

# BW ACADEMY

Brooke Weston has taken the opportunity provided by conversion to an Academy to appoint a new Principal. Trish Stringer, formerly a Vice Principal here was appointed as Principal in January 2007, while former Principal, Mr Peter Simpson OBE, has taken on the role of Executive Principal over both Brooke Weston and the new Corby Business Academy.



## **New buildings**

On conversion Brooke Weston received a substantial capital grant with which to extend and remodel our existing buildings. This grant of approximately £4m will be used to build a new block housing a drama studio, a dance studio, a music suite and a group of classrooms to provide up to the minute facilities for digital media work. In addition, in response to the concerns expressed by

many parents, the new block will contain specialist accommodation allowing us to teach cookery. The funding should also allow us to remodel some of the existing facilities, particularly those for design and technology and bring them up to date.



# IMPORTANT UPDATES

Since this prospectus was printed there have been some important changes. These changes arise because Brooke Weston College (CTC) is changing to an 'Academy' in September 2008.

Like CTCs, academies are independent schools each run by a charitable trust and each one having the freedom to manage their own affairs. As an Academy our commitment to excellence remains unchanged but there are differences and the key changes are given below:

## **New specialisms**

Brooke Weston, in the words of our most recent inspection report, is 'an outstandingly successful college that seeks excellence in all that it does.' Our initial specialism in technology has led to information and communication technology being extremely well used in all areas of the curriculum; our recent adoption of a vocational specialism

is allowing us to work with others to develop new vocational courses to offer to our students in the future. As an academy we will refine our technology specialism to concentrate on 'digital media' whilst our vocational specialism will allow us to promote 'engineering' as well as 'construction and the built environment'.

## **Changed funding arrangements**

Brooke Weston will continue to receive its annual funding from the DfES but it would be calculated differently using a comparison with other local schools; this will not be to our disadvantage.

## **Contact details:**

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## ADMISSIONS 2008/09

Our admissions procedure has changed and you can no longer apply directly to the College. Brooke Weston Academy must be included as one of your three choices on the Local Authority preference form.

### **Changed admission arrangements**

Our intake of new Year 7 students will be chosen in much the same way with a full range of ability being guaranteed by the 'IQ' test placing students into nine bands as at present but with the science and technology test previously used to select within each band being replaced by a random allocation process. Students would continue to come from both Corby and Kettering as at present and parents would still need to commit to our pattern of terms and holidays since no changes in this important aspect of our operation are planned.

### **Open week:**

Come along and see the College at work. There will be a presentation by

the Principal and opportunity to ask questions. There will also be a tour of the College.

### **November 2007:**

You will have to list Brooke Weston as one of your top three choices on the Local Authority preference form to be considered for a place here. **You cannot apply to us directly.**

### **January 2008:**

All applicants will be required to attend an assessment session on 12 January 2008. This enables us to ensure we offer places to students from a wide range of abilities.

### **March 2008:**

The local authority will inform parents of the school allocated.

**Open Week 24–28 September 2007**