



Transition Newsletter

Week 1 – Monday 12th June 2023



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Welcome

Dear Year 7 Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first transition newsletter. This newsletter will provide you with a taster of what is going on in school and any transition news that you need to know in the lead up to September.

Firstly, we would like to ask that you keep an eye on the transition page of our website, all relevant information and updates will be published there: [Year 6 to Year 7 Transition](#)



Overview

Over the next four weeks we will be publishing a newsletter to support your child with their transition into secondary school. Both parents, carers and students are likely to have lots of questions so our aim is to cover all the topics we feel are important before starting secondary school. Each newsletter will discuss school policies, introduce staff and address any frequently asked questions. We look forward to engaging with you via this format and look forward to meeting you all in the future.



Transition Information

As part of the transition, we will be informing you which Tutor Group your child has been placed into via the EduLink App. Further details of this will be released in the final weekly newsletter.

In weeks three and four of the newsletter, we will introduce members of the Year 7 Tutor Team. This way you can find out a little bit about us before meeting us all in September.

If you have not already done so please ensure you have completed the following:

- Application for a bus pass through [North Northamptonshire Council](#).
- Student Questionnaire [CBA Student Questionnaire](#)

Student questionnaires are used to help place students into their new tutor group. We try to ensure that your child is placed into a tutor group with at least one of the friends they mention on their questionnaire. **Please complete by: 19th June 2023.**

If you have any questions regarding the transition process or are unsure of what you must have completed and returned to the Academy please use the following e-mail address below:

yearsevenadmissions@corbybusinessacademy.org

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Uniform

Uniform is checked on entry into the Academy building. Every teacher will meet and greet students to their lessons and check uniform upon entry.

Any uniform concerns highlighted in the morning or by members of staff will be reported to the student's Tutor or to their Head of Year. Students will then be provided with an alternative from our uniform replacement station and they will hand this back in at the end of the day. Form Tutors will contact home if there are uniform concerns.

We appreciate that shoes and ties can be misplaced or damaged from time to time. However, we pride ourselves on high expectations around uniform. **Dress Smart: Act Smart**, and therefore we expect items to be replaced as soon as possible.



Prohibited Items

Non-academy jumpers or hoodies

Leggings

Jeans

Short Skirts

Trainers

Chewing Gum

Airpods / earphones

Mobile Phones should be turned off and placed into bags



All uniform including
P.E. Kit is available from
Karlsports.

Address: Trafalgar Road,
Kettering, NN16 8DD

01536 601731

<https://karlsports.co.uk>



Boys' Uniform

- Name badge (Student Smart card)
- Academy tie
- White shirt
- Academy Jumper - optional
- Black blazer with Academy logo
- Black tailored ankle length school trousers
- Black socks
- Polishable or patent black plain shoes (no trainers or sports shoes)
- Suitable carrying bag

Girls' Uniform

- Name badge (Student Smart card)
- Academy tie
- White shirt
- Academy Jumper - optional
- Black blazer with Academy logo
- Black tailored ankle length school trousers (*not fashion trousers*) or skirt - below the knee
- Black socks or black tights
- Polishable or patent black plain shoes (no trainers or sports shoes)
- Suitable carrying bag



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Behaviour



At Corby Business Academy we believe in mutual respect. Students, teachers and support staff are part of one team who share the belief that every child can achieve academic success. Our students know that they must follow instructions at the first time of asking.

We follow a three-step rule and this will be delivered to you through our Expectations Education, it encapsulates our core values and what we believe are the most important factors to a successful education with us.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

We pride ourselves on our positive climate and culture, and we are unapologetic for our high expectations and rigorous behaviour policy. Students adhere to a calm and orderly environment that is built on trust, mutual respect and safety both inside and outside of the classroom.

Teachers teach without disruption, students learn without distraction

A Ready, Respectful, Safe Learner...



Ready

- You are equipped with a pen, pencil and ruler in all lessons
- You give your teacher your full attention by listening carefully at all times and starting tasks straight away.
- Your body language shows you are paying attention.
- You respond to questions and participate in discussion when required.
- You work with purpose and industry.

Respectful

- Your conversation is calm reasonable and appropriate
- You respect everyone's right to learn at all times and cause no disruption to the learning journey of a lesson
- You respect your environment and all school equipment
- You respect your teacher and their authority in the classroom and knowledge of the subject
- You show kindness in all classroom interactions



Safe

- You work in the seating plan your teacher has assigned to the class
- You do not throw equipment across the classroom
- You do not engage in physical interaction in a lesson
- You are considerate of peers' feelings when expressing ideas in the classroom
- You are a positive role model promoting fairness and equality in your behaviour and class contributions

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Behaviour

**Stage 2
Break
Detention**

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Literacy

The Big Read

At Each year, the Academy holds a transition reading challenge for new Year 7 students joining the Academy in September. This year, the Academy have based the challenge around 'Everything All at Once', a collection of poems about one week in a secondary school where everything happens all at once.

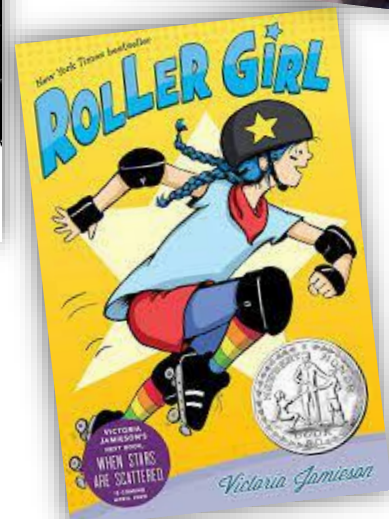
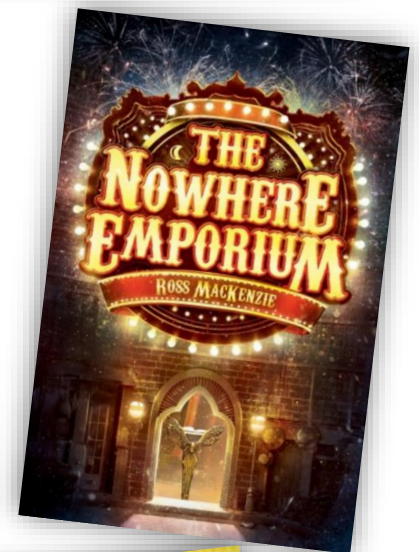
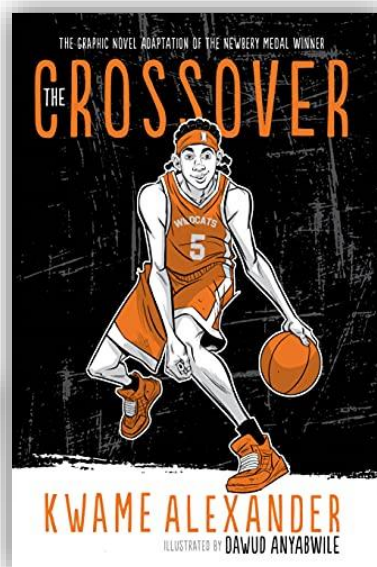
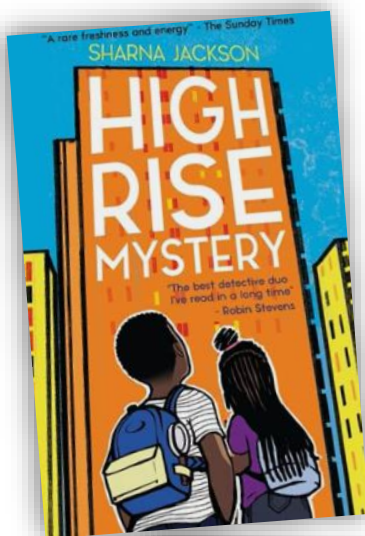
Students will be given a copy of the book on transition day. Students are encouraged to read all, or some, of the book and complete activities based on the book over the summer holidays.

Members of staff from Corby Business Academy will be performing a recorded read of some of the poems. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy's librarian, Mrs Keelan

claire.keelan@corbybusinessacademy.org



Our Top 5



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Assistant Principal



Ms H. Thompson – Year 7 SLT



Dear Year 7 Students,

I'm really excited to meet you all in person and I hope you are looking forward to joining the Corby Business Academy community. I work closely with a fantastic team of people who will endeavour to make your transition to Academy life as smooth as possible and I will be here to support you as well.

I have been teaching Maths at Corby Business Academy since 2009 and I am an Assistant Principal. Part of my job is being the Year 7 SLT link and it's a pleasure to be.

Likes:	Rugby/Running/Reading
Dislikes:	Swinging on chairs and chewing gum
Favourite Colour:	Red
Hobby:	Knitting & Cross Stitch
My Hero:	Catherine of Aragon (1 st Wife of Henry VIII)
Favourite Restaurant:	Toro Steakhouse
Fun Fact:	I love reading historical fiction, especially about the Tudor period.

My Top Tips for starting secondary school...

1. Be positive and embrace new challenges
2. Be kind and a good friend to others
3. Remember – everyone is here to help you settle into life at Corby Business Academy

Where to find me:

Find me in my office on the upper floor of the MAIT faculty

Contact me:

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

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Be brave, Be bold, Be you