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# The Corbet News

## March 2023



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**Dr J Tinker**  
**Headteacher**



I always love the spring term; it starts in the winter and by the end of term it is feeling much more hopeful although, this year, I feel I have been completely caught out by such a short half term, it only seems a few minutes since it was half term. Hopefully, the snow is behind us, and we have warmer, sunnier and brighter days ahead.

It has been a busy term, as you can see from the newsletter, with lots to celebrate. Congratulations as always to the pupils who took part in a variety of events, including the Oswestry Music Festival and all of our pupils representing us in a wide variety of sports. Fixtures are now back to normal which is a big shift forward from last year. The pupils participating in Duke of Edinburgh had their practise expedition last week and with the school show auditions taking place, we have really exciting times ahead and I am looking forward to rehearsals starting for Grease in the summer term. The school library is busy, as always, and has lots of news to share. We were entertained, at lunchtime on Tuesday this week, by our pupils who took part in Oswestry Music Festival and were brave enough to perform their musical pieces in the dining room, their excellent performances will, I am sure, inspire some of our younger pupils to get involved and we all really enjoyed them sharing their fantastic talents with us. Enjoy reading through the Science and MFL news later in this edition.

I am always proud to be part of the Corbet community but this term we have excelled ourselves with our fundraising efforts with the Readathon, Comic Relief, Hope House, DEC Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal, Seeds for Ukraine and the CFA Chocolate Bingo. Your generosity during these difficult times is very much appreciated.

Corbet Clothes is still going strong and I am delighted that Anna's work was recognised with her winning the High Sheriff of Shropshire's award.

I am also looking forward to the new innovations that Aspens Food Service will bring to our break and lunchtime service after the Easter holidays.

I do hope that you all enjoy a restful and happy Easter and look forward to seeing to all back safely in the new term.

Jane Tinker  
Headteacher

## Helen Scarisbrick

Chair of Governors



As always this has been a very busy term. Apart from their academic studies the Governors have been impressed that our Corbet youngsters continue to think about other people who face unimaginable horror and distress, such as those in Ukraine and victims of the massive earthquake in Syria and Turkey. It is pleasing to see all the various ways in which money is raised and donated to a wide range of charities both as a whole school initiative or by a particular class effort.

Our congratulations go to the Corbet musicians who did so well at the Oswestry Music Festival. Governors are well aware of the personal time and resolve needed to achieve on musical instruments not least the courage to perform and be judged.

Governors should like to thank Mr. Dan Goodall whose term of office is coming to an end. It is always good to have a member of the teaching staff on the Governing Body. Dan has been a willing contributor, keen to challenge, join working groups and offer his ideas and opinions. We wish him well.

May we thank Dr. Tinker and her team for managing the recent strike days in order to keep the school open especially for our exam classes. As the examination term looms once again may we wish all of Year Eleven the very best of luck. Our best wishes go to all for a Happy Easter break hopefully with warm sunny weather.

If you would like to contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Helen Scarisbrick  
please email the Clerk to the Governors,  
Mrs Jane Davies - [jane.davies@corbetschool.net](mailto:jane.davies@corbetschool.net)

# Unscheduled School Closure Arrangements

We make every effort to keep the school open but our primary concern has to be the safety of staff and pupils. As a rural school with a large catchment area we consider many factors including site safety, transport and staffing. We publish the following arrangements to follow in the event of a school closure. We ask you to **please keep this section in a safe place for future reference.**

The school will make announcements via the **school website**; the alerts will display one of the following messages:

- School open
- We are consulting on any possible school closure and will advise you as soon as possible
- School closed
- You are advised to tune into any local radio station; they will announce any school closures.
- Updates will also be posted on the school's Facebook and Twitter feed.
- If the school is closing, we shall send a **text message** alert to parents via the schools messaging system.
- Please do not attempt to contact the school to make individual arrangements with your child. We will need access to phone lines to contact transport providers, staff and other essential service providers.
- **Please note** – all pupils who travel on school transport will be expected to return home on school transport.
- If the weather deteriorates suddenly, we will provide advice on the website regarding revised arrangements for school transport.
- If necessary, transport will be dispatched early and you will be notified by **text message**.
- Parents can refer to school closures on the Council website [shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures/secondary-schools](http://shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures/secondary-schools)
- If there is more widespread severe weather the Shropshire Council Authority will activate a **Helpline** for parents. (When operating, the Helpline number will be given out by the Radio Stations).

Pupils travelling by school bus should wait at their usual collection point for 30 minutes after the usual pick-up time. If the bus does not arrive, please return home. This is normal practice during pick-up time if the bus is delayed.

All parents/carers are asked to make appropriate arrangements for their child in case of an unscheduled school closure during the working day. Please make sure your child is aware of these arrangements and have completed page 1 of their pupil handbook.

**Please can parents ensure the school has up to date contact details, preferably a mobile number (for texts), which can be updated by the Parent Lite App.**

## School Contact Information

For Reception dial: 01939 260296 or email: [admin@corbetschool.net](mailto:admin@corbetschool.net)

To report a Pupil Absence dial: 01939 262004 or email: [absence@corbetschool.net](mailto:absence@corbetschool.net)

For Finance dial: 01939 262008 or email: [finance@corbetschool.net](mailto:finance@corbetschool.net)

For Student Support email: [studentsupport@corbetschool.net](mailto:studentsupport@corbetschool.net)

For IT Support dial: 01939 262005 or email: [corbet.ITsupport@corbetschool.net](mailto:corbet.ITsupport@corbetschool.net)

For Heads PA Anita Simpson dial: 01939 262002 or email: [anita.simpson@corbetschool.net](mailto:anita.simpson@corbetschool.net)

For Clerk of Governors email: [governors@corbetschool.net](mailto:governors@corbetschool.net)

## Lost Property

Please feel free to pop into school after 3.30pm Monday to Friday to look through lost property.

If items are not claimed before the end of term, items will be donated to Corbet Clothes or donated to Charity

## School Lettings

If you would like to let the any of the school buildings, please email [lettings@corbetschool.net](mailto:lettings@corbetschool.net)

## School Emails

### Polite Reminder

We have been informed that some emails from The Corbet School are ending up in the 'junk' or 'clutter' folder.

Please make sure you check these folders for emails from us.



# Summer 2023 Exams Contingency Days

The awarding bodies have collectively agreed a contingency day for several years now which is always scheduled at the end of the GCSE, GCE AS and A-level exam timetables.

The contingency day is in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the United Kingdom, being part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for exams.

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, further resilience was needed within the exam timetables. A single contingency day was not felt to be sufficient if a national event or incident had a significant effect on the exam timetable. For example, summer exams could be affected by extremely high temperatures.

For the June 2023 exams, the awarding bodies have therefore introduced two additional half-day contingency sessions. These are on **Thursday 8 June 2023** and **Thursday 15 June 2023**. The standard contingency day remains at the end of the timetable being scheduled on **Wednesday 28 June 2023**.

Schools and colleges should ensure candidates and parents are aware of the contingency arrangements on these three days. They should consider the contingency day of Wednesday 28 June 2023 when making their plans for the summer. **Candidates should be encouraged to remain available until Wednesday 28 June 2023 should examinations need to be rescheduled.**

## Fundraising

**CFA Chocolate Bingo:** raised over £500.

**DEC Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal:** £539.54 plus 7R Bake sale: £65.58

**Hope House:** the Valentine Hamper Raffle raised **£40** for Hope House.

**Comic Relief:** £712.12

**Readathon:** £101.85

# Project Sunflower, Seeds for Ukraine



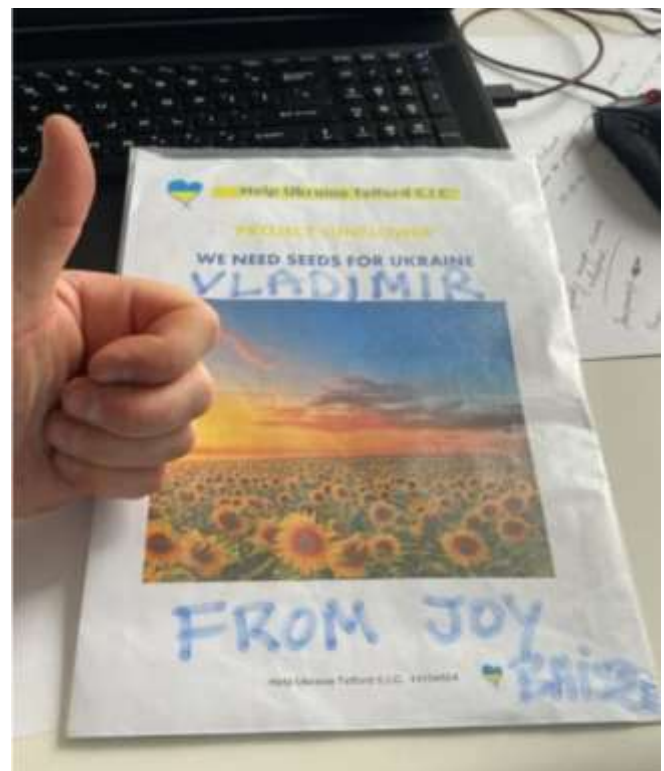
The response to Project Sunflower was very successful. And thank you to all those that sent in packets of seeds.

Thank you to Percy Thrower's Garden Centre for their donation of vegetable seed packets.

The donations have been transported to Ukraine for distribution to villages for residents to grow their own food.

We are now responding to requests for tools to help with rebuilding damaged property.

This is proof that our box of seeds has reached Vladimir and his Foundation in Poland. He distributes aid to the hard to reach villages in the Donbass area of Ukraine.



# Corbet Friends Association

Our first event of 2023 took place in February as we held our (delayed) Chocolate Bingo event from Christmas. It was lovely to get everyone together and thank you once again for those who were able to join us and additionally those who supported with donations towards the prizes and raffle. With your support we raised just over £500, which is fantastic.

Due to having a Bingo event in February we have decided we will not hold an Easter Bingo as we would normally, but instead are hoping to arrange a Quiz night on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023. We will confirm this event and details nearer the time but we do hope you will save the date.

This year will see us supporting the School in developing their wellbeing garden and we are also planning to donate towards some additional seating to be enjoyed during breaktimes by all the children.

None of this is possible without the additional support of help on the evenings these take place, again thank you to those parents and school staff that helped at our Bingo event. BUT, I am reaching out to ask for more parents to join us on the committee. It doesn't need a lot of your time, just to come along to a CFA meeting to discuss upcoming events - these are either held in the School Library or on Teams on occasion - and support where you are able, at the events, to ensure we can keep this important fundraising going. Without your support and enough committee members our CFA is at risk, so please come along to our next meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 7.00pm, in the School Library. Join us to find out what we are doing, see what you think and if you would like to make a difference and have a say in how our CFA fundraises and how we can support Corbet School, join our committee. For anyone interested, please contact [CFA@corbetschool.net](mailto:CFA@corbetschool.net) so we can keep you updated on the meeting and we are aware of who is joining us.





# Corbet Friends Association



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Corbet Friends Association is run by a very small team that need your help. Budgets are tight and fundraising is crucial to support the school.

There are hundreds of children at the school, but only half a dozen parents help! We need more support to keep going.

Get in touch at [CFA@corbetschool.net](mailto:CFA@corbetschool.net)

**EVEN IF ITS JUST ONCE!**

It doesn't have to be a huge commitment - help as often or as little as you can.

Donate a raffle prize, send in chocolate for bingo or help make cups of tea at a school production.

If every parent that has a child at The Corbet School volunteered just once ... we would be able to organise more events and raise more money to support the school.

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# Aspens Food Services

We are **always** in the mood for good food!

**Aspens will be providing food for The Corbet School, from the start of the Summer Term.**

We are Aspens Services, a market leading contract catering company and we specialise in school food.

We only work in the education sector so we know what our customers want. Mixing this knowledge with an understanding of what's hot in the food world sparks creativity and excitement in our chefs. Our kitchens provide delicious home cooked food each day and cater for individual dietary requirements.

We don't just provide food, we play our part to educate children and raise awareness about nutrition, food and where it comes from, so that they can make informed and mindful choices. Feeding our future.

We push the boundaries here with really interesting dishes that grab a lot of attention in the world of food. We understand that tastes are expanding, and students are keen for the chance of new food experiences. We also don't forget that familiarity and comfort are what so many want, so we have plenty of choices to fit the bill. With important learning to be done, we make sure that we are feeding healthy minds as well bodies.

Streateries is our main secondary meal offer. With food drawing on Asian, African, Caribbean, and more traditional fare, the menu includes street food dishes, handheld versions with vegetarian and vegan choices and sides available.

Our Deli Kitchen builds on the popularity of our standard hot and cold deli offers, to provide more substantial meals at our grab and go counter.

## Menu

The menu rotates on a three-week basis and refreshes for Autumn/Winter and Spring/Summer seasons.

## Special diets

Special diets are an integral part of our catering provision, whether as a result of an ethical or religious belief or a food intolerance or allergy. To register this as a requirement please complete and return the special diets form to the school as soon as possible.

# Aspens Food Services

## Making **great** school food memories

The first week of term we will be offering food from our week 3 menu, once the menus have been ran through one full cycle we will make any changes if necessary based on feedback.

Menus will be displayed on the school website.

### STREATERIES

### WEEK 3



|        |                              |                                       |                           |                                      |                                  |
|--------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| STREET | Cottage Pie                  | Veg Chilli Nachos with Homemade Salsa | Roast Gammon & Gravy      | Chicken Tikka Biryani                | Golden Battered Fish             |
|        | Crispy Topped Vegetarian Pie | Tomato & Mozzarella Gnocchi Bake      | Cheese, Leek & Potato Pie | Roasted Cauliflower & Chickpea Korma | Cajun Bean Burger                |
|        | Fresh Vegetables             | Garlic & Herb Wedges Red Slaw         | Roasties Fresh Vegetables | Wholegrain Rice Cauliflower          | Chips Curry Sauce Or Baked Beans |

6/3, 27/3, 17/4, 8/5, 29/5, 19/6, 10/7, 31/7





# Chester University Young Nature Photography Competition

Elizabeth Selman (8T) was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 11-13 age category of Chester University Young Nature Photographer of 2023 Competition. She was inspired to enter by the Wellbeing Wednesday Nature Photography Competition held by Mrs Frank at the Corbet School last summer.

Her photo is of a *male demoiselle damselfly* and was taken by the River Severn at Mytton and it was one of over 300 entries into the competition. She attended an Awards Presentation with BBC's *Iolo Williams* (pictured) in February and received a mounted copy of her image, a 'bird nest helper' and a signed copy of Iolo's book *Wild Places:UK the UK's top 40 nature sites*.



You can read more about the competition here: [Young nature photographers capture wildlife through a lens | University Centre Shrewsbury | University of Chester](#) and [Young nature photographers compete for award - BBC News](#)



# Corbet Clothes

Welcome to Corbet's Uniform Swap Shop.

To reduce waste, recycle old uniforms, and increase the affordability of school wear, we have set up 'Corbet Clothes'; giving families the opportunity to donate unused or unwanted uniforms.

***All the items available through Corbet Clothes will be free of charge.***

Blue Polo Shirt (Y7-Y10), Blue Sweatshirt (Y7-Y10),

- Maroon Sweatshirt (Y11 only) White Polo Shirt (Y11 only)
- PE Rugby Shirts, PE Polo Shirts, PE Shorts, PE Skorts

PE Rugby Shorts, PE ¾ Zip Top, PE Joggers, PE Football boots

Orders can be collected from reception by pupils or parents.

The school reception is open until 4:30pm so parents can pick up orders after school.

To make an order please complete the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/bV290xb2Rn>

## High Sheriff's Outstanding Young Citizen Awards 2023

This years High Sheriff Outstanding Young Citizens Awards took place on 8th March 2023 in the presence of His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, Anna Turner and the Mayor of Telford and Wrekin, Cllr Raj Mehta. The awards recognise young people across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin, who are dedicated to helping their local community. Awards are given in recognition of excellence and outstanding attitudes and actions among young people aged 18 or under.

Dr Tinker nominated Anna Fairley for all the hard work and dedication she put in in setting up Corbet Clothes.



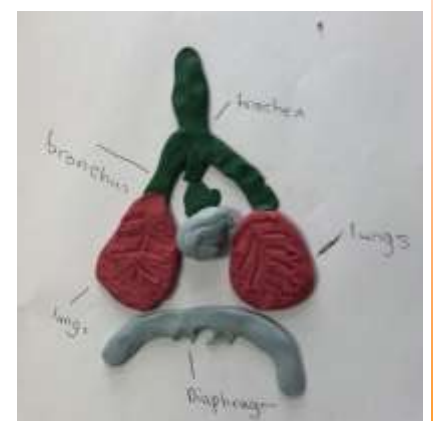
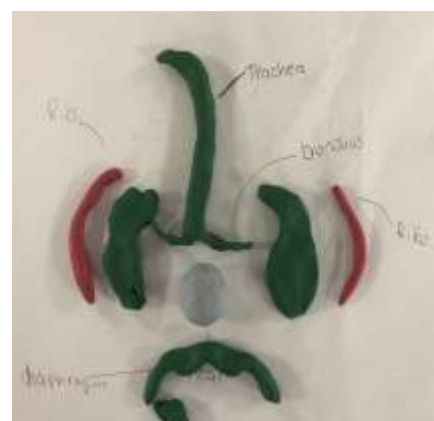
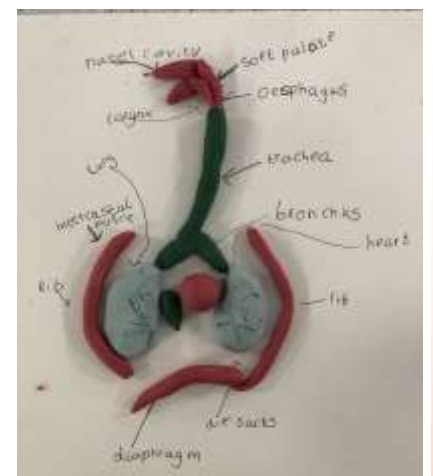
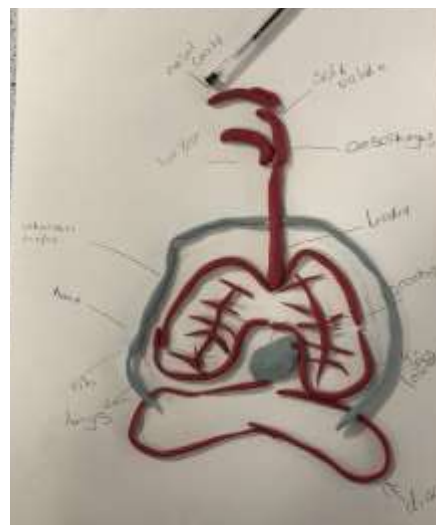
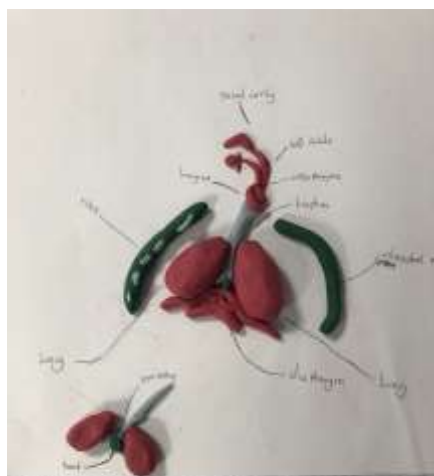
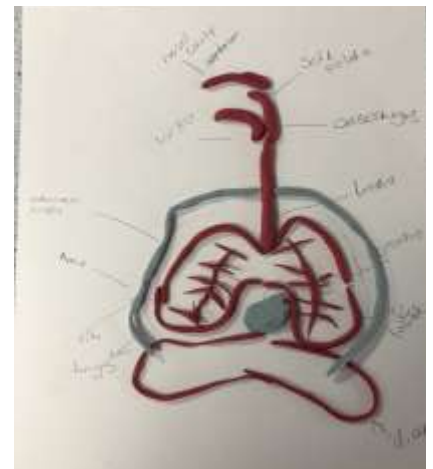
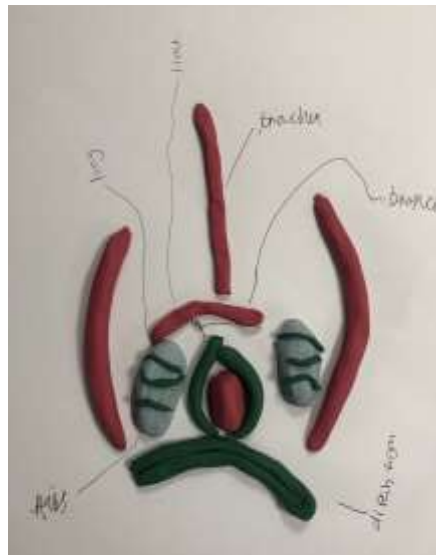
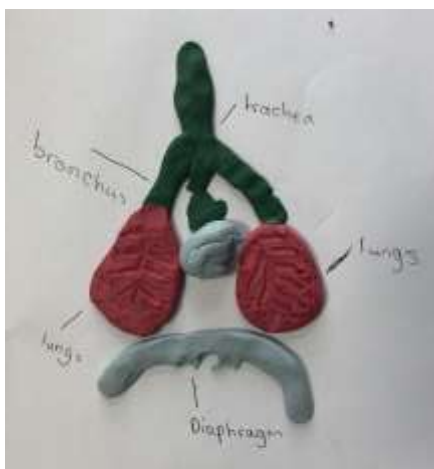


# Science Department News

## 8A4 Model Lungs

8a4 have been modelling the respiratory system in science as part of the 'gas exchange and drugs' topic. They like to make things out of plasticine to help visualise which organ goes where, it stimulates their curiosity, interest and participation as well as making it easier to spot any misconceptions. Models show students' thinking down and encourages them to think deeply and imaginatively about scientific ideas.

Mrs Selman

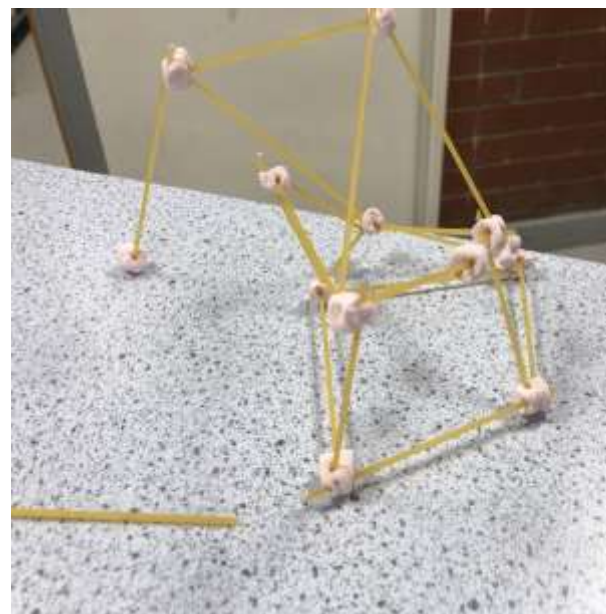
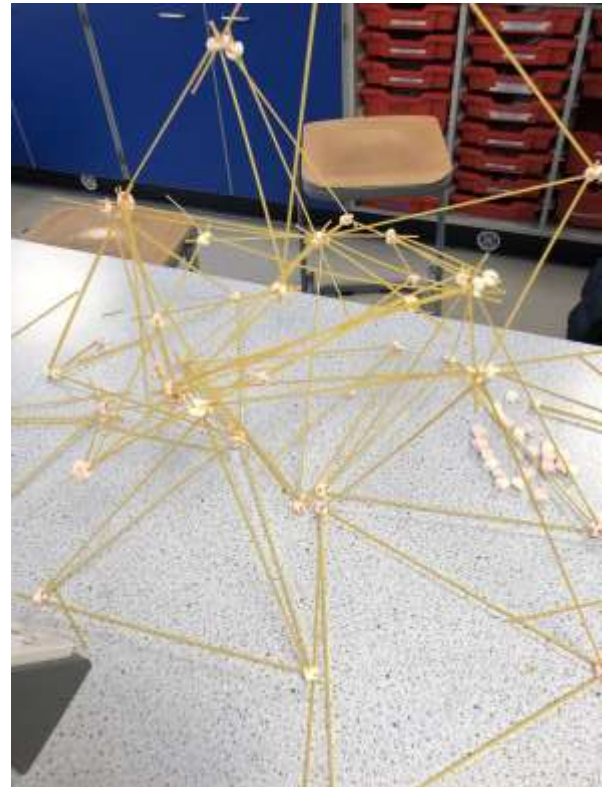
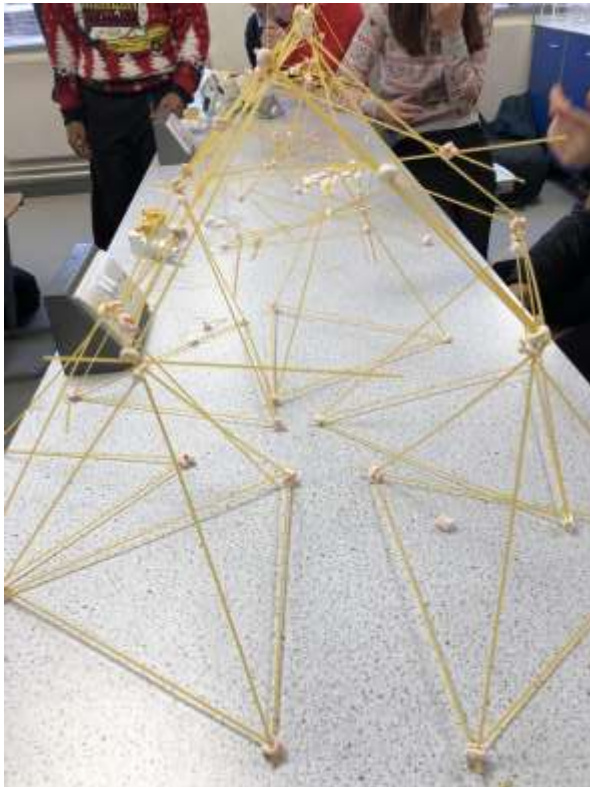


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## Spaghetti Towers

9a1 took on an end of term STEM challenge to see who could build the tallest freestanding structure with spaghetti and marshmallows. The winner was an astonishing 59.4cm tall tower constructed of tetrahedrons! You too could try this at home on a rainy day.

Mrs Selman



# Science Department News

## Natural Entrepreneurs: Inspire a Suitable future and Design a Sustainable World

25 students from Year 9 took part in a whole day project on the theme of *Biomimicry* this term. It was an exciting day with a mix of computer work, practical and outdoor learning. Students were tasked with matching biological features with engineering solutions, as well as learning about circular economy and nature's unifying patterns through a scavenger hunt. We had outside speakers leading us through the project and students were able to access work online from other students, doing similar projects, across the continent! The project leaders were delighted with the work that students put in and the students, of course, were a credit to us, showing high engagement and exemplary behaviour. Read the write up from the team below:

*Natural Entrepreneurs is an EU funded Erasmus+ project. It encourages students to explore biomimicry as a fundamental research and design tool that can be employed to aid Europe's transition to a more sustainable future.*

'How can we learn from nature to create a positive future for people and planet?' This is a big question to ask of a group of Year 9s at ten past nine on a bleak January morning. The primary aim of today's workshop is to test out the *Natural Entrepreneurs* website – a collaborative learning platform where young people across Europe are encouraged to work in teams to solve a design challenge linked to one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals: 'How to grow food in cities' for example, or 'How can buildings adapt to changing sea levels and increased flooding?'. The secondary aim is to encourage the students to seriously consider the field of biomimicry as the foundation of their future careers – to become the people who design buildings that cool themselves without energy from fossil fuels, the people who create clothing that doesn't harm the planet and the people who make glue that doesn't kill us.

The first thing to sort out is defining biomimicry. With help from BBC Bitesize the message gets across with little fuss – the students are immediately intrigued and want to know more. Making clothing out of bacteria holds a particular fascination for this age group. The packaging 'brick' made of mycelium is passed around eagerly, and becomes of even more interest when some of the class realise they have already received something like it in the post. The phrases 'real world' and 'own life' creep up again and again throughout the day.

Just before break, the class login into the platform, create their team profiles and identify their skillsets – not just biology, chemistry, physics, but art, design, engineering and more – drawing on all their knowledge and interests to work out their strengths and how they can effectively work as a team. So begins their journey to become *Natural Entrepreneurs* and a part of the wider biomimicry community, taking them through a design process from challenge to potential product and linking them to other teams in other schools in other countries working on similar problems.

Yet while the fascination for technology keeps the students engaged all afternoon, it's the time



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spent with nature, the outdoor learning lesson spent searching for specimens, that makes the biggest impact when they are asked what they like most about the day: 'Being able to explore outside and find bugs and plants', 'Looking through foliage', 'Going outside to be with nature instead of just looking at it on a screen', 'The outside work ... gave us the opportunity to work with other people and think about things I wouldn't normally think about'.

And the most exciting moment of all? Probably the group effort to haul a massive decaying log from under the hedge and the call to grab the pooters for 'Detrivores! Woodlice city!'. Such a simple task: find a species, identify functions (exoskeleton protects from attack), describe strategy (scales made of calcium, seven segments), find another species, and another species ... Advanced Forest School meets start your own business and improve the world along the way – no wonder 84% said they could see biomimicry 'as a way to make a sustainable and better future' by the end of the day.

You can learn more about *Natural Entrepreneurs* here: <https://natent.eu/>  
'Biomimetics – Designed by Nature', BBC, 2020,  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02jfp1f>.



## Highlights since Christmas 2022...

### January : Holocaust Memorial Day : Ordinary People

We held discussions and debates about displaced people across the World and thought about the decisions and actions we would take if forced to leave our homes. **Recommended Reads:**



### February : 'Blind Date With A Book' for Valentine's Day

We combined BDWAB with the sale of a limited edition of paper hoglet Valentines (made from up-cycled Library books withdrawn damaged from stock). As well as finding some 'perfect matches' between pupils and authors, we raised £47.50 towards the purchase of new titles. **Recommended:**



### March : International Women's Day

Now age 60, Mrs Brett is a walking history book! I have had some very interesting discussions with Year 11s as to the changing role of women in Society over the last few decades. **Recommended:**



Please come and chat with Mrs Brett, we have many more books to show you on this topic.



## March : Carnegie (writing) & Kate Greenaway (illustration) Medal Awards

Mrs Brett 'cherry-picked' from the longlist and was delighted to discover that the majority of books purchased for our Library have made it to the shortlist. **Recommended Reads:**



This is my top pick. The author is a wonderful supporter/promoter of the Welsh Language and **The Blue Book of Nebo** was adapted from her award-winning Welsh novel **Llyfr Glas Nebo**. This is 'a deeply moving, post-apocalyptic story of a mother and son's survival and relationship after a nuclear fallout, set in North Wales'. Manon was thrilled to receive a Carnegie nomination: '... I can remember seeing the word [Carnegie] on the cover of some of my favourite books when I was younger and learning to recognise it as a sign of a great read!'

## Now for a couple of 'notes for the diary'...

To accommodate as many pupils as possible, different days have been allocated for Library lunchtime activities:

**Monday : Student Debaters**

**Tuesday : Student Librarians**

**Thursday : Dungeons & Dragons, Games and Creativity**



We are closed after the Easter Holidays for the Year 10 Mock Examinations Access Arrangements **BUT** we will be celebrating our re-opening with a long awaited **HALF-PRICE BOOK FAIR on Thursday 4th May**. We are keen to encourage parents to go on line to purchase vouchers to avoid cash being brought into School. Please check out the website for details:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

At the time of writing, we are receiving some fantastic entries for our Library competitions. The closing date for entrants is Thursday 30th March. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far, more to follow on this in our April Library newsletter (Pupils>Other>Library).

**LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, A SHOUT OUT FOR OUR STUDENT LIBRARIANS AND MRS LEACH. AS A TEAM, WE HAVE SHELVED 3,923 LIBRARY BOOKS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR. WELL DONE EVERYONE!**



# Oswestry Music Festival

Oswestry Music Festival took place this year on Wednesday 1st - Sunday 5th March and The Corbet School competitors were very successful!

23 students in total took part from The Corbet School, all performing in a wide range of different categories and age groups. Radio Active, our resident rock band, (Rueben Darlow, Shane Clover, Owen Clifton Moore, Oscar Alexander, Sam Murphy and Lily Poston) played an original song and came 3rd! George Varney, Blake MacKechnie, Beatrix Lewis and Matthew Selman performed on the piano. Heidi MacKechnie, Patrick Davies, and Blossom Burton sung vocal pieces. Lochlan Woodwind played the guitar. The flute was played by Francesca Widdon and Anouk Hall. Matthew Selman played the trumpet and Elizabeth Selman played the Clarinet. Tilly Wright on the Cornet and Frances Hoggart played the harp. There was a great variation in instruments and styles, and everybody did exceedingly well.

The event was spread across 5 days, including a final awards ceremony. Performances were held in a church that was open to the public so that family and friends could watch. All performers were required to bring a copy of their music for the judge panel so that they could follow along. Feedback was given to each participant after their category had performed. It was a very organised event. Once we arrived at the venue, a member of staff showed us into a small room on the lower floor of the church where we could tune our instrument and practice. When our category started, we sat in the audience until we were called onto stage. It was nerve wracking but a great experience! All participants received a certificate and a feedback sheet with their results. 5 of our performers made it into the top 3 and 6 competitors from Corbet were awarded Distinctions.

Particularly high praise was given to: Matthew Selman - 1st place Trumpet (Distinction) and invited back to compete for young performer of the year, Dan Castille - 2nd place drums (Merit). The Rockband - 3rd (Commended), Elizabeth Selman 3rd Place (distinction), Frances Hoggart – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Harp (Commended). Patrick Davies - 3rd place Vocal (Distinction). A huge congratulations to everybody who took part in this event and represented The Corbet School. Hopefully we'll see you next year!

Heidi MacKechnie 8R



# Oswestry Music Festival



# MFL Matters

## Languages Young Leaders

Year 10 pupils have been working exceptionally hard throughout the spring term to put together their language lessons ready for Languages Taster Day 2023.

The Languages Taster Day is an annual event which gives year 10 pupils the opportunity to teach year 5 pupils from local feeder primary schools. The year 10 pupils have the freedom to teach in any language and to deliver any style of lesson, provided they organise and teach it themselves. We have had a fantastic response to our invitations to year 5 pupils from local feeder primary schools and now have 9 schools confirmed to attend.

Unfortunately, due to the weather on 10<sup>th</sup> March, the event has been postponed but the pupils are looking forward to it being rearranged and being able to showcase their linguistic talents later in the school year.

This year Japanese has been a real favourite, with three lessons created either in Japanese or about Japanese culture. Other languages include Greek, German, Spanish and a session about the culture of Latin America.

We are looking forward to sharing some photos and feedback from the Languages Taster Day with you in the summer edition of the Corbet School Newsletter.



Welcome to  
The Corbet School  
Languages Taster Day  
2023



## MFL Matters

### Year 8 Virtual Exchange Initiative Update

Year 8 pupils have begun the virtual exchange scheme, corresponding with pupils at Collège Notre Dame in Poligny, France.

So far pupils have communicated via video and through handwritten letters. This has allowed pupils in both schools to practice their language skills and find out about each other's interests and culture.

We thought you might like to see some examples of the letters we have received from France, which we have enjoyed reading and discussing in our sessions.



### Corbet Cultural Café

It's been another busy term at Corbet Cultural café. Pupils have enjoyed socialising over a selection of board games and have watched presentations about Belgium and Italy.

Don't forget Corbet Cultural café is open to all and runs alternate Thursday lunchtimes in room 24.

### Calling Parents, We Need Your Help!

If you use Languages in your career and would be happy to talk to pupils at The Corbet School about the importance of languages, please get in touch with Miss Williams at [kate.williams1@corbetschool.net](mailto:kate.williams1@corbetschool.net)



# What I did at the Weekend

## Kick Boxing



Owen Rich (9R) has gained two Gold Medals at a recent BMMA Interclub Tournament held at Telford International Centre.

Owen has been participating in his sport since the age of 4 and practices 4 times a week. Owen has gained a blackbelt with 4 stripes.

Owen's aim is to represent England and Team GB in major Championships and the Olympics!



In January this year, The Corbet School annual Ski Trip took place once again following the pandemic which disrupted what has been a regular feature of the school calendar over the years. 72 students and 8 members of staff swapped the streets of Baschurch for the slopes in Pila situated in the Italian Aosta Valley.

The students and staff boarded two coaches on the 21st of January and set off for the slopes, passing through Dover, across the English Channel via ferry, passing through the French countryside (stopping for a croissant or two!) before arriving at Mont Blanc and passing under the famous mountain range, eventually arriving after 22 hours by coach at the picturesque and beautiful Aosta Valley. The students then travelled down to the InterSki base at the bottom of the range, collected their ski boots and skis, and then travelled back to the accommodation to settle in for the night following a fantastic meal curated by the famous 'Roberto', our Italian host.

In the following days, the students (and staff!) were split into different groups with a range of instructors and tasked with learning and developing their skiing skills on the runs across Pila, with different groups travelling to different sections of the mountain throughout the week. The range of groups travelled to sections of the mountain such as Grimod, Pila Gorraz and Baby Pila (where Mr Shee could be found for much of the week!). The students (and staff) had an incredible time, with the development of the students skiing ability clear to see.

The students also engaged in a range of evening activities after the students time on the slopes, including a pizza night, which was hugely popular with the students and staff alike, with the other nights being filled with a quiz night, bowling and an enjoyable trip into the town of Aosta where the students were given a taste of Italian life with shopping and gallons of gelato being consumed!

The week flew by for the Corbet skiers, with the final night being hosted up by the ski instructors travelling up to the St Nicolas to celebrate all the successes by the students throughout the week. The students then boarded back onto the buses and begun the 22-hour trip back home through the night, finally stopping for one final breakfast on the ferry back home. We hope that the students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and take away memories that last a life-time.

The student's behaviour was exemplary, and they represented the Corbet School well.

A photograph of a snowy mountain landscape. In the foreground, a person in dark winter gear is skiing down a snowy slope. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains covered in snow under a clear blue sky. A blue safety net and a sign are visible on the left side of the slope.

# Ski Trip 2023







# Sports News

## West Midlands Rowing Championships

Elizabeth Selman, 8T, claimed Silver in the West Midlands Rowing Championships at Stourport Boat Club this March. She represented Pengwern Boat Club and rowed in a single scull in the W.J13.1x head race over 1800m with a time of 9:06.4.

Five students from the Corbet School row for Pengwern Boat Club in Shrewsbury up to 3 times per week (indoor and on-water training). If you are interested in joining, please look at their website [About Us - Pengwern Boat Club \(pengwern-rowing.co.uk\)](http://pengwern-rowing.co.uk)



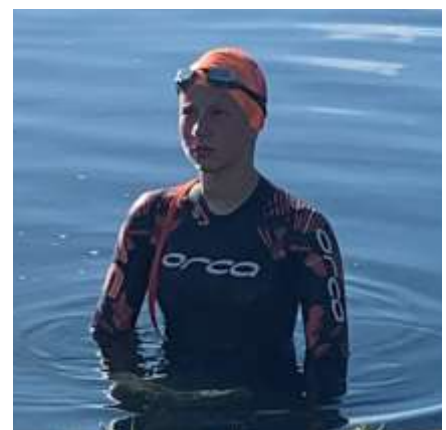
## Swimming

Ellie Boyes regularly takes part in 2km swims after school at Princes Dock in Liverpool and has also swam in the Tal Y Llyn 2km event last July where she came 2<sup>nd</sup>, she also took on the challenge of completing The Big Brutal 5km Swim in September 22 where she came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. If these aren't hard enough she also entered the Beat the Tide 4km event at Aberdyfi, this was a really hard race due to the weather conditions but she managed to secure 6th fastest female. The last event of the season was back at Tal Y Llyn where she competed in the Cool Mile on the 5<sup>th</sup> November where the water temperature was 9.2 degrees and came 1<sup>st</sup> place in the event.

Ellie's aim is to continue to train for this seasons open water events which will include competing in the West Midlands Open Water championships, where she hopes she will secure a place to take part in the National Open Water Championships in August. The first race of the season is the Cool Mile on the 1<sup>st</sup> April where water temperature could be as low as 8 degrees !!

Ellie truly is an inspiration to students in our tutor group and beyond. Well done Ellie and we look forward to hearing more great things from you in the future!

Mrs Selman, Tutor 10R"



# Sports News

## 2023 NSSAA U14 Netball Plate Tournament

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, The Corbet Year 9 Netball Team headed to Elsmere College to compete in the 2023 NSSAA U14 Netball Plate Tournament.

The team represented the school excellently and managed to place 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

|              | Corbet    | E.College B | Priory    | St.Martin's | Thomas Adams | TOTAL | FINAL POSITION    |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------|-------------------|
| Corbet       |           | 5-1<br>5    | 2-10<br>0 | 2-4<br>1    | 4-10<br>0    | 6     | 3 <sup>rd</sup>   |
| E.College B  | 1-5<br>0  |             | 0-17<br>0 | w/o<br>5    | 0-12<br>0    | 5     | 4 <sup>th</sup> = |
| Priory       | 10-2<br>5 | 17-0<br>5   |           | 12-2<br>5   | 7-5<br>5     | 20    | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| St.Martin's  | 4-2<br>5  | 0<br>0      | 2-12<br>0 |             | 0-11<br>0    | 5     | 4 <sup>th</sup> = |
| Thomas Adams | 10-4<br>5 | 12-0<br>5   | 5-7<br>1  | 11-0<br>5   |              | 16    | 2 <sup>nd</sup>   |



Top left to right: Lola Sophia Hardie, Ella Maybin, Taya Foley, Maddie Carter, Issy Cartwright

Bottom left to right: Holly Evison, Daisy Harper, Tayte Smith, Bea Lewis



# Sports News

## SSAA Cross Country Championship

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, The Corbet School Cross Country Team headed to Oswestry College to compete in the SSAA XC Championship.

The team represented the school excellently, here are some of the stand out results:

Archie Fraser placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the year 7 boys race, running 3000m in an impressive 11:40 mins.

Bethany Trow placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the intermediate girls race, running 4000m in an impressive 14:28 mins. Bethany has also qualified to represent the county in the English Schools' Championships to be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Wollaton Park, Nottingham.

Lastly, the intermediate girls team managed to secure 4<sup>th</sup> place overall as a team. Congratulations to Bethany Trow, Tillie Wright and Emily Reynolds.



# Sports News

## Netball Fixture Vs Adcote School

All of the teams played brilliantly, resulted in 3 close games. The results were as follows:

Year 11- Adcote 26-23 Corbet

Year 10A- Corbet 15-11 Adcote

Year 10B-Adcote 14-10 Corbet

**Well done to all the girls who took part.**

## U13 Netball B Team

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, our Year 8 Netball team headed to Oswestry School to compete in the U13 'B' Team Netball Tournament.

The team played brilliantly, captained excellently by Molly King, and won all 4 games. The team placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall, a fabulous result. Player of the tournament was Heidi Mackechnie, well done Heidi!

A huge well done to the whole team!



*Pictured (left to right): Maddie Goodhall, Macy Mansell, Freya Hollis, Heidi Mackechnie, Molly King, Elizabeth Selman, Holly Barret, Emily Stevens, Parneet Samra*

| Corbet v Oswestry B | Corbet v Oswestry C | Corbet v St. Martins | Corbet v Adcote |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 5-0                 | 9-2                 | 5-3                  | 6-3             |

# SHROPSHIRE HAF PROGRAMME

Shropshire HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) managed by Shropshire Council is an exciting programme of holiday activities.

Over the Christmas holidays, schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers are running activities.

There are free places available on the HAF programme for children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and for those who have been referred onto HAF by a professional.

Children who are aged 4, who attend a nursery or pre-school are unfortunately not eligible for the HAF programme, activities are not suitable. Eligible children aged 4+, must be in full time education and have started school in Reception Class (or equivalent).

During the three main school holidays, children and young people are invited to take part in a range of fun activities, happening at venues from across the county.

Funded by the DfE (Department for Education), the aim of the programme, is to make holiday activities as accessible and inclusive as possible

## How to access the free activities

All bookings for the Shropshire HAF programme are now being made through a centralised booking system.

All eligible families will have been emailed an information leaflet, which will include a code via their school or professional you are working with.

If you aren't sure if you are eligible, please check the Eligibility Document on <https://haf.shropshire.gov.uk>

**Spring Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire**  
**Book Now!**

Spaces are available on the Spring HAF programme.

During 3 to 7 and 10 to 14 April 2023, eligible children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, are invited to take part in a range of fun activities, happening at over 48 venues across the county.

To find out more please go to:  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf)

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Department for Education



# Bomere Heath Junior Cricket



**BOMERE HEATH CRICKET CLUB**

## Junior Cricket 2023

**Email us to register for your Summer at  
Bomere Heath Cricket Club!**



### **JUNIORS**

- Over-11year olds
- 8weeks of fun activities with advanced skill development and introduction to hard-ball cricket
- All skill-levels are welcome!
- Our coaches will assist with the transition from playground/soft-ball cricket to hard-ball cricket and develop the skills and knowledge of the game.
- Great social and sporting interaction with development onto full senior cricket teams.

**Starting May 2023!**

**Email enquiries: [bhccjnrs@gmail.com](mailto:bhccjnrs@gmail.com)**



# Useful Links for Families

## Useful Links to Resources for Families:

### **'Worrying About Money?'**

<https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire>

### **Shropshire Larder -**

<https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/>

### **Shropshire Council Cost of Living webpage**

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/>

### **Information about Free School Meals**

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/>

### **Shropshire Family Information Service**

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/parents-and-carers/shropshire-family-information-service-0-19-years/>

**The Shropshire Council Cost of Living webpage includes links and advice for specific money worries, including :**

- Cost Of Transport
- Debt and borrowing
- Rent or Mortgage Help
- Help with Energy Bills
- Help with water rates
- Financial help for people with disabilities
- Help with pensions

## 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.

Follow the Corbet Alumni Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCorbetSchoolAlumni>

Email

[alumni@corbetschool.net](mailto:alumni@corbetschool.net)

If you are still unsure and would like more information, please pop in to see Miss Kear (Office situated in the Maths block).

## Shropshire Family Information Service

The Shropshire Family Information Service provides free information, advice and support on any aspect of family life to parents and carers of young people aged 0-19. This includes:

- Childcare
- Things to do and places to go
- Family Support
- Money Matters
- Behaviour
- Divorce and separation
- Housing
- Parenting
- Disabilities and special needs
- Domestic abuse.
- Healthy eating
- Staying safe

There are times in every parent's life when they feel they need some information or help to support them in their role as parents. Further information is available from: [www.shropshirefamily.co.uk](http://www.shropshirefamily.co.uk)





# School Uniform



## Term Dates 2022-2023

### SPRING TERM 2023

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April 2023

### SUMMER TERM 2023

Monday 17th April - Friday 21st July 2023

**May Day:** Monday 1st May 2023

**\*\*King Charles Coronation Bank Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Half Term:** Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

**End of Term:** Friday 21st July 2023

### ALL DATES INCLUSIVE

**\*\*This is an additional holiday to celebrate the Kings coronation**

# Term Dates 2023-2024

## AUTUMN TERM 2023

Tuesday 5th September - Thursday 21st December 2023

**Half Term:** Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023

**Christmas Holidays:** Friday 22nd December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024

### \* Professional Development Days:

Monday 4th September 2023

Monday 6th November 2023

## SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 9th January - Friday 22nd March 2024

**Half Term:** Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April 2024

### \* Professional Development Days:

Monday 8th January 2024

## SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 8th April - Friday 19th July 2024

**May Day:** Monday 6th May 2024

**Half Term:** Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

**End of Term:** Friday 19th July 2024

### ALL DATES INCLUSIVE

### \* School closed for pupils



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