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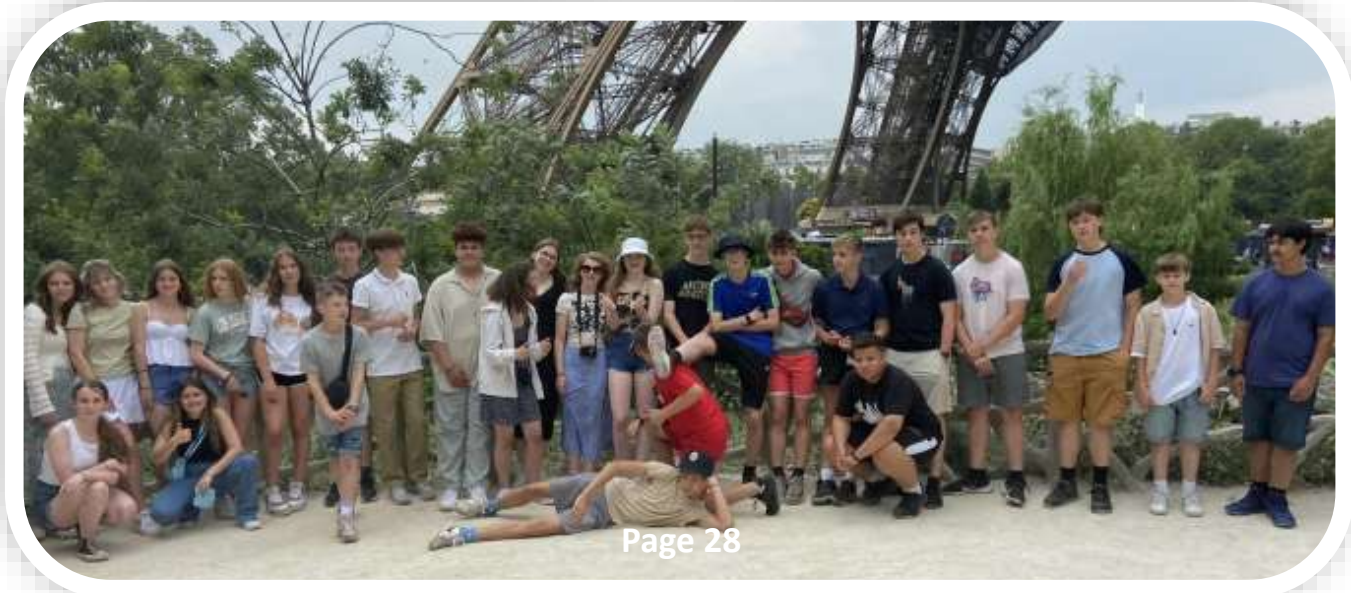
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Dr J Tinker

Headteacher



I'm sat here a little stunned whilst writing this that, yet again, we are at the end of another school year (and also looking out the window wondering where the sun has gone!). Whilst the school year has passed by quickly, I really do feel that we are now back to the pre-pandemic normal school life and the challenges we have faced over the past few years are taking on a dream like quality. I can only hope that we can hang on to the best bits where we looked after each other, valued kindness, family and friends and the ability to be together and I hope that you have some wonderful weeks over the summer to do this.

This edition of The Corbet News is packed full of some truly wonderful school events; the Summer Concert spectacularly showcased the talents of our wonderful pupils and Key Stage 3 had a chance to get involved in our STEM Day, I know that this was enjoyed by us all. Our excellence in STEM was recognised when we got through to the Faraday Challenge Final, a national competition where we made the top 5 – huge congratulations to our team who I know had a great time during the final. Our maths Young Leaders also delivered some sessions to KS1 pupils, I enjoyed seeing that too. Congratulations to our Year 10 pupils who have let me know all about the Viva Voce Festival. The pupils came back full of news after having loved their time on the French Trip, immersing themselves in French family life and enjoying some time sightseeing in Paris. We have had so much going on in the sporting life of the school, please do read through and look at some of the events that have taken place and the individual achievements of the pupils. The SYA project has brought about a varied and fun end to the school year focusing on improving wellbeing and raising money for charity through a fantastic Talent Show, recycled fashion event, snack shack, water fight and Nerf gun battle. The sun even eventually shone on us yesterday for our athletics afternoon and rock concert during lunchtime with our fantastic school rock bands Royal Blue and Radioactive.

Thank you to Helen Morgan for our mention in parliament and for continuing to further the cause of school funding and the fact that we really would love some improvements to some of our buildings to make them the very best learning environment for our pupils and to futureproof them and make them more energy efficient.

Thank you as always to the CFA and it is lovely that we have so many new members, please do come and get involved in whatever way that you can.

It is always sad that we have to say goodbye to members of staff at this time of year and I would like to say a huge thank you to the following staff who will be leaving us in the summer: Mr Tetsill, Mr Davies and Mr Rendell are all retiring with Miss Atherton, Mrs Frank and Mx Hughes going on to pastures new and I know our whole school community will want to wish them well and good luck with their new adventures and I hope that lots of exciting and happy times are ahead.

Please stay safe and have a lovely summer.

Best wishes
Jane Tinker
Headteacher

Helen Scarisbrick

Chair of Governors



At the end of the academic year, it is traditional to say our goodbyes and this year we are losing some much-valued members of staff who are retiring.

Mr. Andy Tetsill joined the Corbet staff in 1999. Over twenty-four years of service in the Humanities Department teaching such a topical subject as Geography, many of our youngsters will have benefitted from gaining a sound knowledge of the planet they inhabit.

In 2001 Mr. Mark Davies joined the staff as a Computer Technician. Ten years later he became the Senior IT Technician, always willing to sort out a myriad of issues with computers for children and staff alike. More recently Mark has worked as the Corbet Site Manager. Over the past twenty-two years Mark has been a dependable and valued member of the school staff.

Mr Keith Rendell has been School Business Manager for the past seventeen years. He has managed the school finances with an almost magical touch, balancing the budget in increasingly challenging times, finding the resources to maintain the buildings, employ such talented staff, and compete successfully for funds for major projects such as the new Science labs.

Mrs. Laura Frank came to the school in 2008. Over the years she has taught both Science and Astronomy but has ended her time at the Corbet as the Wellbeing lead.

Miss. Jade Atherton joined The Corbet in September 2020 as a Teacher of Science and I wish her well in her new role closer to home.

Mx. Robyn Hughes joined The Corbet SEN Department from September 2020 and has been a valued Learning Support Assistant for the past 3 years.

Our Clerk to the Governors, Mrs. Jane Davies is also retiring. Jane came to the Corbet in 2010 and has advised and organised the Governors ever since, with her huge fount of knowledge and calm approach. Whatever the issue Jane has been on hand with sound advice and support. She will be greatly missed by members of the Governing Body past and present.

To those who are retiring the Governors send a big thank you for all their commitment and hard work over the years. We send good wishes for health and happiness in the future.

Mr Roger Ford is standing down from the Governing Body, but fortunately not leaving us! Roger joined the Governing Body back in 2006, possibly little realising that he would still be a governor seventeen years later! Always willing to give his time, Roger chaired the Governing Body between 2009 and 2017. Roger will stay as Chair of the Members Board which sits above the Governing Body. We should like to thank him for his continuing years of service to the school.

Last but by no means least may the Governors send best wishes to all the young people departing the Corbet this time. May the exams bring the hoped for successes as they move on to new challenges ahead.

If you would like to contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Helen Scarisbrick
please email the Clerk to the Governors,

ClerktoTrustee@corbetschool.net

Corbet Clothes

Welcome to Corbet's second-hand uniform 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.

The initiative was launched by ex-student, Anna Fairley, and her great work is continued by volunteers from the current student body.

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



Corbet Clothes



To make an order please complete the following form:

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

Donations

We do have a large amount of blue Yr7-Y10 School jumpers in Age 13 and size small which have kindly been donated. If you are in need of school jumpers in these particular sizes, please do make an order as we have lots available.

Alternatively, we are in need of P.E. kit donations and further uniform donations. We currently have no available items in our Corbet Clothes P.E. kit stock.

Donations can be dropped off at reception during 8am-5pm.

Lost Property

Part of the transition to Secondary School is to encourage independence, therefore students are asked to name all clothing as this helps getting lost items back to them.

Students are to check lost property and follow their own footsteps to locate any items which they have mislaid .

Single Use Plastic

Please find the linked article regarding the ban of single use plastic's which takes effect in October 2023.

[Far-reaching ban on single-use plastics in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/far-reaching-ban-on-single-use-plastics-in-england)

Please ensure students have a refillable water bottle with them where they can refill their bottles at the water fountains around the school site. We will no longer be able to provide single use plastic cups .

Contacting Us

We have a number of different contact methods please use the following to take you direct to each department. Using these direct numbers and emails address's means we can deal with your enquiry more effectively.

Reception

01939 260296

admin@corbetschool.net

Pupil Absence

01939 262004

absence@corbetschool.net

Finance which includes Parent Pay

01939 262008

finance@corbetschool.net

IT

01939 262005

CorbetITsupport@corbetschool.net

Student Support

studentsupport@corbetschool.net

SIMS Parent App Lite

To ensure our records are up to date and as accurate as possible please log into your account and confirm all your details are correct.

If they are not, please update this information as soon as possible. This includes any medical conditions your child may have.

www.sims-parent.co.uk

[Parent App Registration Guide for Parents Oct 2023.docx](#)

New Year 7 parents will be sent further instructions in how to set this up.

Careers & Work Experience

Mr Womble is our new Careers Lead and Miss Wilson as the Career's Administrator within the school who started their new role within the school in April 2023.

Together with Emma Linney, Independent Careers Advisor, and our team of PSHEE teachers, we strive to deliver the best possible Careers Education and guidance to all our students. Should you wish to know more about Careers Education at The Corbet School, please see the Careers pages of the school website, or contact us directly by emailing careers@corbetschool.net.

Year 10 successfully completed Work Experience Week on the 3rd-7th July 2023 with some fantastic feedback from the employers that kindly gave up their time to accommodate our pupils. We are immensely proud of how our Year 10 Pupils represented The Corbet School.

Year 9 have been given an assembly in relation to Work Experience 2024 no dates have been confirmed but it will be early July 2024. The Summer holidays are a fantastic way for students to engage with employers and start thinking about where they would like to complete their placement.

You can find lots of information regarding work experience on our website,

[Work Experience - The Corbet School](#)

PSHEE

Dates to remember; Year 9 Focus Day- PSHEE

Thursday 14th September 2023

Friday 10th November 2023

Radioactive

Radioactive rocked the stage at Baschurch Summer Fete last Saturday with their high-energy performances of classic hits like "Seven Nation Army" and "Smells Like Teen Spirit." Fans enjoyed a set of non-stop rock and excitement along to some of the greatest rock anthems of all time. Their electrifying performance was a huge success and left the crowd wanting more. Radioactive's music was the perfect addition to the fete and made it an unforgettable time. The band's talent and energy truly shone through and made for an epic performance.



Heart Felt Tips

A big thank you to pupils and parents for the generous contributions to the Heart Felt Tips appeal. Nine pencil cases were meticulously packed by Francesca Widdon with your donations of stationery. They have now been taken to The Shrewsbury Food Bank in Coleham where they will be made available to young people using the food bank on their return to school in September.

Just another lovely example of Corbet pupils pulling together to help others - inspiring!

Thank you from Mrs Frank (and Miss Williams)



Helen Morgan MP Visit

Helen Morgan the Liberal Democrat MP for North Shropshire visited the school on Thursday 25th May.

We had some lovely feedback from Helen Morgan following her visit, she was very impressed with the lovely, calm atmosphere of the school and with the meeting she and Mary had with our Year 11 pupils Becca Deakin, Noah Dixon, Matt Drew and Amelia Brien. It was great that they had the opportunity to share their views on education and the challenges facing young people and we were able to share our thoughts about the state of education today and the particular challenges around school funding, our buildings and the support for pupils and their families from organisations outside of school.

She is going to submit some written questions in response to some of the concerns we have raised and provide us with a letter of support when we have our bid ready for a new block to replace the demountables.

Please follow the link below to watch Helen Morgan discussing Rural Schools deserving a fairer deal with the school minister in Parliament on the 12th June 2023.

<https://twitter.com/helenmorganmp/status/1668277560621383682?s=48&t=2UKAvVY4K5giO1SwdYDWeQ>



Summer Concert

This year's summer concert was even bigger and better than last years! It took place on Thursday 22nd June 2023 and showcased a wide variety of music from a harpist to a rocking rendition of 'Sweet Home Alabama'. The concert – hosted by Kim Gibbons and Erin Williams - kicked off with Royal Blue playing 'Stand by me' by 'Oasis'. The evening continued with many amazing soloists, our talented choirs and school band and multiple Rock Bands. There was also a sneak preview of the upcoming school production of 'Grease' which will be performed in November. The night ended with RadioActive playing their version of the hit song 'Teenagers'.

The performers had spent a great deal of their time preparing for the night and it clearly paid off.

Who knows how we're going to top it next year?

By Erin Williams and Kim Gibbons



Summer Concert



Corbet Friends Association

This term has been an exciting one for the CFA with us doubling our volunteers to around a dozen! Here are some of our newest faces L-R Joy Baister, Tenille Jackson, Catriona Nicholls and Holly Rees along with other new faces (not pictured) Nicole Real, Louise Selman and Helen Barrett.

The CFA are an invaluable resource for school, fundraising and providing equipment for use by students across the curriculum. Previous purchases include the kiln in the art department, microphones for the drama department, a drum silencer for the music department, and chess sets for wellbeing and library use. Recently the CFA provided additional footballs for use on the field at lunchtime - this was extremely popular and something that is extra to the usual curriculum resources.

There are several events coming up next year, not least the infamous chocolate bingo will be back in December and our AGM ins to be held in the Autumn. Further details will be given at the start of the academic year.

The CFA have been very generous in providing their time to sell refreshments at the recent school concert and the talent show and they are also lined up for refreshments at the Grease performances in November and the School Carol Concert in December.

Currently, the CFA are looking to purchase 3 sets of picnic benches (with tables attached) to put under the canopy in between English and Drama. These are made from recycled materials and should last in excess of 25 years if looked after. These will be extremely well received by the students who are always looking for places to congregate and chat around at lunch and breaktimes.

The big project for the next academic year in the WELLBEING GARDEN. We have just applied for a grant from BUPA Foundation Green Community and intend to start work on the garden in the Autumn with a view to complete by the Summer term. The WELLBEING GARDEN will be a school community project and we shall be sending out a short survey in September to see how you, the school community, might be able to help, either with time, sponsorship, loans of equipment or indeed donations. Watch this space!

Of course, the CFA is made up of volunteers, many of whom work fulltime and also run households. WE NEED YOU. 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 occasionally on Teams - 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 cannot function, so please come

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along to our next meeting on **Thursday 14th September at 6pm**, 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 so we can keep you updated on the meeting and make sure we have enough water in the kettle.



STEM Day

On Wednesday 5th July we held our first STEM day in a number of years. This was a chance for pupils to take part in a range of activities linked to the subjects of Science Technology Engineering and Maths, as well as developing skills that are needed in careers in this sector. We were lucky enough to have a visit from one of RAF Shawbury's Juno helicopters. The two pilots Johnathon and Josh were fantastic with the students and patiently answered all their questions. Other activities included designing fairy tale houses, building trebuchets, coding, protecting eggs (and testing this out by dropping them out of the maths room windows), as well as taking part in taskmaster activities. Pupils and staff embraced the day and it was great to see students working so well together in their tutor groups.

I found the STEM day very fun and entertaining. I enjoyed the egg drop most as we worked well as a team and got along very well which. It was very cool meeting new teachers that I might have in the year above I also enjoyed staying in my tutor all day.

Lucy Mantle 7E

I really liked it because it was a bit different to other days. I really like the helicopter and being with my tutor and meeting new teachers.

Lizzie Dyson 7O

It was very fun and I loved being off timetable. One of the lessons I really liked was the house design as I could be imaginative as I wanted to. I also liked seeing the helicopter

Hattie Lewis 7O

I enjoyed the STEM day a lot, the lessons were very engaging especially the egg drop.

Poppy Sharps 7C

Stem day was enjoyable and interesting. The helicopter was brilliant and it was nice to be off schedule doing activities that were a bit more free.

River Hawke Harris 7O



STEM Day



KS2 Maths Morning

On Friday, 14th July our maths young leaders once again welcomed year 2 students from our feeder primary schools. Having spent the last half term getting organised and practising they did a fantastic job of delivering their chosen activity to 90 pupils. The activities included an addition and subtraction treasure hunt, where's wally directions, number types parachute games, measuring mini javelins, sorting items into Venn diagrams and drawing pictures using shape names and properties. All the young leaders delivered with confidence and it was great to see the year twos all leaving having had a fun morning of maths. Here's what some of the young leaders had to say about the morning.

I really enjoyed today. It was so fun to teach little kids. I made a bunch of tiny friends and met some old ones.

I loved it today, it was really fun. The children were very nice and kind. They listened very well and were extremely well organised.

It was a very fun day for everyone, teachers and students all joined in our parachute games and the communication and trust from us to the teachers was also amazing.

We taught the year twos about measuring and made javelins. They were enthusiastic to learn. It was a great way to test our communication skills and a fun day.

The activity I did was shapes. I enjoyed helping the kids and they made the experience memorable and fun.



The Viva Voce Festival

On the 16th of May I had the pleasure of accompanying six of our Year 10 pupils who were taking part in the first day of a spoken English festival at Ellesmere College. In addition to our group, there were teams from the college and Lakelands school. The day consisted of workshops on reciting verse, reading prose and performing monologues. These were all delivered by Year 12 International Baccalaureate students from Ellesmere College. At the end of the day the pupils were allocated one of the three topics to perform on their next visit.

We all returned to Ellesmere College on the 6th of June for the second day of the festival. This time our pupils took part in competitions in either reciting a poem that they had learnt by heart, giving a dramatic reading of the opening of a novel, or performing a persuasive presentation. All the pupils had prepared well for the event, with some learning long passages by heart and delivering their pieces with confidence. J came first in her poetry recitation and Charlie came second in his reading of the opening of a novel, but each one did fantastically well.

We were made very welcome by the staff and pupils at the college and our pupils really enjoyed themselves, particularly the free lunches! This was the inaugural Viva Voce Festival, but it is hoped that it will continue and grow, with more schools taking part next year.

Well done to our Year 10 pupils: J Ford, Raluca Leoveanu, Owen Clifton-Moore, Tom Hughes, Charlie Jacobs and Morgan Richards.

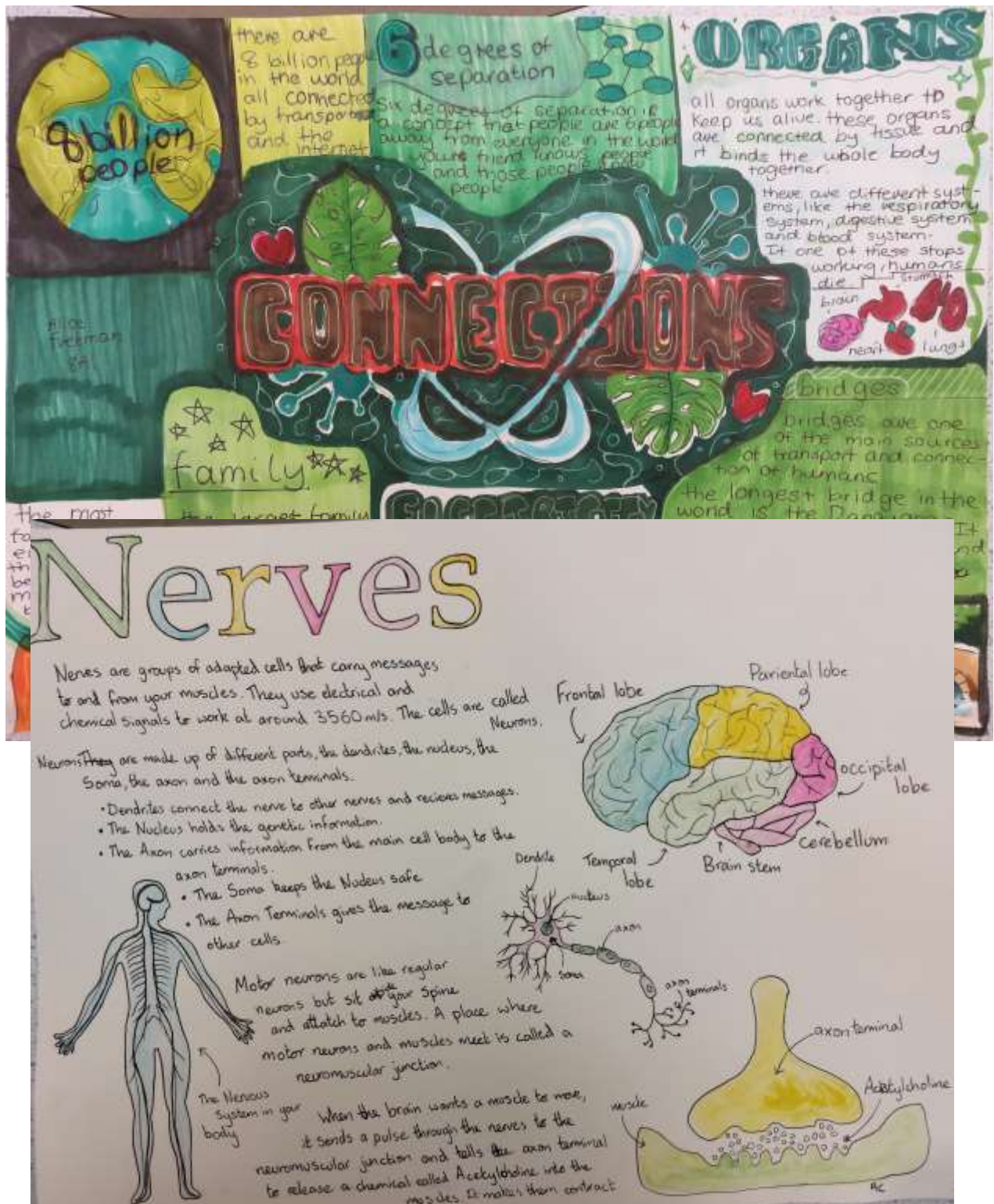
Ms J Leach.



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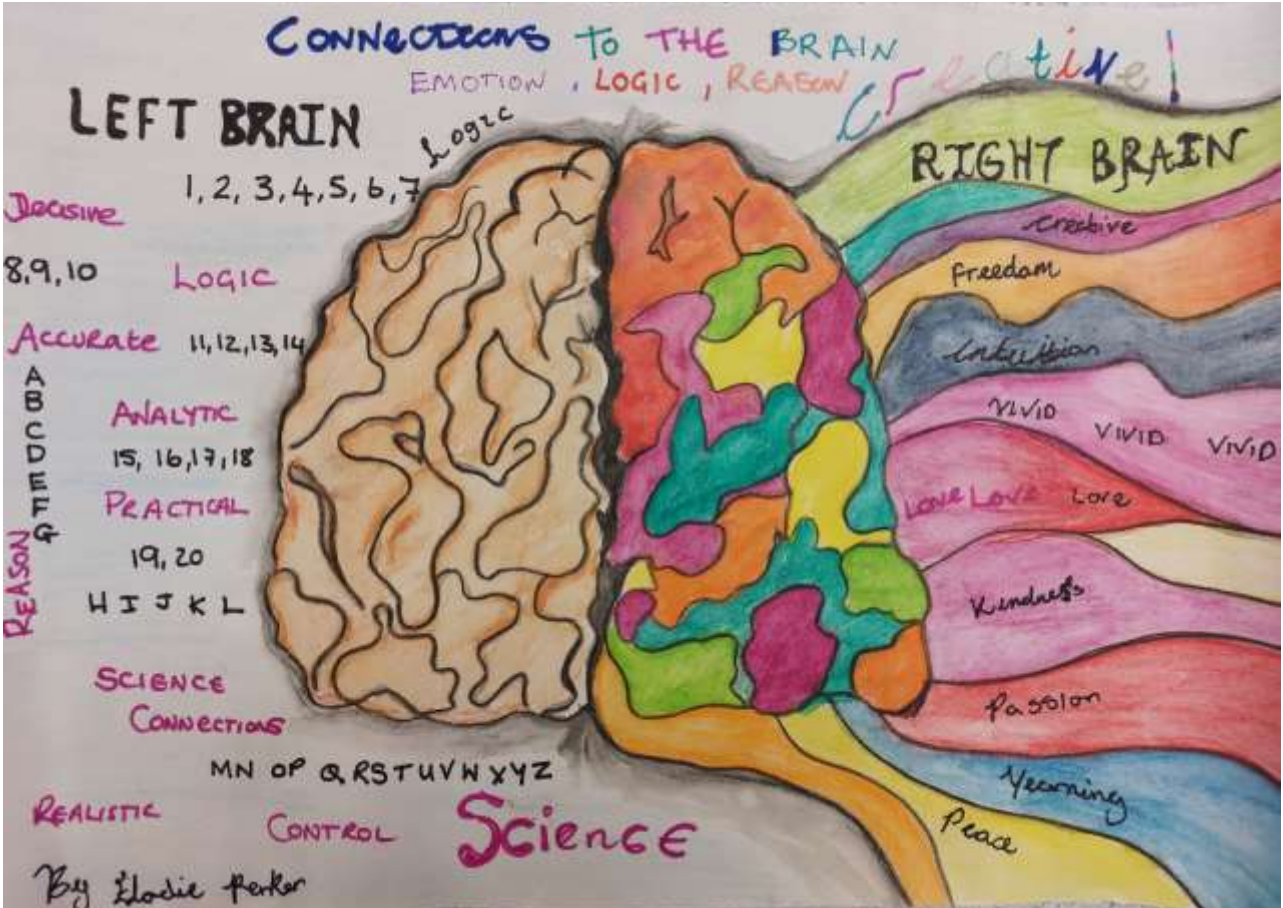
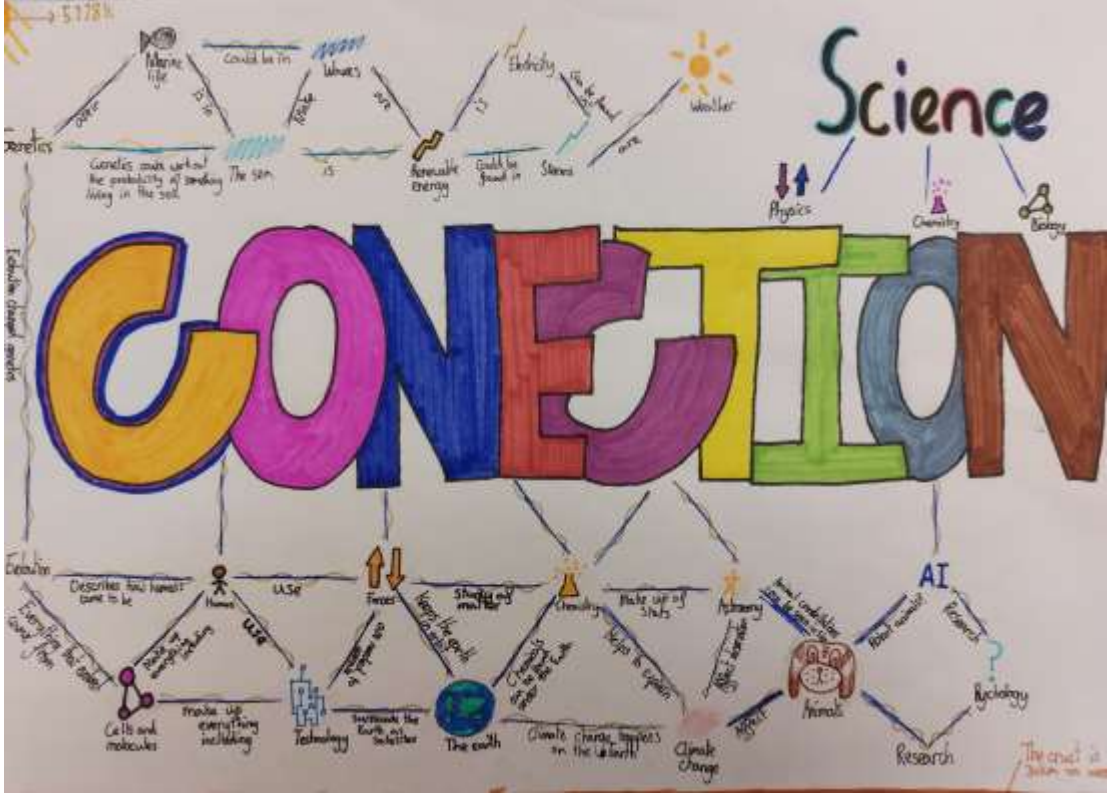
Science Week 2023

The theme of this year's science week was Connections. Our year 7 and 8 students took part in the Science Week poster competition. The five winners from our school will all go forward into the national competition with a chance of winning an adopted pet, books, magazines, playsets and tickets to a museum. Our winners are Alice, Cameron, Amy, Elodie and Holly.



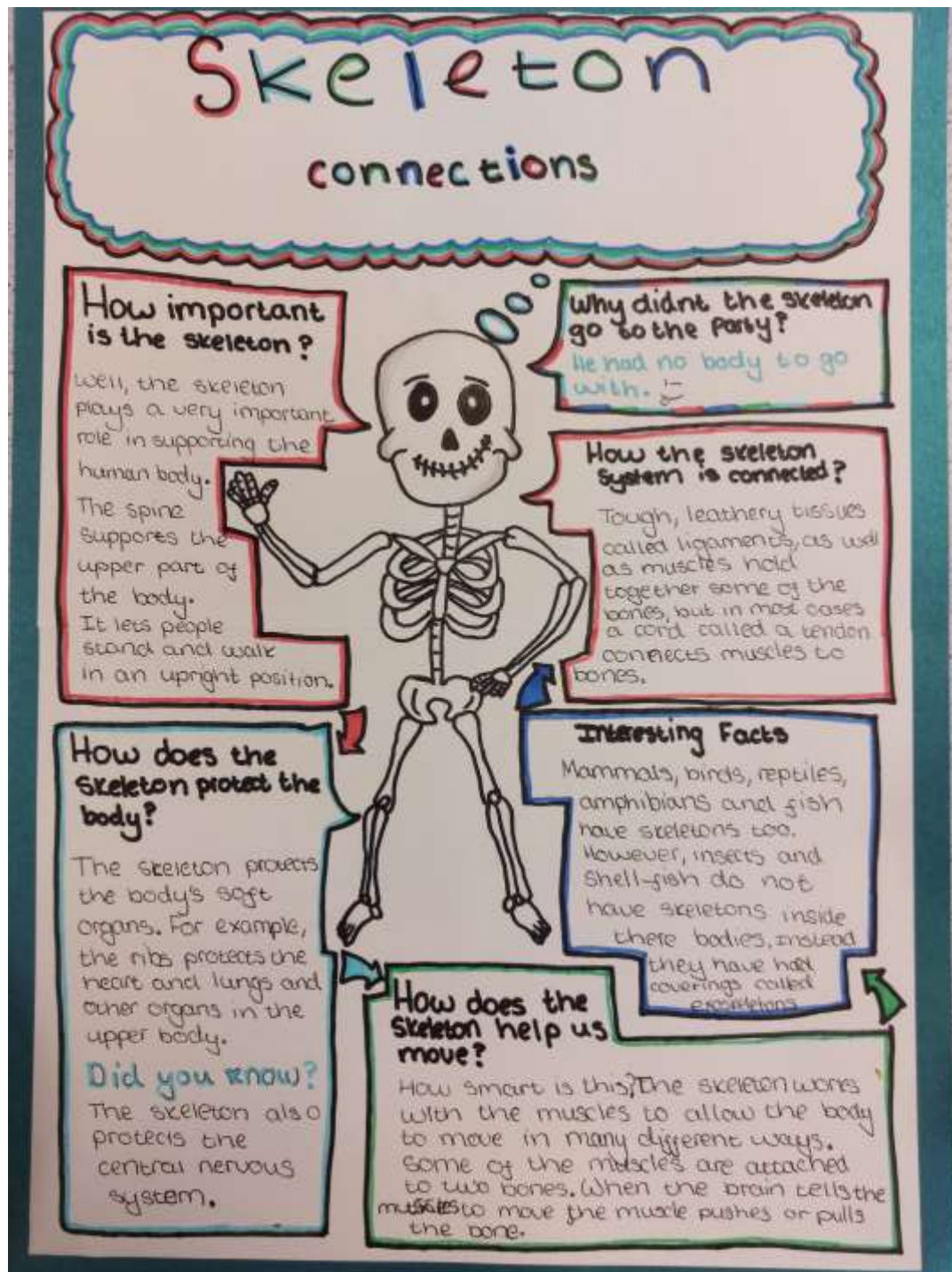
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Biology Challenge

Year 9 and 10 students entered the UKBC Biology Challenge which stimulates curiosity for the natural world and encourages students to take an interest in biology outside of school.

We were very proud of our students and their achievements. Worth a special mention is Conner Jones who achieved a Gold Award which put him on the top 5% of students nationally.



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8A4 Learn About Digestion

The digestive system is a very complex organ system that students find challenging to understand and retain knowledge about. This term, 8a4 have been modelling the digestive system through a series of demonstrations.

This involved the acquisition of a teachers packed lunch and then putting in through the following processes:

Tearing - *incisor teeth*

Grinding with a pestle and mortar - *molar teeth*

Adding fluid - *saliva and amylase (an enzyme)*

Pushing it into bag - *passing down the oesophagus and into the stomach*

Squeezing the bag and adding orange juice - *the stomach churning and adding acid and more enzymes*

Pushing it through some tights - *the small intestine absorbing nutrients into the blood*

Squeezing out water onto a towel - *the large intestine absorbing water*

knotting the tights - *faeces stored in the rectum*

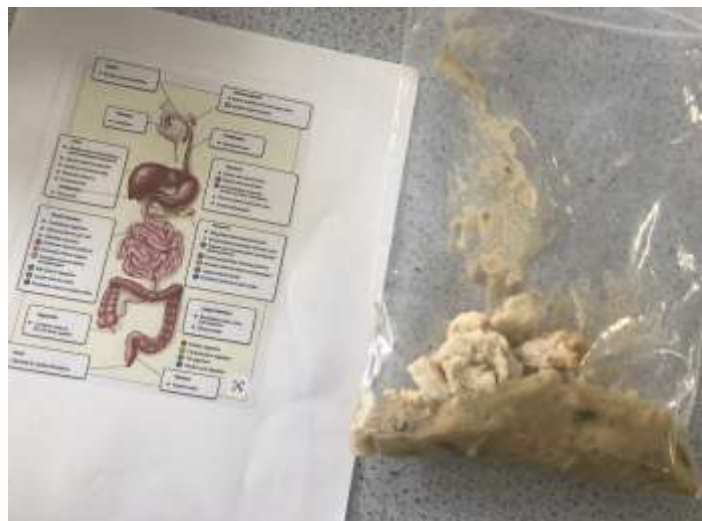
Squeezing out the remains - *faeces expelled through the anus*

Your digestive system takes in food, breaks it down into the nutrients and energy your body needs, and then gets rid of the waste. Most of your digestive system is a long tube that runs from your mouth to your rectum. This "tube" includes your oesophagus, stomach, and intestines. Your digestive system also includes organs that help digestion, such as the pancreas and liver.

You could try this at home! it is a great starting point for learning about the main organs in the digestive system.

Mrs Selman

Science Department



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Insects

Here is a short article about the residents in lab 4:

Madeleine, 10R, kindly donated 6 stick insects and a few eggs (which looked like seeds) to the Science department for observation and nurturing.

Students have enjoyed looking through the window in lab 4 and 'hunting' for them amongst the ivy. They are the masters of camouflage!

Like any insect, stick insects have six legs, antennae and their bodies are divided into three segments: head, thorax and abdomen. They occur on all continents except for Antarctica and their natural range is very broad; in temperate and tropical temperatures and in dry or wet conditions.

Stick insects live for about a year and can change colours to fit into their surroundings. No wonder it takes so long to see them in the tank! Stick insects can regenerate limbs and can also reproduce without males.

Our eggs hatched and we now have 15 living insects. They were 6mm upon arrival and after 5 weeks have grown to a whopping 42mm! They should be fully grown at 75mm by which time, I may need to invest in a larger home for them.

Mrs Selman

Science Department



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Crystallisation

Shortly after Easter, Year 9 embarked on their GCSE Science journey; 9a1 started with chemistry and have been learning about atomic structure and the periodic table.

One particular lesson that they studied involved 'suggesting an appropriate separation or purification technique for an unfamiliar mixture' and also 'being able to explain in detail how multi-step separation techniques work'.

The students thrived on the challenge of this practical lesson and embarked on a variety of techniques including dissolving, filtering, evaporating and distilling a selection of different mixtures.

The outcome of experiments resulted in these beautiful crystals: the white cubes are sodium chloride and the blue diamonds are copper sulfate. The crystals are formed in different shapes due to the bonding and a process known as the water of crystallisation for example, five water molecules are present in one formula unit of copper sulfate.

From this topic, students might lead into work at A level on organic chemistry, analytical chemistry or measurement science.

Mrs Selman

Science Department



Corbet School Qualifies for Faraday National Final

A total of 176 events took place across the UK to host the 2022-2023 IET Faraday® Challenge Days. Up to six teams of local school students competed at each event to find the best solution to the engineering-related challenge. The Corbet school team of

Evan Higginson,

George Varney,

Paige Lombardi,

Amy Cooke,

Heidi MacKechnie,

Dominic Berry,

qualified as one of the top 5 teams from over a 1,000 teams and were therefore part of the top 0.5% of Year 8 students at the final. As well as qualifying for the final the IET arranged for rail transport, accommodation and an additional day to visit the Digital Aviation Research and Technology Centre (DARTeC) at Cranfield University. During the visit students experienced drone flying, tours of the robotics research centre and plane laboratory.

This year's challenge was in association with UKRI's Future Flight Challenge and tasked teams to design a prototype that could support UKRI's Future Flight Challenge with regards to accessibility and ease of use, safety and impact on the environment.

The final was judged by Michelle Richmond, Director of Membership and Professional Development at the IET, Ama Frimpong, IET Young Woman Engineer of the Year 2022, Vicki Murdie, Innovation Lead at UKRI's Future Flight Challenge, Amy Camp, Innovation Lead at UKRI's Future Flight Challenge, and Adrian Cole, Programme Manager at DARTeC.

The events aim to encourage more young people to study and consider exciting and rewarding careers in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) by using creativity, innovation and problem-solving skills.

Natalie Moat, IET Faraday® Education Manager, said: "Students who took part in the IET Faraday® Challenge Days this year have experienced working as an engineer through hands-on and practical engagement with real-life challenges relating to UKRI's Future Flight Challenge. The quality of the students' work throughout has been fantastic and it was an extremely close final. "There is huge demand for new engineers and technicians and we're confident that this challenge has helped to change young people's perceptions of engineers and inspire the next generation. It's given students an insight into the life of a real engineer, the variety a career in engineering can offer and just how exciting and creative engineering really is."

Vicki Murdie, Innovation Lead at UKRI's Future Flight Challenge said: "It has been a fantastic opportunity for the UKRI Future Flight Challenge to partner with the IET this year for the IET Faraday® Challenge. The energy and engagement at the events has been inspirational. We have seen how much the students enjoyed the chance to complete hands on engineering design and build work, and really thinking about how to develop solutions that support uses of future flight technologies. We are sure that through these events, the schools and students will have seen the world of possibilities that a career in engineering offers and the benefits that future forms of flight

will bring to society.”

Professor Graham Braithwaite, Director of Transport Systems at Cranfield University, said: “It was fantastic to welcome these enthusiastic and talented students to Cranfield University. Engineering is a fascinating and exciting career option, and we hope that many of them will be inspired to follow this path. We warmly congratulate them and perhaps we will see some of them studying here at Cranfield in the future!”

Although our team did not quite win the top prize they were exemplary ambassadors for the Corbet school and received a runner’s up prize of £250 to be spent on STEM and the students received individual certificates. The IET Faraday® Challenge Days are part of a wider Education programme, made up of a whole host of teaching resources and activities to inspire and attract the engineers of tomorrow.



MFL Matters

French Trip 26th - 30th June

We have had a fantastic time in France and I consider it the best and most exciting French trip I have ever been on. We have had to deal with a few unexpected things (above all the issue of another coach driving into our parked coach at night and finding it written off on the morning of our planned Paris excursion day!), but the teamwork, the timely communication, the cooperation, and can-do attitude of all parties involved have made it a wonderful experience for everyone! I just cannot praise the team highly enough: Mr Shee, Mrs Stone, Mrs Cole and Mr Crewe, the pupils, the Glo-Ed travel company, and the French in Normandy School with their host families. They have made this a memorable experience for our pupils. The trip activities were unaffected by the unrest in Paris. Please have a look at the Facebook page for the photos if you haven't done so already. Look for **Corbet French Trip -23**. The page will be taken down at the end of this term.

The pupils enjoyed two mornings of lessons in the French in Normandy School, had a guided tour of Rouen, including the Historial Jeanne d'Arc museum and the Cathedral. In Paris, we went on a river cruise on the Seine, admired the Arc de Triomphe, La Tour Eiffel, the Louvre building and park. We ended our tour of Paris at Montmartre, where we enjoyed the views over Paris and saw la basilique du Sacré-Coeur. On the Place de Tertre (artist's square) pupils bought souvenirs and enjoyed free time.

Some quotes from pupils:

Aw, so French, all these people walking around with baguettes! (while driving into Rouen on the day of arrival)

It's absolutely amazing here! (As a spontaneous first response to our check-up phone call to a group of pupils and their host family)

Here comes my French dad! (at the pick-up point, the 2nd day)

We thought we had to catch or eat "souris", and then we found out they were on about "cerises"!

You'd be really impressed with me; I counted in French without even realising it!

Best memory quotes:

Touring Rouen and playing Loup-Garou with Alex (a French teacher). It was brilliant!

I talked to a lot of people, I bought some hats and I learnt some new history. My favourite part of the trip was exploring Rouen.

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I enjoyed everything.

The host family were so sweet and they taught us a lot of French.

There wasn't a day where I was bored.

I will come back soon!

I absolutely loved the food, the house and the pool!

The family was very welcoming and kind.

Our host family were so friendly and welcoming, and they really went out of their way to make us feel at home. I wish we could've stayed for longer. I would 100% recommend going on this trip. It is definitely worth it.

Et voila! That says it all. 🤗

Ms Van Mulders



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Year 8 Correspondence Exchange

As the term draws to a close, so the year 8 pupils conclude their correspondence with their French pen pals.

Over the course of the year pupils have communicated in French and English via email, voice note, video message and handwritten letters.

Consequently, they have improved their language skills and built confidence, whilst finding out about French culture and what it's like to be a teenager in France.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with this group of young people and hope to continue the initiative with next years pupils - watch this space!

Careers in Languages

In June our year 10 pupils were lucky enough to be visited by Sgt Matt Willis from RAF careers, who talked to them about the importance of languages in the Armed Forces.

Pupils were very engaged, with many asking interesting questions and leaving feeling inspired to find out more. I wonder how many intelligence analyst linguists we have in our midst.

In July year 9 pupils took part in two careers sessions: A videoconference with Emily Boaler from Oracle, talking about careers in tech with the importance of languages in her journey to her current position at Oracle and a Teams call with Cesar Fernandez of Heidelberg Materials in Madrid talking about language skills in business. Both occasions were a great success with pupils interacting and thinking of insightful questions and comments.

A big thank you to our pupils that took part and I look forward to organising more events to promote careers in Languages in the next academic year.

Wildlife Competition Winners 2023



Winner Year 7 Olivia Mason 7B



Year 8 Winner Shelby Ward 8T



Wildlife Competition Winners 2023



Year 9 winner Francesca Widdon 9T



Year 10 Winner McKenzie Gwynn 10C

Young Health Champions Talent Show

Bethany, Freya and Marie from Year 9 successfully and enthusiastically executed a phenomenal talent show, this July, in less than 4 weeks, to fundraise for Tourettes Action and The Creative Mental Health Charity. Their compèring was flawless and they introduced each act with confidence and courtesy.

The evening raised over £180 for the named charities as well as almost £100 for the CFA through refreshments sales.

We were entertained by two of the school rock bands; Royal Blue and Radioactive as well as an eclectic mix of performers across KS3. Carys and Sylvia wowed us with dancing and Anouk with her gymnastics skills on the mat. Mark was hilarious with his rendition of 'Little Red Riding Hood' (the politically correct version) and his 'digital bird watching' was a hoot! Matthew had us on the edge of our seats whilst unicycling around the hall... hearts were racing, and he received a rapturous applause. Another notable moment included Mrs Baister performing 'fun with spoons' to the tune of William Tell Overture. This involved whole audience participation in this 'Pop up Percussion Performance'!

The whole event would not have been possible without the help of Mrs Bunn, Mr Evans and Elizabeth Donoghue helping with the sound and lighting, as well as Noah Pearson-Wright and Jack Taylor conducting excellent stage management in between the acts.

All participants received a house point and hand-made talent show badge 🏆 We are looking forward to running this event again, involving all year groups and more staff acts!

Mrs Selman



Maths Challenge - Year 8 2023

Earlier this term, twenty of the best mathematicians in year 8 were invited to take part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, an international challenge aimed to challenge the very best mathematicians. The results have now arrived in school and all pupils are to be congratulated on how well they did. The top-scoring 50% of participants were awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1.



Special congratulations go to **Amy Cooke** and **Robbie Fraser**, who had an excellent result and qualified to participate in a further follow on round.

Well done to:

Amy Cooke	Gold Certificate and Best In School
Robbie Fraser	Gold Certificate
Sam Roach	Gold Certificate
George Preece	Silver Certificate
Henry Martin	Silver Certificate
Thomas Lanyon	Silver Certificate
Harry Jones	Silver Certificate
Dominic Berry	Bronze Certificate
Alice Freeman	Bronze Certificate
Evan Higginson	Bronze Certificate
Jacob Barrow	Bronze Certificate
Heidi MacKechnie	Bronze Certificate
Emily Stevens	Bronze Certificate
Karl Thomas	Bronze Certificate
George Varney	Bronze Certificate
Lola Jones	Certificate of Participation
Oscar Alexander	Certificate of Participation
Molly King	Certificate of Participation
Hannah Davies	Certificate of Participation

Do you want to test your maths skills? If so, the question paper can be found here:

<https://www.ukmt.org.uk/competitions/solo/junior-mathematical-challenge/archive>



Bronze DofE

Wind, torrential rain, thunderstorms, snow, intense sun, our Year 10 Bronze DofE students had it all.

Year 10 have been working hard towards their Bronze DofE award, completing their skills, volunteering and physical sections independently. These have been completed for at least an hour a week over 3 or 6 months each, showing a full commitment and independent work.

Their expedition training was underway in March with a full day learning skills to complete the expedition, including first aid, tent pitching, team work, navigation, route plotting and cooking on a stove.

The Shropshire Hills hosted the expedition training phases. Thunderstorms and torrential rain with sodden sleeping bags didn't deter them from coming back again to successfully complete the expedition phase in June.

Well done to all pupils who took part and achieved the award and a big thank you to the DofE supervising staff.





SYA



Senior Pupil Leadership 2023-24

I am delighted to let you know the successful candidates for the Senior Pupil Leadership Team. I would like to say huge congratulations and thank you for all of those pupils who put themselves forward during the process, they should all be exceptionally proud of their applications whatever stage they got to. There were many difficult decisions along the way and it was a very strong field of fantastic candidates. The process included all aspects of the application being considered; the application letter, campaign video, pupil vote, staff vote and interview with myself and Mr Simms.

Head Girl: Tilly Wright

Deputy Head Girl: Lottie Williams

Head Boy: Owen Clifton-Moore

Deputy Head Boy: Dougie Hughes-Williams

We wish them well as we work with them throughout the next year to make sure that all pupils at The Corbet School feel that they have a voice and can contribute positively to making The Corbet School a fantastic community for us all.

Sun Protection & Water Safety

Tips for keeping safe this Summer...

We all love the sun! It makes us feel good!

It's all about enjoying yourself but being responsible and prepared in the sun and never letting your skin go pink or get burnt.



DO I ONLY HAVE TO WEAR SUNCREAM ON HOLIDAY?

1/3 of people don't wear sun protection in the UK because they don't think the sun is strong enough.

The sun might not always feel as hot in this country but it can still **damage skin** and can cause **skin cancer**.



Sun Beds

Just one session a month on a sun bed can **increase your risk of skin cancer by more than half**.



Avoid the pain and shame of the lobster look by following these six simple steps...

1. Cover your skin
2. Apply sun cream (factor 30 or higher)
3. Wear a hat
4. Protect your eyes
5. Reduce the amount of time in the sun between 11am and 3pm
6. Keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water



Of course...if you become too hot in the sun, you can always cool down.....



But it is important that we respect the water.....

There were more than **400 accidental fatalities** in the UK in 2022 and nearly half of them were during June, July and August?

The group of people most at risk is **11 - 21 year olds?**

Inland water, such as rivers, canals, lakes reservoirs and quarries continue to be the leading location of accidental drowning with **60% of deaths?**

Males continue to over represent with **83% of accidental fatalities?**

MOST people who drown can actually swim well?

Water Safety Awareness

Cold Water Shock

When you jump into open water, it is much colder than you think!

- ✓ Cold water shock is the body's involuntary response to being suddenly or unexpectedly immersed into cold water of around 15°C or lower
- ✓ Any temperature below 15°C is defined as cold water and this will seriously affect your breathing and capability to move
- ✓ The reactions of the body may be muscle spasms and/or hyperventilation

Of course there can also be lots of hidden dangers when you jump into water.....



These items were taken out of the River Thames from directly under Coverham Bridge in Reading

This post was pointing directly upright under the water's surface

- ✓ Now you have seen what may be hidden below the surface, think about the what else you get could get stuck in, for example, weeds, mud or the fast flowing water.

- ✓ Remember a swimming pool...

- Has clean, clear water, allowing you to see below the surface
- Does not have a current that can sweep people away
- Will always display how deep the water is
- Is kept at an average temperature of 26°C to 28°C

What must you do in an emergency?

- ✓ Call 999 and ask for the Emergency Services or more specifically, the Coastguard if you are at the coast
- ✓ Give an accurate location, look for identifying landmarks or display boards
- ✓ If you are using an app to locate yourself, pass on the information to the Emergency Services
- ✓ Shout loudly for help - someone may be around to help you
- ✓ Shout to the person - if they can talk, it means cold water shock has passed, so can be encouraged to swim to the side
- ✓ Use a throwline / life-ring if available or a stick / scarf to pull them to the bank
- ✓ Never jump in to get them out - cold water shock affects even the best swimmers and you could become a second casualty

What must you do in an emergency?

- ✓ Try to swim at a beach with a lifeguard - swim between the red and yellow flags
- ✓ Make sure you understand and obey any safety flags at the beach
- ✓ Check the weather and tides before setting out
- ✓ If possible, avoid swimming alone
- ✓ Always pay attention to the lifeguards instructions when given
- ✓ Tell someone where you are going and when you will be back
- ✓ Inflatable rings or dinghies can be a well-known hazard when using them in open water, a strong wind or current could take you out further than you think
- ✓ Keep in touch - take some means of communication with you, like a mobile phone or a whistle



OUR SCHOOL Library

the original search engine

We have been very busy since the last School Newsletter 'way back' in March and our current **STUDENT LIBRARIAN TEAM** deserves a mention here. As you can see from our Team list, we are colour co-ordinated :

White : Trainee (being mentored)

Blue Badge : Trainee (passed the practical)

Bronze Certificate : Part Qualified

Yellow Badge : Qualified Student Librarian

Red : Senior Student Librarian

Several of our Team 'go the extra mile'. Thank you **Amy Cooke** for a staggering **788 book returns**, for mentoring our trainees to put books away and training our Yellow Badge Librarians to use our Library database. Thanks to **Millie** for chairing our Debate Club, **Willow** for selling so many Scholastic half-price books and **Francesca** for your enthusiasm and never saying 'no' to a request for help. Last, but not least, **Tilly and J** (Library Friends) for **Bookflix**, now being updated by **Lucy and Erin**. A 'shout out' here too for our two **Year 11 Leavers**, **Amy Brough** (Deputy Librarian and super reader) and **Amelia Brien** (Deputy Head Girl). Both students have been constant supporters of our School Library (even through Lockdown) and are greatly missed.

LIBRARY	TEAM	YR
Alexander	Oscar	9
Anderson	Lowri	7
Bailey	Esme	7
Brough	Ethan	7
Brough	Lucy	10
Cooke	Amy	8
Donoghue	Elizabeth	9
Forsyth	Millie	9
Gill	Sam	7
Hawke Harris	River	7
Jones	Lola	8
Piangnee	Grace	9
Richards	Morgan	10
Senior	Willow	8
Swannick	Leah	8
Tyson	Carys	7
Wareing	Erin	10
Widdon	Francesca	9
Williams	Sylvia	7



We continue to build our little family in the safe haven of our Library space and thanks here to **Lowri** for making 'Hugsie' for us. 'Hugsie' gets a hug when any one of us need a bit of support. If anyone is wondering 'why a hedgehog?' remember we upcycle our discarded and damaged books to sell on as paper hoglets to raise funds for new books.



If you get the opportunity, please take a look at our Library newsletters (School website: Pupils>Other>Library) and in particular the WBD Library competition results. We had some fantastic entries - literary eggs and 60 words creative writing - from our super talented pupils.

Our Scholastic half-price book fair in May turned out to be a great success. I have been surprised by the number of pupils who prefer to read their own books but think this stems from a lack of use of Libraries in Early Years and Primary School. Half-price book fair sales of £740 meant we had £148 worth of 'free' books from Scholastic. Thank you to our Library helpers and of course, **you**, our customers.

We decided not to shadow the Carnegie Medal Awards but I am delighted to report that 'The Blue Book of Nebo' - which I highlighted in the March Newsletter - actually turned out to be the winner.



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, onto 'Clubs'. Our **Debate Club** meets Monday lunchtimes. We are very good at expressing our opinions but not so good at following the Debating format. Thanks to Millie for being an excellent Chairperson. A special mention for some of our budding debaters, **Evan, Paige, Sam, Noah and Jensen** for their contributions. We have covered a variety of topics from Room 101 (Religion was the winner here), Rubik's cubing in the Library (now breaktime only), wearing hats (just Evan 'Avocado'). We even squeezed in a balloon debate and after a tight round of voting, claustrophobia won as 'the most feared fear'.



Whispering Wednesday was a bit 'tongue in cheek' but it has worked really well. Thank you to pupils for supporting this. From September I am hoping Wednesday will be the focus for quiet reading and the relaunch of our reading group with its own Book Award. This is all 'work in progress'.



Those of you who have read our June Library newsletter will know that **D&D** has really taken off and even Mrs Brett has a character sheet and is learning to play. Thanks to **Harry** (our original Dungeon Master), **George, Evan, Sam, Noah, Jensen and Liz** for your assistance.



Whilst mentioning the various members of our Library Family, I am extremely proud of **Amy, Evan and Paige** who participated in the **Faraday Challenge** - see Mr Jones' article - an outstanding result and an excellent team effort. Similarly, many congratulations to

Morgan, Raluca and J who were members of The Corbet School's public speaking team - see Ms. Leach's article - you acquitted yourselves extremely well.

Our Library has been busy during break and lunch (even when the sun has been shining outside) and we have definitely put the Covid Lock-down firmly behind us. At the time of going to Press, **we have shelved a phenomenal 5,623 Library books during this academic year.** I look



to this statistic as a physical demonstration of the continued popularity of the Library. **This is the highest number of book returns recorded since 2017.**



To help maintain this momentum, our Summer Reading Challenge for students and staff is to read at least six books (only one a week). Participants have received a form to complete along with one of my personalised, complementary book-marks.

	Thank you! By borrowing books from Our School Library you have taken the first step in your challenge to read six books over the Summer Holidays (one book a week). It does not matter whether the books are on loan from your library, bought online or from a book store or a charity shop. The important thing is to just enjoy what you are reading. When you return your library books please can you also complete and hand in this slip. Happy Reading! Mrs Brett	
	NAME: <input type="text"/>	TUTOR: <input type="text"/>
	This Summer Holiday I read <input type="text"/> books.	
	My favourite book was <input type="text"/>	

It is not too late to enter! When we are back in School in September, please let me know your favourite read of the Summer Holidays and - if we do not already have - I can add it to our Library Wish List.

To finish, **thank you to everyone for supporting our School Library over the last academic year and especially those pupils who have 'gone the extra mile' - see our book tree overleaf** - I have used first names only (you know who you are). It is pleasing to note that we have pupils from every Year Group involved in our Library Family. I've just realised that I have said very little about books..! If you are stuck for inspiration, please see 'Mrs Brett's Reading' in our monthly Library Newsletters (School website: Pupils>Other>Library).

Happy Reading

Mrs Brett

Library Co Ordinator





Arthog

In April 2023, 48 of our Year 8 students and 5 members of staff attended an outdoor education trip at Arthog in Barmouth.

The students travelled down on the Friday night and enjoyed dinner and then a trip out to the local beach to play games (shout out to Miss Jones and Mr Hartshorn with their cricketing skills!) and wind down from the long trip down from Corbet.

The students then began their weekend of activities, ranging from gorge walking, canoeing and kayaking and also rock climbing on another section of the Barmouth coast. The gorge walking begun at the base of the beach and the students scaled the gorge up the top of the hill, encountering multiple obstacles and overcoming them as a group. The canoeing and kayaking tested our student's ability to balance and work in a pair out on an intel of water, whilst the rock climbing tested our students physically but also mentally.

The students were a credit to themselves all weekend, throwing themselves into every activity that they completed, quite literally in all the water-based activities! The final evening was filled with trips to the gift shop, card and board games and of course, a table tennis tournament.

We hope that the students thoroughly enjoyed the trip, and well done for all your hard work and effort whilst we were at Arthog.



Sports News

Colour Run 2023

The Corbet Colour Run took place on Thursday 25th May on the school field. The atmosphere was fantastic; it was wonderful to see the pupils smiling, laughing, and having fun with their friends. Over 170 pupils from year 7-11 took part. It began with all participants creating a colour cloud by tossing up the multicoloured power into the air and all getting covered in a rainbow of colours.

Pupils then ran around the field to music whilst the Year 9 and 10 Sports Council members threw coloured power at them whilst they ran past. We would like to say a huge thank you to the pupils who took part who raised £688 for the PE Department's extra curricular programme and The Corbet School wellbeing garden. The event received a great deal of positive feedback from pupils, they all had a brilliant time and are already looking forward to the event next year!



Sports News

County Swimming Gala May 2023

Well done to all swimmers who represented the school in May at Thomas Telford School.

George Varney competed in the 100m Freestyle

Erin Wareing competed in the 200m medley

FIA Lamont competed in The 200m medley

Robbie Fraser competed in 100m breaststroke and 200m medley

Molly King competed in the 100m breaststroke and 100m backstroke.

Well done to Archie Fraser and Alfie Lewis-Coxill.

Archie competed in the 200m medley and came 1st in 100m butterfly

Alfie came 3rd in 100m butterfly and 2nd in 200m medley.



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>



Sustainable Warmth Shropshire

You could be eligible for grant-funded energy efficiency works at home – please don't miss this opportunity to cut down your energy bills.

Sustainable Warmth Shropshire – an initiative run by Shropshire Council – has secured more funding to carry out improvements on Shropshire resident's homes.

If you are in receipt of any of the following, you will automatically qualify:

- Universal Credit
- Free School Meals
- Child Tax Credits
- Child Benefit (*income thresholds apply*)

For more information and to apply, please visit our website at www.shropshire.gov.uk/sws.

If you require additional help with your application, please contact our free and impartial energy advice service, Keep Shropshire Warm on 0800 112 3743.

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

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



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 8th 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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