



THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardians

Children and young people across the country have experienced unprecedented disruption to their education as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). At The Corbet School, we recognised that our Year 11s were potentially most at risk of the disruption impacting their educational future. As such, since the beginning of the school year, departments and teachers have been working hard to ensure that they have a clear picture regarding the pupils' knowledge and ability in their subjects. We are confident that we are in a strong position to support the Year 11s in achieving their potential in their qualifications through high quality teaching and appropriate intervention.

In addition to providing a high-quality education through school lessons and homework, we have been spending time investigating different ways of further support for the pupils this year. The government have recently provided schools with additional funding to use as they deem necessary to 'support children and young people to catch up'. Furthermore, at the end of October, the detail of the National Tutoring Programme and approved tuition partners was released.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that we will be working with a tuition partner called MyTutor this year to provide Year 11 pupils with online tuition to compliment the teaching they will be receiving through their education directly from the school's teachers. MyTutor works by matching pupils with a kind and friendly tutor studying at a top university somewhere in the UK. Their tutors are talented, bright, and understand how stressful exams can be. With regular attendance, MyTutor states 'lessons can help pupils gain confidence in their subject and improve by one whole grade, after just ten weeks'.

Our aim is to provide every Year 11 pupil with a block of online tuition with MyTutor at some point during the academic year in one or more of their core GCSE subjects. We will be identifying groups of pupils to receive their tutoring based on information from our subject teachers. Parents / Guardians will be notified via email when their child is due to receive their tutoring; Pupils will be informed via Satchel. Please be aware that not all pupils can receive tuition at the same time due to facilities and availability of tutors.

Online tutoring will take place in one of the school's computer rooms between 3.30pm and 4.30pm on either a Monday or Thursday. Transport will be the responsibility of parents / guardians. Pupils will be expected to attend all sessions unless they have a very good reason not to; The school reserves the right to remove the provision from pupils who fail to attend sessions or show a poor attitude towards the tutoring.

I would appreciate it if you could discuss the content of this letter with your child so that they are aware of the tutoring and appreciate the importance of it.

Yours sincerely

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