



**THE CORBET SCHOOL**  
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# The Corbet News

## April 2025





## Dr J Tinker Headteacher



I always love the spring term; it starts in the winter and by the end of term it is feeling much more hopeful, certainly the last week has been glorious, and I am hoping that we have warm, sunny and bright days to see us through the Easter break. It has been lovely for the pupils to have some lunchtimes on the field, and it certainly feels that summer is most definitely on its way.

It has been a busy term, as you can see from the newsletter, with lots to celebrate. Congratulations as always to the pupils who took part in a variety of events, including the Oswestry Music Festival and all our pupils representing us in a wide variety of sports. It has been lovely to do so many fixtures this term and we are certainly making great use of the minibus. The pupils participating in Duke of Edinburgh had a training day today and I'm sure are now ready for their expedition, when they get to it. The school library is busy, as always, and has lots of news to share. We were entertained, at lunchtime on Monday this week, with our annual netball match where the Year 11 rugby team competed admirably with the Year 11 netball team but did lose. A huge thank you to Reuben who set this up with music, drums and even a smoke machine to ensure an even more enjoyable event for us all; we even managed to book the sun for the day to set the event off to perfection. Enjoy reading through the art, mathematics, Faraday challenge, and PE news later in this edition.

I am always proud to be part of the Corbet community but this term we have excelled ourselves with our fundraising efforts with Comic Relief, World Book Day and the CFA Chocolate Bingo. Your generosity during these difficult times is very much appreciated.

Corbet Clothes is still going strong, and we now have another award winner. I am delighted that Lucy's work to support wellbeing and the environment was recognised at the High Sheriff of Shropshire's award ceremony, Lucy was a winner of the environmental category and Matthew received the High Sheriff's award for services to the community – congratulations to them both.

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

## Helen Scarisbrick Chair of Governors



In these challenging times Corbet pupils continue to achieve in many ways and not all academic! The Trustee Board would like to congratulate some of these young people and the members of staff who have encouraged, coached and taught them.

At the High Sheriff's Award Evening, Matthew Selman won an award for services to the community and an ex-pupil Lucy Brough won the award for Environmental Activities. Lucy had worked hard to raise funds for the school's Wellbeing Garden. Six year eight pupils took part in a Faraday Challenge Day and won in this prestigious event against six other teams.

At the Oswestry Music Festival our musicians did us proud again. Sam Bradshaw won first place on drums, Chloe Durkan took first on violin and George and Grace Varney won first place in the piano duet category. On the sports field our Under 13 girls football team have made it to the County Cup final whilst the Under 15 boys play in the President's Cup final next term. All these achievements illustrate the some of the wide variety of ways in which our pupils achieve both individually and working together in a team.

Literacy is the key to all learning. On World Book Day recently staff and pupils were encouraged to dress up as their favourite characters from literature to raise money for the library – a fun day with a serious message. The annual ski trip was a huge success again too.

The Board would like to thank Mrs. Hazel Nickless who is stepping down. It has been a pleasure to meet and get to know Hazel albeit for a short while and we wish her well.

We send our good wishes to all pupils preparing for major exams and wish staff and families a Happy Easter break, hoping that we shall see the sun.

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



# Events and Awards

Two remarkable Corbet School pupils have been recognised at the 2025 High Sheriff of Shropshire's Outstanding Young Citizen Awards, held at Telford College earlier this month. Dr. Tinker and the families of former pupil Lucy and Year 9 student Matthew attended the prestigious ceremony, which celebrated young people making a difference in their communities.

Lucy was nominated by Dr. Tinker for her unwavering dedication to promoting wellbeing, educating others on its importance, and demonstrating remarkable generosity in ensuring a lasting positive impact on the school community. Lucy was named as the Environmental Activities WINNER in recognition of her outstanding fundraising efforts, which contributed to the creation of the school's Wellbeing Garden.

Passionate about mental

health and the benefits of animal interaction, Lucy championed the introduction of wellbeing animals at Corbet. To support this initiative, she set herself the ambitious challenge of walking 250km to raise funds. Her determination and hard work resulted in an impressive total, far exceeding expectations.

Lucy played a pivotal role in driving the Wellbeing Garden project forward, collaborating with staff and students to design and develop the space. She helped shape a vision for the garden as a peaceful retreat for students, encouraging creativity and relaxation. Her leadership inspired others to participate, with pupils and staff contributing to windchime construction and stone decorating to enhance the space. Thanks to Lucy's commitment and vision, the Wellbeing Garden is now an integral part of the school's wellbeing initiatives, leaving

a lasting legacy for future students.

Matthew received the prestigious High Sheriff Award for Services to the Community in recognition of his outstanding musical contributions. A talented trumpet player, he has excelled in both solo and ensemble performances. He plays with multiple bands, including the Boreatton Drumming and Bugle Corps and Foden's Youth Band, and has performed at local events such as school fetes, village carol services, and commemorative ceremonies. His moving performances of the Last Post at key community events highlight his dedication and talent.

Congratulations to Lucy and Matthew for their well-deserved recognition and for making Corbet School proud!

Mrs L Selman



# Music Department

In January, a group of Year 10 students took a trip to Kinnerley Primary School to share their musical talents with the younger students. The performances were quite special, as many of the primary school children had never experienced live music before!

The Corbet school students put on an impressive show, performing a range of pieces that showcased their skills. Highlights included solo performances on the violin, guitar, and clarinet, a duet featuring vocals and guitar/drums, and even a lively 'scratch' rock band made up of some of the students. The primary school children were captivated, enjoying a variety of genres and instruments they might not have encountered otherwise.

It was a memorable experience for everyone involved, with the primary school pupils excitedly engaging with the music and the Year 10 students gaining confidence in sharing their passion for music, in front of a live audience. The event not only brought music to life for the children at Kinnerley but also created a lasting connection between the two schools.

Elizabeth Selman 10T





# Music Department

## Ellesmere College - Charity Concert

In January the Corbet School Rock Bands, Royal Blue and On Air, were invited to perform at Ellesmere College for a charity concert supporting Mental Health Shropshire. We arrived at 6pm for a quick sound check and got ready to perform! The evening showcased 66 performers in 12 rock bands across 4 different schools. It was great to listen to a whole evening of different rock music! The concert raised a fantastic £540 for the charity and we all had a great time.

Cass MacKechnie



# Music Department

## Oswestry Festival Competitors

Oswestry Youth Music Festival 2025 took place 25<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> March and we have showcased a wide range of talented Corbet musicians who have won various awards!

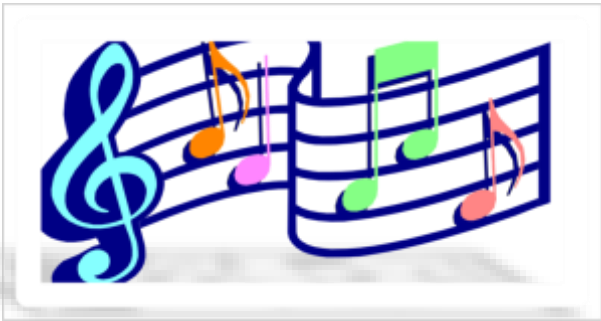
The event was spread over 6 days- including a final awards ceremony- in multiple churches around Oswestry. Young musicians with many different instruments, ages and abilities took part in different categories. Musicians would prepare a piece beforehand, show up on the day and perform in front of the family and friends of their competitors. After every musician in the category had performed, a judge would give feedback and a grade based on their performance (for example: a merit). If you did particularly well you may be awarded a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> certificate and the winner would get a trophy as well. When I took part, I was one of the last performers, so the long wait was nerve-racking to say the least, however once I had played, I felt proud and exhilarated! The Youth Oswestry Music Festival is not only a bit of fun to showcase your musical abilities but a wonderful opportunity to start feeling comfortable playing in front of an audience, this is a valuable skill especially when you are keen to pursue music in the future.

May Rowlands 8E

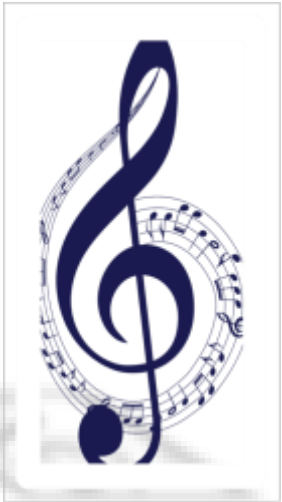


# Music Department

## Oswestry Festival Competitors



Chloe Durkin with the Mayor and her certificate with her Chairmans cup from the Oswestry music festival.





# Maths Department

30 Year 10 mathematicians attended **GCSE Maths in Action** at the University of Warwick on 29<sup>th</sup> January. We heard from a variety of speakers telling us some interesting uses of maths, much different to what we ordinarily consider:

- The maths of luck - we explored how probability theory helps us understand everyday risks and even how it helped our speaker on Who Wants to be a Millionaire last year.
- Shapes and smoke rings - we touched on spherical geometry, topology and finished with a display of smoke rings across the auditorium.
- Perspectricks - the maths of optical illusion design - we were given a behind the scenes tour of the creative process behind magical effects, which all had at maths at its core.

Lies, damned lies and newspapers - Dr Emily Grossman took a light-hearted look at the use and abuse of statistics in the media, illustrated with examples from her own experience as a TV science broadcaster.

It was a fantastic day out, full of interesting aspects, the Corbet school pupils shone with their impeccable behaviour, and we were really proud of them all.

Mrs Cadwell











# Art Department

## Spring Term in the Art Department

It has been an extremely busy term in the Art Department. Year 11 have been preparing a portfolio of work to support their upcoming exam. Years 7, 8 & 9 have enjoyed exploring clay, charcoal and 3D craft

### *Key Stage 3*

#### **Year 7 Theatrical Masks**

This term, Year 7 have been busy making Masks inspired by the traditional masks of Venice. Students have created their mask based on the Tempest character they are acting in their drama lessons.



#### **Year 8 Charcoal Drawing**

Year 8 have explored upscaled drawings using chalk and charcoal this term. We have explored the work of the Artist & botanist, Karl Blossfeldt. We used chalk & charcoal to create A2 drawings inspired by his botanical photographic work.

# Art Department

## Year 9 Grayson Perry inspired Coil Pots

Year 9 have embarked upon a new project this year. We have looked at the work of Grayson Perry & his autobiographical ceramic work. In response, students have created their own coil pots. We are looking forward to firing and iron oxidizing their work in the new term.



## Year 9 Icon Portraits



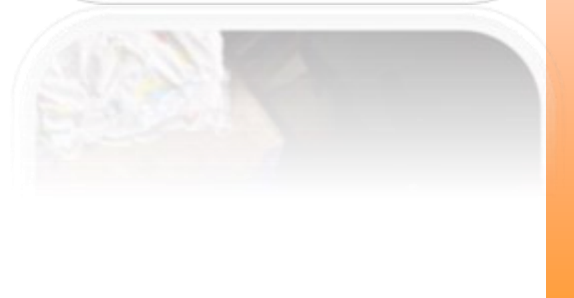
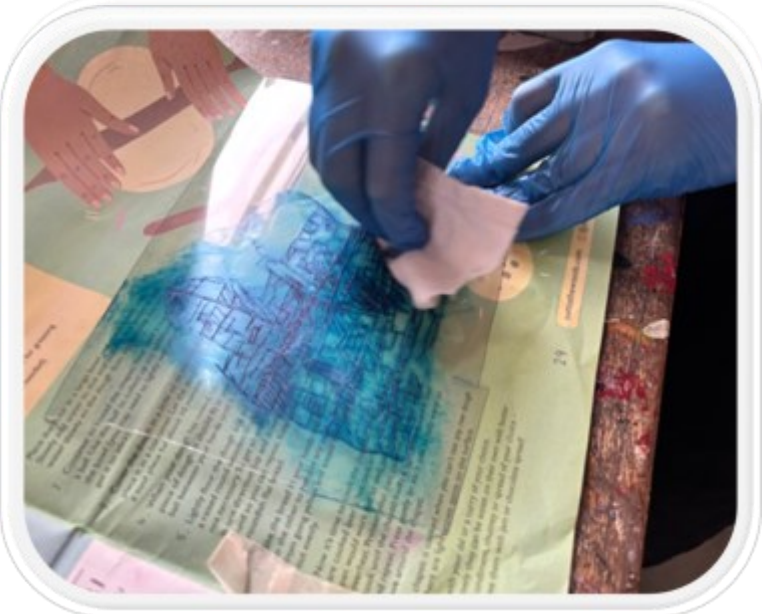


# Art Department

## Key Stage 4

### Portfolio Methods & Processes; Dry Point etching

Year 10 GCSE students have explored a range of methods and processes this term. The intaglio printing process of dry point etching is a printing process that students really enjoyed and created some wonderful results.





# Faraday Challenge

In February 2025, 6 outstanding Year 8 pupils travelled to Prestfelde School, Shrewsbury to compete in the IET Faraday® Challenge Days. The students were tasked with planning, designing, documenting and the eventual creation of a prototype which could be used as an educational toy for young school children.

The team created a prototype which tasked young people with matching the correct shapes outlined on spaces on the prototype box. The design also included LED lights which indicated whether the young person had matched the shapes correctly, but also included a solar panel compartment on the prototype to power the design. The team of Yr. 8's then noted their success and problems which they faced on their activity log, with the final step then being tasked with presenting in front of the IET Faraday Challenge representatives and the other local schools students and teachers.

The students were an absolute credit to themselves and the school throughout the process, but they absolutely shone during the presentation stage. As a result of this, the team of six Year 8 pupils won the IET Faraday® Challenge Day, scoring 86 out of a possible 100 marks. This placed the team in the top 3 of a region which covered Lancashire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, Merseyside, Cheshire, Warrington, Shropshire, West Midlands, Staffordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire.

A massive thank-you to Mr Jones and the Science team who organised the trip, and a final congratulations to the Year 8 students who were absolutely outstanding throughout the day. Well done Team!

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**futures**



all about  
**STEM**

# Library News


## OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY : What's happening?

If you look at the School Library Association website you will see their 'lead story' examining the year-on-year decrease in the number of books being read by children.

*'Reading decline is particularly acute in secondary schools. The report [from leading edtech provider Renaissance] finds that primary school pupils read harder books as they get older, but during secondary school there is a downturn, particularly from Year 9, with many secondary students reading books at a similar difficulty level to those of upper primary pupils'.*

Concerningly, since September 2024, 604 books have been loaned out to Year 7s, compared with only 225 books to Year 9s. Interestingly, Non-Fiction reading has increased from 6% to 29% as older pupils seek out factual information. Currently, seven of our top ten fiction titles are in graphic novel format, predominantly 'Heartstopper' for girls and 'Dog Man' for boys.

Reports suggest that Post-Covid, there has been an increase in the number of children not reaching the expected reading standard at the end of Primary School. The number of parents reading to their children at bedtime is in decline and of course, social media provides instant entertainment, whereas reading requires some work!

Now for the good news. Here at the Corbet School our Library has established reading groups  where pupils meet during morning registration to share their love of reading. Many of our Year 9s actually stop borrowing Library books because they have generous parents who order books online and regularly visit 'Booka' and 'Waterstones' to buy new books.

There is much debate as to the 'spicy' (I hate this word) content of some these books and whether reading 'anything' is better than reading nothing at all...

Moving on, our Year 7 **Jammie DODGERS** are reviewing our current range of Group Reads. We all read at different speeds but our comments are then collated for mini reviews which are popped inside each book cover to help future readers with their book choice. Friendships are forming and pupils are gaining in self-confidence, we even have volunteers to read aloud.

**YEAR 7 GROUP READ  
BOOK REVIEW**

**Title:** SMART

**Author:** Jamie Russell

**GENRE:** Fantasy (Group Read)

**Rating:** ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

**Plot Line:**  
Kieran is a quirky young man who loves solving mysteries...

**Group Comment:**  
We like the cover...we love a good murder. Really good, I read it in two days!

**Recommended to:**  
Year 7 and Year 8 readers who love crime.



Our Year 8 **Jammie DODGERS** have been tasked with looking at the Carnegie Shortlisted books and we are now working on our own Book Award.




Our Year 9 **Jammie DODGERS** are excited to be working on a Library murder mystery challenge which we will be rolling out to Year 9 Tutor Groups. We hope this will tap into the popularity of Crime and



Detection novels (Agatha Christie, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Robin Stevens, Holly Jackson and Maureen Johnson) as well as the interest in True Crime which... again... starts in Year 9..!



Our Year 10  are occasionally joined by our keen Year 11 Librarian readers and they are encouraged to share the new BIG words they have acquired from reading. My favourite so far:



**LOQUACIOUS** : a person given to talking excessively (a lot); someone who can articulate (use their words well).



All our Borrowers have access to our 'Wish List'. This scrapbook can be found on the Issues Desk and it contains pictures of all the books we would like to buy, many recommended by pupils.

Please feel free to contribute suggestions.



The most frustrating aspect of running any School Library is the lack of funds. Our regular visitors know we are desperately in need of new chairs and tables as well as additional bookcases. Equally, we need to expand our range of Manga, add to our Group Reads, replace lost and damaged Library books and of course, purchase new titles.

Since September 2024, we have spent £450 on new and pre-loved books. We have received £18 from parents towards the cost of replacing 21 Library books we have had to withdraw from stock (either lost or returned badly damaged). 80 books have been kindly donated by staff, parents and pupils.

If you have any books you can donate, please send a photo in first.

Space here is limited and sadly, we cannot duplicate titles!



Thank you to those who supported our World Book Day fundraiser (£130 from raffles plus £305 from non-uniform) and in particular our staff and pupils who embraced the challenge to dress up as their favourite book/film/TV series characters. Enjoy the photo montage...



HAPPY READING

**Mrs J Brett**  
Library Co Ordinator

***I am reading 'Sword Catcher' by Cassandra Clare***



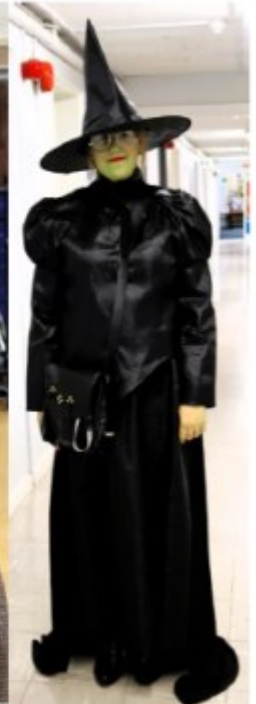
WORLD BOOK DAY 2015

CONGRATULATIONS  
to our 'BEST DRESSED' MEMBER OF STAFF

**1ST PLACE**

MRS. JESS JONES  
dressed as  
*'The Lion, The Witch & The  
Wardrobe'* by C.S. Lewis

WORLD BOOK DAY  
Changing lives through a love of books and reading



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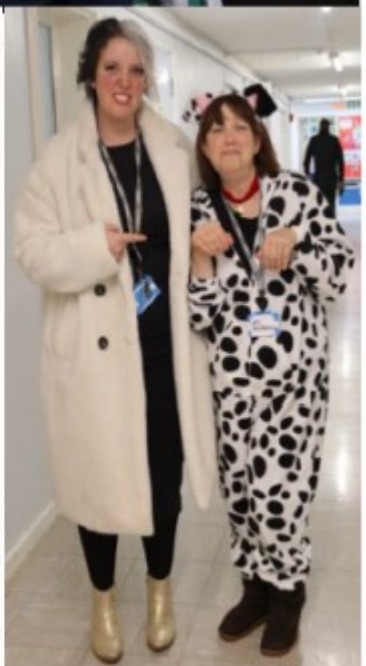
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**GROUP PRIZE**

*'Where's Wally?'* by Martin Handford

THE OFFICE TEAM

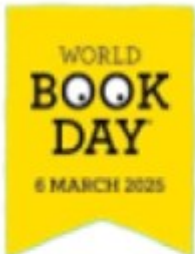
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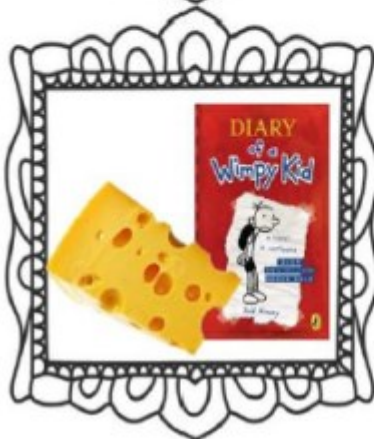
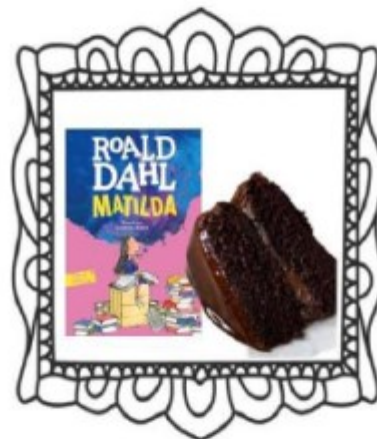




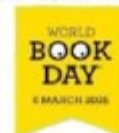
Well done those of you who came down to our Library to check out the book covers. The hidden titles are now revealed...!



WORLD BOOK DAY  
changing lives through  
a love of books and  
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Well Done! Most Tutor Groups correctly matched the item of food with the book!



# PE Department

## Cross Country Results

The Year 7 Boys Cross Country Team has had an outstanding season, showcasing talent, determination, and sportsmanship throughout their races. Representing the school with pride, these young athletes have shown great promise for future success!

After placing first in both rounds of the North Shropshire cross country events at Oswestry School and Morton Hall, the highlight of the season was their performance at the Shropshire cross country championships.

The boys placed impressively in both individual and team categories, with all team members finishing in the top positions resulting in an outstanding 4<sup>th</sup> place, the highest placed state school in the competition!

Congratulations to all the athletes for their dedication and impressive performances this season!

William Motley  
Dexter Cook  
Finley Lander  
Rueben Thomas  
Ed Welch  
Ben Cooke





# PE Department

## Girls Football

IMG 0207 – U13 Girls Football – VS SJT  
Quarter final of the county cup

U13 girls football IMG 0227  
Semi-final against Burton Borough  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Won 7-3

The girls now face Thomas Telford in the final of the county cup



**Well done to ex-pupil  
Raluca Leovanu  
Who won the  
John Beswick Award  
for  
Handball**

# Girls netball

## Corbet School Netball

There has been plenty of netball at The Corbet School over the past term, with fixtures in every year group.

The commitment that many of the students have made to both afterschool club and representing the school has been fantastic. The Year 7's became North Shropshire Runners Up after just losing out in the final. Throughout the afternoon the team grew with confidence, resulting in them playing some awesome netball throughout the day. The Year 8's have had a fantastic netball season and displayed some brilliant team performances/ results- the highlight being their fantastic results at the County Tournament held at Abraham Darby in February, where they eventually finished 3<sup>rd</sup> after losing out in the Semi Final. Despite finishing third, the girls played brilliantly and had some thrilling results throughout the tournament enabling them to finish top after the group stages. They also became North Shropshire (B) Winners as well as being undefeated in other friendlies played across the term. Our Year 9's, 10's and 11's have also played fixtures over at Thomas Adams and other schools across North Shropshire, with all teams displaying fantastic, spirited performances.







## Girls Football



**Shrewsbury Town Footballers**  
 Liv Hughes (Left), Siena Wray (Middle) and Catrin Wright (Right) were selected and have been playing for Shrewsbury Town FC over the 24/25 football season. After having a solid season at Shrewsbury Town, they are looking forward to heading down to Brentford to play in the U14 National Finals and defend their title, that they won last year. As well as having their successes outside of school, all three girls have played a crucial part in getting the U13 Girls Football Team into the County Cup Final 2025.

## Year 10 Boys Football Semi Final

At the start of this year, The Corbet School PE Department entered multiple teams across multiple year groups into the County-wide competitions. These competitions included the County Shield and President's Trophy Football competitions. Whilst a range of the teams have had success across the tournaments, a team of Year 10 boys have successfully navigated their way through the tournaments resulting in two cup-semi final places.

In the County Shield, the team defeated schools such as Ellesmere College and Charlton, meeting Idsall in the semi final of that competition. The team were left disappointed as they fell to Idsall in a 3-0 loss, missing some key players through illness and injury.

In the President's Trophy, Corbet defeated schools such as Madeley Academy, Mary Webb, Telford Priory and finally defeating Burton Borough on penalties in the semi-final. The Year 10 team have now booked themselves a place in the final against Meole Brace School which will prove to be a fantastic experience for everyone involved. A huge congratulations to all the students who have been involved in any of the cup games this year and The PE Department cannot wait to see how you get on in the final. Well done boys!

# Sports News

## Jack Williams Profile

Jack plays Ice hockey for the Telford Tigers Captain of the U14's and Plays up to U16.

After several trials in 2023 Jack was selected to play for England in the Pee Wee tournament in Quebec Canada in Feb 2024 where the team made the semi finals.

In April 2024 he was selected to play for Elite British Selects this in the Riga Cup.

In May 2024 Jack was invited to play for Czech Knights (Czech of republic select team ) in the International Cup in Chamonix his performance in this lead to the head coach requesting he stay the following week to play again for the Czech knights in the World select tournament.

In June 2024 Jack was then invited to play for Slovakia kings in Texas in the Texas king of spring tournament.

In July 2024 Jack was again selected to play for elite British select in Sweden for the west coast hockey tournament.

In December Jack represented England in a tournament against Scotland where his team won and Jack finished highest points scorer of the tournament.







From September 2024 Jack has been trialling again for both the England team and Elite British Selects for the 2025 tournaments.

## Elizabeth Selman Profile



Elizabeth won the West Midlands Championships this weekend in WJ15 x1 category 1800m. She will be heading to inter regionals next month!

She also won Trafford Head race last weekend 3200m also WJ15 x1 (also single sculling). This picture is from Trafford.

# Sports News

## Jude Hardie Profile

Jude travelled down to Bridgwater Tennis Club in Somerset on Saturday 8th March. He competed in an 16U Boys singles Grade 5 competition, which at 12 years old was his first in this age group.

He won his first round 4-2, 4-1 showing great resilience and self control against a player physically bigger than him. The semi final followed with another good win 4-2, 4-2. He then went into the final beating the second seed 4-3, 4-1 with the first set being a tough battle mentally!

Jude has worked so hard last year at under 12 to get into the uk top 100 in his age group.

He is now Under 14 and is aiming to achieve some more goals he has set.

He is now preparing for 3 tournaments over Easter and has been selected to represent tennis Shropshire in the County cup in May down in Gloucestershire where he is currently ranked number 3...





# Sports News

## Madeline .... Profile

Madeline competed in The Eventers Challenge qualifier at Kelsall. The course was a mixture of Show Jumping and Arena Cross Country fences, the aim to jump a clear round in an optimum time.

Madeline competed in 2 classes 70-75cm and 80-85cm. Both classes were extremely busy so she was competing against 30-40 other riders.

She came 1st 70-75cm and 4th 80-85cm.

This meant that she qualified for the Championships in Hickstead in May.



Home	School	SJ	ACT	NCJ	Total	Place
Knoskewen Valley	The Carbet	0	0 <sup>th</sup>	112.25	0	1st
Brodie	Walsbyhol	0	0 <sup>th</sup>	112.64	0	2nd
Honeyhill Halley Mawerick	Kings Manorsfield	0	0 <sup>th</sup>	113.87	0	3rd
Bacina Ashling	The Grange School	0	0 <sup>th</sup>	113.19	0	4th
Dakfield Apache	Owensky School	0	0 <sup>th</sup>	111.57	0	5th
Burton Brook Anabella	Kings Manorsfield	0	0 <sup>th</sup>	114.58	0	6th
Dylisau How Eryn	Ysgol Brynffall	0	0 <sup>th</sup>	106.64	0	7th

Home	School	SJ	ACT	NCJ	Total	Place
First Nough Lad Seibburgh School		0	0 <sup>th</sup>	118.95	0	1st
Joey Make us Laugh Seibburgh School		0	0 <sup>th</sup>	112.36	0	2nd
Fairfax Lord Penryn Dovesky School		0	0 <sup>th</sup>	114.48	0	3rd
Knoskewen Valley The Carbet		0	0 <sup>th</sup>	111.19	0	4th
Tigger Wg Holms Chapel Comprehensive School		0	0 <sup>th</sup>	120.90	0	5th
Honeyhill Halley Mawerick Kings Manorsfield		0	0 <sup>th</sup>	107.47	0	6th
Marrigan Charlott Seibburgh School		0	0 <sup>th</sup>	120.65	0	7th



# Well-Being Wood

## Springtime in Wellbeing Wood!

Spring is arriving in our beautiful outdoor sanctuary, and with it comes an exciting update – the Wellbeing Garden has a new name! After a fantastic round of staff and pupil voting, we are delighted to announce that our special space will now be known as **Wellbeing Wood**. Thank you to everyone who participated in the naming process!

The signs of spring are everywhere, with new growth emerging and splashes of colour appearing. On a recent visit, we noticed that even the 'rogue bulbs' from Year 7's planting adventure have found their own spots to flourish – adding to the charm of the space!

As more pupils begin to explore Wellbeing Wood, we encourage tutor groups to take the opportunity to visit. Even a short walk can be a wonderful way to reset and refresh during the school day.

## Things to do in Wellbeing Wood:

- Read a book
- Play a card game
- Pick up leaves (from the path and pebble river) and place them in the nearest hedge
- Do a little weeding (with gloves on – take care!)
- Explore! Spot the bug houses, count the bird boxes and wind chimes, and enjoy the scent of bulbs and lavender
- Bring an ornament and attach it to the trellis
- Decorate a pebble and add it to the pebble river
- Clear out the sink of leaves – it has a fountain for the warmer months

Top up the bird feeders with seeds, fat balls, or water

## Key Reminders:

- Please tread carefully – there are many 'hidden' bulbs, and we want them to bloom undisturbed
- Respectful behaviour is a must; Year 7s and volunteers have worked hard to make this space beautiful
- The bridge is ornamental – please do not walk on it
- Mind the fruit bushes! They may look like sticks now, but they are growing adjacent to the planters
- A CCTV camera monitors the area for safety

If the weather has been very wet, wellies may be a good idea, or you may want to wait for drier conditions

Year 7 continue to take care of general maintenance and top up the bird feeders every Wednesday. Their dedication keeps Wellbeing Wood thriving, and we hope many more pupils will take the time to enjoy and appreciate this special space.

Let's work together to keep Wellbeing Wood a peaceful and welcoming retreat for all!

Mrs Selman - Head of Year 7



# Well-Being Wood

1. My first choice of name for the wellbeing garden would be: (5 point)



2. My second choice of name for the wellbeing garden would be: (5 point)





# Mental Health Week

Pupils Showcase Creativity in Mental Health Week Poster Project

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

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, pupils were invited to take part in an optional art competition designed to encourage self-reflection and personal growth. The task challenged students to imagine themselves as plants, with their roots representing their core values, experiences, and influences, while the plant above symbolised their personal growth and aspirations.

The results were both thoughtful and inspiring. Using a variety of artistic techniques, from drawing and painting to collage, pupils created stunning visual representations of their inner selves. Many students illustrated roots growing in unexpected places, symbolising resilience, while others depicted thriving plants with unique features to show their personal strengths and dreams. The reflection questions encouraged deeper thinking about how they adapt to change and the support systems that help them flourish.

This initiative was a resounding success, promoting creativity, self-awareness, and positive discussions about mental well-being. Well done to all participants for their imaginative and heartfelt contributions!

**Crane Quality Counselling**  
2025 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK  
**PRESENTS:**  
**EVERY CHILD HAS A VOICE**  
**Musical charity concert**  
Thursday 15th May  
2025  
6:00-8:00PM  
St. George's Parish Church  
Shrewsbury  
SY3 8QA  
Adult - £6  
Children Under 11 - FREE  
Tickets Available at:  
01743 240546 or  
[www.cranecounselling.co.uk](http://www.cranecounselling.co.uk)  
Charity No.  
1175610





## 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](mailto:admin@corbetschool.net)

### Pupil Absence

01939 262004

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

### Finance which includes Parent Pay

01939 262008

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

### IT

01939 262005

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

## Lettings

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

- [\*\*After-school clubs community activities and tuition safeguarding provider guidance\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Keeping children safe during clubs tuition and activities – provider leaflet\*\*](#)

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

# 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.



# 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

**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](http://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

# Follow up on Netflix 'Adolescence' series

In light of the recent series shown on Netflix – Adolescence – and the need to educate young people about the pressures and the content they can view online, Kooth have provided guidance for parents/carers on how to have these online safety conversations with your children. This is accessible on the link below, which contains a 15-minute video.

With an ever-growing online world, it is important young people understand how to look after themselves online. This guide includes content which focuses on supporting young people in better understanding online safety.

[parent carer online safety \(720p\).mp4](#)

Further support can be found on the following websites.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

[Social Media & Mental Health | Guide For Parents | YoungMinds](#)

[Bullying on social media | Childline](#)



### Could you be a young Carer?

If you are under 18  
and help look after a family member with their ...

- illness
- disability
- mental health issues
- alcohol or drug misuse

Many young carers go unnoticed.  
Don't struggle in silence!

you could be a young carer.

Contact Shropshire Young Carers Team  
today to find out how we can support you.

 01743 341995    [youngcarers@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:youngcarers@shropshire.gov.uk)  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/adult-services/shropshire-carers/young-carers/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/adult-services/shropshire-carers/young-carers/)

The poster features several Polaroid-style photos of young people in various settings: a group of three people talking, a group of people in a room, a group of people with colorful balloons, a group of people in superhero costumes, and a person playing tennis.



## Corbet Alumni

### Staying connected with The Corbet School

## **Corbet school wants to keep in touch with students after they leave school.**

The Corbet School has been a big part of your life, but even once you have left, the school can still provide opportunities to learn new skills and maybe get the job you want. If you stay in touch perhaps you can coach one of the sports teams, help set up community events, hear about career opportunities or maybe help set up a school reunion.

Think about where you want to be in five years time and about the things you plan to do, would not it be great to come back and talk to Corbet students about all the amazing things you have achieved. It will help them see what's possible and how they can achieve it too.

So why not sign up to the Corbet's network today and we will keep you connected with the school after you leave. You will receive emails to keep you in the know.

Follow the Corbet Alumni Facebook Page.

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

Email

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

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

## Shropshire Family Information Service

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

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

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



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



# NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS

## SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2026/27

\*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 Buntingsdale Primary School Cockshut CE Primary & Nursery School Criftins CE Primary School Gobowen Primary School Hadnall CE Primary School Kinnerley CE Primary School Morda CE Primary School Moreton Say 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 Trefonen CE Primary School Welshampton CE Primary School West Felton CE Primary School Weston Rhyn Primary School Woore Primary & Nursery School	Albrighton Primary & Nursery School Albrighton St Mary's CE Primary School Beckbury CE Primary School Brockton 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 Kinlet CE Primary School Longnor CE Primary School Ludlow, St Laurence CE Primary School Minsterley Primary School Newcastle CE Primary School Pontesbury CE Primary School Rushbury CE Primary School Sheriffhales Primary & Pre School Shifnal Primary School Shifnal St Andrew's CE Primary School Stiperstones CE Primary School Wistanstow CE Primary School Worthen Long Mountain CE Primary School



# School Uniform



## Safety message from the Passenger Transport Group:



**ALL PASSENGERS  
MUST WEAR  
SEAT BELTS**

Students must always wear the provided seatbelt during their journey on all transport provided by Shropshire Council.

Only one person is allowed in each seat fitted with a seat belt.  
Never use the same seat belt across two or more passengers.

Wearing a seat belt not only helps protect your safety, but it also helps protect the safety of others.

# Term Dates 2025-2026

## Programme of Terms & Holidays 2025-2026

### AUTUMN TERM 2025

Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 19th December 2025

**Half Term:** Monday 27th October– Friday 31st October 2025

**Christmas Holidays:** Monday 22nd December– Tuesday 6th January 2026

#### \*Professional Development Days:

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

### SPRING TERM 2026

Tuesday 6th January – Friday 27th March 2026

**Half Term:** Monday 16th February–Friday 20th February 2026

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 30th March– Friday 10th April 2026

#### \*Professional Development Days:

Monday 5th January 2026

### SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13th April – Friday 17th July 2026

**May Day:** Monday 4th May 2026

**Half Term:** Monday 25th May– Friday 29th 2026

**End of Term:** Friday 17th July 2026

#### ALL DATES INCLUSIVE

\* School closed for pupils



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