that your child is fit and healthy.

Again this year, we discovered instances where a young person seemed to be fit and healthy but was found to have a life-threatening condition. Within days one young man was in hospital having the lifesaving operation he needed. He was very lucky, 12 others every week aren't.

In 2018, we have 6 days of screening booked at a cost of £30,000. Any help you can give us in fundraising would be gratefully appreciated.

Screening Dates for 2018 are:

5 & 6 May – Wrekin College, Wellington, Telford

25 & 26 August – Ellesmere College, Shropshire.

27 & 28 October – Cheshire County Cricket.

Appointment times for these dates will be advertised at www.testmyheart.org

Christmas Goodies!

Lyn Evans, the torn paper artist from Shropshire, has designed two Christmas Cards for us this year and all the proceeds go towards the CRY for Matthew heart screening programme.



The cards are sold individually at £2.95 each, or buy 4 for £10. Coasters, mugs & fridge magnets from her fantastic range are also available to buy and we can now take credit card payments. Call 07789 415242.

The CRY for Matthew Wemyss Pig is available for £95 from Griselda Hill Pottery in Fife at www.wemyss-ware.co.uk (search for 'pig')



Event for 2018

On **Wednesday 21 June 2018** at Moor Farm, Baschurch, Shropshire, we will be holding a Ladies Day special and joining forces with Hope House in Oswestry to welcome up to 200 ladies to join us for a **Day at the Races**.

Everyone will be able to watch live racing, with your own personal 'bookie' on site to take your bets, afternoon tea, Pimms & Prosecco. There will also be a chance to watch the marvels of Polo and help to repair the divots to re-enact that 'Pretty Woman' moment. It's going to be a great afternoon of fun, so please watch for more details on the C.R.Y. for Matthew Facebook Page.

hope house
we're here for children

Remember, sport is not the issue, but it can be the trigger if you have an undiagnosed heart problem. #12AWeek

CRY Awareness week, 18-26 November 2017

Support CRY during Raising Awareness Week by organising your own fundraising event, or displaying/distributing posters and leaflets. As part of Raising Awareness week we will, of course, be holding our popular annual CRY Great Cake Bake, including a competition for prizes. If you would like to be involved in CRY Awareness Week 2017 please email ben@c-r-y.org.uk

We have special raising awareness week packs ready to send out with hints and tips and other useful items. Use our contact details below.

Thank you to these amazing people:



Special thanks must go to all of **Matthew's family** to come together this year to walk the London Bridges for CRY.

Ruby Twigg, for running her first half marathon at Chirk in memory of Matt and raised loads of money.



Whitchurch Wasps, for swimming miles and raising over £1200 for heart screening.



And very special thanks to the Dhanda Family and Jeevan's legacy, who have funded 2 days of heart screening at Cannock Hockey Club. The Jeevan's Legacy Ball, held to celebrate Jeevan's life and what would have been his 21st birthday, raised over £6,500 and is helping so many young people in his name.



SAVE THE DATE

CRY Gala Ball 2018 is on 10 November at The Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.



CRY for Matthew is joining with Brothers in Arms to raise funds for Cardiac Risk in the Young. Christina Trevanion will be there to take the auction and tickets are already being taken. We only have 18 tables of 10 available, so if you would like to book your space or sponsor the welcome drinks or canapes, please do get in touch as soon as possible.

We are so very grateful to everyone. Thank you.

Sue Dewhirst
(Matthew's mum)

Help CRY for Matthew to reduce the figure of 12 deaths a week by giving your support however you can.

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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).



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Schedule of Events

December 2017

- Wednesday 20th KS3 PSHE - Period 2
- Wednesday 20th End of Term
- Thursday 21st - Wed 3rd Jan Christmas Holidays

January 2018

- Thursday 4th Start of Spring Term
- Tuesday 9th CFA Meeting, 7.30pm
- Wednesday 10th Prefect Buddy Meetings
- Wednesday 10th KS3 PSHE - Period 3
- Thursday 11th - Wednesday 17th Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- Thursday 11th Oswestry & RJAHS Healthcare Conference (tbc)
- Thursday 11th Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Interim Report to Parents
- Friday 12th PSHE/PE NCS Year 11 - Period 3
- Friday 12th Ski Trip Meeting
- Wednesday 17th KS3 PSHE - Period 4
- Thursday 18th Year 8 parents' Evening
- Saturday 20th - Sunday 28th Year 9 Ski Trip
- Wednesday 24th Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccinations
- Friday 26th Year 11 Elevate Education - Ace Your Exams

February 2018

- Thursday 1st Year 10 maths Challenge
- Thursday 1st Year 11 Reports to Parents
- Thursday 1st KS3 PSHE - Period 1
- Friday 2nd NSC & RJAHS Theatre Live (tbc)
- Monday 5th Year 11 School Council Meeting
- Tuesday 6th Year 10 School Council Meeting
- Wednesday 7th Year 8 Picture Portfolio Trip
- Wednesday 7th Year 9 School Council Meeting
- Wednesday 7th Newsletter Article Deadline
- Thursday 8th KS3 PSHE - Period 2
- Thursday 8th Year 8 School Council Meeting

February 2018

Thursday 8th

Friday 9th

Friday 9th

Thursday 15th

Friday 16th

Friday 16th

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd

Monday 26th

Tuesday 27th

Wednesday 28th

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Year 7 School Council Meeting

CFA Race Night (tbc)

KS3 PSHE - Period 3

Newsletter Published

End of Term

Half - Term Holidays

PD Day - School Closed for pupils

GCSE Science Live Trip

Oswestry Music Festival

March 2018

Thursday 1st

Thursday 1st

Thursday 1st

Friday 2nd

Tuesday 6th

Wednesday 7th

Thursday 8th

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th

Oswestry Music Festival

Year 11 Interim Reports to parents

Year 9 KS4 Curriculum & Options Evening

Oswestry Music Festival

Maths Feast for MAT Pupils

Prefect Buddy Meeting

Year 9 Reports to parents

Year 9 Vaccinations

Term Dates 2018

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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