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# THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the eleventh weekly update and I hope that you are enjoying the weather. Things have moved into another new normal this week with Year 10 having settled well and enjoying some lessons with their teachers. I am certain that the routine of being back at school is helping them all feel that a return to normality is on the way. We have still had no further guidance about September except the announcement that the plan is to have all children back to school and we look forward to that being the case. School will close for the end of term on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July and hopefully the teachers will be able to have a break from their laptops for a little while at least. I would like to thank them and all school staff for the work that they continue to do whether to support the students in school or at home and to yourselves too for keeping going with encouraging and supporting remote learning.

**Year 11 update:** I know that Year 11 will be feeling more than ever this week the impact of the lockdown as we would have had a beautiful evening for the Leavers' Ball. They are still very much in our thoughts and have been throughout as we have been going through the process to submit Centre Assessed Grades and think about the arrangements for results day in August. As soon as I know what we can do on that day we will let you know. I am also highly aware that we have not been able to say farewell properly and are discussing how we can do this in the Autumn Term. I will be thinking of them all tomorrow evening when we would all have been enjoying a celebration of five years hard work and time together at The Corbet School. Could they please keep an eye out for any emails from Mrs Smith with careers information and look at their college websites to ensure that they do not miss any virtual induction days that are currently ongoing.

**Year 10:** We have decided to arrange the Year 10 on-site provision next week so that pupils can have some face-to-face time with teachers of their options subjects and their language subject. Please look out for the separate email sent to relevant parents/guardians soon.

**Teaching & Learning:** We were hoping that the government would allow us the opportunity to have some face-to-face on-site contact with other year groups in addition to the Year 10s before the summer holidays. Under the current guidelines, this now looks very unlikely. Therefore, we have decided to put some Tutor Group 'Zoom' sessions in place for Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils next week. We hope that this will go some way to providing a face-to-face experience for the pupils in these year groups. Furthermore, this first attempt by the teachers at running class Zoom sessions will provide us with an opportunity to gauge

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whether we are able to expand this way of working, particularly during the autumn term should the need arise due to further enforced school closures. Please read the Zoom Pupil Guide included in this email and on the school website <https://corbetschool.net/pupils/covid19-school-closure-documents/>. The guide will also be sent to the pupils via Satchel so that they understand how to use the system and the essential etiquette to be followed.

**Learning Support: New Covid-19 Newsletter for the SEND community (Parents and Carers)** A newsletter for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) has been produced to provide information and resources specifically about the impact of COVID-19 on the SEND community. The newsletter has been issued by the SEND Local Offer, Shropshire's Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Parent and Carer Council (PACC) and is available on the [Local Offer site](#). The SEND Local Offer has also developed a [new COVID-19 section](#), which includes information on resources and support, frequently asked question, and educating children at home. Please share this information with parents of children with SEND.

**Newsletter:** we would like to do a special edition of the school newsletter at the end of this term to capture some of the more positive aspects of the last 3 months. What have been some of your best memories, what have been your coping strategies, have you had a favourite piece of work you've been set, what have you learnt about yourself, what new skill have you learnt – whatever it is we'd love to hear about your experiences. If pupils or parents have any stories or photos they would like to share for this special edition, please e-mail them to [newsletter@corbetschool.net](mailto:newsletter@corbetschool.net)

**Whole school communication:** We will continue with the weekly update and please do continue to look out for e-mail updates throughout the week from other members of staff.

Please can we ask that if you need to contact us to do so via email: [admin@corbetschool.net](mailto:admin@corbetschool.net). This will allow us to direct your question to the most appropriate member of staff.

Finally, please continue to contact us with any questions and concerns using the admin email address, stay safe and well and thank you so much for your continued support, we really do appreciate it.

Yours sincerely



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