

CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



Sixth Form

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DEAR STUDENT



"Thank you very much for your interest in Sixth Form life at CBA. The choice of Sixth Form is incredibly important and not a decision to be taken lightly. Finding a course that matches your aspirations in a school that supports you to achieve is

ultimately what every student wants when entering a Sixth Form. I am confident that Corby Business Academy provides the supportive, aspirational environment that ensures that our Sixth Form students become the best they can be.

The CBA Sixth Form Promise

In addition to offering you a wide range of A Level and vocational subjects to choose from, we promise that:

Your future really matters to us and we will take great pride in helping you succeed. Whatever your goals, we're with you all the way.

You will be taught in a way that provides individual support and academic mentoring to help you be successful.

You will have exciting opportunities to meet new people, make new friends, and take on new challenges.

You will be certain to develop new skills outside the classroom which will be valued by employers and universities alike.

You will benefit from excellent study and sports facilities with continued investment into Sixth Form opportunities in the coming years.

Ultimately the subject choices you make must be right for you. As you begin to consider which subjects you may wish to study, it is very important that you seek advice from a variety of different sources including the information in this prospectus. There are a number of people available within the Academy that can also offer you advice and I would strongly recommend that you use their expertise to ensure that you are applying onto the correct courses.

What will we expect from you?

We will expect anyone joining the Sixth Form at CBA to work hard, dress in a businesslike manner and be punctual. We expect you to take full advantage of the support offered by our dedicated and experienced staff. We also hope you will take advantage of our varied extra curricular activities. We will provide you with everything you need to make your Sixth Form years an excellent academic and social experience. You just need to make sure you commit to the courses you choose and work to the best of your ability. In the pages that follow you will find further information about life in the Sixth Form at CBA. The prospectus also includes the views of existing students, which I hope you find useful.

I look forward to you joining us in September."

John Henrys
Executive Principal



"What you do in the Sixth Form prepares you for your next steps, be that higher education, further education, training or employment so it is important that you choose to study subjects that are right for you. As you consider which subjects to study, it is

essential to seek information and advice from a variety of sources including that contained in this prospectus. Within the Academy there are a number of people who can offer advice and I strongly recommend that you use their expertise to ensure you are applying for the most appropriate courses.


We have high expectations of anyone who joins our Sixth Form here at CBA. Students must demonstrate commitment to their work, organising their time effectively and engaging in self directed study and research. Students in

the Sixth Form are expected to be role models to the younger students in the standard of their dress, conduct, attendance, punctuality and attitude to learning. Students are expected to take full advantage of our varied extra-curricular activities to develop those skills and competencies required for their next steps after the Sixth Form. The Academy will provide you with everything to make your Sixth Form years an excellent academic and social experience. You need to commit to the courses you choose and work to the best of your ability acting on advice given to make further progress.

This prospectus contains information about life in the Sixth Form here at CBA including the views of existing and former students which I hope you will find useful.

I look forward to you joining us in September."

Janet Duggan
Associate Principal

Brooke Weston Trust  Corby Business Academy is part of the Brooke Weston Trust; a network of schools which includes five secondary schools and five primary schools. The Brooke Weston Trust has a reputation for delivering high-quality education in order to help every child flourish. The benefits of the Trust include the sharing of staff expertise and offering a wider variety of opportunities to students through joint ventures.

LIFE AT CBA'S SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form is characterised by:

Ambitious leadership and management which embodies the Academy's aim that everyone will have a positive 'can do' attitude.

High aspirational targets for all students.

Close monitoring and information to ensure high quality levels of achievement.

Courses which reflect our business and enterprise specialism and which are appropriate to the needs of students.

Rigorous and innovative standards of teaching and learning.

Structured support to enable all students to achieve their maximum potential.

Independent, high quality career education and guidance so that students are encouraged to aim high.

A range of enrichment opportunities to promote personal, spiritual and cultural development.

Excellent accommodation and access to local, national and international business environments.

Dress code and hours of attendance

Many students will be working alongside employers both in and outside the Academy so smart office wear must be worn - jacket, shirt and tie, a suit or skirt is acceptable.

Students are expected to attend for the full Academy day which means they can take advantage of the facilities, resources and help on offer throughout the day.



"Teaching and learning are good and improving. It offers an increasingly wide choice of subjects to its students, who are making good progress."

Ofsted Inspector



Here at Corby Business Academy we provide all our Sixth Form students with a varied, high quality and exciting curriculum covering both academic and vocational courses. As well as a detailed tutor programme offering challenge, individual development and pastoral support, there will be opportunities for enrichment activities. These will include among others Duke of Edinburgh, Literacy and Numeracy mentoring, and Young Enterprise. Our aim is for all students to gain the skills, qualifications and experiences to make the best possible transition to higher education or the world of work. They will be guided through their time at CBA by a dedicated team of experienced teachers and tutors who will support and encourage them both inside and outside of lessons.

We have the highest expectations of all our post-16 students to be both inspirational to the lower school and to lead by example. There will be opportunities to have an impact on the wider life of the school through the roles of Head Boy and Girl, as a member of the Forum or Senate, leading assemblies and presenting to smaller groups of younger students. Students at CBA will be encouraged in progressing to the next stage in their development with an excellent careers advice service and a committed team of staff to support university applications.

As a Sixth Form student you will be expected to work hard inside and outside lessons, conduct independent research to further your knowledge and understanding and to show commitment to both academic studies and the whole school community. In return we will give you every opportunity to achieve your goals through the passion and dedication of the staff at CBA.

Sam Anderson
Head of Sixth Form

CHOOSING YOUR COURSE

Post-16 education is a crucial time in your life. What you decide to do now will have an impact on your opportunities in education and employment for many years to come. The best general advice is to choose subjects which you enjoy and feel that you can do well at. It is very important that you choose courses at an appropriate level for you.

At CBA we offer a range of academic and vocational courses with tailored Gateway and Pathway routes. An options booklet detailing courses on offer is included at the back of this prospectus.

Entry to the Sixth Form will depend on a number of factors including performance in GCSEs and equivalent examinations. All potential Sixth Form students are invited for an interview with the Head of Sixth Form or member of the Senior Management Team, where choices are discussed and options explored.

The final confirmation of the course offer will be subject to timetable arrangements, viable numbers and choices and entry requirements being met.



“Teaching in the Sixth Form is good overall and the use of assessment is rigorous. Class sizes are generally small and teachers take advantage of this to provide personal interventions and challenge wherever possible.”

Ofsted Inspector

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS: SUPPORT AND MOVING ON

Personal tutorial support

Sixth Form students are allocated a Personal Tutor who they meet with on a daily basis. They review their targets, attendance and discuss career aspirations as well as any concerns. All students follow a comprehensive tutor programme aimed at developing personal qualities including independent thinking and problem solving skills, debating techniques and in-depth preparation for university or career pathways.

Tracking performance

The Head of Sixth Form oversees student performance. The ALPS reports data is used to help set students challenging but achievable targets. Progress reports are sent out a number of times a year which are discussed with Personal Tutors. Parents are encouraged to make contact following the report to discuss individual progress. Formal consultation evenings and email communication are used if further contact is required.

Guidance and Careers Service

We have a robust system of advice and guidance throughout the Academy to when Sixth Formers leave.

In the Sixth Form all students have access to external employers and universities. In Year 13, students are given additional advice and guidance regarding future aspirations and career progression. Tutorial sessions are provided to help with the UCAS application process or transfer to a job with further training.

The Academy also employs the services of the local careers advice company Timely Advice to support students in both the transition into the Sixth Form and the later move into university or work.



Business links

Our business specialism means we can offer unique opportunities to Sixth Formers to gain a better insight into the world of work and develop the skills that employers value. For example, we have strong links with major international businesses such as RS Components, Roquette and Rockingham Speedway. All Year 12

students take part in mock interviews with business representatives, to give them experience of a professional interview.

Students also have the opportunity to work on a one-to-one basis with a Business Mentor. This professional relationship can support the student in gaining valuable experience of the business environment.



CBA meets the needs of a wide range of Sixth Form students

We have facilities within the Unit for students with profound and multiple learning difficulties and severe learning difficulties. The students have a range of learning opportunities that support independent living. The facilities include a life skills room where students can learn to carry out day-to-day living activities promoting life-long skills. The courses followed include modules in using employability skills, living in the community, looking after yourself and your home and enterprise based activities. In addition there is a strong focus on practical work experience and supporting the transition to college.



“Sixth Form students say they receive well-focused information, support and guidance. They note that their teachers are always willing to give individual help.”

Ofsted Inspector

ENRICHMENT



"Students in the Sixth Form have good opportunities to contribute to the Academy, for example on the Academy Senate, as sports leaders, or as mentors to younger students."

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Head Boy and Head Girl

Our Head Boy and Head Girl are proud ambassadors of CBA and represent the Academy at events and open evenings. The roles are appointed following applications and rigorous interviews. The Head Boy and Head Girl lead the Senior Student Team.

Senior student team

This is a select group of Sixth Formers who take a proactive role in Academy life, such as chairing the various sub committees in our Student Senate.

Senate and Forum

The Sixth Form Forum provides an excellent opportunity for students' views to be heard and help bring about change. A number of Forum representatives are then chosen for the Academy Senate.

In addition, Sixth Formers can get involved in Academy events by joining one of the committees, which include: promotions, fundraising, site committee and social committee. These groups of senior students help to shape many aspects of Academy life.

Peer mentoring

Sixth Formers are regarded as role models for younger students and are expected to make a positive contribution to Academy life. They support younger students through a literacy and numeracy support programme.

Business and Enterprise

Sixth Form students can develop their entrepreneurial spirit through a variety of business challenges.

An exciting project the Academy has had great success in is the Young Enterprise Project. Our Sixth Form students have created their own companies and have learned in real life business situations. Working with mentors from local companies, this is the perfect opportunity to see an entrepreneurial dream become reality.

Community involvement

As a Business Academy we are asked to support local organisations and activities taking place in the community.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The DoE Award encourages students to have self belief, confidence, independence, responsibility and the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised award whilst developing new relationships. These are all qualities that will help students progress to the next phase of their education or career path. The four areas are Physical, Skill, Volunteering and Expedition. Each area challenges the students in different ways and ensures the students develop new key skills.

Work placement

As part of the Sixth Form enrichment programme students are able to make use of our business links to undertake periods of work experience. Work placements in school also help students to develop invaluable skills to support their personal and professional development.

Paid work at CBA

There are opportunities for paid employment at the Academy, with Sixth Form students working as reception staff, sports coordinators and supporting site staff.



At CBA we believe in offering our Sixth Formers a host of different experiences to help them develop as confident, able young people who manage the transition between school life and adulthood with ease.

Each student is expected to be involved with extracurricular activities and the opportunities on offer at CBA can help students to stand out from the crowd when it comes to university applications or putting a CV together.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS THINK



Liusadh Sutherland, Year 12

Studying

A Level Psychology, A Level History, A Level English Literature, A Level History.

Ambition after CBA

To go to university and train to become a primary school teacher.

Career ambition

To become a primary school teacher.

"I would like to become a primary school teacher. I help out at Brownies and I enjoy helping the children to learn new skills and organising activities and games for them to do.

"I have started looking for work placements at schools to help me to get on to a university course.

"Moving up to Sixth Form from Year 11 was a really big jump. I don't think you realise in Year 11 how big a jump it will be but it is worth all the effort."

Jack Webb, Year 12

Studying

A Level Mathematics, A Level Physics, A Level Business.

Ambition after CBA

To go to university and possibly study engineering.

Career ambition

I am undecided but I am considering a career in mechanics.

"I've not come to a decision about my future career yet but I have enjoyed studying Mathematics and doing mechanics in Physics in the CBA Sixth Form.

"The mechanics modules have been my favourites and they have led me to consider a career in engineering which I know can be a lucrative area. If I go down that route I would like to work for a commercial company such as Rolls Royce.

"Moving from Year 11 into Sixth Form is a bit like jumping from one side of a canyon to the other. My advice to any students starting Sixth Form is to not give up. It can take you a while to find your feet but if you put in the effort it is worth it."



Chloe Morgan, Year 12

Studying

BTEC Dance, BTEC Sport, BTEC Business.

Ambition after CBA

To take up an apprenticeship and enter a career in criminal law.

Career ambition

To have a career in criminal law. My dream job would be to be

Prime Minister or Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"I started at CBA in Year 7 and I've loved its extra curricular activities. I've enjoyed taking part in the Academy's annual dance shows and I've just completed my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award here. I would advise new Sixth Formers to make sure they keep on top of their workload and to begin revising for their exams early."



Natalia Manuel, Year 12

Studying

Health and Social Care BTEC, Business BTEC, A Level Media, A Level Music.

Ambition after CBA

To go to university and study children's nursing.

Career ambition

To go into children's nursing.

"My Health and Social Care studies, and the help I've received from the CBA careers adviser, have helped me to decide to go into children's nursing.

"I would advise new Sixth Formers to hit their deadlines and not to leave work to the last minute. It's also important to have a balance between your work and social life."



Jonathan Freeman, Year 12

Studying

A Level Physics, A Level Chemistry, A Level Mathematics, A Level Geography.

Ambition after CBA

To go to university and study physics or engineering.

Career ambition

I would like to work for NASA

and my dream job would be to be an astronaut.

"I would love to have a physics or engineering career. I joined CBA in Year 7. There is a good atmosphere here and the staff are very supportive.

"My advice to new Sixth Formers would be to stay on top of homework."



Ashley Zorrilla, Year 12

Studying

A Level English Literature, BTEC Business, A Level Mathematics, A Level IT.

Ambition after CBA

To go to university to study mathematics or engineering.

Career ambition

To either become a secondary school mathematics teacher or an engineer

"I enjoy Sixth Form at Corby Business Academy. Due to its smaller classes all the teachers can give detailed help to the individuals that need it.

"There are also always plenty of places to go during study sessions when you want a quiet place to sit and go through work.

"Sixth Formers are seen as role models so we are treated as adults and this is a great way to prepare us for the future.

"I would recommend the Sixth Form here because there are a great number of facilities available and the school offers plenty of opportunities to help you to build your experience and expand your skills."

OUR ALUMNI



Charlotte Bean

The former winner of the Student of the Year accolade left CBA in July 2013 after getting top marks in her A Level studies. Charlotte studied History, English and Media and has recently graduated from Sheffield University with a 2:1 in History and English.

"I found the jump from GCSE to A Level studies quite big and this definitely prepared me for my university studies. The way we focused in on subjects during A Level gave me research and analysis skills that were really useful within my degree.

I really enjoyed my time at CBA Sixth Form as the teaching staff were extremely helpful and would always do all they could to support you.

It was during CBA Sixth Form that I really found my love of history and this is a field in which I want to pursue a career. I had always thought that I wanted to go on to teach, which is something I would still like to do, but first I would like to work as a curator."



Steven Forsyth

The mechanically minded student left CBA in 2013. He is in the fourth year of his Mechanical Engineering with industry degree at the University of Leicester having just completed a year long placement with Nissan Technical Centre Europe.

"I studied Physics, Mathematics, History and Business at CBA and found all the staff incredibly supportive. CBA also organised visits to universities that were very helpful because they really helped me to prepare for university.

As part of my degree I have just finished a year in industry at Nissan Technical Centre

Europe which I chose to do because I believe a year's experience will greatly increase my chances of employment.

The major benefits of my placement year include the facts that I have been paid for the experience and I have had the chance to travel to Slovakia, Germany, and France.

Overall, my time spent at university has been very positive and I have grown as a person through the variety of challenges and experiences they have presented. I have met many people who will be lifelong friends and useful contacts for my future career."



Ksenija Nazarova

This talented student is beginning a Masters degree in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology at Wolfson College at Oxford University.

Ksenija has just finished a year out of education after earning a First in English Language and Communication and Psychology BSc at Oxford Brookes University. After her Masters she hopes to go on to study at PhD level and would like to become a university Linguistics lecturer. She left CBA in the summer of 2012.

"I really enjoyed my time at university and made lots of great memories. The workload got heavy as the dissertation deadline approached but I must say all

the Statistics knowledge I learned during my A-Levels at CBA really helped when I was analysing my data.

I am incredibly excited about starting my Masters in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology in October.

My advice to any student considering CBA Sixth Form would be to choose subjects that you are interested in and are passionate about and to put in your best effort.

CBA helps you to take on extra responsibilities. As well as studying for my A Levels I worked as a classroom assistant and also as a volunteer helping students with their English."



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"Learning and progress in the Sixth Form are good. Carefully chosen and varied activities promote independent thinking and enquiry well. All the students who applied, gained places at their first choice universities."

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“The rapid improvements in attainment, attendance and behaviour are a consequence of outstanding care, guidance and support.”

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