



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 are limited. However, please look out for any updates over the summer holidays and early September.*

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 / CHML (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) PAMA (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) DEDB / 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 (PL5)
		Science Club (Key Stage 3) THPE / MILO		
BHE	Spanish Support Club (GCSE) Monica (BU1)	Spanish Support Club (GCSE) SUNR (BU2)	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) STAM (BU3)	Spanish (GCSE) Monica (BU1)
		French Fun (KS3) JMA (BU1)	Genealogy Club LABR (BU7)	History Intervention (Key Stage 4) FRO (BU4)
		Spanish Culture Club (All Years) Monica (BU3)	Geography Revision (Key Stage 4) JOIO / SEND / HEBI / JAJA	

Example of Session 6 timetable – updates will be published on our website. This will be updated in September and throughout the academic year.

To take part in Session 6, student must sign-up. More details about how to do so will be shared in due course.

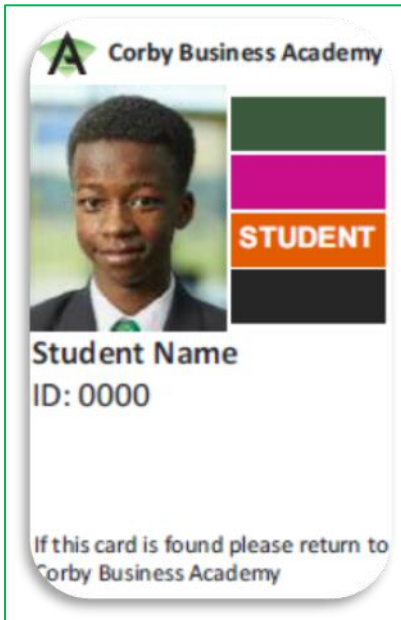
Session 6 will take place after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Session 6 runs from 3.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. There will be a late bus service from the Academy on these days. There is no late bus service on Fridays for session 6 clubs. Buses are only provided for after-school detentions on this day.

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 for the purchase of meals in the restaurant, printing and photocopying 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



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, including a 30 minute lunch.

Your break times will be spent in designated areas either inside the Academy building or outside (weather dependent). You will be able 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. The Academy day will always meet the needs of the school in line with national climate and any specific change will be communicated with parents in a timely manner.

Transition Information

Primary Visits

A team of staff from the Academy have been visiting and talking with both students and teachers at our feeder primary schools over the past few weeks. We have been amazed by how enthusiastic you have been during our visits, asking lots of interesting questions. It has also been lovely to find out key information about each of you from your teachers.

Student Views

On the transition page of our website, you will find views from our current Year 7 students. They 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 Friday 9th 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.

You will be placed into one of the following tutor groups:

7A

7B

7C

7D

7E

7F

7G



Virtual Transition

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions placed on the academy, we have not been able to invite all students in for their transition day. Usually this would involve meeting all the students in your tutor group, meeting your tutor and the rest of the Year 7 team and experiencing some secondary school lessons.

Instead you will be able to access all of the following activities virtually:

- A Virtual Transition Day Video – Delivered by Mr Hallam (Head of Year 7). As part of the video, Mr Hallam will give a tour of the first part of the building you will enter on your first day. You will also find out which tutor is linked to your tutor group (e.g. 7A) and they will introduce themselves in the video.
- Virtual lessons - these lessons will be split into two blocks. We would like all students to work through one lesson from block A and one from block B. You will then complete a form to feedback how you found the lesson and what you enjoyed.
- There will be a personal profile sheet to fill in where you will be able to tell us a little about yourselves, such as your personal interests and hobbies as well what subjects you really enjoy or are looking forward to doing in secondary school.
- For those unable to access the virtual lessons, we will make subject work packs available via primary schools and the Academy website. These work packs support students with the transition from primary school work to the work completed in secondary school.

SIMS Parent App

The Academy uses it's MIS system and Office 365 to link together communication from the school to parents and carers. The Academy will send regular communication through the SIMS Parent App including information about upcoming events and letters. Parents and Carers will be able to use the app to feedback on personal data changes and permission preferences.

Students' academic reports, behaviour reports and attendance information will also be accessible through the app. The Academy tries to avoid posting letters home where possible to reduce unnecessary printing costs and lower environmental impact.

If you have not already done so please download to your mobile device via the appropriate app store for your device.

