THE CORBET NEWS

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Hello again,

Well this is probably the shortest half term I can remember; as a result it's been very hectic.

The year 11 pupils had an enjoyable Celebration Day and are now well into their GCSE examinations. I know how hard they have been working and how well they are being supported in school and by friends and families out of school. I am sure they will be rewarded with some great results this summer.

I hope you were able to contribute to the consultation about local bus services. It's important that the council has heard as many views as possible to inform their decision.

We have squeezed a few events in to this short half term. Some of the year 8 pupils had a very enjoyable weekend in Arthog. We have just about managed to start the summer sports fixtures but I think we need to hope for some drier and warmer weather.

Just before we broke up for the Easter holidays, we had a very successful Colour Run this was partly organised by our sports council. There was a good turn out and the money raised, £265.71, was split with 50% donated to Severn Hospice and 50% to the PE Department extra-curricular programme.

The Corbet Friend's Association has been doing sterling work over a number of years organising events to support the school, such as Easter and Christmas bingo. Several members of the committee will be standing down in the early autumn and we need some more people to come and join us, particularly if they are prepared to take one of the offices such as Chair. Look out for details of the AGM near the start of the autumn term.

Just a reminder that we do have an additional open morning on Wednesday 26th June for pupils in year 5 and below whose parents would like to look around the school; full details are on our website. This is in addition to our main open morning and evening which will be in early October.

This is my penultimate newsletter, my final missive being in July, until then have a great half term break.
Governors

The governors are pleased that Julia Kear has stood for re-election as a staff governor and will be joining the Governing Body for another term. Julia’s contribution is much valued. There has been quite a turn over of governors recently, but we now have a full contingent working hard in support of the school. Our best wishes go to all students currently sitting important exams.

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

Year 11 Leaving Arrangements

Monday 20th May - Wednesday 26th June - Year 11 pupils on exam leave until Wednesday 26th June (Exam contingency day*). Pupils are only required to attend subject specific revision sessions or sit their exams. There will also be revision rooms available in school if pupils wish to attend when they are not involved in exams.

*There is an additional day at the end of exam period. It will only be used in the event of major local or national disruption to Summer 2019 exams. It is possible that timetable dates could be affected up to and including the contingency day. Therefore, Year 11’s must make sure they are available up to and including 26th June 2019.

During exam leave, pupils must sign in and out at reception in the following circumstances:

- If pupils choose to attend school for a morning session to revise when they have an exam in the afternoon.
- If pupils choose to attend school for an afternoon session to revise when they have sat an exam in the morning.
- If pupils choose to attend school to revise on a day when they have no exams.

Pupils must not sign out at reception for short periods of time (e.g. to visit the local shop). Under normal circumstances, it is expected that pupils only sign in and out once during a day.

Please ensure that son/daughter travels to school safely during the exam period. Parents of pupils who choose to travel on a moped or motorbike must ensure that the vehicles are road legal and that riders wear a helmet. Pupils must park bicycles, mopeds, and motorbikes at the front of the Sports Hall (not blocking entrance or exit points).

The school reserves the right to remove study leave from pupils if there is any breach of rules prior to or during the exams.
Ecuador Expedition 2019

It's nearly time to go. In just over a month's time myself and nine other students will undertake a life-changing trip to Ecuador, South America. We will be partaking in a range of activities to challenge ourselves and help others; from teaching children and building wells to protecting biodiversity in the Amazon. Furthermore, we will be travelling across the country, from exploring the bustling markets of Quito to camping in tents on the Andes.

After signing up to the expedition 2 years ago I had no idea how enjoyable the fundraising aspect would be. Collectively we've held Christmas fairs, a military wives' choir's night, conquered the three peaks of Yorkshire for sponsorship and sold drinks at local events, alongside much more! This has allowed us to appreciate the strength of our community. We have all learnt so much throughout the process, I would encourage anybody thinking of going to take the plunge.

I would like to take the time to thank everyone who has helped us in any way, without you we would not be able to go. Miss Jones deserves special recognition for co-ordinating the trip and being willing to take ten teenagers away for a month.

Noah Collier (11B)
Just Dance-athon

In the first week of April, in the Sports Hall each lunchtime we carried out a 'Just-Danceathon' to raise money for charity. This consisted of fun music, a dark room with disco lights spinning round lighting up the room half as much as everyone’s smiles were! It was really fun and for a good cause; upon doing a vote in my tutor group (11C whoop!) we agreed to raise money for Mind, a mental health charity. Initially, we allocated each year group a specific day, however upon some beautiful (or rather, enthusiastic!) dances we invited everyone back until, towards the end of the week, many year groups did this together – and I absolutely went for it too haha! Year 10 gave the best turn-out so a special shoutout to all of you, however I would really like to thank everyone who came or helped, and it was nice to see some teachers there on Friday too (you know who you are). It was such a genuinely fun week and we raised a nice amount too (£90.01).

Special thanks to Zak Smith (11E), Eloise Quinn-Lock (11E), Gurjeev Samra (11B), and Georgia Parker (11C).

Laura Walford (11C)
Year 11 Celebration Day
School Library:

Remember Easter?! We are pleased to announce that our spontaneous raffle of Easter eggs kindly donated by the CFA, Mrs Brett and Mrs Woodthorpe raised an ‘EGGcellent’ £46 towards new books. Toby Richards (7R) was our ‘EGGstatic’ star prize winner.

Did you know? In America, May is National egg month. ‘The ‘Washington Post' reports that egg consumption is on the rise, with 95 million dozen eggs used per year.

Continuing with the egg theme... our Year 7 history classes have ‘EGGcelled’ with their creativity. Mrs Jones’ 2019 character egg challenge producing some ‘EGGstraordinary’ results and many worthy winners.

Thank you to those adults who - ‘above and beyond the call of duty’ - perfected the art of blowing the raw egg out of its shell (ugghh). It is with some relief that Mrs Brett has been assured no eggs will ‘EGGsplode’ this year. Please come and see the ..

EGGShibition In our School Library

Queen Elizabeth I by Lottie Stafford (7O)

Einstein

Beethoven

Boudica by Sarocha Warner (7B)
School Library:

Our readers are also giving us feedback on the books short-listed for this year's CILIP Carnegie Medal Award. Currently, we have a clear winner with Sally Nicholls 'Things a Bright Girl Can Do'. The story line has really connected with those pupils who have been learning about the Suffragettes with our History teachers. The Award Ceremony is on Monday 17th June. To read and review the shortlisted books and participate in the voting, please see Mrs Brett.

SHROPSHIRE TEENAGE BOOK AWARD

If you have read the May edition of the 'Shropshire Magazine', you will be pleased to learn that our School is being represented by regular Library users from Years 8 to 10 at the Award Ceremony at Concord College. Elizabeth Laird's 'Welcome to Nowhere' is our favourite from the shortlisted books and we have copies available to loan.

Did you know? Short stories, pocket and poetry anthologies were popular in the trenches. They provided a means of passing the time during long periods of inaction, as well as taking men's minds off the horrors unfolding around them. To help with the war effort, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle brought Sherlock Holmes out of retirement in 'His Last Bow'. There was considerable demand for Jane Austen novels which were also used as an early form of bibliotherapy for soldiers suffering from shell shock.
School Library:

**LIBRARIAN NOTICEBOARD**

"A Gentle Reminder"

Please remember to use our Library cloakroom and not to bring food and drink into our Library.
Please look after your Library books, think of them as babies needing lots of Tender Loving Care.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**SLYTHERIN**: Our Overall Winning Harry Potter House for January to April

**JOE WILLIAMS**: Recipient of our Bronze Certificate Library Award

**A FOND FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 11 LIBRARIAN LEAVERS**

**FRANKIE STEVENSON**, Deputy Librarian

**MOLLY CREESE-OGDEN**, Senior Librarian

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**YEAR 11 LIBRARIAN LEAVERS’ PARTY**

We held our customary party for this year’s Librarian leavers—Frankie and Molly—who will be greatly missed.
Thank you ladies for your stellar contribution to our Library family. We wish you every success as you start the next chapter of young adult life.

A quick mention for our guests of honour, Mrs J Jones, Charlotte Longland and Sam Gunn (both now at Shrewsbury Sixth Form) and a massive thank you to Mrs Greenland who was happy to accommodate our Library team in Room 18 where we were surrounded by artwork rather than books.

On a personal note, I will miss the many Year 11s (you know who you are!) who have contributed to Library life over the last few years.

It has been an absolute pleasure to watch you grow.

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The mind is like water. When it is turbulent, it is difficult to see. When it is calm, everything becomes clear. Prasad Mahes

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Mrs Brett
Library Co-Ordinator
BIG PRIZE DRAW

Please support our School Library by entering the Big Prize Draw:
nationalbooktokens.com/schools

We could win £5,000 of National Book Tokens to re-stock our Library shelves.

The more school staff, parents and carers who enter, the better our chance of winning!

Thanks, as always, for your support

Mrs Brett, Library Co-Ordinator
Duke of Edinburgh’s Award - Practice Expedition 1

On Thursday 21st March we set off for our first practise expedition. We stayed at the Long Mynd adventure centre where we had toiletry facilities as well as a main centre for training and a social area during free time in between sessions.

Thursday morning consisted of us packing our bags, water, tents, trangias etc. into the minivans before departing shortly after. When we arrived, we learned multiple skills in the main centre such as first aid awareness, navigating, packing and carrying equipment, tent pitching and cooking food using a Trangia. In between these sessions we had free time to pitch our tents, have snacks and socialise. In my opinion, I thought all the sessions were a success and I learned several new skills that I could apply during the expedition when needed. Once we had cooked and eaten our meals, we were separated into our walking groups for the following day. As a group, we were given 8 grid references and checkpoints for our route as well as finding out our group leader. We had to decide how we would plan our route and make sure we worked as a team throughout the expedition. After we had completed all the sessions, there was plenty of free time which was spent in the main centre playing table tennis, cards and more.

Friday morning was an early start as we had to pack away our tent, bags and prepare for the long day ahead. We left the adventure centre at approximately 9:00am. Once we arrived, each group set off, navigating with a compass and map. Each group had to decide roughly when to break for food and short periods of rest. After the session on Thursday based on navigation, everyone in our group could clearly read from the map and direction so we had almost no issues apart from a slight wrong turn. Our group leader showed us some additional map skills. I enjoyed our group especially because we made sure to keep the whole group motivated, had no arguments and all did our part to help.

I think that our group should work on time management on our next expeditions. Apart from that, I would say that our first practise expedition was extremely successful and that we all learned a lot from the different training sessions.

Charlotte Monk (1OR)
Duke of Edinburgh’s Award - Practice Expedition 1
The Corbet Colour Run

Over 100 students and staff were involved in the 2nd Corbet Colour Run, which took place just before Easter. The event was organised and run by members of the sports council in Years 9-11, with help from the P.E. department.

This year the weather was kind to us and the sports field was filled with shrieks of laughter and smiles as students ran/walked laps of the field.

The event started with all runners getting together to create a Colour Cloud. On the count of 3, all runners threw their colour paint sachet into the air, thus lighting up the field and creating a huge impressive Colour Cloud.
The Corbet Colour Run
They then proceeded to run / walk as many laps in 30 minutes.
As they passed a colour station they had paint thrown over them by very enthusiastic School staff and Sports Council members.

Over £260 was raised from the event which will be shared between Severn Hospice and the P.E. department.
Well done to everyone involved. Thank you for making the event a great success.
Sporting News & Results

Rugby News

North Midlands Plate

Congratulations to Charlie Thorpe (10O) and Jack Todman (10O) who were part of the successful Shrewsbury U15 Team in the North Midlands Plate on Sunday 28th April 2019.

Shrewsbury 29 - Malvern 5
RDA Horse Riding Regional Qualifiers

Congratulations to Blossom Burton (7B) who attended the Riding for Disabled (RDA) Horse Riding Regional Qualifiers on Tuesday 14th May 2019. Blossom came away with two first places and has qualified to compete at the nationals in July.

Blossom has won at the nationals in previous years for vaulting but this is the first time she has qualified for Dressage and for the Countryside Challenge. The Countryside Challenge uses the skills acquired at RDA sessions. The course is designed to stimulate and challenge the rider and includes a variety of elements where skill, balance, confidence and accuracy are put to the test.

Her scores at the qualifiers were the highest on the day and she also came away with the 'Shropshire Cup'.
Leaf Open Farm Sunday

LEAF OPEN FARM SUNDAY
VISIT A FARM AND DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FARMING
9th JUNE 2019

WALFORD FARM
10AM - 3PM
FREE EVENT

This FREE event is a great day out for all the family and an opportunity to learn all about farming and environment, as well as having lots of fun along the way.

Parking* and toilets are onsite and there will be refreshments for the day and a variety of activities and demonstrations including:

- Animal Corner
- Animal Doodles Drawing Competition
- Farm Livestock Talks
- Machinery Display
- Welly Wanging
- Cow Milking
- Cow Foot Cutting
- Shooting Simulator
- Chalkboard Colouring
- Sheep Shearing

As well as these activities there will be family learning activities and representatives from the RSPB, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, BASC and Müller who are all on hand to answer all of your farming related questions and queries and more!

For more information about the event or the Walford Campus visit www.nsc.ac.uk

*In case of bad weather, parking on hardstanding surfaces will be limited.

www.farmsunday.org
@OpenFarmSunday LEAFopenfarmsunday

LEAF Open Farm Sunday is managed by LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming). Charity no.10451781
Beam Workshops

WELLBEING WORKSHOP CALENDAR
MARCH & APRIL 2019

Beam workshops offer children and young people the opportunity to access therapeutic group support relating to a range of common mental health and emotional wellbeing topics.

For a young person to attend a workshop they will need to be registered with Beam, and have attended one of our drop-in sessions beforehand.

Our workshops are held at our Wellington and Shrewsbury venues.

The Beam service works to empower children and young people in managing their emotional wellbeing, therefore it is important that the young person wants to attend a drop-in session or workshop.

AskBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk
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## Online Free Course for Parents

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*For everyone around the child: Mums, Dads, Grandparents, friends and relations...*
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).
Who do we help?
We support families who live in the Shropshire Council area who have children under 18 years old, with autism/autistic traits (diagnosis is not needed).

Parent training workshops
Courses for parents are held throughout the year at various Shropshire venues and include introductory awareness sessions, programmes with multiple sessions, and workshops on specific topics.

Individual advice and support for parents
Advice sessions are a chance for parents to meet a member of the team face to face, discuss their concerns and receive practical advice. Further support may be available and can be discussed at the advice appointment.

Coffee mornings and support groups
Informal meetings take place in Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Market Drayton, Bridgnorth and Shifnal. They are a chance to meet others and share experiences in a supportive environment.

Holiday events
Trips and play sessions for the whole family take place in the school holidays, along with workshops for children and young people. All are a chance to meet others and have fun in a supportive environment.

Training and support for professionals
Autism training sessions are run throughout the year. Advice and consultancy support is available for practitioners supporting families, please contact us for more details.

www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk
There are lots of downloadable resources on our website. All our events are listed on the events calendar and bookings can be made on-line.

To receive e-newsletters advertising forthcoming events sign up at the link at the bottom of the home page.

Autism West Midlands, Crowmoor Early Help Hub, Crowmere Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 5JJ
Phone: 01743 236193
Email: shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk
He’s been missing from school a lot recently. Is something the matter?

County lines criminals are targeting vulnerable young people in Shropshire and using them to deal drugs

You can help by looking out for the signs amongst students:

- Going missing from home or school
- Changes in behaviour or emotional wellbeing
- Socialising with unfamiliar people
- Starting to abuse drugs and alcohol
- Acquiring money they can’t account for
- Buying expensive goods they may not be able to afford
- Having multiple phones, tablets or SIM cards

If you have any concerns please speak to your local safer neighbourhood team. Their contact details can be found at www.westmercia.police.uk/myarea
Alternatively, please contact the local Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).
There are several ways to buy items

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and offer a full range of sports team wear

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Schedule of Events

May 2019

- Monday 27th - Fri 31st  
  Half-Term Holiday

June 2019

- Monday 3rd  
  Year 10 GCSE Astronomy Exam Paper 1
- Monday 3rd  
  DofE Preparation for Qualifying Expedition
- Tuesday 5th - Fri 7th  
  Year 10 Art portrait Workshop with John Denaro
- Monday 10th  
  Year 10 GCSE Astronomy Exam Paper 2
- Monday 10th  
  DofE Preparation for Qualifying Expedition
- Wednesday 12th  
  Year 8 Science Exam
- Wednesday 12th  
  Year 9 & 10 Awards Evening
- Thursday 13th  
  Year 7 Science Exam
- Thursday 13th  
  Year 8 & 9 STEM Challenge for MAT Pupils
- Thursday 13th  
  Year 7 & 8 Awards Evening
- Thursday 13th & Friday 14th  
  DofE Qualifying Expedition
- Monday 17th - Fri 21st  
  Year 10 Exam Week 2
- Monday 17th  
  Ecuador Expedition Pre-departure Meeting
- Friday 21st  
  Year 9 French Escape Room
- Monday 24th - Fri 28th  
  Year 10 Exams Week 3
- Monday 24th  
  Summer Team Photos
- Monday 24th  
  Summer Concert
- Monday 24th  
  DofE Kit Return
- Tuesday 25th  
  Year 11 Prefect Trip to Alton Towers
- Wednesday 26th  
  Years 4 & 5 Summer Open Morning
- Thursday 27th  
  Year 11 Leavers' Ball at Hawkestone Park Hotel
- Friday 28th  
  Shrewsbury Colleges Group Y10 Taster Day
- Friday 28th  
  Shrewsbury High School 6th Form Induction Day (TBC)

July 2019

- Tuesday 2nd  
  Games Day, Periods 3-5, Y7-8 Rounders & Cricket
- Wednesday 3rd  
  Games Day, Periods 3-5, Y9-10 Rounders & Cricket
July 2019

- Wednesday 3rd  Year 10 Work Experience/Health & Safety Assembly
- Thursday 4th  GCSE Art Visit to Tate Liverpool Gallery
- Thursday 4th  Year 7 Subject Reports to Parents
- Saturday 6th - Tuesday 9th  Year 9 Battlefields Trip
- Monday 8th - Friday 12th  Year 10 Work Experience Week
- Tuesday 9th  KS1 Maths Event with Year 9 Maths Young Leaders
- Tuesday 9th  Newsletter Article Deadline
- Wednesday 10th  New Intake Day and Evening
- Thursday 11th  Focus Day
- Thursday 11th  Year 7 Trip to Chester Zoo
- Thursday 11th  Year 8 and 9 Interim Reports to Parents
- Monday 15th  Year 10 Interim Reports to Parents
- Monday 15th  Year 10 Progress Day
- Tuesday 16th  Camps International Ecuador Trek Departs (return 13th August)

- Tuesday 16th  Race for Life
- Wednesday 17th  Athletics day
- Thursday 18th  Newsletter Published
- Thursday 18th  End of Term, School finishes at 1.30pm

August 2019

- Thursday 22nd  GCSE Exam Results Day, Y11 10.00am, Y10 11.00am

September 2019

- Monday 2nd  PD Day - School Closed for pupils
- Tuesday 3rd  Start of Autumn Term
- Monday 9th  Year 7 and Year 9 Photographs
- Wednesday 11th  CFA Meeting
- Monday 16th  HPV Vaccination Catch Up Session
- Wednesday 25th  Year 10 Parents Information Evening
- Sunday 29th - Tue 1st Oct Year 11 History Study Visit to London
Term Dates 2019/2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019
Tuesday 3rd September - Friday 20th December 2019
Half Term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2019
Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December 2019 - Friday 3rd January 2020

* Professional Development Days:
  Monday 2nd September 2019
  Friday 25th October 2019
  Monday 6th January 2020

SPRING TERM 2020
Tuesday 7th January - Friday 3rd April 2020
Half Term: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2020
Easter Holiday: Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April 2020

SUMMER TERM 2020
Monday 20th April - Thursday 16th July 2020
May Day: Monday 4th May 2020
Half Term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2020
End of Term: Thursday 16th July 2020

ALL DATES INCLUSIVE
* School closed for pupils