



19th February 2024

End of Term 3 and notifications

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope all our stakeholders and community are well, as we build up to what is my favourite time of the year - Spring!

Lighter mornings and evenings, warmer temperatures, and nature becoming more prominent again; all help energise us and build towards something new or challenging.

On this note, the summer examinations are fast approaching. For those families that are involved in these, please look after each other in the build-up. Manage stress levels by being super organised (revision timetables used correctly), working hard from this point onwards (in school and at home learning) and asking for as much support from staff as you need (topics for extra work / gaps in knowledge, teacher guidance and work resources). I promise you, the more you do all of these things, the less stress that will occur.

Also, remember to schedule breaks for well-being, health and fitness - these are also important and should be part of weekly routines.

February Half-Term & Easter Revision for Year 11 & 13 students

All Year 11 Students / Parent & Carers have been notified about the initial February Half-Term revision arrangements, in preparation for this summer's public examinations. These sessions play an important role in the Academy's curriculum delivery and the Intervention for maximising students' potential outcomes. Please continue to liaise with Mr Woodcock around any questions or clarity required:

Laurence Woodcock

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Tutors and subject teachers continue to be vital points of contact. This includes your Head of Year, who continues to coordinate your provision:

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In addition, we will be looking again at the Session 6 allocations, to ensure we have maximised staffing and student priorities.

With 200 students, and many subjects to coordinate, these things can be tricky – especially when students' personal preferences or choices maybe don't correlate with the latest data trends. However, please be rest assured that we will be distributing revision or extra sessions across all subjects in the lead up to exams. Even if a subject doesn't initially appear in session 6, there are plans to accommodate specialist 'drop down days' and a further rotation for subjects in the future.

Please can I ask that all students attend their allocated sessions. A reminder of arrangements and additional information can be found here:

[Corby Business Academy - Year 11 Raising Standards](#)

Year 13 students, you have your schedule and revision process as set out by your Sixth Form Team and subject teachers. Easter Holidays will look different for you in the coming weeks, this will be communicated soon - your Half-Term revision and independent study is vital; as well as your resources from individual teachers. Please maximise communication and ask for as much support as you want:

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Standards

As usual we want to ensure uniform standards are upheld and supported by parents and carers.

To support you please see below a familiar link to the uniform standards and mobile phones on our website, this includes additional elements of jewellery and hair colouring:

[Corby Business Academy - Uniform](#)

[Mobile Phones](#)

A brief note on mobile phones..... the impact of student and community 'buy-in' has been transformational. I can 'feel' the difference in the building. Students are less anxious, relationships have grown stronger, and there is more shared purpose. Thank you to everyone, this includes staff consistency and their support for students.

Academy and Community Development

I am soon hoping to officially announce exciting plans and agreements for significant facility developments at the Academy. These are a reinforcement of our progress and our continued ambitions for the local community. The improvements will expand both educational and sport / activity related experiences – thus furthering our whole provision.

Safeguarding

As you are aware, safeguarding our students and local community is imperative to us. With this in mind, please be reminded of the Safeguarding page on our website. On this page we provide a wealth of opportunities for parents, carers and students to stay informed of information, local / national context or trends and access to supportive intervention. This reinforces our internal curriculum and messaging to students, as well as allowing academy needs to be met:

[Corby Business Academy - Safeguarding](#)

Holiday communications and support

Please see below a link for our usual holiday support options and any required communications over this current February half term:

[February Half-Term 2024 - communication, staffing and support](#)

Start of Term 4

Just a reminder of the Term 4 start:

- Teacher Training Day **Monday 26th February 2024**
- Students return **Tuesday 27th February 2024**

We hope you have a fantastic half-term.

Yours sincerely

Mr S. Underwood
Principal