

# Transition Newsletter

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## Welcome

Dear Year 7 Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the fourth and final newsletter. This newsletter will provide you with key updates and any transition news that you need to know in the lead up to September.

This week the newsletter will cover the following areas of Academy Policies, Session 6 activities, smart cards WisePay, tutor profiles and the Academy day.



## Session 6 Activities\*

At Corby Business Academy we are ambitious. We want students to explore beyond what they learn in the classroom and be ambitious in their learning.

Building upon our broad and balanced curriculum we aim to offer a wide range of clubs and activities which students can choose to join and be part of.

There are various clubs and activities run by members of staff in areas of interest e.g art, reading, sports clubs, computer science and language club just to name a few.

*\*Please note that in response to government guidelines regarding COVID-19, Session 6 activities will not be taking place until further notice, and a review has taken place*

## Enrichment / Session 6 Timetable January - April 2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
PNS	GCSE Science Revision (Year 11) Science Team (PL3, PL7, PL8)	Dance Club (Year 9 & 10) FRDI (Theatre and Dance Studio)	Girls Netball (All Years) NABA (Netball Courts)	Dance Club (Year 11, 12 & 13) FRDI (Theatre)
	Biology Support (A-Level) LODA / CHHL (PL2)	Boys Football (Year 9) STWA (Field)	Girls / Boys Table Tennis (All Years) PAMO (Sports Hall)	Girls / Boys Basketball (Year 7) PAHA / PAMO (Sports Hall)
	Dance Club (Year 11) FRDI (Theatre)	Girls / Boys Badminton (Year 7 to Year 10) PAHA (Sports Hall)	Dance Club (Year 7 & 8) FRDI (Dance and Drama Studio)	Duke of Edinburgh NABA (PNS)
		Girls Netball (Year 7 to Year 11) AMHA (Netball Courts)	Science Lab (Year 10) DEOB / BRVA (PL4)	BTEC Sport Intervention (Year 11) EMMC (PNS)
		Electronics JOWA (PL7)		GCSE PE Intervention (Year 11) STWA (PNS)
		Health and Social Care Support COST (PL4)		Psychology Club (Year 7, 8 & 9) Year 12 Student (PL5)
		Chemistry Support (A-Level) CASM (PL6)		Psychology Catch Up (Year 10, 11, 12 & 13) ELWO (PUS)
		Science Club (Key Stage 3) THPE / MILO		
BHE	Spanish Support Club (GCSE) Monica (BU1)	Spanish Support Club (GCSE) SLUR (BU3)	French Culture and News (All Years) Maxime (BU2)	French (GCSE) SOAL / Maxime (BU2)
	Business Studies Intervention (Year 11) (BHE)	French Support Club (GCSE) Maxime / SOAL (BU2)	French Support (GCSE) SYAM (BU3)	Spanish (GCSE) Monica (BU1)
		French Fun (KS3) JEHA (BU1)	Genealogy Club LABR (BL7)	History Intervention (Key Stage 4) FRGO (BU4)
		Spanish Culture Club (All Years) Monica (BU3)	Geography Revision (Key Stage 4) JOJO / SEHO / HEBI / JAHA (BL3/5)	
		History Intervention (Key Stage 4) RAFR (BUS)		

Example of Session 6 timetable – published on our website.

Please click the link to view. [Corby Business Academy - Session 6](#). This will be updated in September.

To take part in a Session 6 activity throughout the week, students must sign up to these activities at student services. Students can sign up to these at the start of the day or at break time.

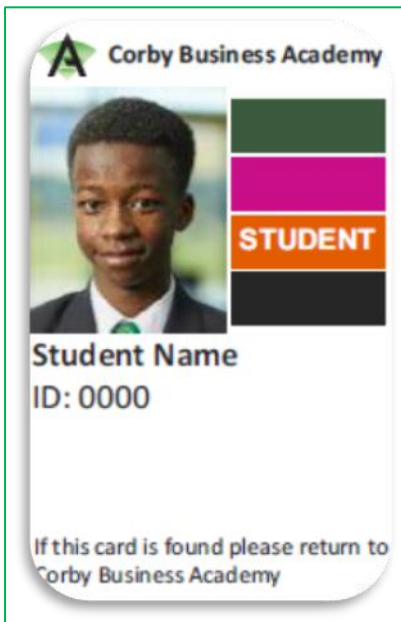
Session 6 will take place after school on Mondays (selected science and sports sessions only), Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Session 6 runs from 3.00 p.m. till 4.15 p.m. There will be a late bus service from the Academy on these days. **There is no late bus service on Fridays.**

### Smart Cards

The Academy uses a smart card system to enable a secure and safe environment for its students and staff. The card is used to register students in the Academy, for the purchase of meals in the restaurant and for borrowing books from the library.

A student's smart card is needed for daily use and functionality in the building; therefore, students are expected to bring their cards with them each day.

The first issue of a card is supplied by the Academy, with any replacement cards charged at £5.00 per card. Replacement cards may be ordered through WisePay.



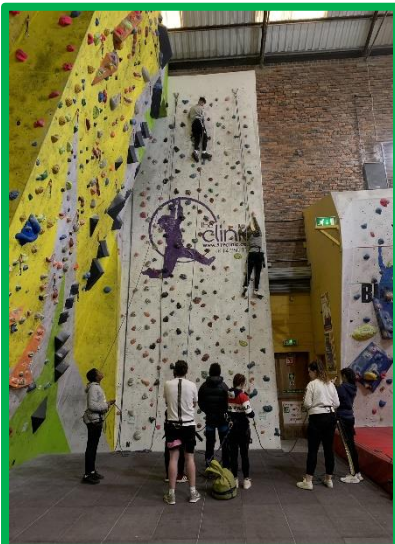
### WisePay

Parents and carers can pay for catering, trips, replacement smart cards, calculators, revision guides and music tuition online through our payment system, WisePay. This system allows parents and carers to save time, deal with money matters in a secure way and prevent students from handling cash in the Academy.

A personal account for each student is generated. The catering section of the system also gives parents and carers the facility to view what their child has purchased from the restaurant.

If you have any queries about the system please contact the Finance Office.

[finance@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:finance@corbybusinessacademy.org)



Subject to DfE announcements							
Start of Day	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Break/Tutor Time		Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
8.00	8.40	9.40	a)	b)	11.30	12.30 – 14.00	14.00
–	–	–	10.40	11.05	–	(Includes 30min	–
8:40	9.40	10.40	–	–	12.30	lunch)	15.00
			11.05	11.30			

### The Academy Day

Your Academy day will be made up of five sessions and includes tutor time, a morning break and a lunch break. You will also have the option to stay on after school to take part in our extensive and engaging Session 6 enrichment programme.

At Corby Business Academy you will have two breaks per day, 25 minutes at break and 30 minutes for lunch.

Your break times will be spent in designated areas either inside the Academy building or outside (weather dependent). You will be able to purchase food and drink from the restaurant during both breaks; alternatively, you can bring in food from home. You will only be permitted to eat food during breaks in the restaurant or at the picnic benches.

Our broad and balanced curriculum is designed to support your academic and personal development. During your time at the Academy you will develop independence, teamwork, creative thinking, reflection and self-management, preparing you for further education and the world of work. In Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) you will study English, Mathematics, Science, Active (physical education), Design Technology, Modern Foreign Languages, Careers, Personal Development, Art, History, Geography, Computer Science and Music. Personal, Social and Health Education are also taught through the tutor time programme, assemblies and devoted days of learning.

### Transition Information

#### Transition Work packs

Over the summer break we will make work packs available for students joining the Academy in September. These work packs support students with the transition from primary school work to the work completed in secondary school.

#### Teams Calls

Over the past week, Mr Hallam has been conducting Microsoft Teams calls with some of our feeder Primary Schools. He has been able to present lots of key information and answer any questions our new students have about their transition to secondary school.

#### Student Views

On the transition page of our website from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 you will find views from our current Year 7 students. Students have given their thoughts about what joining Corby Business Academy is like and what new students can look forward to when joining the Academy.

#### Tutor Group Information

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July you should receive an e-mail which details which tutor group your child has been placed into. We have placed students into one of seven tutor groups. Where possible, we have placed students into a group with at least one of the friends they mentioned on their student questionnaire.

#### Preparing for September

As the Academy prepares for full reopening, staff have been working extremely hard and will continue to do so. In the next part of the newsletter there are a few words taken from Mr Underwood's most recent correspondence to parents and carers regarding our strategy for reopening to all students in September.



### Associate Principal Messages

As the term draws to an end, I know many parents and carers will be starting to think about purchasing new uniform for their child for September. Whilst the uniform dress code has been altered this term to reflect government guidance, the new guidance for schools doesn't stipulate that uniform shouldn't be worn as a control measure. Therefore, we will be operating a normal uniform policy when the school reopens in September 2020.

For a reminder of our uniform expectations, please see the uniform page of our website:

<https://www.corbybusinessacademy.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=16>

The Academy and sports uniform can be purchased online from Chroma. Prices are available on the link below:

<https://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/corby-business-academy>

### Associate Principal Messages

I thought it important to update you on the work we are doing to ensure we re-open safely for all our students and staff at Corby Business Academy next term.

The main stages of this work can be seen below:

#### Actions during the summer holiday

- Completing consultation with staff, governors and unions
- Getting formal approval for our re-opening plans from the Brooke Weston Trust board
- Publishing information to you and your child(ren) about the reopening of Corby Business Academy and how you can help us to get off to a good start. We intend to send this information to you in the week beginning **10<sup>th</sup> August** - waiting until then means we can respond to any further changes in the guidance in the days ahead

Yours sincerely



# Meet the Tutor



## Mr Wall – 7F Tutor – Head of Physical Education

Dear Year 7 Students,

I cannot wait to meet all of you when you finally arrive at Corby Business Academy. I am sure you have a mixture of emotions but rest assured that you will experience many great times at Corby Business Academy.

I am Head of Physical Education and have been teaching PE for nine years. I will be a tutor in Year 7 and look forward to helping guide you through your time at the Academy.

<b>Likes:</b>	Football/Golf/NFL/Basketball
<b>Dislikes:</b>	Arsenal and Chelsea
<b>Favourite colour:</b>	Blue
<b>Hobby:</b>	Playing Golf/Hiking/Running
<b>My hero:</b>	Ledley King
<b>Favourite food:</b>	Spaghetti Bolognese
<b>Favourite restaurant:</b>	La Tasca
<b>Fun fact:</b>	I have played football against Wayne Rooney and Dennis Bergkamp

## My 3 tops tips for starting secondary school...

1. Try to make as many friends as possible
2. Be confident and try out many new things offered at our school
3. Always come in with a positive attitude

### Where to find me:

Find me in the PE office opposite the Sports Hall.

### Contact me:

If you have any questions please contact me on the e-mail address below:

[stuart.wall@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:stuart.wall@corbybusinessacademy.org)



# Meet the Tutor



## Miss Rose – 7G Tutor and Teacher of English

Dear Year 7 Students,

I can't wait to be a Year 7 form tutor this year and to meet all the new faces joining the Academy. I hope you are all as excited as I am for the new term.

I have been teaching English at Corby Business Academy for the past 2 years.

As your form tutor, it is my job to make sure you are happy in school. Please know that I will always be available to help you out.

<b>Likes:</b>	Reading/Films/Cooking/Shopping/Sport
<b>Dislikes:</b>	When people aren't kind
<b>Favourite colour:</b>	Purple
<b>Hobby:</b>	Running and travelling
<b>My hero:</b>	Michelle Obama
<b>Favourite food:</b>	Stone baked pizza
<b>Favourite restaurant:</b>	Bella Italia
<b>Fun fact:</b>	Whilst at university I played rugby for Worcester Warriors

### My 3 tops tips for starting secondary school...

1. Be kind to everyone – you're all in the same boat and people will be nervous too
2. Remember that staff are always there to help if you have any worries or questions
3. Get involved with all the great things the school has to offer outside of lessons

### Where to find me:

Find me in CU3, upstairs in the COMMS faculty.

### Contact me:

If you have any questions please contact me on the e-mail address below:

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