

## APPENDIX 8 - Corby Technical School

### Oversubscription Criteria for Year 7

*The published admission number for the school for the Year 7 intake is 75.*

*Note: Brooke Weston Trust is considering applying to the Education Funding Agency to extend Corby Technical School. This will enable the capacity at Year 7 from 2016 to increase to 150 pupils. The capacity in the Years 8-11 will remain as 75. It is proposed to enable a controlled growth year by year starting with year 7. This shows support for other local schools for In Year migration.*

The Corby Technical School will accordingly provide for the admission of 75 students to Year 7 if sufficient applications for entry are received. Where fewer applications than this published admission number are received, the Brooke Weston Trust will offer places at the Corby Technical School to all those who have applied.

### Allocation of Places

Children who have a statement of special educational needs or EHC Plan where Corby Technical school is named as the appropriate provision will be admitted.

The following oversubscription criterion applies to all other students:

All applicants will take a suitable cognitive ability test which will be an NFER non-verbal reasoning test. This test is used to ensure that the Corby Technical School admits an intake that is representative of the national ability range and is comprehensive in its intake. This is not a tool to give priority to more able students.

Any applicants who do not sit the cognitive ability test will only be considered for a place at Corby Technical School once allocations have been made to all those who did. The following process will occur:

- All applicants taking the test will be placed in one of nine bands based on the results of the test. A number of places will be allocated from each band in a proportion that reflects the national ability range. This number will be determined within the testing process administered by GL Assessment and will not be decided by Corby Technical School itself.
- The following criteria will be applied in priority order to determine those children who will be offered places:
  - 1) Looked After Children and all previously Looked After Children.
  - 2) Children of staff who have been employed at the named school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the named school is made, and/or staff recruited to fill vacant posts for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. *(Demonstrable skill shortage will only normally apply to qualified teacher positions, where the school has continually been unable to recruit).*
  - 3) Children who Live in Corby and the Named Linked Villages

The Corby Technical School is situated close to the centre of Corby and is intended

primarily to serve the area "Corby" which means the town of Corby and the associated villages for Corby secondary schools, as defined in the Local Authority's Annual Information for Parents' booklet. The associated villages are currently: Brigstock, Cottingham, East Carlton, Great Oakley, Gretton, Harringworth, Little Oakley, Little Stanion, Lyveden, Middleton, Rockingham, Stanion and Weldon.

4) Sibling link

The definition of a sibling is set out in paragraph 6.3 of the policy.

5) Other children

Other children based on the distance between home and school measured on a straight line basis from the front door of the home to the main school gate.

If, in categories 1 - 5 above, a tie break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child whose permanent address is closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front gates of the school in a straight line.

In the event of a tie break (as outlined above), if the distance between a child's home and the school is equidistant in any two or more cases, random allocation will be carried out by the school to determine who has highest priority for admission.

[www.randomizer.org/form.htm](http://www.randomizer.org/form.htm) is the website we will use to determine the randomization process. Independent verification of that process will be obtained.

For applications where the test has not been taken, all of the above criteria will still be applied once all those who have taken the test have been considered.

## Admissions Timetable

All applications for a place at Corby Technical School must be made through the Local Authority Common Preference Form.

If the school is oversubscribed, parents will receive a letter during the autumn term inviting their child to attend a cognitive ability testing session. The letter will give the time and location for the test. The testing process will last approximately an hour. Full details of the testing process will be made available on Corby Technical School's website in the early autumn.

## Year 12 Admissions

There are a total of 50 places available in Year 12. This is inclusive of a Published Admission Number of 10 for external students. If external applications exceed the published admission number, the oversubscription criteria will apply.

- It is important that students select courses appropriate to their needs in terms of ability and career plans.
- Students must gather as much information as possible to ensure that they make well-informed decisions.
- School staff will examine subject choices and offer further guidance, should the need arise.
- All students will be offered independent CIAG advice.

- Entry requirements for courses are the same for external students as those for internal applicants.

### Entry requirements

There are two routes of application for students to apply for:

#### Route 1: Entry onto A levels/AS levels

- The school entry requirements for all applicants will be the same and are: a minimum of five higher grade GCSE results (grades A\* to C/grades 9 to 5) including GCSE English Language at grade A\* to C/9 to 5 and GCSE Mathematics at grade A\* to C/9 to 5.
- In order to study individual subjects the specified GCSE entry grade criteria for each respective subject, as outlined in the most current Sixth Form prospectus needs to be met.

#### Route 2: Combination route - Vocational plus A/AS levels

- The school entry requirements for all applicants, external or internal, will be the same and are: a minimum of four higher grade GCSE results (grades A\* to C/grades 9 to 5) including at least one of GCSE English Language at grade A\* to C/9 to 5 or GCSE Mathematics at grade A\* to C/9 to 5. Students will be expected to retake the lower of the Maths or English GCSE as part of this offer.
- In order to study individual subjects the specified GCSE entry grade criteria for each respective subject, as outlined in the most current Sixth Form prospectus needs to be met.

### Oversubscription criteria

All students must meet the entry requirements as outlined above. If after admitting students with SEN statements or EHC plans that name Corby Technical School, there are more external applicants than places, the following oversubscription criteria will apply:

1. Looked After Children and all previously looked after children (see paragraph 6.1)
2. Children with a sibling link (see paragraph 6.3 for the sibling definition)
3. Distance between permanent address and the School as measured in a straight line from the child's home to the Main Entrance of the School site.

If, in categories 1 - 3 above, a tie break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child whose permanent address is closest to the school will be given priority for admission. Distance is measured from the child's home to the front gates of the school in a straight line.

In the event of a tie break (as outlined above), if the distance between a child's home and the school is equidistant in any two or more cases, random allocation will be carried out by the school to determine who has highest priority for admission.

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A waiting list will be held for Year 12 students for the first academic year of admission. This waiting list will be held in line with the oversubscription criteria. Further details on the waiting list are set out in the main body of the Trust's admission policy.