



**Brooke Weston Trust**



Corby Technical School is part of the Brooke Weston Trust; which includes a network of five secondary and five primary schools. The Trust has a reputation for delivering high-quality education in order to help every child flourish. By working within a trust we benefit by being able to share staff expertise and offer a wider variety of opportunities to students through joint ventures with our partner schools.



“Students make rapid and sustained progress across the school. A high proportion of students meet and exceed national expectations from their different starting points in both English and mathematics.”

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# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Do you want to join an Outstanding Sixth Form? Corby Technical School will provide you with an outstanding educational experience. The quality of teaching and learning offered by staff, coupled with our state-of-the-art facilities, will unlock a lifetime of opportunities for you.



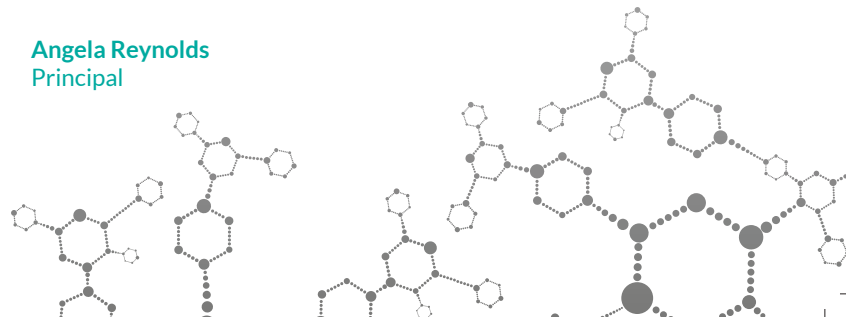
‘Working at Corby Technical School fills me with an enormous sense of pride. The students, staff and parents all go the extra mile to make the impossible possible. Everybody within the school works towards the same set of goals and embraces challenge. As you walk through the school building you will feel a climate and culture of aspirational excellence, where staff work tirelessly to ensure that students are armed with the very best start in life. Staff are committed to developing well rounded individuals who are capable of entering a flexible labour market.

Our curriculum offers a broad range of subjects but maintains a strong emphasis on a technical pathway. Students entering the Sixth Form will be able to take advantage of an array of subjects which will arm them with the skills required to move into Higher Education or the world of work. We also believe in ensuring that students grow confident as individuals and have high aspirations for their future.

Corby Technical School Sixth Form is housed within the newly built site on Cottingham Road, offering students a modern learning environment and high quality facilities. Also, due to the small size of the school, we are able to devote quality support to each and every student. Those who join the Sixth Form at Corby Technical School will be part of a close-knit school community and will thrive in an atmosphere where they feel safe, confident and are supported in all aspects of their education.

I look forward to welcoming you into the Sixth Form.’

**Angela Reynolds**  
Principal



# WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

Corby Technical School will offer you the opportunity to follow a STEM (Science, Technology and maths) pathway as a Post 16 student. You will have the opportunity to study maths, physics, chemistry, biology, product design and computer science, along with an array of other subjects. The curriculum will allow you to access prestigious universities, careers in industry and high level apprenticeships. Through our extensive wider links your educational career will be supported extensively to give you a real edge.

We have a longer working day than most schools, operating a five-lesson day model. Lessons commence at 08.35 and there is a 15-minute breakfast break and a 30-minute lunch break. There are also extended hours (that students can opt into) on certain days, which are often utilised for extra tuition or extra-curricular activities. Our term structure is also different. We have five terms of eight weeks each with a two week break after each term. In the summer we have a four week vacation.



'Teachers plan their lessons meticulously and have high expectations of students at all times.'

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# WHAT CAN WE OFFER YOU?

In addition to the high quality teaching that you will receive you will also be provided with a wrap-around of first class support. Your support network will include teachers, a tutor that you will have daily contact with, a pastoral officer, a careers advisor, a Director of Sixth Form and hands-on support from a designated Vice Principal.

During your Sixth Form experience you will be exposed to a range of visitors including multi-national companies, apprenticeship providers, universities, local businesses and Higher Education providers. Students interested in making an Oxbridge application will be given targeted expert advice and guidance. We want to ensure that you are well informed about the life choices and options that are open to you.

**As a Sixth Form student you will be offered the following:**

- A comprehensive range of subject options to choose from
- An induction programme that allows you to feel part of a Sixth Form community
- A tutor who you will meet with daily, offering you academic and pastoral support, as well as acting as your advocate
- Termly reports to parents outlining your progress, effort and expected outcomes
- A range of visits, trips and residential opportunities relevant to your studies and a Year 12 specific visit to Iceland
- Modern, state-of-the-art facilities
- A programme of talks and support about your Post 18 option choices
- Support, advice and guidance with the UCAS process to make a university application
- A Prefect System, which includes a Head Girl and a Head Boy



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# OUR TECHNICAL ETHOS

Technology aided learning is a large part of life at Corby Technical School and we ensure that our students have access to the latest technologies to assist their education. Students have access to iPads throughout lessons and the school's computer network uses virtual technology to drive a number of client machines that they can access before and after school as well as throughout the school day. We also have a remote access portal that students can log onto from home. This allows them to access all of the school software as well as files to aid homework and revision. We also utilise a social learning platform which is used by staff during lessons and to set tests or assignments.

Students joining the Sixth Form will be entitled to have the loan of a laptop and a mobile device. These will be integral tools to learning and fundamental to the way in which we deliver the curriculum. To further support your learning Sixth Form students will have access to a number of dedicated study space areas that are located across the school. You will notice, as a Sixth Former, that you are very much treated as an adult and you will have non-contact time, when you are not engaged in teacher-led lessons.



Effective use of study areas is therefore key to your success as a student and you will need to access the dedicated study spaces available to engage in the wider independent learning that is expected of a Post 16 student.

Our technical ethos within the Sixth Form is supported by the Elective Programme Afternoon, which is explained on page 10. Students will also be afforded the opportunity to engage in work-related learning opportunities throughout their time in the Sixth Form to further equip them with the skills required to succeed in the workplace or at university.



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'Students make outstanding progress.'

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# CURRICULUM

The curriculum offers students the opportunity to personalise their own pathway and focus on a technical curriculum that will allow them the chance to progress to a prestigious university and/or employment pathway. Students will be equipped with qualifications allowing them to access an array of careers in medicine, technology, engineering, biochemistry, biomedical science and maths, as well as many other career pathways. The curriculum has been designed to secure high levels

of academic achievement and allow students to move into the world of work or on to higher education. Students are invited to select four options in Year 12, with a view that they will sit AS examinations in these qualifications at the end of Year 12. Upon successful completion of AS qualifications students will progress into Year 13 and have the opportunity to streamline their curriculum to three subject areas. Each subject will consist of four contact lessons per week with a teacher.







“The quality of teaching and learning is monitored rigorously.”

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### The subjects offered include:

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- English Language
- English Literature
- Further Maths
- Geography
- German
- Health & Social Care
- History
- Maths
- Media Studies
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology

Choose Corby Technical School if you want a curriculum that is stimulating and guaranteed to secure high levels of academic achievement.



# EPA - ELECTIVE PROGRAMME AFTERNOON

A unique feature of life at Corby Technical School's Sixth Form is the EPA, where Sixth Form students will be given the opportunity to diversify their curriculum. The EPA is designed to give you an edge over Sixth Form students leaving other Post 16 providers. Many of the EPA activities will allow students the chance to engage in high profile leadership opportunities both within the school and across the wider community. The ability to act as a leader is a key skill that is desired by both employers and universities alike.

One afternoon (two lessons) a week will be devoted to ensuring that students engage in activities that will make them more competitive when entering the job market or making a university application.

## The EPA will include the following activities:

- First aid qualification for all Sixth Form students
- Pre-U skills course
- Study skill talks
- UCAS application sessions
- ASDAN qualifications
- Work experience
- Extended project (which is the equivalent of an AS Level)
- Open Learn units through the Open University
- Accredited mentor training
- Professional placements
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
- Sports Leaders Award



'Students' conduct in lessons and around the school is impeccable.'

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## Uniform

Students entering the Sixth Form are asked to adopt a smart business approach.

## Catering

A range of healthy snacks and hot meals are provided on site and students have a 15-minute breakfast and a 30-minute lunch break. They can bring their own packed lunch if they choose and all meals are consumed in our fully staffed restaurant.

## Lockers

Each student is assigned a locker on their first day at school. This is where students keep all of their belongings. It is the responsibility of the student to provide their own padlock for the locker.

## School clubs

We offer a range of after school clubs including chess, netball, football, glider club, Magic: The Gathering, as well as a range of curriculum-based activities.

# WHAT NEXT?

Corby Technical School welcomes all potential students to its Sixth Form. The entry criteria for the Sixth Form can be found on the Brooke Weston Trust website.

The closing date for all applications for the 2017-18 intake is 31st January 2017. After submitting an application form prospective Sixth Form students will be invited to a 20-minute meeting with a Vice Principal to discuss their Post 16 application.

There are a total of 50 places available in Year 12. This is inclusive of a Published Admission Number of 10 for external students. If external applications exceed the published admission number, the oversubscription criteria will apply.


- It is important that students select courses appropriate to their needs in terms of ability and career plans.
- Students must gather as much information as possible to ensure that they make well-informed decisions.
- School staff will examine subject choices and offer further guidance, should the need arise.
- All students will be offered independent Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG).
- Entry requirements for courses are the same for external students as those for internal applicants.



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## WHERE IS CORBY TECHNICAL SCHOOL?

 Corby Technical School is situated near Corby town centre. It is a short walking distance from Corby railway station and Corby coach station. The town centre and the Corby Cube are also a short walking distance away. The unique location of this school makes it an ideal Sixth Form provider for students coming from Corby, Kettering and wider Northamptonshire.

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