



Teaching and Learning Newsletter



Corby Business Academy

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Ambition For All at Corby Business Academy

Dear Year 7 Students, Parents and Carers,

The school day at Corby Business Academy will feel quite different from Primary School, you will get to experience at least 5 hours of learning each day across a range of subjects. Unlike in Primary School, you will move to a different faculty area each hour and will be taught by a different teacher for each subject area, getting to explore a variety of different subjects and topics. This new routine can feel tiring at first, which is completely normal, but most students quickly adjust and settle in comfortably, easing into the new routine.


You might be wondering what a typical day at Corby Business Academy looks like, lets talk you through it:

Entry to the classroom

Entry to a lesson at our Academy will always involve your teacher on the door to meet and greet you. In some lessons, you may be asked to line up outside and in others you will be asked to enter the classroom. Your teachers will have a 'Do Now' prepared for you - this is the same as a 'starter' activity at primary school. The teacher will also complete the register at the beginning of the lesson. This is called our 'flying start'.


'Do Now' Activities

During your 'flying start' you will be asked to complete a 'Do Now' activity. What we expect from you is effortful retrieval; no looking back in your books or talking to your peers so that the teacher can check everyone's understanding. You will be asked to mark/correct your answers with purple pen. (A purple pen will be used for you to respond to any type of feedback across all of your lessons).




Classroom experience: 'No hands up'

'No hands up' means that when a teacher asks questions in your lessons, they will select students to answer the questions. This does not mean that you can never put your hand up. We actually encourage the participation of you showing that you could offer the answer. 'No hands up' means that your teacher will be carefully questioning you all at different points of the lesson which ensures all of you progress with your learning. Do not feel disheartened if you offer your hand but are not always selected to answer.



Classroom experience: 'Turn and Talk'

During your lessons you may be given a statement, a question, or an image and asked to 'turn and talk' to your partner for a set amount of time. The expectations are that you intentionally discuss this with your partner and are ready to be called upon at any point afterwards to share your discussions and answers. This allows you the opportunity to think deeper and be ready to share a great answer with your peers and teacher. It might also build your confidence by listening to your peers so that you feel ready to answer questions from your teacher.




Classroom experience: 'I do, We do, You do'

'Modelling' is a big part of your learning journey so that you know how to complete tasks correctly for your teachers. We use 'I do, We do, You Do' which may be demonstrated on the white board or under the visualiser.

I do - The teacher demonstrates and narrates the process of what they are doing.

We do - You will help the teacher complete with some guidance.

You do - At this stage, you will be asked to complete a task independently.



Exit the classroom

Around 5-7 minutes before the end of the lesson, you will be instructed to pack away, make sure you wait for your teacher to tell you so that you don't miss any valuable learning time. You will then stand behind your chairs so that uniform can be checked and you are ready to leave, everyone can then exit the classroom safely.

Hear from some of our teachers in our Academy about what a typical lesson will involve, what to expect, and how to prepare:

In **English lessons at CBA**, you will explore a variety of books from different time periods. You will get a chance to read these as a class and discuss the characters and themes, working on analysing how the writers have presented their key ideas. Some books we will be studying are *Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah, *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo and a selection of Shakespeare extracts. English lessons have lots of time for debates and class exploration, and we look at both analytical and creative writing skills. One of the most exciting things about English at CBA is that you will have a library lesson once every fortnight, where you will become well acquainted with our librarian, Mrs Keelan, and have a chance to find books that you enjoy whilst completing fun tasks. The main skills you will be building on at CBA are your ability to analyse language used by writers and your independence in approaching new texts and presenting your ideas on them. In order to best prepare yourself for September, the more books you can read for pleasure the better. Your teacher will love to hear about what you have been reading and what you enjoy. We can't wait to welcome you to CBA!

Miss Rose, Head of English

In **Maths Lessons at CBA**, you'll start with a short warm-up activity to get your brain working. Then, your teacher will introduce a new topic or skill and show you clear examples. You'll have plenty of chances to practise, work together with classmates, and ask questions.

At the end of the lesson, there's often some independent work to check what you've learned and celebrate your progress! You will develop lots of important skills in Maths, but two of the big ones are: **Problem-solving**: Learning how to break down tricky questions and find clear, logical solutions and **Reasoning**: Being able to explain how you got your answer and why it makes sense. These skills won't just help you in Maths — they'll support you in lots of other subjects too!

To get ready for success in Year 7 Maths: Keep practising your **times tables** and **number facts** — they'll help you feel confident in lessons. Try **puzzles, Sudoku, or maths games** over the summer to keep your brain active. Most importantly, come with a **positive attitude** and be ready to give things a go, even if they seem tricky at first. We can't wait to welcome you to the CBA Maths family!

Mr Brooks, Head of Maths

In **History Lessons at CBA**, we start at the beginning— the birth of the universe! You will learn all about how the environment has changed humans and how humans have changed the environment. Then, you will take a dive into the medieval world. Using artefacts and historical sources, you will explore how the monarch had all the power, the impact of this on people's lives, and how religion has shaped society.

History lessons are all about developing your voice, so once you know your stuff, we make lots of time to hear your thoughts on the past through debates and in writing. If you want to get a head start, reading and watching 'Horrible Histories' is a great choice, or you could even get out and about in the surrounding areas. There are loads of historical sites near us for you to explore; Kirby Hall, Boughton House, Rockingham Castle or even Rushton Triangular Lodge!

Mr Hall, Head of History

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Assistant Principal

Mrs H. Docherty – Teaching and Learning



Dear Year 7 Students,

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and witnessing the fantastic learning journey you are about to go on at Corby Business Academy. I will spend a lot of time in and out of your lessons and watching you engage and immerse yourself into your learning.

I arrived at Corby Business Academy in January 2024 and I look after the quality of Teaching and Learning across the school, engaging with all your teachers so that we can get the best learning experience for you.

Likes:	Anything to do with the gym and my family.
Dislikes:	Unkindness.
Favourite Colour:	Orange/Red.
Hobby:	Baking.
My Hero:	My Mum.

My Top Tips for starting secondary school...

1. Be welcoming to each other and embrace new things.
2. Be kind and caring.
3. Consistency in all you do will equal success.

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Be brave, Be bold, Be you