



Headteacher Welcome

With such a short half term we have still managed to squeeze in a lot! Students have enjoyed a variety of opportunities, some of which you will read about in this edition of the newsletter. Our Year 11 and Post 16 students have, this term, started their final exams and we couldn't be prouder of how they have been focussed and prepared. We wish them all the best of luck as the exam season continues on our return from May half term break.

STEM on Track: A High-Speed Success at Whilton Mill

This term, our STEM on Track team hit the tarmac for their eagerly anticipated Test Day at Whilton Mill Karting Track. After months of hard work, their go-karts passed scrutineering with flying colours — a true reflection of the dedication and engineering skill poured into each build.

We're incredibly proud of our student drivers, all of whom successfully passed their license assessments, dropping just three marks between the ten of them. This impressive result highlights their commitment, focus, and thorough preparation at home.

In the afternoon, the excitement shifted gears as the team took to the track. They test-drove their karts, rehearsed pit stops, and practiced smooth driver changeovers — all key skills for the upcoming race events.

All students were a credit to Corley Academy.



Real Time Caterpillar Life Cycle

In Animal Intervention last term, students learnt about the life cycle of a caterpillar to butterfly. We bought real caterpillars to watch and study this beautiful transformation. We released most of the butterflies in school before we broke up for half term, however one was stubborn and waited until the Easter holidays to 'hatch'.

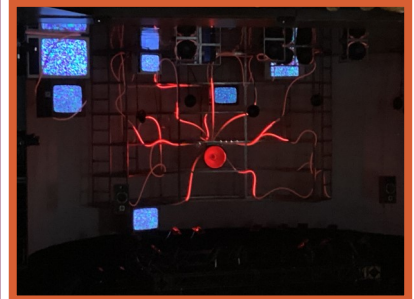
Visit to Mary Arden's Farm

Classes 5 and 6 visited Mary Arden's Farm on Friday 16h May 20255 as part of their English curriculum learning of Shakespeare. Mary Arden was Shakespeare's mother and the Farm is an experience of Elizabethan and Tudor style living and how Shakespeare still influences our world today. Students experienced time on a Tudor themed farm, learnt about how family slept, fed themselves, spent time together and enjoyed making herb bags and planting seeds. The farm is a living museum as it is also home to animals such as donkey's, pigs and piglets, goats and kids as well as chickens and roosters.



Theatre Visit to see Pig Heart Boy

At the end of last term, Class 6 took a trip to the Belgrade Theatre to see Pig Heart Boy, the book they studied in English during Autumn Term, performed live on stage. This was a great way to extend the cultural capital of students as the play presented diverse perspectives on religion, animal rights and bullying. It was lovely to hear the students commenting on the issues and relating it back to the work we did in Autumn Term. The whole class also really appreciated the art form with one student commenting their favourite part of the play was when the human pig entered the stage dancing.



Duke of Edinburgh Update

Bronze Year 11 Life Skills Duke of Edinburgh's Award students were able to successfully complete their Qualifying Expedition between 8th – 9th April 2025, with two students from the Bronze Enrichment group joining them. All students were excellent ambassadors for Corley Academy whilst offsite walking in Kenilworth on Day 1 and Corley/Keresley on Day 2. Some students opted to stay overnight at Corley Academy and enjoyed preparing and cooking their evening meal, having enjoyed lots of games outside beforehand. Their expedition aim was to 'Identify the condition of signposts' which they were able to do successfully. Students mostly took the photos of the expedition and took some fantastic pictures whilst we were out and about. A huge well done to all of these students who participated for completing this section of the Award.

Post 16 students have been busy completing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Qualifying Expedition this half term, between Tuesday 29th April and Thursday 1st May 2025. Their expedition aim was to 'Create a Visitor's Guide to the National Memorial Arboretum', which they visited on Tuesday 29th April. Students then worked together to create a fantastic visual guide, meeting the aim of their Expedition. Some students opted to camp for two nights at Corley Academy, and had busy evenings which included putting their tents up, preparing and cooking their evening meals, followed by washing up. They also enjoyed sitting around the campfire, playing Uno and watching the sun set. A huge well done to all Post 16 students for achieving their expedition aim, and meeting all of the expedition requirements set by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. They have now completed their Skill and Expedition Section, and are working on completing their Physical and Volunteering sections before the end of the academic year.



Wishing all our students and families a restful half term.

We welcome our students back to school on Monday 2nd June 2025