



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

A valued member of the

Brooke Weston Trust







Welcome

Corby Technical School has established itself as a school in which students make excellent progress and thrive in a vibrant learning environment that offers an outstanding educational experience. As a school we have a strong technical ethos that threads through each strand of the curriculum, whilst study a comprehensive range of subjects.

CTS prides itself on ensuring students are equipped with transferrable skills and knowledge that will prepare them for careers in our fast-changing world. We also consider it important to develop well-rounded students who have high aspirations, cultural capital, and a desire to make a positive difference in society.

Students and staff at Corby Technical School have a common purpose: to succeed and achieve. We believe this requires us to work collaboratively as a community, to embrace innovation, and to show perseverance when we are faced with challenges.

Built to the same standards as the other Brooke Weston Trust schools, our building on Cottingham Road is a modern learning space with a range of high-quality facilities and a bright, open feel to the architecture. We have recently developed our grounds to provide more opportunities for staff and students to exercise and relax outside during the day.

Students who join us will be a 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.



“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

The most employable students in Corby:



Ambition for all

Engage all students in becoming their best, especially our most disadvantaged.



British values

Encourage students to become moral and confident contributors to society.



Core knowledge

Secure the foundations to enable excellent progress.



Employability skills

Equip students with the skills to thrive in the modern workplace.



Enhanced learning

Provide opportunities for students to develop their character and broaden cultural awareness.



Excellent teaching

Inspire students to be resilient and motivated learners.



Our facilities

Our state-of-the-art school building 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

The 25 minute tutor time and assembly slot is a vital part of our school day. From the time they begin secondary school until they reach adulthood, our personal development programme supports our students by giving them the knowledge and abilities to handle the challenges of daily life. To ensure that our students leave us as well-rounded individuals, we take advantage of chances throughout the day and throughout the year to celebrate diversity, provide leadership opportunities, and enrich cultural capital.

At the end of the school day students have the opportunity to participate in the numerous clubs and activities that operate beyond the formal taught lessons. It also allows them to continue with their own private study, taking full advantage of our facilities.



Catering

A range of healthy snacks and hot meals is provided on site and students have a 20-minute morning 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.



Swipe Cards

Students are provided with a swipe card when they join the school. Cards are used for recording attendance, printing and purchasing meals.



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.

Students are encouraged to travel on foot, bicycle or using 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.

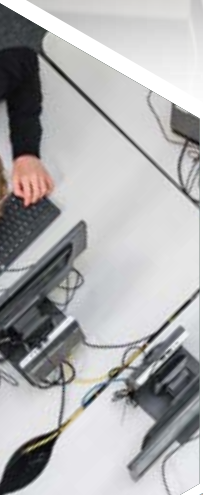
Year 7, 8 and 9

For the first three years students will study a variety of subjects: English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Design and Technology, Religious Studies, Spanish, PE, Art, Drama, Music and Computing.

Year 10 and 11

Students will choose their GCSE options at the end of Year 9. They 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 shown on the right.

Art
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Creative I-media
Design & Technology
Drama
Engineering
Food and Nutrition
Geography
Health and Fitness
History
Media
Music
Physics
Physical Education
Sociology
Spanish



Sixth Form

Years 12 and 13

Our Sixth Form offers a broad curriculum and access to a range of enrichment and personal development opportunities which will allow students to progress to a prestigious university or to employment.

With an extensive range of technical and facilitating subjects available, students will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to access a fast-changing global market.

The curriculum has been designed to secure excellent levels of academic achievement and allow students to personalise their own pathway and focus.

All students take part in high quality enrichment opportunities to develop the employability skills that are essential for success in whatever future pathway they choose. High profile student leadership opportunities are available within the school and across the wider community, further cementing the personal qualities 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, Spain 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 co-curricular clubs we offer. A range of after school clubs are available and include netball, football, robotics club, War Hammer, performing arts, photography 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 music, dance and drama productions, whether on stage or in a technical support role.



Students in Year 9 and above also have the option 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.



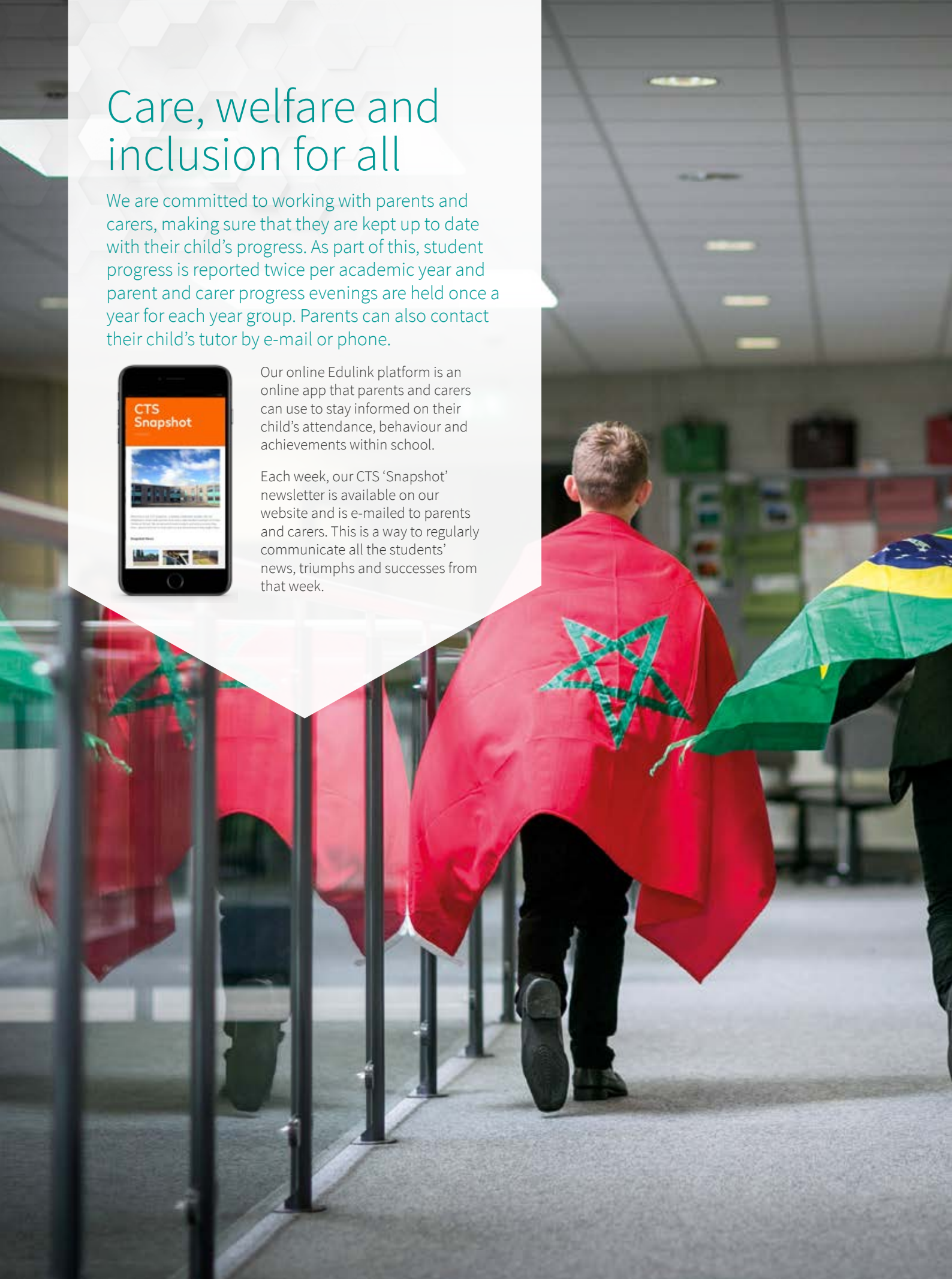
Care, welfare and inclusion for all

We are committed to working with parents and carers, making sure that they are kept up to date with their child's progress. As part of this, student progress is reported twice per academic year and parent and carer progress evenings are held once a year for each year group. Parents can also contact their child's tutor by e-mail or phone.



Our online Edulink platform is an online app that parents and carers can use to stay informed on their child's attendance, behaviour and achievements within school.

Each week, our CTS 'Snapshot' newsletter is available on our website and is e-mailed to parents and carers. This is a way to regularly communicate all the students' news, triumphs and successes from that week.





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 encapsulates the school's core aim of creating the most employable students in Corby. The careers curriculum is designed from Year 7 to Year 13 exposing students to a wide range of career opportunities whilst developing the skills and characteristics that students will need in their future.

Our careers curriculum not only furnishes students with a wide range of information around all types of career industries to ensure students can make an informed decision but also the skills that are needed to be successful in each industry.

Students in higher years are supported by a dedicated careers advisor who offers support for all students when looking at the next steps such as university, apprenticeships and other 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

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Brooke Weston Trust is a family of primary and secondary schools in Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire. The Trust has a simple aim: to provide high-quality education and learning opportunities across its schools

**Proven
track record:**
30 years of making
a difference

and to ensure that every child, no matter their background or starting point, leaves with the necessary qualifications, skills and self-belief to fulfil their potential.

To achieve this, all schools in the Trust commit to the 'BWT Way' – a set of shared expectations of how the schools should be and 'feel'. These are best defined by two key questions:

- Is this good enough for my own child?
- Am I caring enough to challenge enough?

The experience each student receives at a Brooke Weston Trust school extends far beyond the classroom, and aims to provide each student with 'tickets for life' – a phrase used to explain how students will leave

education with the qualifications, skills and self belief to fulfil their potential.

Five core values underpin all the Trust's work:

Ambition for all

- High expectations
- Excellent teaching and support
- Working together
- Contributing to society

Brooke Weston Trust schools regularly collaborate with each other to drive towards this ambition. This means that staff and pupils from across the Trust work together to support each other, share best practice and try new ideas. Over each academic year there are many opportunities for pupils from all our schools to meet, compete and celebrate success together.





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