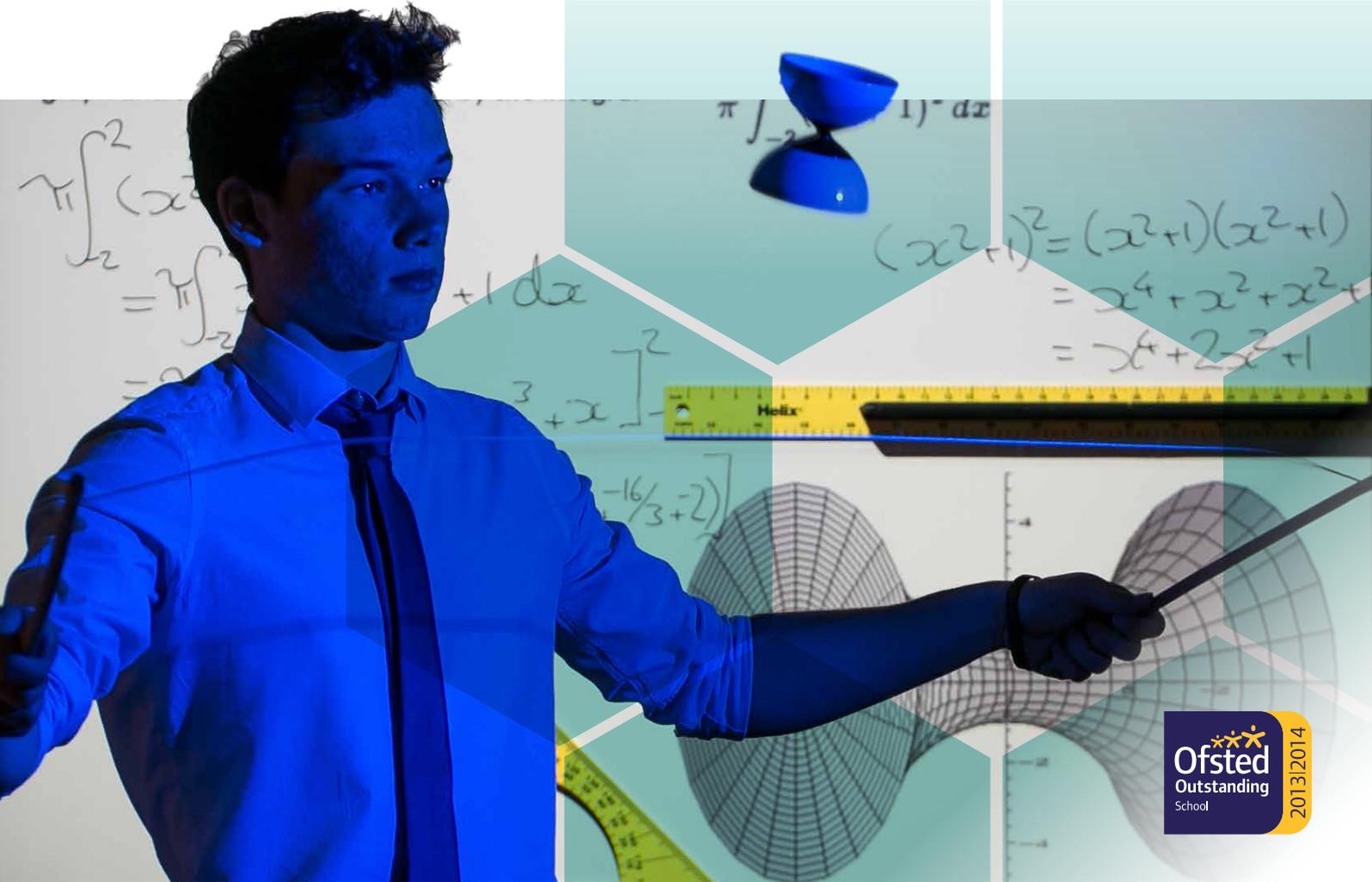




CORBY
Technical
School



POST 16 STUDIES AT CORBY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

A valued member of the

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



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.

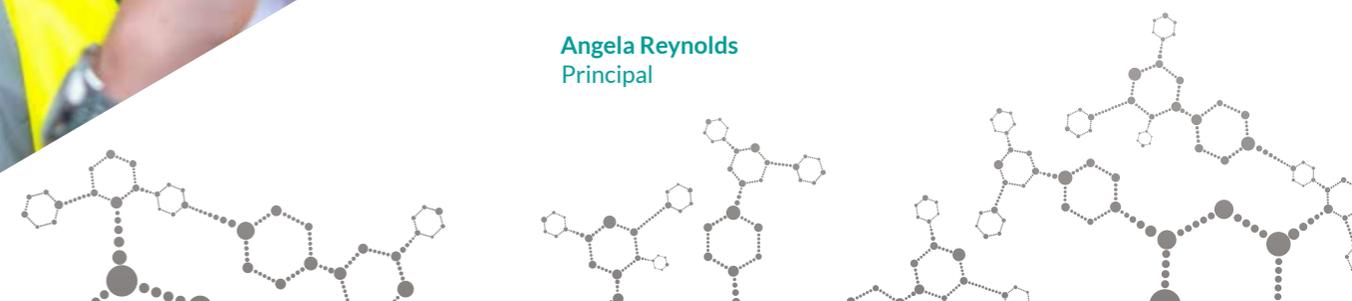
‘Working at Corby Technical School fills me with an enormous sense of pride. The students, staff and parents all go the extra mile to make the impossible possible. Everybody within the school works towards the same set of goals and embraces challenge. As you walk through the school building you will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

Corby Technical School is working in close partnership with Brooke Weston Academy to provide students with the fantastic opportunity to study in a high quality dual site provision. 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 give them 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.

We are able to devote quality support to each and every student and those who join the Sixth Form at Corby Technical School will be part of a close-knit school community. Students will thrive in an atmosphere where they will 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 pathway as a Post 16 student, studying courses such as science, computer science and engineering. An array of other subjects are available if you choose to study a more traditional pathway. 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 cohesive 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
- 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

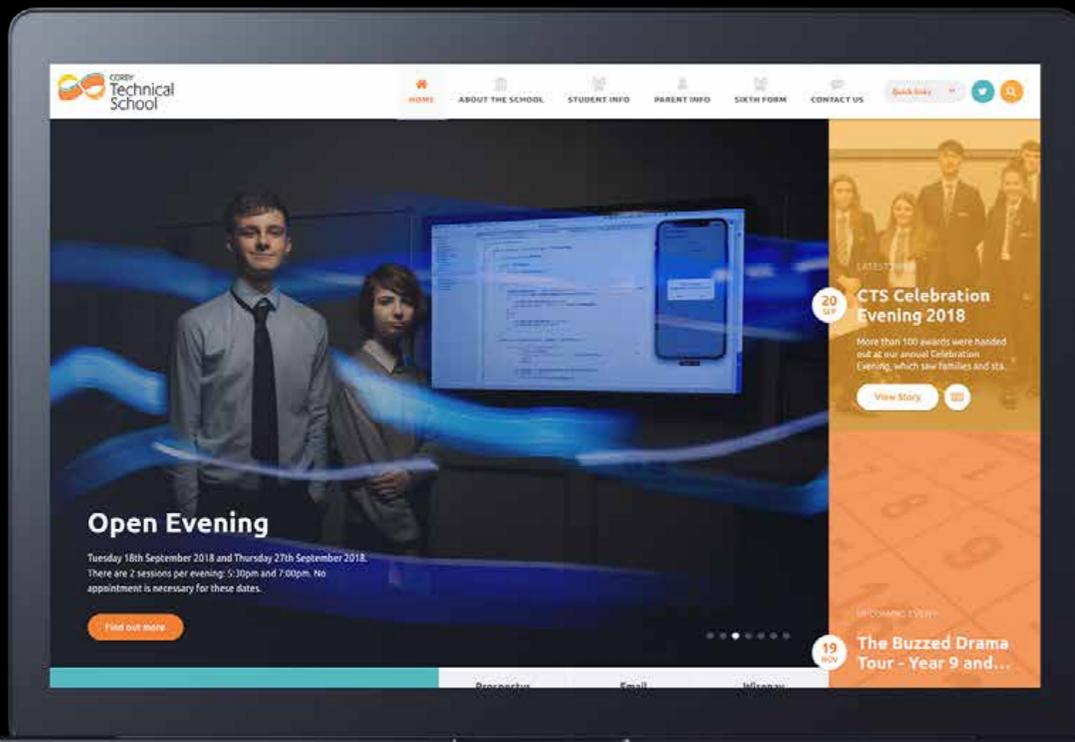
OUR TECHNICAL ETHOS

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. We 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.

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 Inspiration, Endeavour and Community programme, which is explained on page 9. 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.



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.

Transport
Corby Technical School is located within close proximity to the town centre. Due to its central location and the excellent transport links the school does not offer a transport service to students for getting to and from school. Students who are studying across our dual site will have access to a free designated mini bus transporting them to and from sites throughout the day.



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

Each subject will consist of four contact lessons per week with a teacher.

The subjects offered include:

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

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

For more information regarding courses on offer and entry requirements, please visit the Sixth Form section of our website: www.corbytechnicalschool.org



INSPIRATION, ENDEAVOUR & COMMUNITY

IEC Programme

At Corby Technical School it is our aim to create the most employable students in Corby. The IEC Programme helps students to meet the demands of employers by developing their 'employable' skills such as leadership, organisation and management alongside their academic qualifications.

What does IEC stand for?

Inspiration

An activity that allows students to display creativity around the arts, music and performance.

Endeavour

This can include participation in individual team sports and expeditions as well as involvement in local and regional projects.

Community

This includes voluntary work and helping others.

Activities on our IEC enrichment programme include:

- Professional Placements
- Primary School Placements
- Lower School Mentoring
- Community and Volunteering Work
- Young Enterprise Scheme
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
- Sports Teams
- Charity Fundraising Team
- Engineering in Education Scheme
- Library Internship
- Lively Debate Team

Activities offered are subject to student and teacher commitment and may be subject to change.



Q&A

Q Will all the courses listed in this booklet take place?

We hope to be able to offer all the courses listed in this booklet. However, if there are insufficient numbers to allow a course to run then we will endeavour, where possible, to offer an alternative. There may also be some changes to the offering as a result of staffing and timetabling constraints and changes made to specifications by the Awarding Bodies.

Q When will I have to make my final option choices?

Your final choices do not have to be made until you have your GCSE results. The Post 16 options day will allow you to attend subject presentations by departments to give you a feel for the subjects you are considering. You will also get the opportunity to attend a 20-minute consultation session with your parent/guardian and a senior member of staff to ensure the choices made are the most appropriate for you and your future aspirations.

Q What does the partnership with Brooke Weston Academy mean to me?

Our partnership with Brooke Weston Academy allows you access to a wider choice of subjects. Some of your courses may be taught at Brooke Weston Academy and you will be able to use the facilities across both sites.

Q If my lesson is at Brooke Weston Academy, how do I get there?

We have a free dedicated minibus that will transport students to and from lessons taking place at Brooke Weston Academy.

Q How often will my parents be informed of my progress?

You will receive an interim report at the end of each term, starting in Term 2. We hold a parents' consultation evening during the course of the academic year.

Q Is there a Sixth Form common room?

In line with our ethos, there is no Sixth Form common room. All the facilities are shared by all who work at Corby Technical School.

Q Are Sixth Formers allowed to leave during the day?

It is not possible to leave during the day unless you have a medical appointment or driving lesson. In both cases, a note from your parent/guardian will need to be shown to your tutor and reception in order to gain exit. These should not be arranged during timetabled lessons (including structured study lessons).

Q How will I access the ICT facilities?

You will be issued with a unique username and password. This will give you access to our network, filtered Internet access and to your personal email account. IT facilities are located in study areas around the school.

Q Who do I go to if I have a problem?

Curriculum issues should be addressed to your teacher or to the Head of Department. Pastoral issues should be referred to your tutor. The Head of Sixth Form is also able to help with any issues you might have.



WHAT NEXT?

The admissions criteria for the Sixth Form can be found on the Brooke Weston Trust website. Subject entry criteria and an application form can be found on the Sixth Form section of our website: www.corbytechnicalschool.org

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.

- 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 Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG).
- Entry requirements for courses are the same for external students as those for internal applicants.



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.

 Brooke Weston Academy, our partnership site is located on the outskirts of Corby.

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