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The Corbet News December 2024





Dr J Tinker Headteacher



As I am sat writing this, I am in a bit of disbelief that we have finally reached the end of what has been another very long autumn term. I'm also feeling a little less proud of myself this year, as I still haven't written my Christmas cards or done most of my shopping! I hope that your preparations are going better than mine and that you are looking forward to a relaxing time whatever it is that you are doing over the next couple of weeks.

The newsletter is full of the wonderful things that have taken place in our Corbet School community over the last term, it as been punctuated with many joyful moments, the Corbet Extravaganza and the Carol Concert being two of the most memorable. Our act of Remembrance was also beautiful, demonstrating what a respectful and thoughtful community we are. We used the bus mound this year and were joined by Brian Welti, The High Sheriff of Shropshire, and even had a plane fly over which some of the pupils thought we had organised. As always, we have been outward looking, making fantastic contributions to the, Wear it Yellow campaign the week of World Mental Health Day, and the Shrewsbury Food Bank. The Wellbeing Garden is looking lovely and we are looking forward to the official name being decided – thank you to you all for your fundraising and to the CFA for everything that they do, they are always looking for members if you have a little time to give.

I hope that you enjoy reading about the AOPE visit to the Commonwealth War Graves and a local farm. Please do take the time to read through the exciting things that have been going on in departments and on the sports field. It was lovely to see Year 11 2024 for their Presentation Evening and finding out all about how they had been getting on and celebrating their fantastic successes with them. Huge congratulations to Sennen and Amy for their excellent achievements in their sports of downhill racing and shooting.

I would also like to wish every success and to say thank you to Ms Crichton who has been working in the Science Department this term.

It's the last day of term tomorrow and I am really looking forward to our Christmas assemblies which I'm hoping bring a joyful and fun end to the term.

Finally, I send my very best wishes to you and your families, wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes Jane Tinker Headteacher

Helen Scarisbrick Chair of Governors



As always, this has been a busy term at the Corbet. September now seems a while ago but at that time, we welcomed new children and new staff who are now settled and contributing to our bustling community. The Trustee Board have welcomed a new Parent Trustee. Mrs. Janet Nicholls joined us in October.

The Trustees would like to congratulate Dr Tinker and her whole staff on yet another set of extremely good exam results. At a time when all schools are facing very difficult financial circumstances the team at the Corbet are working hard to ensure that our pupils continue to have a high-quality all-round education.

Trustees have visited the school recently and been impressed by the huge variety of educational challenge and experience on offer at the Corbet and also the enthusiasm with which the children take up such opportunities: how keen they are to represent the school in sports teams, or come forward to join in drama productions, play musical instruments or work at their Art/DT. I could go on.

You may have noticed our new school doors at the main entrance. Maintaining our old school buildings is an ongoing challenge. Contractors are in school working to up-date our fire doors etc. to ensure the continued safety of all.

So, the school year rolls on again. Year eleven are boosting themselves to face important exams in 2025, whilst we already look forward to accommodating new children in September next year. The Corbet continues to be a successful and happy school community.

The Trustee Board wishes staff, pupils and Corbet families a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Mrs Helen Scarsbrick

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

ClerktoTrustee@corbetschool.net



Thursday 10th October was World Mental Health day.

As a school we had a week of well-being activities and an opportunity to wear it yellow on the Friday. Students donated to take part and enjoyed the activities. Money was raised for Young Minds.

Mrs R Simms: Assistant Head KS3





Corbet Extravaganza



This year, in place of the usual whole school production, The Corbet School Performing Arts Department organised a night of entertainment that we called The Extravaganza. This included comedy, drama, music, singing and dance and even – for the first time in living memory (or at least within the past twenty years) a staff pantomime! The evenings were well attended, especially on the Friday night, and raised money towards the purchase of new keyboards for the music department which was very gratefully received.

Mr I Evans: Head of Performing Arts

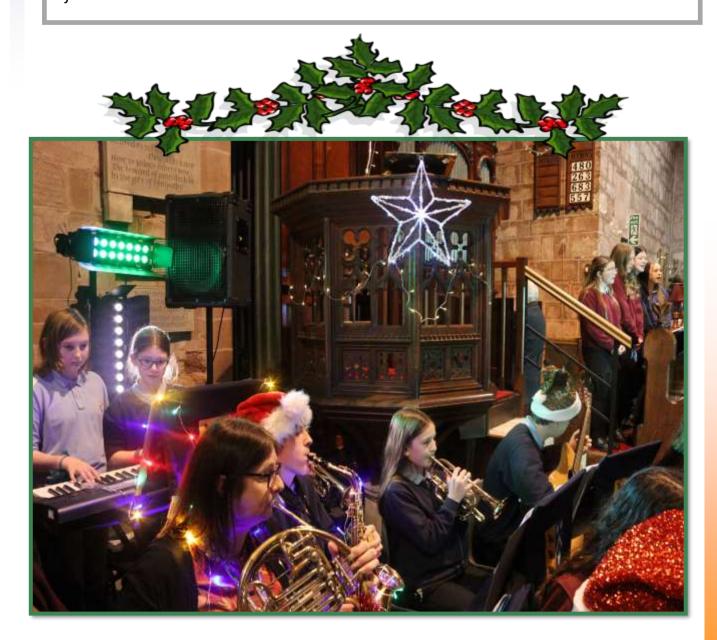






Carol Concert

This year's Christmas Carol service, there was some amazing performances. Along with our joint choir performances we also had some wonderful soloists: Jessica Young, Elizabeth Selman, Mathew Selman and Lily Poston. The Corbet Schools Head Boy and Girl and the Deputy Heads read out some Christmas poems and passages from the bible. Overall, the evening was lively and fun. We had performances from multiple bands including our rock bands Royal Blue, On Air and the school band. The school band accompanied the choir and congregation as they sang traditional Christmas carols and as a nice appearance the staff made a choir that added to the Christmas spirit. Huge thanks to Rev. Cox at All Saints Church for hosting the evening and to the CFA for the wonderful refreshments. By Elodie Parker



Carol Concert



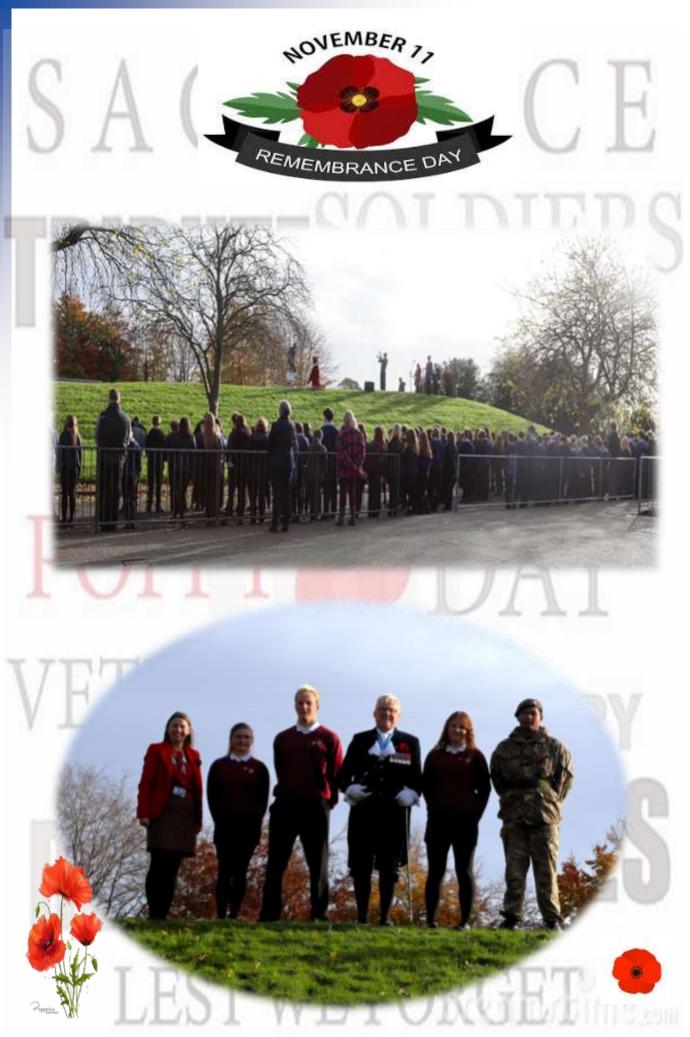
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Christmas Tree

We would like to thank Leaton Forest for supplying The Corbet School with this year's Christmas Tree.







Shrewsbury Food Bank Donations

Thank you Corbet School pupils, parents and staff for the generous donations to Shrewsbury Food Bank. Two car loads of donations were dropped off at the Barnabas Centre in Coleham by Miss Williams and Mrs Nixon on Monday and the staff there were incredibly grateful.

Shrewsbury Food Bank organises and distributes parcels of donated food, toiletries, cleaning products and household items to individuals and families every week.

Food banks are an essential service in communities across the country and in the last few years they have helped thousands of people in need. Through foodbank PLUS, Shrewsbury Food Bank is now able to help people beyond the short term fix and empower them to face a more positive future.

There are many varied circumstances that bring people along to the food bank, often they have been caught in the trap of debt or lost their job, suffered ill health, family breakdown, bereavement, delays in benefits or homelessness. Sometimes it's a combination of many issues, but whoever they are, if their need is genuine Shrewsbury Food Bank will give them food, support and encouragement. Thank you to everyone involved for your continued support for

The Shrewsbury Food Bank. Mrs K Williams: MFL





AoPE Commonwealth War Grave Visit

Year 11 Corbet pupils have been exploring places of interest in Baschurch and carrying out their own research as part of their AoPE (Award of Personal Effectiveness) studies. Bill Dawber, from Baschurch and Bomere Heath Branch of the Royal British Legion, met them during their visit to the Commonwealth War Graves in the churchyard of All Saints Church.

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon, a poignant reminder of how fortunate they were to be enjoying their freedom, a freedom made possible by the sacrifices of the men whose graves they were about to visit. Before finding the CWGs, the pupils gathered by the War Memorial inscribed with the names of men from the village who also made the ultimate sacrifice. They paid their respects, holding a brief silence, led by Bill and his reciting of the Exhortation.

Immediately outside the church, Bill was able to show us the grave of a soldier from the Battle of Waterloo who died in 1875. Corporal Richard Lewis was in the 23rd Regiment of Foot Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Bill then helped us to find the five graves of service men from the First World War, and the one grave from the Second World War, that of Joseph Anthony Davis, Flight Sergeant, 15 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Bill told us that tragically, his death was due to an accident when he overshot the runway in his Lancaster Bomber on return from a mission. He was only 23 years old. Two of the soldiers from the First World War, Private N Wills, Royal Welsh Fusiliers and Private Robert William Richards, Army Service Corps were just 19 years old. Seeing the graves and reflecting on the realities and horrendous **devastation and loss caused by war, gave the pupils' research a sense of purpose, these** men became more than names on a page.

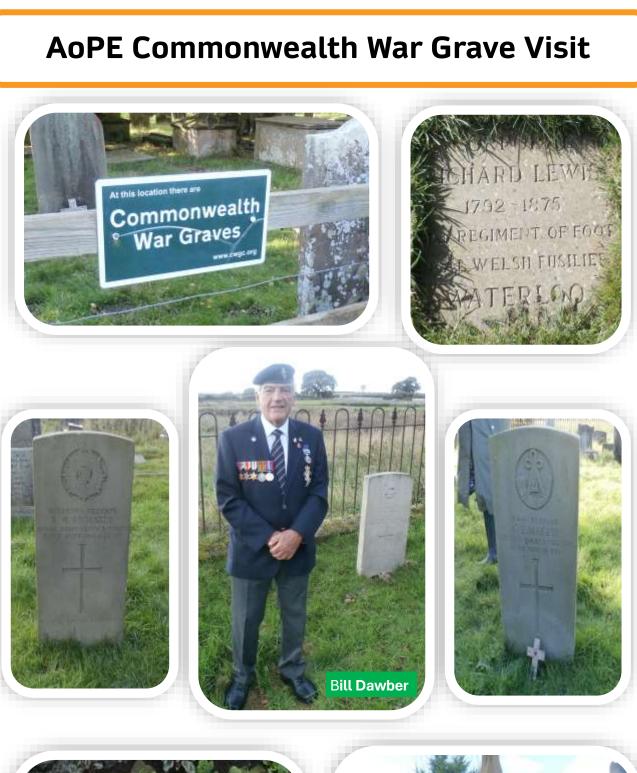
The grave of Dame Agnes Hunt can also be found in the churchyard at All Saints. Agnes lived at Boreatton and after qualifying as a nurse, founded the first open air hospital for disabled children in 1900. Florence House as it was first called, later became known as Nightingale House. The newly installed operating theatre and x ray equipment proved invaluable for removing shrapnel from patients when the hospital for children was repurposed as a hospital for wounded servicemen during the First World War.

With Bill, pupils walked back to school, visiting Nightingale House and reading the tablet **commemorating Agnes Hunt's legacy. The world**-renowned Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital at Gobowen had its humble beginnings in Baschurch!

The pupils were so appreciative of Bill volunteering to meet them and answer their questions. They could see how proud he is to wear his Royal British Legion uniform and were interested to find out about his medals and experiences.

Thank you, Bill, and thank you Royal British Legion, Baschurch and Bomere Heath Branch.

Jenny Lewis: Study Support







AoPE Farm Visit



recently visited Moor Farm in Baschurch as Spot Pigs are also given the best life. The part of their AoPE (Award of Personal Effec- cattle are fed naturally on hay and grass, so tiveness) assessment.

over 100 years and moved to its current commercially produced and grain fed site in 2005 from its original home in the stock. Apparently, feeding cows grain is like centre of the village.

learning all about the farm's incredible eco credentials and getting up close to their and status on the farm, is father to 40 well cared for livestock. Pupils also sampled sausage rolls, hot from the oven; de- will father 60 calves. His calves are the cakes: and thick, lectable milkshakes freshly made with Cheshire ice- Thank you to Hazel, Dan and Melissa for cream.

Did you know, Moor Farm not only runs their farm, farm shop and cafe from their own roof top solar panels, they also have a 15-acre solar site providing power for

church. Furthermore, Moor Farm captures, recycles and stores 160,000 litres of water! Not only is the grassland at Moor Farm, pesticide, herbicide and nitrogen free, a woodland walk has been planted with 2,000 native trees, encouraging wildlife and birds. A corn bunting, red kite, merlin, hobby, and curlew have been spotted, and in the spring a buzzard makes its nest. When year 11 visited, they had recently planted an orchard with apple, plum and pear trees.

Pupils certainly enjoyed meeting the animals, stroking a chicken whose life is one of pure luxury – Moor Farm chickens have 10 times more space than the minimum to register poultry as free range.

A group of year 11s from the Corbet School Their Hereford Cattle and Gloucester Old not only are the cattle healthier, calmer and The farm has been in the Timmis family for happier, but their beef is far superior to feeding children lots of sweets and sugar!

What a wonderful afternoon they had, Lennon, a one tonne bull, appearing to be well-aware of his handsome good looks calves this year. Next year it is hoped he creamy best the farm has ever had.

> such an enjoyable and informative tour of your farm. It was inspiring to learn about a modern, sustainable, eco-business, leading the way in responsible and compassionate farming.

7,500 homes, enough for the village of Bas- Mrs J Lewis: Study Support

AoPE Farm Visit

Another favourite with the pupils was Chuck Norris, a huge Old Spot Boar, father to many piglets. The pigs spend their whole lives outside, free from stress, with wallow baths in the summer to keep them from getting sunburned and arcs where their mothers make nests when ready to give birth. Pigs are very precise when it comes to pregnancy, gestation is exactly 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days!

To round the afternoon off, pupils were weighed on the weighbridge outside the immense grain store, storing rape seed oil's tiny black seeds for growers from around the country. They weighed a total of 580 kgs and have proof of their combined weights from the computerised print off presented to them at the end of their visit.



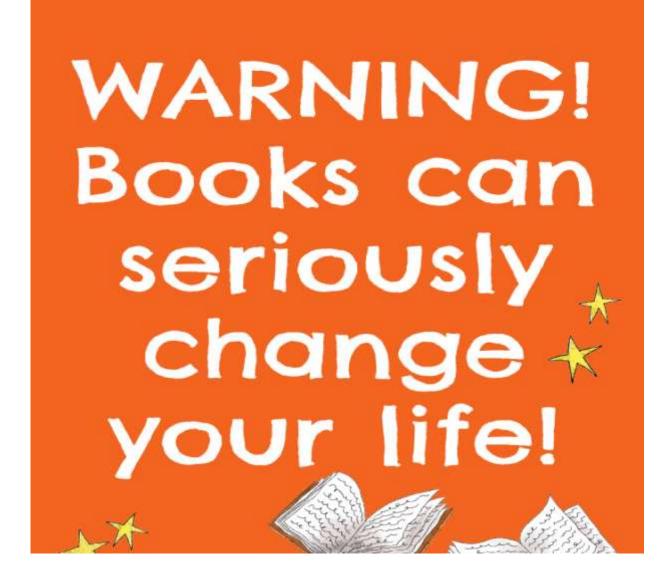


English Department



Thank you to our wonderful year 7 students that took part in this year's Readathon; they have raised $\pounds 660!$ Every penny goes towards supporting children in hospital, providing them with new books to read and storytellers to visit them.

One year 7 student said: "I enjoyed the Readathon because it got me to read more and try different genres of books. I like raising money because I know someone/people will benefit from it and that just makes me feel better about myself. It got me and other students involved, and it makes you very excited to bring in money. I read a lot of books because I wanted to help the children that needed it."



Maths Dept News

In November, Year 7 took part in a mathematical themed advent competition. Their task was to make or design an advent calendar with a twist, rather than ordinary numbers on the doors of the calendar, pupils made up maths questions instead. There were some fantastic efforts with some pupils even making them 3D. Our Year 11 maths ambassadors, Rory Strang and Elizabeth Donoghue judged them all and decided on the winning 10 entries. Each of the winners was awarded a chocolate **advent calendar, along with house points. "Well done!" to everyone that took part,** we have some incredibly creative and gifted mathematicians amongst you!

Winners:

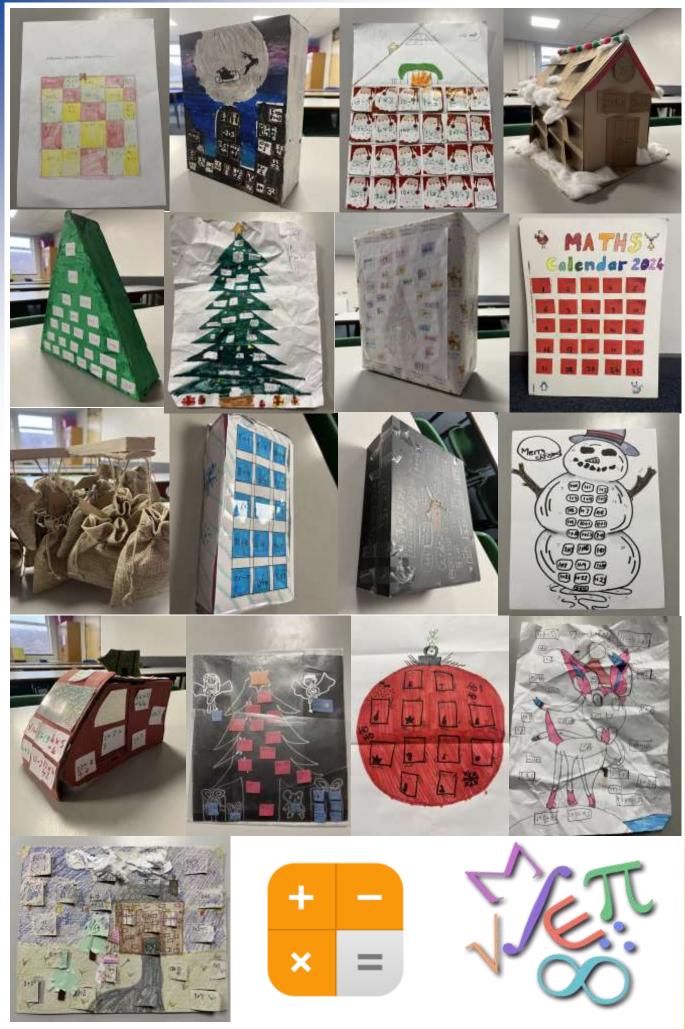
Amelia Brown 7C Chloe Owen 7C Archie Jones 7R Lexi Taylor 7B Amber Aspinall 7B Charlie Spencer 7O Eloise Cristinance 7C Vincent 7C Ruby Downer 7E Francine Hughes 7O



Thank you to everyone that took part! Mrs Cadwell: Maths







DT and Art Faculty: Autumn Term Newsletter

Design and Technology

Year 7 have made a fantastic start to the term developing their woodworking skills in creating a wooden truck. Their confidence with tools and equipment is growing every lesson. Year 8 have been making a bottle opener or Bluetooth speaker looking at topics such as ergonomics and modelling.

Year 9 have been showing skills in metal work and CAD to create a pewter cast key tag. Some pupils are also in the middle of manufacturing a desktop lamp.

Year 10 have started the newly introduced Construction course learning about performance requirements of buildings and practical joinery skills. GCSE DT pupils have been working on a modelling project around cameras which will be a key element of their coursework next year. Year 11 are deep into their NEA's in Engineering and GCSE DT.

Textiles Key Stage 3

Mrs Irwin and Mrs Swanton have been delivering a range of projects to pupils in Years 7 to 9. In Year 7 our pupils have experimented in a range of tie dye techniques. They have also started to develop their embroidery skills, in readiness to decorate their finished cushions. In Year 8 pupils are producing a piece of pop Art inspired textiles work. They have been introduced to pattern cutting, applique and hand embroidery. In Year 9 pupils have had the opportunity to design and make their own character doll. This has involved design, pattern cutting and a wide range of embellishment techniques. Students have also contributed to making a dress of poppies for our recent acts of remembrance.

Food Preparation and Nutrition Key Stage 3

Pupils have been showing an array of skills and theory knowledge from basic knife skills to bread making. Seasonal food, food miles and food hygiene have been mainstay topics.

Key Stage 4

Year 10 have been learning an array of skills including bread making, Christmas cakes including presentation. They've also been involved in some experimental work into raising agents.

Year 11 have been working hard on their NEA 1 investigations; They will start NEA 2 in the New Year.



Can you help?

Special thanks to Paul Garry at Pennant's of HOP Oswestry who kindly donated an array of material offcuts such as plywood and acrylic to the faculty. These are a huge help to support projects and the quality of student work.

If you would like to support the faculty with any donations of Art supplies, materials for DT and Textiles please contact Mr Richards

DT Christmas Cakes

Year 10's worked hard over 4 lesson to create a traditional fruitcake, topped with marzipan and icing. This week they lovingly created their Christmas design and we held a competition, judged by the staff to choose the three best creations.

The cakes were particularly innovative this year and I would like to congratulate all the pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Miss S Marsh: Food Technology

Ellie Stafford 10R



Katie Bennett 10T

Will Bryant 10R





Art Department

Remembrance Day Poppies

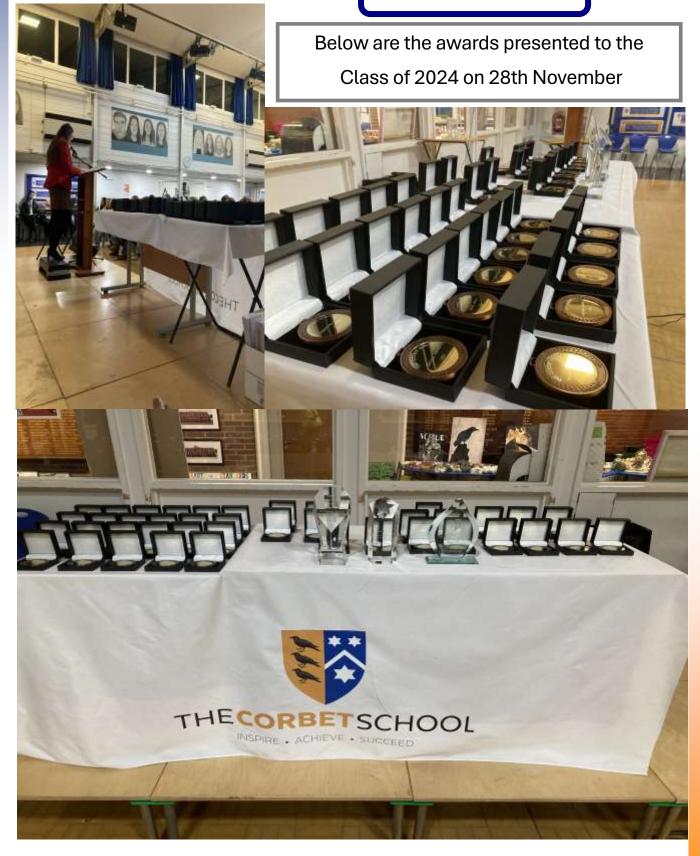
Our Remembrance Day art installation took form this year, with form ambassadors laying ceramic poppies on the grass mound next to the bus turn. Well done and thank you to the students that helped to create the ceramic poppies and that laid and assisted with the installation. The poppies look fragile and very poignant.

Mrs M Gascoine: Head of Art



Presentation Evening

Awards



MFL Department

1. MFL Matters December 2024

GCHQ NLC Competition

This term our Year 9 pupils were invited to take part in the National Languages Competition set by GCHQ. It took place across one school week and pupils worked on some challenging word games, puzzles and codes to compete against other schools across the country.

Pupils worked in small teams during their lunch breaks and after school. At the end of the competition pupils' teams will be ranked against the others taking part and receive a certificate for participation.

This was such an important and enjoyable experience, and I look forward to offering this opportunity again next academic year.



The GCHQ National Language Competition 2024 - GCHQ.GOV.UK



The MFL department are planning on holding a Languages Enrichment Day in the summer term when we will be asking Steve Eadon from Mingalaba to come in and speak to pupils in Years 7and 8. To be able to run this event, a contribution of £4 via ParentPay is required.

Steve, who has worked in the football industry and travelled extensively, now goes into schools around the country to share his experiences through assemblies and workshops. He talks about how languages have helped him in his career as well as all the different people he's met who use languages in their work.

We hope you'll be able to support us in arranging something new for the summer term which we're sure Years 7 and 8 will enjoy.

MFL Department

3. The Language Leader Award is a nationwide award helping pupils learn to lead, using language teaching. Throughout the programme they develop their leadership skills, growing in confidence which in turn helps to enhance their future careers.

This year we have a group of language leaders in Year 10 who are all working towards their Award by preparing language taster lessons for Year 5 pupils.

Year 5s from local primaries will have the chance to come to Corbet school early next year and have a lesson in a different language as well as learning about different cultures during the Languages Taster day. In order to gain the Award, the language leaders are responsible for planning and delivering the lessons themselves, thinking about how to engage the pupils and what they would like them to learn. This will give them the chance to try out their teaching skills and will all in all be a great experience!





Language leaders are: Henri Hinds.

Then left to right in the group photo: Charlotte Leese, Lola Jones, Neve Holden, Hann ah Davies, Amy Cooke, Seren Hamilton, Niamh Storer, Jordana Cook and Emily Stevens.

4. Congratulations to our Year 11 students, with fantastic progress made in their Speaking Mock Exams on June's mock exam results!

Targeted French and Spanish revision clubs will be offered to year 11 pupils in the spring term.

MFL Department

5. Following last year's Spanish trip to Barcelona, we have recreated a Miró painting with handprints of the pupils attending. Such a brilliant idea from Charlotte Evans (110)! And with thanks to Mrs Gascoigne from the art department for setting up the "canvas" and background.



Congratulations to Susan Lewis who won the £25 voucher to spend at La Lanterna in Shrewsbury.

Year 6 pupils got stuck into French and Spanish activities: It was a very enjoyable evening indeed!

The MFL Team

Sports News

Football/Basketball Results

Year 9 boys have progressed through to the Quarter finals of the County cup after wins against Shrewsbury School (3-0) and Church Stretton (2-2 FT. 5-4 on penalties).

Basketball friendlies for all years have taken place V Thomas Adams and we will start competitive games in the new year in the Shropshire County Basketball League! Watch this space for more fixtures and results!

Corbet fielded two teams in the EFL U13 girls cup at Shrewsbury Town. Both teams got through to the semi-finals.









Netball Results

Well done to the year 7 Netballers who got to represent the school at Oswestry against Oswestry and Marches.

Year 7

Corbet vs Priory 5-0 (W) Corbet won Year 8 Finished 2nd overall at North Shropshire

Tournament losing to SJT in the final

Corbet vs Priory, Corbet won18-0 (W)

Corbet vs SJT, Corbet won 20- 14 (W)

Year 9

Corbet vs SJT, Corbet won 14-9 (W)

North Shropshire B team tournament @ Oswestry School – Finished 2nd overall, missing out on goal difference for the win.



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Rugby Results

Year 11 County Cup rugby fixture

Corbet Year 11 rugby team played against a very strong Wrekin College side on the Friday afternoon of the last mock exam. The Corbet boys put in a great performance, showing determination in defence and superb teamwork in attack. Although the score line was in favour of the Wrekin side, the Corbet team were commended by several spectators, the referee and the Wrekin College staff. The after match sausage and chips also went down very well!

Wrekin College County 10 a-side rugby tournaments:

Year $10s - 2^{nd}$ place Year $11s - 3^{rd}$ place



Sports News

Sennen has had a first season of racing Enduro and Downhill at a regional and national level. He took a couple of wins across the year including a double win at the Malverns Classic Festival in August. Both events are against the clock timing (enduro has stages while downnhill is a single course) the riders to get to the bottom if the hill as fast as they can!

In September Sennen secured the Welsh Enduro Championship for under 15's, which is even more commendable as he has another year racing in this age group. Earlier in the year Sennen raced the national Enduro Series taking 2nd against the countries best.

Using his Enduro bike, he also tried his hand at a few downhill races racing riders on bikes more suited to the races. Sen took top 10's and finished fastest first year in all races he competed in this year!

Next season he will focus on the National Downhill Series racing all over the country.

If you want to check Sennen riding in a recent You Tube edit you can see it here -<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=bWy4nzFOk28</u>



Sennan Brown



Amy took part in the British Shooting Schools Air Pistol and Air Rifle Championships and has qualified for the championships in February to represent The Corbet School.





Wellbeing Garden

The Wellbeing Garden development here at school is currently in progress. As many of you know, pupils had the opportunity to put forward their designs just over a year ago and the most promising designers then attended a planning meeting in December 2023.

The planning team, put their ideas together to come up with an overall solution to the space which is between Science and the Food technology blocks. They spent many hours researching the cost of materials, the possibility of constructing certain things and also ran an open questionnaire. We had a great response from the school pupils and staff with respondents wanting to be involved in stone painting, mural design, wind chimes and bird house construction.

We have had professionals on site to clear weeds and start to level the ground and pupils and staff have been involved in a spot of weeding. Our next steps were to construct a path to the centre of the garden and get some more of the ground levelled, lay weed proof membrane and top soil to enable us to get planting, and concrete in some of the donated items e.g. arch, bridge and bird table.

Many items have been kindly donated to school from local businesses; Briggs Equipment UK Ltd and CJ Wildlife, as well as parents and friends of the school. Thank you to Sean Jackson (parent) for constructing us a custom made tree seating area and enormous house for bugs and minibeasts!

Ex-pupil Mia Armstrong has been helping us with our digital design plan and has also created an 'artists impression' of the final result for us (image attached). Mia's website is <u>https://mia1233.wixsite.com/</u> <u>portfolio</u> if you'd like to look further at her work.

I think we all agree that the finished garden will be of huge benefit to our pupils and provide a relaxing space for re-Volume 15 Issue 1 flection and meditation, helping them connect with nature and improve their wellbeing and care for their mental health.

We'd also like to remember Mrs Moccia in aspects of the garden by including the forget-me-not flowers and a memorial feature.

The construction of the garden key features took a speedy turn back in September mainly thanks to site staff (Kevin!) and some hard-working Year 7 tutor groups shifting top soil and bark in the *'Wellbeing Wednesday'* sessions. It is looking fabulous and the photographs speak for themselves. Year 7 pupils have taken great pride in tending to the garden on a weekly basis, planting spring bulbs and grass seed, weeding, topping up bird feeders and water stations, raking leaves, cleaning out the fountain and tidying the pebble river.

We are so privileged to have this space to breathe, reflect, and connect with nature during the school day. The garden has quickly become a cherished part of our school community, offering a peaceful retreat for pupils and staff alike. It's wonderful to see how the hard work and dedication of the CFA Corbet Friends Association, our Year 7 pupils and staff have transformed this space into a vibrant and thriving area. As the seasons change, we look forward to seeing the fruits of their labour bloom in the spring and watching the garden continue to flourish.

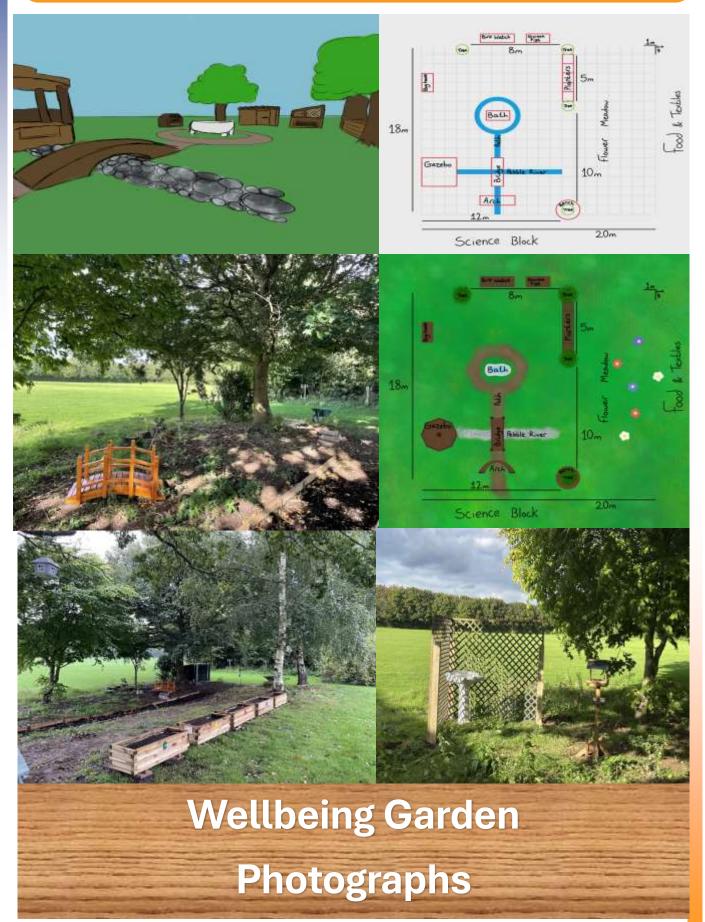
This project is funded by the CFA alongside a grant from The Bupa Foundation Green Community Grants Fund.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project—you've created something truly special for the Corbet School.

Louise Selman

Corbet Friends Association School Representative - volunteer

Wellbeing Garden





Year 7 News

Welcome Year 7!

Our Year 7 pupils have embraced their first term with enthusiasm, adapting quickly to new routines, subjects, and friendships. From mastering the layout of the school to diving into extracurricular activities, they've shown resilience and curiosity. Lessons have been buzzing with energy as they tackle fresh challenges, while the playground and canteen are alive with laughter and chatter. Many have already participated in school events like the *Extravaganza*, and *Carol Concert* as well as joining sports teams and representing the school in competitions and matches. It's inspiring to see their confidence grow each day, and we're excited to see what the rest of their schooling holds for them.

We asked our Year 7 pupils, "How has your first term at the Corbet School been?" Below is a selection of the feedback they shared with us:

At first, I felt hesitant about joining secondary school but I soon settled in and started to make really good new friends that had the same interests as me. I enjoy moving around for my lessons rather than staying in one place like at primary school. I thought I'd get lost but actually the school is quite easy to find your way around plus the Year 11 students were really helpful in showing us around. My favourite subjects so far are history and PE. I have also joined several extra-school activities including, Netball, Football and Librarian Training which I am really enjoying.

The Corbet school has been a rollercoaster ride full of emotions from happy all the way to sad and angry. There has been ups and downs but they have always been solved. I have made so many good friends in my time at the Corbet school so far and hope the relationships carry on. Corbet school has been a really fun experience for me. Some lessons I get really bored in but some aren't too bad, my favourite lessons are IT, Drama, Food Tech and Art there just fun and lots of good things are always planned.

My first term at The Corbet School so far has been a rollercoaster, from making new, amazing friends, to growing apart from others. From being Form Ambassador of 7R to losing my PE kit. From cooking some delicious food in DT, to making what is supposed to resemble a truck in woodwork. From the wonderful canteen food to the long, long lunch line. Truth be told, this is the best rollercoaster I've been on, and it's NOTHING like I had imagined.

I loved my first term at Corbet, with all the new subjects like DT woodwork and cooking and especially science with the Bunsen burner, I loved it or maybe because I love fire. I also love all the new friends I have made tonnes of new friends and I got a new friend group with the nicest friends I can ever ask for!! Finally, the teachers come on they are legends for listening to us all term. I have also loved learning a new language – I'm basically fluent

When I started at the Corbet, I was a smorgasbord of emotions. I was excited because I was starting a new school with my friends, but I was also nervous as I knew it was a big school, and I had no idea where my classes would be. However, after a few days, I felt like I'd been there forever and finding my way around was easy. Unlike primary school, there were so many new subjects that I'd never done before and I had a timetable for each day. My favourite subjects are Spanish, art and DT. Overall, I think my first term at secondary school was a success.

What is your favourite thing about our school?



Mrs L Selman Head of Year 7

Year 7 News

Year 7 ambassadors Brooke, Sarah, Talulah, Tilly-Mai, Esme, Lily, Elsie, William, Charlie and Isaac had the chance to visit the St Giles Day Centre at Louise House in Shrewsbury, run by Jayne and colleagues at Age UK. During our visit, we met Jean, Tricia, Margaret, Marlene, Barbara, Suzy, Eileen, Linna, and Ann, who were all very pleased to see us. Ann, who attends the day centre, is actually the grandparent of Tilly-Mai! We were so pleased about this surprise connection ^[2]

We spent time chatting, enjoying some snacks like Pom Bears and chocolate buttons, and admiring the Christmas cards that the tutor groups had made for the centre. The members of St Giles were very impressed with the cards and seemed to appreciate the effort and thought behind them.

Our conversations covered a range of topics, from favourite Christmas traditions to general life at school. It was a lovely opportunity to connect with the members and hear their stories - we even managed a game of '5 second rule!'. We all really enjoyed the visit and left feeling happy to have made new friends and shared a special moment together. The experience was a reminder of the importance of community and the joy that comes from spending time with others. We look forward to more visits in the future!

Mrs Selman, Head of Year 7



Year 7 News

Our Year 7 pupils recently took on an exciting creative challenge: designing recycling posters for the new bins in the canteen. This initiative aimed to encourage awareness about sustainability and the importance of reducing waste. The pupils eagerly embraced the task, producing vibrant and thought-provoking designs that highlight the benefits of recycling. Their artwork not only adds a splash of color to the canteen but also serves as an important reminder of our shared responsibility to protect the environment. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and creativity, and we hope their posters inspire everyone in our school community to recycle responsibly! Here are the three winning entries

Mrs Selman, Head of Year 7



Evan in Year 7, did a long distance swim back in October and has raised over £800 for Shropshire Epilepsy Support !

He had the support of the charity in the earlier days of his diagnosis and he wanted to give back and help other children .

Here is his just giving page so that you can see the story that he wrote in his own words a couple of months ago.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/evan-wildgoose-1723300153727? utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fevan-wildgoose-1723300153727&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp

Well done Evan - we are so proud of you!

Year 7 News

George has really enjoyed his first term at the Corbet, everyone has been very supportive and helpful. The Corbet has already made such a positive influence on George's mood/self esteem - seeing him coming out of school happy is just wonderful.

George has recently done the Conwy fun run which he enjoyed and wants to do further runs in the future

RYLA

Back in October, I attended a lovely event at a pub in Church Stretton where Flo Jacobs (former pupil) gave a presentation to the Rotary Club. You might recall that Flo was selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) over the summer. She had an incredible experience, and her presentation was a testament to how much she achieved. Flo shared how her leadership skills skyrocketed from a score of 4/10 to a 10/10 by the end of the week, thanks to a mix of outdoor activities, team-building exercises, and inspiring speakers. It was fantastic to see her newfound confidence—she presented with such poise and enthusiasm, really making us proud. The Rotary put on a lovely meal, which gave me a chance to catch up with Flo and her mum, Lucy. Flo is settling in well at Shrewsbury College and is keen to return and share her RYLA journey with our Year 11s, if we decide to run the interviews again. It would be a great inspiration for them!

Mrs Selman (former Head of Year 11)





J's experience at the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Course in Summer 2024: I had an absolutely incredible time at RYLA at it was a thousand times better than I could've hoped. We had a speaker come in at the start and then end called David Hyner who gave us some tips and tricks for success and just gave confidence out to everyone in the room. The activities were fun loads of PGL or Arthog based climbing walls etc. I truly feel like I have become more confident in speaking to new people and am better at working in a team because I can identify what makes teamwork most effective. I'd definitely recommend offering the opportunity to participate in RYLA to the year 11's as I've made friends for life and learned so much (I put in a good word for Corbet on the journey there and back don't worry). Colin did mention to me that he'd be interested in going back to the Corbet next year and if you'd like I could come in and speak to the year 11's about my experience! Sincerely J Ford

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.

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

<u>IT</u> 01939 262005

CorbetITsupport@corbetschool.net

Lettings

If you are considering the hire of the facilities please be aware of the guidance in the attached documents.

- <u>After-school clubs community activities and tuition safeguarding provider guidance</u>
 - <u>Keeping children safe during clubs tuition and activities provider leaflet</u>

Enquiries can be made on the attached form: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/MwjR02QwNU</u>

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.



Corbet Clothes



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

To make an order please complete the following form:

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

Donations

We are in need of P.E. kit donations

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

Parking

Please be considerate when parking on neighbouring residential areas. Please avoid blocking driveways or parking too close to junctions

The Committee of Baschurch Village Hall has asked that if anyone is parking on their car park can they please stop doing this.

They have explained that the car park is there for those who hire/use the hall.

Unscheduled School Closure Arrangements

We make every effort to keep the school open but our primary concern has to be the safety of our 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 the following 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
- If the school is closing, we shall send a text message and an email to alert parents via the schools messaging system.
- Please do not attempt to contact the school to make individual arrangements with your child. We will need to access the 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 necessary, transport will be dispatched early and you will notified by text message and email.
- Parents can refer to school closures on Shropshire Council website <u>Shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures/secondary-schools</u>
- If there is more widespread severe weather, 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 arrangement's 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) and an email address, which can be updated by the Parent Lite App.

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

Road Safety, Eyton Lane, Baschurch

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the combined efforts of the Baschurch Multi Agency Team who have worked with Baschurch Primary School and The Corbet School to improve a very difficult road traffic situation on Eyton Lane, this remains an area which continues to cause us concern.

We do have a road traffic order which prohibits cars parking on Eyton Lane during school collection and drop off times and we are very grateful to those parents who respect this.

However, could we please issue a plea to parents and carers collecting students to avoid driving into Eyton Lane at the start and end of the school day. The additional road traffic compounds what is already a very busy time of day and heightens the risk to drivers and students alike . We do need to accommodate the school buses which are contracted to collect and deliver the students to the school site.

Could we also remind all drivers that under no circumstances should they be mounting the pavement.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in keeping our whole school community safe.

Kind regards,

Dr Jane Tinker Headteacher The Corbet School Mrs Clare Williams Executive Headteacher Baschurch CofE (A) Primary School Shropshire

NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2026/27

Shropshire Council, as admission authority for community and controlled schools in Shropshire, is conducting a consultation exercise on School Admission Arrangements for 2025/26. The Council is simultaneously coordinating a consultation exercise for own admission authority schools, such as academies, whose governing bodies/trustees are responsible for setting their admission arrangements and who wish to make changes to those arrangements. We wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on 4 December 2024 and continue for more than 6 weeks until 22 January 2025.

The proposed amendment to Shropshire Council's admission arrangements are as follows: Broseley CE Primary School is proposing a reduction to its Published Admission Number from 36 to 30. Chirbury CE Primary School is proposing an increase to its Published Admission Number from 12 to 15. The addition of staff criteria to the oversubscription criteria for all community and voluntary controlled schools in Shropshire*.

Proposed changes to Shropshire's admission authority school arrangements are shown below.

The consultation documents and further information can be found on the individual school websites and on the Shropshire Council website <u>www.shropshire.gov.uk</u> in the link to Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2026.

The Marches Multi-Academy Trust	Have adopted the Armed Forces Covenant into their Admission Arrangements .	
Severn Bridges Multi-Academy Trust	Are standardising their policy and therefore they are proposing to change the position of medical criterion for Mount Pleasant Primary, Radbrook Primary and Greenfields Primary Schools.	
Ellesmere Primary School	are proposing to add staff criteria into their policy to bring it in line with the North West Academies Trust, of which it is a part.	
Cheswardine Primary School and Hinstock Primary School	have joined the Collective Vision Trust.	
Harlescott Junior School and Sundorne Infant School	have joined the Severn Bridges Multi-Academy Trust and are bringing their policy in line with the rest of the trust by proposing the addition of staff to their oversubscription criteria.	
Hodnet Primary School	have joined the 3-18 Education Trust and are bringing their policy in line with the rest of the trust by proposing the addition of staff to their oversubscription criteria.	
Lydbury North CE Primary School and Onny CE Primary School	Have joined the Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust	
Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School	are proposing to remove 'Our Lady Help of Pity Church' from their oversubscription criterion as it has now closed	
St John's Catholic Primary School in Bridgnorth	Proposing adding to criteria to the oversubscription criteria - Catholic children who are resident in other parishes for whom St John's is the nearest Catholic school and Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader	
The Corbet School in Baschurch Thomas Adams School in Wem	are proposing to increase their PAN from 135 to 145 are proposing to add 'boarding' into their oversubscription criteria	
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You can make comments on any of the proposed changes and submit by Wednesday 22 January 2025 e-mail <u>school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk</u>, contact the school directly, or write to: C/O School Admissions, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND Shropshire

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*Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools as follows:

Shrewsbury Area	North Area	South Area
Belvidere Primary School Meole Brace CE Primary & Nursery School Oxon CE Primary School St Giles' CE Primary School St Lucia's CE Primary School	Adderley CE Primary School Bicton CE Primary & Nursery School Bomere Heath CE Primary School Bryn Offa CE Primary School Cockshut CE Primary School Cockshut CE Primary School Coiffins CE Primary School Gobowen Primary School Hadnall CE Primary School Morda CE Primary School Moreton Say CE Primary School Myddle CE Primary School Myddle CE Primary & Nursery School Nesscliffe St Andrew's CE Primary School Newtown CE Primary School Norton-in-Hales CE Primary School The Meadows Primary School Ryton XI Towns, St John the Baptist CE Primary & Nursery School Selattyn CE Primary School Stoke-on-Tern Primary School Welshampton CE Primary School Weston Rhyn Primary School Weston Rhyn Primary School Weston Rhyn Primary School	Albrighton Primary & Nursery School Albrighton St Mary's CE Primary School Beckbury CE Primary School Broseley CE Primary School Broseley John Wilkinson Primary & Nursery School Brown Clee CE Primary School Chirbury CE Primary & Nursery School Church Preen Primary School Church Stretton, St Lawrence CE Primary & Nursery School Cressage, Christ Church CE Primary School Farlow CE Primary School Hanwood, St Thomas & St Anne's CE Primary School Highley Primary School Longnor CE Primary School Longnor CE Primary School Longnor CE Primary School Ludlow, St Laurence CE Primary School Minsterley Primary School Newcastle CE Primary School Newcastle CE Primary School School Sheriffha es Primary School Shifnal Primary School Shifnal Primary School Shifnal Primary School Shifnal Primary School Shifnal Primary School Shifnal St Andrew's CE Primary School

CFA News



Chocola

fun night for all the fa



The Chocolate Bingo event was a huge success, attracting a full capacity of 120 players.

Attendees enjoyed a fun-filled evening with plenty of chocolate prizes and excitement. The event was organised by the CFA and raised over £1000! The turnout and enthusiastic participation were a testament to the community's support. The CFA thanks everyone who donated prizes,

attended and helped make this event such a memorable and impactful success!

Louise Selman, CFA link teacher



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-familyinformation-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

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 <u>www.shropshire.gov.uk/sws</u>.

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

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

> Providing information, advice & support on all aspects of family life

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Job Vacancies



THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Headteacher Dr J Tinker BSc MA(Ed) EdD NPQH

11-16 Rural Comprehensive

Lunchtime Supervisors

£14.13 per hour, term time only

5 hours per week 1.20pm - 2.20pm

We are looking for three Lunchtime Supervisors to supervise and monitor pupils at lunchtime. You will be required to establish safe and appropriate behaviour by using effective intervention or referring to duty staff. We are looking for individuals who are confident in working with children.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from Julia Kear, Assistant Business Manager either by telephone, email or via the school website. Closing date: 12 noon Friday, 10th January 2025. Interviews will take place: Date to be confirmed

The Corbet School, Eyton Lane, Baschurch, Shrewsbury, SY4 2AX Tel: 01939 260296 julia.kear@corbetschool.net www.corbetschool.net

The Corbet School is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, therefore the successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS Disclosure.

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THE CORBET SCHOOL

INSPIRE • ACHIEVE • SUCCEED Headteacher Dr J Tinker BSc MA(Ed) EdD NPQH

11-16 Rural Comprehensive

Cleaning Assistant

Grade 1 - Scale Point 2

£12.26 per hour

15 hours per week 3.30pm - 6.30pm

(Temporary/Fixed Term could possibly become permanent)

We are looking to appoint a Cleaning Assistant to work from 3.30pm to 6.30pm during term time plus 17 days during the school holidays. Start and finish times can be adjusted by mutual agreement.

Previous applicants need not apply

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Term Dates 2024-2025

Programme of Terms & Holidays 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Wednesday 4th September - Friday 20th December 2024 Half Term: Monday 28th October– Friday 1st November 2024 Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December– Monday 6th January 2025

*Professional Development Days:

Monday 2nd September 2024 Tuesday 3rd September 2024 Monday 4th November 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Tuesday 7th January - Friday 11th April 2025 Half Term: Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February 2025 Easter Holiday: Monday 14th April– Friday 25th April 2025

*Professional Development Days:

Monday 6th January 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Monday 28th April - Friday 18th July 2025 May Day: Monday 5th May 2025 Half Term: Monday 26th May- Friday 30th 2025 End of Term: Friday 18th July 2025

*Professional Development Days:

Monday 21st July 2025

* School closed for pupils



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