



A hub of technical excellence
with **uncompromising**
aspirations for all.

A valued member of the

Brooke Weston Trust





Welcome

Corby Technical School, despite being a relatively new school in the area, was delighted to have been recognised as Outstanding by Ofsted during its inspection; this is a testament to the vibrant learning environment that has been created here. Our curriculum offers a broad range of subjects whilst maintaining a strong emphasis on the development of technical knowledge that we see as essential for student academic development. We maximise our curriculum time with a huge emphasis on mathematics and English across the school as well as ensuring students have a broad and rich diet in all other areas. We believe in ensuring that students are not only equipped with a great set of qualifications but that they grow confident as individuals with high aspirations for their future.

Our primary aim is to provide a learning environment that will inspire students and equip them for careers within technical fields. Students and staff at Corby Technical School have a common purpose: to succeed and achieve. Our aim is to develop confident learners, who take ownership of their learning and are proud of their achievements. Students are fortunate to study in our brand new building on Cottingham Road. Built to the same high standards as the other Brooke Weston Trust Schools; it is a modern learning environment with a range of high quality facilities. Students who join us 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 our next cohort.



“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.” **Ofsted**

Angela Reynolds
Principal



Our vision

We expect all members of the school community to:



Unite

Make a valuable contribution to society and thrive in a mutually supportive environment



Innovate

Develop key transferable skills ready for a fast-changing global market



Persevere

Demonstrate relentless determination and resilience in all that they do

Our building

Our new state-of-the-art school building opened in November 2013 and has recently been expanded to accommodate the expansion of our intake. It shares many design features of the Brooke Weston Trust's other schools in Corby and Kettering.

The two storey building sits in spacious tree-lined grounds and consists of science laboratories, design technology workshops, IT suites, art and design studios, a theatre, library, sports hall, drama studio and a dedicated dining area.

There is extensive use of glass throughout in line with the Brooke Weston Trust philosophy of openness and visibility. The building uses a swipe card system for access control and a cashless catering system. Display screens are located throughout the building to communicate key information to students and staff.

The building itself also enjoys the luxury of a dedicated maintenance team that ensures it is kept clean and operational at all times.



Our school day

Each school day is split into five lessons. All students will have an assembly or tutor time daily. The tutor is the main contact point for parents. We also operate an extended day from Tuesday to Thursday that is often utilised for extra tuition or extra curricular activities.

The school day starts at 8:35am and ends at 4:05pm. There are five lessons in the day. There are breakfast and lunch breaks plus assembly and tutor time. Our students do not have 'playtimes' as the emphasis is on creating a business-like atmosphere. This also means an uninterrupted school day, greater concentration and fewer opportunities for problems such as behavioural issues or bullying to arise.

This extra time enables students to participate in the numerous clubs and activities that operate beyond the formal taught day. It also allows them to continue with their own private study, taking full advantage of our facilities.

We have a five-term year (as opposed to the traditional six-term year). Each term is eight weeks long, followed by a two week break. In the summer students have a four week break.



Catering

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



Uniform

Our expectations for uniform are very high. School uniform is compulsory for all students and we expect them to be dressed smartly at all times. Students will require a Corby Technical School blazer and tie. This should be worn with black trousers/knee length skirt, white shirt and black school shoes.



Lockers

Each student is assigned a locker on their first day at school. This is where they keep all of their belongings. It is the responsibility of the student to provide their own padlock for the locker. Padlocks are sold in the school shop.



Transport

Corby Technical School is located within close proximity to the town centre. Due to the central location of the school and the excellent transport links the school does not offer a transport service to students. Many students who attend the school travel on foot, by bicycle, car and public transport.



Curriculum: Years 7 – 11

The curriculum has been designed to secure high levels of academic achievement across traditional subjects as well as a range of technical subjects encompassing engineering and computer science.

Year 7 and 8

For the first two years students will study a variety of subjects: English, maths, science, history, geography, design and technology, religious, social and cultural studies, modern foreign languages, PE, art and computing. In addition a proportion of curriculum time is devoted to multi-subject challenges in our bespoke STEM lessons.

These are based around realistic technical problems and incorporate a range of different subjects and skills. Their aim is to enable students to become creative thinkers via practical investigation and the development of solutions for problem-based assignments.

Students are encouraged to take part in externally set challenges such as the Rotary Technology Challenge, STEM challenges and the CREST Bronze award; organisations that we have already achieved success with through our current cohort of students.

Years 9, 10 and 11

Students will choose their GCSE options at the end of Year 8. From Year 9 onwards students will follow an academic curriculum based on a range of subjects. Maths, English literature, English language and science are the core elements of the curriculum and other subjects students are able to choose are:

Art
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Computer Science
Design & Technology
Drama
Engineering
Geography
German
Health and Fitness
History
Media
Physics
Physical Education
Sociology

The technical focus remains in Years 9 to 11 and is defined by the options that students can choose from. All learning routes for students will be supplemented by a programme of entrepreneurial challenges linked to our Career Pathway Programme. Employer engagement at this level will increase and students will be encouraged to take part in industry- based activities where students will get the opportunity to work in real-life environments. This will enable students to develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes to the workplace that are in line with industry expectations.



Sixth Form

Years 12 and 13

Corby Technical School is working in close partnership with Brooke Weston Academy and students will have the fantastic opportunity to study in a high-quality dual site provision. A broad curriculum and access to a range of personal development opportunities will allow them to progress to a prestigious university or to employment.

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 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 will also take part in an enrichment activity which will allow them 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 desired by employers and universities alike.



Enrichment and learning outside the classroom

The world of learning that we offer our students goes beyond the classroom and we provide a number of external trips, visits and residentials, both nationally and internationally. In each year group students are invited to take part in a residential programme. In Year 7, all students take part in an activity week aimed at developing strong bonds between fellow students and staff. We believe that this particular residential experience plays an important role in a student's life and helps them to develop into mature, responsible adults. So far our international residentials have included trips to Belgium, Italy, Germany and France (as well as the UK) and, as the school continues to expand, the residential programme will develop opportunities further afield.

We believe that learning takes place outside of the classroom as well as within and so we encourage our students to take part in the extra-curricular clubs we offer. A range of after school clubs are available and include netball, football, glider club, War Hammer, as well as a range of curriculum-based activities. Our extra-curricular provision is only limited by our students'

wishes as we are always willing to adapt and provide for their interests and needs.

Participation in the arts is also an important part of the Corby Technical School experience. Each year students have many opportunities to perform in talent shows and drama productions, whether on stage or in a technical support role.

Students in Year 10 and above also have the opportunity to be a part of the Brooke Weston Trust Combined Cadet Force (CCF). Using globally recognised and approved military themed training Cadets experience the excitement and challenges of the great outdoors, testing their team building and leadership skills in ways that simply are not possible in the classroom.



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Care, welfare and inclusion for all

Students have a form tutor whose role is to make sure their time at Corby Technical School is happy and secure. The tutor will develop a relationship of trust and respect with the student and will offer guidance in their academic studies as well as provide support with any personal issues.



We are committed to working with parents and making sure they are kept up-to-date with their child's progress. As part of this, student progress is reported termly and a parents' evening is held once a year for each year group. Parents can also get in touch with their child's tutor by email or by phone at their own convenience. Each week our CTS 'Snapshot' newsletter is available on our website and emailed to parents and carers. This is a way to regularly communicate all the students' news, triumphs and successes from that week.

All homework is set through the 'Show My Homework' website, which allows parents and carers to keep track of all homework tasks. Our website www.corbytechnicalschool.org is refreshed weekly with important information.

Our policies are also available to view via the Brooke Weston Trust's website: www.brookewestontrust.org



Community links

We prepare our students for entry into a demanding and competitive world of work by ensuring that they have a real insight into industry by the time they reach the end of their time with us. We pride ourselves on our ability to be able to offer many industry-related experiences to all.

Students are able to take part in trips to cutting edge companies such as FESTO and Stone Computers in order to expose them to the latest technologies and potential careers. Through our assemblies programme and technical enrichment we create opportunities for students to work alongside industry experts on special projects throughout the year.

Careers guidance and routes

Our ethos is geared towards students having a solid understanding of industry from Year 7 onwards. At an early age students are offered the opportunity to take part in industry link visits where they self-select based on their own interest. As part of our technical enrichment programme they gain greater insight into how industry operates, as well as developing their own inter-personal skills.

Students in higher years are supported by an independent careers advice service that offers support for all students when looking at next steps such as university, apprenticeships and other employment opportunities.



Admissions process

Corby Technical School is situated close to the centre of Corby and is intended to primarily serve the area of 'Corby'. For more details on the admissions process visit our website at www.corbytechnicalschool.org.

The Brooke Weston Trust is a family of primary and secondary schools in Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire.



Hugh de Capell Brooke



Garfield Weston

All our schools work hard to provide the best educational opportunities and life chances for the young people in their care.

As a Trust we seek to 'make a difference' and are proud to work with children of all backgrounds and abilities. Our staff challenge themselves with one question every day by asking 'is the service I am providing good enough for my own child?' When the answer is 'yes', we are pleased but not complacent, when it is 'no' we leave no stone unturned to make rapid improvements.

The Trust is founded on five core values which are: Ambition for All, High Expectations, Excellent Teaching and Support, Working Together and Contributing to Society. The values direct every area of our work from every classroom to the board room.

Our fantastic young people are at the heart of everything we do. Life in each school is very busy and everyone can also take part in Trust-wide activities including trips, curriculum days and Trust competitions that are great opportunities for making friends from other schools and sharing learning, new experiences or sporting success.

We promote a strong culture of professional collaboration amongst our staff which ensures the most appropriate and skilled people within the Trust are involved in key decision making and supporting other colleagues. Being part of a multi-academy Trust gives all our employees greater access to a wide range of high quality training and experience of working in very different educational settings.

The Trust's daily operation is underpinned by a small but dedicated Central Team delivering core services such as finance, IT, estates management and welfare.

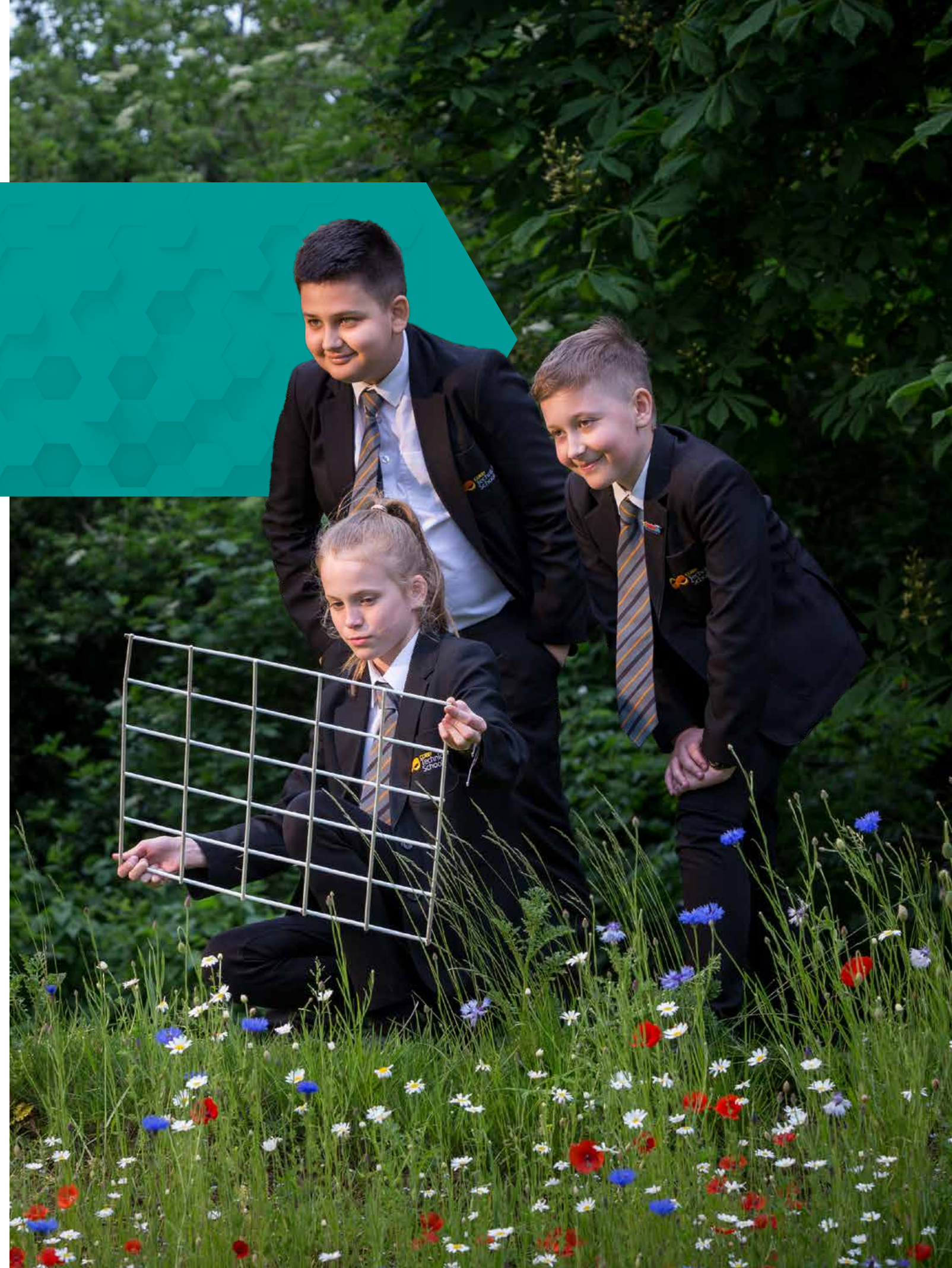
Brooke Weston Academy at Great Oakley in Northamptonshire was our founding school and our sponsors *Hugh de Capell Brooke* and *Garfield Weston* were instrumental in bringing high quality, innovative state funded education to the area. The Trust continues to enjoy the support of their families who retain seats on the board and are represented by Alexander de Capell Brooke and Guy and George Weston. The Brooke Weston Trust was established in 2008 and is led by Dr Andrew Campbell.

Primary Schools

- ▶ Beanfield Primary School
- ▶ Compass Primary Academy
- ▶ Gretton Primary School
- ▶ Oakley Vale Primary School
- ▶ Peckover Primary School

Secondary Schools

- ▶ Brooke Weston Academy
- ▶ Corby Business Academy
- ▶ Corby Technical School
- ▶ Kettering Science Academy
- ▶ Thomas Clarkson Academy





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