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IN PRESS

it's all about our students and their future...

CHRISTMAS CONCERT IS A HUGE SUCCESS

The hall was ringing with festive song and dance as the CBA's first ever Christmas Concert went down a storm.

More than 140 students from all years, performed to a packed audience of 400 and rounded off the second term in glorious fashion.

There was choral singing, a fine display from the school band, samba music and lots of dancing as students, staff and parents got into the festive spirit.

All agreed that musical director Clive Wears did an excellent job, as did choreographer Francia Dickinson and show producer Daryl Handy.

And on top of all that Parents in Partnership raised more than £300.

"So all in all it was a great night at CBA. We are already looking forward to the summer concert."



CORBYS SINGS GOSPEL AT CBA

A gospel extravaganza took place at Corby Business Academy this term as more than 100 students from schools across Corby got together for a one off event.

Pupils from Weldon Primary, Studfall School, Exeter Primary and Kingswood Primary joined students from CBA for the first Corby Sings Gospel project which took place on December 5.

Led by musical director Garth Fuller, who has worked with musicians such as Elton John and the world famous London Gospel Choir, the event saw more than 400 people crowd into the CBA hall to listen to the amazing vocal performance.

Fittingly for the first ever public concert

held in the hall, the choir were joined on stage by musicians from the mainstream pop industry, although the students did not allow themselves to be out sung.

Principal Dr Campbell said: "The concert was an amazing experience. The theatre was packed with an audience of over 400 people.

"All students felt this concert was a valuable and worthwhile experience and can't wait to become involved with the next gospel project to be held at Corby Business Academy."

Rehearsals were held over a ten week period and students put in many hours to make sure they did justice to the gospel songs they were being taught.

Many CBA students sang solos including Kevin Karuga-Ogwang, Myles Peters, Andile Chiwata, Rachel Lascar-Awolesi, Vivyan Gillan-Ragoobar and Vuyiswa Mtsambrwa.

The event was such a success we are hoping to do the same again next year.



Deputy mayor Mary Butcher, with Dr Andrew Campbell Principal, Clive Wears Director of Music and Jordon Joseph, Head boy

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the second newsletter from Corby Business Academy.

I can't believe this edition has come around so quickly, but as you will see we have packed a huge amount of activity into this last term.

When you open this cover you will be able to read all about what our students have been getting up to, from the Year 7 trip to France (page 7), to the activities of the new after school rock club (page 9) and the formation of our new rugby team (page 13).

There was also success for the U19 boys basketball team, which has seen them get through to the last 32 teams in the national schools' competition (page 15).

We also introduce our new Head boy and Head girl for the first time (page 2) and they tell us about their plans for the year ahead.

So we hope everyone enjoys the Christmas break and why not settle down with a mince pie and have a good read of In Press.

Sarah Ashby
Vice Principal - PNS





LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL

“ It is a great privilege to be the first Principal of this wonderful new school and to be working with all of the students and our excellent staff to make it a success. ”

As you can see from this very full second edition of In Press, life at Corby Business Academy has become extremely busy since we first went into print. As I read through the draft issue and think back over all the things we have achieved, it hard to believe that our school is only 16 weeks old!

CBA has already established a positive reputation within Corby and the surrounding villages. In fact, a very encouraging sign of our popularity is that parents of nearly 500 Year 6 students have chosen the Academy as one of their school preferences for September 2009. Since we have an intake number of 200, demand for places is clearly going to be high.

Our students continue to be our best ambassadors every day. I have been delighted to receive complimentary

messages from people in all walks of life who have encountered students either within the Academy or met them through the many trips and visits we have organised. The wide range of activities that CBA is offering students means that school is very nearly as busy after lessons as it is during the working day! Our many sports teams have become very hard to beat and in some cases, such as basketball, are doing exceptionally well in national competitions against very tough opposition. The cultural life of the Academy continues to develop and thrive, each evening sees students meeting to play in groups ranging from rock and samba bands to jazz and brass band ensembles, not to mention other activities such as dance classes, art study groups and library clubs.

I am delighted that this term has seen us establish the Parents in Partnership group as well as our Student Senate and the appointment of the Academy's first ever Head boy and Head girl. Our school is a community that will work together to develop and improve and the views of students and parents are vital to help us do this. I would like to wish all of our parents, carers, staff and students a very happy Christmas and New Year. Whilst everyone at CBA is now looking forward to a well-deserved break, we are also eager to building on our excellent start and determined to make 2009 a successful year.

Andrew Campbell

MEET OUR NEW HEAD BOY AND GIRL: JORDON JOSEPH AND JACKIE TSIGA

After an in-depth application process, a grilling from the Academy Senate and an interview with the Principal himself, the CBA is delighted to be able to introduce its new Head boy and Head girl, Jordon Joseph and Jacqueline Tsiga.

Speaking to In Press the newly appointed students, said: “The position of Head girl and Head boy is one we will be taking very seriously because we are the figureheads for the school and aim to be individuals that the younger students aspire to.”

The first step for the pair was to complete an application form. Along with 12 other students who applied for the role they were then interviewed by the Academy Senate, a body made up of representatives from across the year groups.

Jordon said: “That wait outside the board room before the interview, seemed to be the longest and the most terrifying experience of my life so far.

“When I went in I was met by twelve students from the various years who began firing questions and I was overwhelmed by the feeling of dread.

Departing from the board room I was relieved that it was over, however, the worst was yet to come.”

The Academy Senate short-listed four students who then went onto an intensive interview with Dr Campbell, Ms Ashby and Mrs Bartley Smith.

They were told later that day of the teacher panel's decision.

Jacqueline said: “Mrs Bartley-Smith delivered the news in her office.

“She told us how great it was that we had brought ourselves forward to what had to have been one of the most nerve-wrecking days of our lives.

“Then she announced their decision that all four of us would be given a role.

“They had all decided that because of the complexity of the job, it would be best if the Head girl and Head boy had a deputy.

“They had decided Luke Wardle would be Deputy Head boy, Jade Marshall would be Deputy Head girl, Jordon would be Head boy and that I would be Head girl.”

Jacqueline continued: “The role is important to me and I will always do my best for the students in the school for I am their voice and will be acting on their behalf.

“I am committed to being a good leader but also at the same time I am a friend; everyone can relate to. I want to take an active role with helping the students at Corby Business Academy, to push them to do better and reach their goals.

“I have proposed that we increase citizenship activities such as inter-form mock trial competitions. This will help the students work together positively and improve interaction between different groups of people.”

Jordon said: “What a privilege and honour it is to be the very first Head Boy of Corby Business Academy.

“I will strive to make every student want to achieve their best potential, and offer guidance.

“Within the first month I feel like I have made great strides as I have already opened the first ever cricket club of which I am Head Coach.

“It was a real accomplishment to have been chosen to represent the school and the students.”

Jordan Joseph fact-file

- He is studying for A levels in travel and tourism, business studies and public services.
- Jordan wants to study travel and tourism and business management at university.
- He hopes to have a career in airport management.

Jacqueline Tsiga fact-file

- She is studying biology, business studies and travel and tourism at AS and A level.
- Jacqueline wants to work for a big travel firm such as Virgin.





Attendance is at 92%

Students and parents continue to be asked to think about the importance of good attendance. All students have been reminded about their attendance target, in the term one report. Students whose attendance falls below expectations will be sent letters asking parents to clarify reasons for absence.

Please remember: All absence for which no explanation is received will be recorded as unauthorised. The authorisation of family holidays is at the Principals discretion.

The Education Welfare Officer checks individual students attendance and will be investigating cases where attendance is below 80%. Attendance at Corby Business Academy is at 92%, let's keep it up.

Steve Ellis – Vice Principal SCG

Corby Business Academy
Key Dates

| 2009 TERM 3 | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 5th January | Staff Training Day – (Students Do Not Come In) |
| 6th January | Start of Term 3 – For Students |
| 12th – 16th January | Year 10 Consultation Week |
| 14th January | Enterprise Day |
| Year 10 Parents' Evening (5-7pm) | |
| 2nd – 6th February | Year 8 Consultation Week |
| 4th February | Year 8 Parents' Evening (5-7pm) |
| 13th February | Term 3 Ends |

January Science Exam Dates

Yr 11 Double Science (Mr Price, Mrs Ponton, Miss Filer)

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| Unit 1 Modules (B4, C4, P4) Foundation | 40 min | Wed 21 Jan. (pm) |
| Unit 1 Modules (B4, C4, P4) Higher | 40 min | Wed 21 Jan. (pm) |

Yr 11 Single Science (Mrs Smith, Ms Ashby, Mr Chandler)

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|--|--------|------------------|
| Unit 3 Modules (B3, C3, P3) Foundation | 40 min | Mon 19 Jan. (am) |
| Unit 3 Modules (B3, C3, P3) Higher | 40 min | Mon 19 Jan. (am) |

Some students from these classes will also sit:

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| Unit 1 Modules (B1, C1, P1) Foundation | 40 min | Mon 12 Jan. (am) |
| Unit 1 Modules (B1, C1, P1) Higher | 40 min | Mon 12 Jan. (am) |

(Mrs Power, Mr Marriott)

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| Unit 2 Modules (B2, C2, P2) Foundation | 40 min | Thu 15 Jan. (pm) |
| Unit 2 Modules (B2, C2, P2) Higher | 40 min | Thu 15 Jan. (pm) |

Yr 10 Double Science
(Mr Price and Mrs Ponton)

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| Unit 1 Modules (B1, C1, P1) Foundation | 1 h | Mon 12 Jan. (am) |
| Unit 1 Modules (B1, C1, P1) Higher | 1 h | Mon 12 Jan. (am) |

Contact **Mrs Ponton** if you have any questions about the Science exams.

Coursework deadlines Year 11 2009

Students will have to get their coursework in by the dates provided:

GCSE English: *Coursework folder:* Friday 16th January 2009
Speaking & Listening: Friday 27th February 2009

GCSE English Literature: Friday 16th January 2009

GCSE Drama: Friday 27th February 2009

GCSE Media: Friday 20th March 2009

GCSE Science: Year 11 Feb 13th – should be done in lesson time or in session 3 .

Btec ICT: *Unit 8* – Christmas for Diploma groups; end of Jan for Certificate groups
Unit 2 – Feb half term for Diploma groups
Unit 18 – Easter for Diploma & Certificate groups
Unit 9 – May for all Diploma groups

GCSE History March 1st

All other Btec subjects must be completed by the end of May 2009.

**BACK TO SCHOOL
JANUARY SALES**

When all the festivities are over please make sure that your child spends some of their Christmas money on equipment. Each students needs pens, pencils, an eraser, a short ruler and a pencil case, along with a bag to carry books and equipment to and from school.

Please remind your child to bring a padlock to secure belongings in his/her locker.



CATERING AT CBA

Now that we have all made it through to Christmas and are getting more familiar with the card system, can I remind students and parents that any payments by cheque for catering should be made payable to Essence Catering. Any parent wishing to see their child's catering account can ring me on 01536 303131 or email on LStubbins@corbybusinessacademy.org and I will send a print out of the account in the post.

UNIFORM MATTERS

We now have a stock of PE kit (tracksuit tops/sweatshirts, etc) available for purchase from school for all those feeling the cold now that winter has arrived. Order forms with prices are available from student reception (cheques made payable to Corby Business Academy). Please can we remind you that non uniform items are not acceptable to be worn for sporting activities.

A large amount of Lost Property is building up at student reception. Students are being emailed about any found named items. However there are many items (especially of clothing) with no form of identification, so we ask students who have lost something to come and look through the boxes to see if the lost item is there. Please can you help us by marking belongings clearly so we can re-unite the owners with their property.

Linda Stubbins - Finance Manager

COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

CORBY READS!

On the 7th November, a new and exciting project was launched aimed at getting young people in the Corby area to become more actively involved in reading. The Corby Reads Project is a three year project which will involve students from all over the town, helping them to develop their reading and literacy skills and also highlight the importance of reading in school and at home.

Throughout the day there were lots of fun activities, such as a session by story teller Jo Blake, who talked about the importance of passing on tales and fables to our children through oral story telling.

Indeed I'm sure if you asked your grandparents or other family members they could tell you a story or two which had been told to them when they were children.

Another fantastic presentation was from the author Jonathon Stroud, who talked about how one small idea he had when out shopping, developed into one of his best selling novels the Bartimaeus Trilogy.

One of the first activities for our Year 7 students will be a trip to Corby Library to spend a morning and then an afternoon with the author Tom Palmer who has written a fantastic

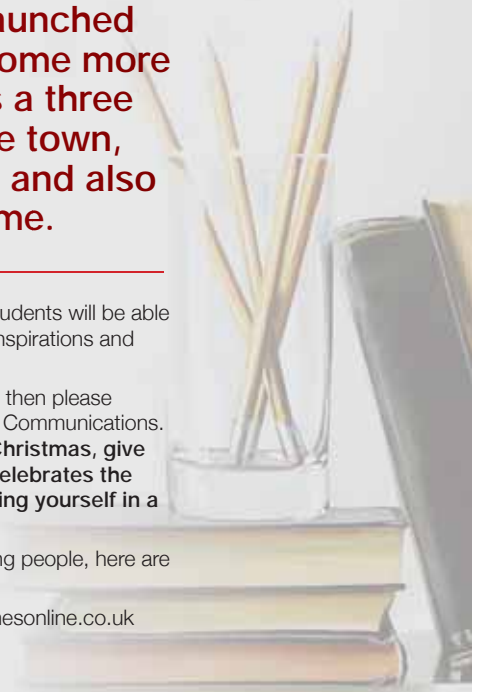
football themed book called Foul Play. Students will be able to ask Tom questions about his life and inspirations and then even have a kick about.

Places are limited so if you are interested then please contact your form tutor or Mrs Bonner in Communications.

"So, give your child a real treat this Christmas, give them a book. Indeed, nothing quite celebrates the feeling of the Holiday season like losing yourself in a wonderful book."

Taken from The Times top reads for young people, here are a few of their recommendations.

Further details at <http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk>



BOOKS FOR THE GIRLS:

- Airman**, Eoin Colfer
- Reavers' Ransom**, Emily Diamand
- The Dragonfly Pool**, Eva Ibbotson
- In Oath Breaker**, Michelle Paver
- Inkdeath**, Cornelia Funke
- The Nostradamus Prophecy**, Teresa Breslin
- Sovay**, Celia Rees
- Apache**, Tanya Landman



BOOKS FOR THE BOYS,

- By Royal Command**, Charlie Higson
- Snakehead**, Anthony Horowitz
- The Spook's Mistake**, Joseph Delaney
- Wolf Island**, Darren Shan
- Necropolis**, Anthony Horowitz
- The Kiss of Death**, Marcus Sedgwick
- The Graveyard Book**, Neil Gaiman
- Unwind**, Neil Shusterman
- Creature of the Night**, Kate Thompson
- Jackdaw Summer**, David Almond
- Exposure**, Mal Peet (for readers aged 15 and over)
- Bog Child**, Siobhan Dowd



Watch this space for more details on the Corby Reads! Project
Alex Bonner - English Teacher

YEAR 7 CROSS THE CHANNEL

We left CBA at roughly quarter past seven on Tuesday morning. We lined up in our groups and got on the bus - our parents waved us goodbye - we were on our way to France! We arrived at the Chateau du Molay late evening; we were welcomed in, took our luggage to our rooms and then went to the dining room for our dinner. After that everybody went to their rooms for a good nights sleep. On Wednesday we did all sorts of team activities, puzzles and brain teasers. The best activity was when we had to arrange ourselves in height order in our teams whilst standing on a very thin bench. We had to wiggle past each other to get in height order but if one person fell off the bench then the tallest person had to get off and go to the far end of the bench and try to wiggle past everyone again to get in order. This activity taught us about communication and team work and it was great fun!

Thursday morning we went off to the site of the D-Day landings. We watched a 360 degree cinema film about D-Day, and how the allied troops landed in France to help the French against the Germans in the Battle of Normandy. On the way to le Mont St Michel we stopped off at a nice beach where there was a market, an ice-cream stall, shops and a World War II museum. Le Mont St Michel was a fortress built by the French to protect their country from invaders and was occupied by monks. Now it is mainly a museum but there are hundreds of small closely knitted shops in the middle of the fortress. If you wanted to get to the top of the fortress you could take the short steep route via the shops or the longer scenic route via the edge of the fortress walls - at some points it was a long, long way down. We then spent a fun afternoon at the beach playing team games. We had to get up very early on Friday to get breakfast and get our luggage onto the coach. On the way to the Ferry we stopped off at City Europe for some last minute shopping. I'd spent all my money by then so no present for Mum and Dad.

It was great on the ferry I went up on deck and watched as the waves' crash against the boat and in the distant I could just make out the white cliffs of Dover.

The French trip was fantastic - Merci Madame Bennett.

Javon Adamson - 7C



Cher correspondants français...

Corby Business Academy is now linked with different schools in France and this term, students have written their first letter to their French pen friend.

We will soon be receiving replies from College St Adjutor in Vernon, College Guy Moquet in Le Havre, College la Providence in Rouen, Lycee Jean XXIII in Yvetot (all in Normandy) and College La Présentation in Ganges (South of France). Some of the students are already chatting both in French and English with their new French friend on MSN in their free time. We also sent some podcasts in which CBA students were able to record their voices in a short message for their correspondent. We are planning some videoconferencing with French groups in the new year. A bientôt pour plus de nouvelles de France.

Sophie Bécret -teacher



The French lessons here are great and just a few weeks ago we sent a French letter to our pen pals in France. Last week we all recorded some information about our families in French using a recording program called Audacity. We have sent them off on a CD to France. I can't wait to hear from my new pen pal.

Ara-Jade Cursons - Year 7

TAKE ON A ROLE

Every Thursday after school drama club runs. This term students have done some improvisation work, mime, group and individual work. Towards the end of this term we started work on two plays which the students are now reading through and creating their characters. This has been a fun term especially as Mrs Bennett has now joined the group.

I am looking forward to more fun filled antics next term.

BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)

BTEC UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

At CBA we now have three groups of students aged 14-18 studying this course from First Certificate to National level. The students are all working hard and both Mr Atkinson and myself are really enjoying working with them all. Team building activities have been a major part of the term and these have included raft building, assault courses and even some square bashing, reminiscent of any parade square at any of our military training depots.

The students have all thrown themselves in to the action and are all keen to impress. Year 11 who are currently working on fitness skills are working at getting fitter and stronger whilst Year 12 and 13 are achieving a greater understanding of how the Government affects the way in which the armed forces and emergency services operate. Year 10 have already become a coherent team and have achieved many positive team tasks.

Well done to them all.

Tony Segalini - Assistant Principal, Course Tutor



GCSE History trip to War Museum

Young historians from both Years 10 and 11 had a great day out at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford. This former Battle of Britain Fighter station has a superb collection of aircraft and military hardware. Students explored the prototype Concorde and stood under the wing of a mighty B52 bomber of Gulf War vintage. Some even posed next to surviving samples of the Berlin Wall as a reminder of the Cold War. Both Mr Nicol and myself had a great day out with a very interested and mature group of students. Everyone got a lot out of the visit and it helped to bring to life the course we are studying.

Tony Segalini - Assistant Principal

ARMY QUICK MARCHES TO CBA

We had a great presentation from Corporal Mitchell of the army information team. He came in to talk to our Year 10 and 11 students who have a particular interest in a career in the army. The meeting was composed of a very informative presentation and a great question and answer session which involved all 30 students who attended. CBA is now forging links with the Armed Forces to promote careers for our students and to assist in the delivery of the ever more popular BTEC Public Service courses.

Tony Segalini - Assistant Principal



Courting Success

Courtroom drama

A group of fifteen 6th Form students and two Year 11 students participated in a mock trial competition on 22nd November. A few months before the competition the students were allocated two mock criminal cases and had to be allocated a role and prepare the case. The students spent only seven weeks perfecting their various roles including barristers, jury members, ushers, court clerk, witnesses and, of course, the defendants.

The team were allocated a barrister who visited the team several times during session three. On the day my legal eagles were suited and booted in their wigs and gowns and looked amazingly smart. The team did incredibly well and although we did not get through we were a credit to the Academy. This was a great event which demonstrated what you can achieve if you work hard enough.

Kirsty Farrar – teacher

Note from BHE Vice Principal:

Mrs Farrar is being rather modest here. What she didn't mention is that the team received several compliments about their performance and leaders from opposing teams said they could not believe how well our team had performed, especially as they had only practised for such a short time. Other teams from across the region start preparing for the competition from Christmas onwards and have dedicated timetabled lessons. Thanks to Mrs Farrar, Miss Friel and Miss Harrison and the team for all the time spent preparing for the event in their own time, and to Mrs Bartley-Smith who gave up a Saturday to drive them to Norwich to compete. Roll on next year!

Lorraine Smith – Vice Principal BHE



Future Citizenship Events: Magistrate's Mock Trial Competition

On 9th March there will be a Magistrate's mock trial competition in Peterborough. So if any Year 9 students have read the article above and feel inspired to be future legal eagles then watch this space as we will be recruiting soon.

A TASTE OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

The travel and tourism students A level were invited to attend a lecture in the Business faculty. Called Winning: A Tourism strategy for 2012 and beyond London Tourism Vision 2005- 16 it was really informative. The pre release examination the students will be taking in January is based around the capital city so hopefully the additional help and support provided by the university should see all students achieving a higher grade as a result of this visit.

Avril Bartley-Smith – Assistant Principal



SKATING INTO ACTION

Travel and tourism Year 11 students planned an event for a group of Academy students to visit Peterborough Ice rink. Some of the students as a reward then had the opportunity to put their planning into practice and sample the ice rink themselves. This was part of the risk assessment process for the unit of study.



SESSION 3

History Detectives

The students have been learning the incredible story of Rosa Parks, the Black American, who by refusing to abide by bus segregation laws, changed history. The students learned all about her fighting spirit, which started out at an early age and learned in detail about the events on December 21st 1956 when Rosa refused to give up her seat on the bus.





MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)

Year 8 get technical with their Christmas decorations

Students had great fun making Christmas decorations by doing maths and ICT. Some students made a paper chain to represent the irrational number Pi - π - The special number used to calculate the circumference or area of a circle. They made it to 691 decimal places – before running out of space in the faculty!

“The Evening Telegraph came into CBA to take pictures, they particularly like the Reindeer dog Tem and Mr Bo-Jangles (PNS skeleton).”

If you would like to make a box or a stellated octahedron go to www.glynnridley.co.uk/index_files/Origami.htm and follow the instructions for making Limping Seagulls.



Numeracy Success

This term Year 10 and Year 11 students have started taking **ALAN** – Adult Numeracy On-Line Tests. They are equivalent to a Grade E for Level 1 and a Grade B for Level 2, worth half a GCSE. We are delighted to congratulate the following students who have all passed level 2:

Level 2 passes:

11B: Andrei Viscu, Nathan Veasey,
Christina Mangin, Shanice Kightley, Nikola Malesevic, Mirko Bilic
11D: Charmaine Moss, Gary-Junior Grant, Nicholas Farrant
11M: Mary Walker, Dean Thompson, Ksenija Nazarova,
Hema Edingo, Amy Fox
11N: Iain Bell, Daniel Johnson, Rui Silva, Claudio Moreira
11R: Damon Page, Sophie Brooks, Niall Spence
11S: Stephanie Tinto, Nathan Sherwood, Francesca Reid,
Ryan Bennett, William McAllister
11Y: Daniel Buckland, Radomir Durdevic, Jack Hamill

And these students who have passed level 1:

10B: Ryan Reynolds, Kudzanai Murefu, June McAllister,
Leanne Gair, Wesley De Villiers, Michael Cook
10C: Bongani Mpopu, James Scott
10M: Kayla Grieger
10N: Jamie Robertson-Styles, Troy Richardson,
Aleksandra Oledzka, Tony Bartlett, Paige Ball, Sherree Almond
10R: Sinead Cunningham, Emma Joseph,
Jamie Mayes, Damien Polak, Ashleigh Sturrock
10S: Ryan Smith, Arnold Oloo
10Y: Luke Barnes, Paulo Carneiro, Aaron Carson
11D: Nicola James
11N: Weronika Wieckowska, Lee McIntyre
11R: Morgan Adams
11Y: Owen Peters

Taking maths further

Six students have now started a further mathematics course, This means taking more, (some harder) units and they will achieve either 1½ or 2 A levels in Maths. We are proud to be the only school in Corby running the Further Mathematics course which is ideal preparation for students who want to go on to do engineering or mathematics at University.

GCSE maths figured out early

In November all Year 11 students, (except those who did it last June) completed their maths coursework and took the final examinations. This was a huge achievement and we were delighted with all the hard work especially the homework and revision. There are two groups of students now working towards achieving grades B/A/A* next summer. We are expecting some great results. Students are now doing some vital “Finance” work – learning how to manage their money in adult life and studying for the numeracy exams.

In late January we will receive the results, and then any student who has not achieved their target grade or that vital “C” grade will be given the opportunity to take the new style exam next June. There will still be two exams but no coursework. The final grade will depend purely on the exam mark.

Another good term MAIT

It has been a busy term with students working hard and many taking exams. We have had lots of students staying after school to do coursework for both maths and ICT or to get extra help through personal study sessions, particularly with homework. It is great to see so many students choosing to do extra “mymaths” work.

Year 10 and Year 11 are successfully taking numeracy exams on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Year 8 had great fun making mathematical and computer based Christmas decorations and have chosen to make the NSPCC their charity of the year. They have started to plan some exciting fund-raising events for next term.

I hope everyone has a great holiday and enjoys a good rest, ready for next term.

Gerri Rowe –Vice Principal MAIT



Bored during the Holiday?

Ask your child to show you his/her record sheet from the website. You will be able to see all the worksheets he/she has completed this term and the booster pack will give you a score to show how close he/she is to reaching his/her target level. Any red or yellow scores need to be re-done. Just the thing to do in those quiet cold days at the end of the holiday!
www.mymaths.co.uk – Record Sheet

ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

ROCK STAR ACADEMY PROVES A HIT

Welcome to your C.B.A. after school rock club. This has been running since the start of the Academy year and I have been teaching the new talent guitar and other instruments and also helping able players realise their potential as group players. There is an average of 45 students who attend every week and that amount is growing, making the C.B.A. rock school the most popular after school club in the county.

All have a great time, and also members of staff are encouraged to come along and join the fun. The club is held on a Wednesday after school from 3.15pm until 5.30pm and all are welcome. For more information please contact Mr David O'Neil in the music department.

David O'Neil – Music



YEAR 9 ENTERPRISE MORNING

While Year 8 were working on website designs Year 9 worked to a very tight deadline on a series of art, music and design based projects. Each group had one and a half hours to create something to display which made a statement about the academy and what it stands for. The groups worked on one of the following projects:

- An academy rap.
- A design for a large mural printed onto mouse mats using the sublimation printer.
- A large picture made up of a tiles painted by each student of a different part of the building.
- Mixed media squares using the letters CBA and then words which make a statement about the academy.

All projects have been photographed and displayed and the photos may be enlarged and hung on the Academy walls. Every Year 9 student worked to the deadline, which was not easy. Everyone really enjoyed the morning working in a different way and are very impressed with the results.



Picasso takes over the AMID faculty

For the past few weeks Year 11 BTEC art students have been studying a particular painting by Pablo Picasso, 'Les Demoiselles d'Avignon.' 1907. A copy of the painting was divided up into squares and each student was asked to copy a single square. The object of this exercise was to try to emulate Picasso's colour mixing and paint technique and learn from the master. On completion of all the sections students were asked to re-assemble the pieces and discuss their now quite huge piece of work. Thank goodness for our excellent spaces at the Academy.

As you can see from the photographs, the group piece is very impressive, and being able to look down at it from the top balcony in the faculty made discussing the image so much easier. The painting project was very successful and the artwork has taken on a life of its own. Take a look at the original; I think Picasso would have approved of how his original has developed at the hands of my most talented Year 11 Art students.

Jacqui Brown - Art



DESIGN NEWS

Students this term have been able to take advantage of the latest technology within the AMID Faculty, with the help of Mr Mitchell, Mr Lane and Mr County. Year 7 students have designed pewter jewellery on the theme of macrobiotic nature and have been making colourful badges. They have also used the laser to make display stands so the jewellery can be shown.

Year 9 students have enhanced their hand made wooden boxes with the addition of a plastic cut motif, making a colourful quality product to fit their design brief and Year 11 are making the final adjustments to their coursework items by adding items cut out

by the laser cutter. The staff have also been getting enthusiastic encouraging their Year 10 tutor group to dress the Christmas tree with plastic baubles they had made.

Not to be outdone Mrs Duell used the laser cutter to make a Christmas tree. If you spot Mr County around the Academy you need to look out for his plastic tie pin.

Mrs Davis, with the help of Mr Forbes, got to grips with the sublimation printer in textiles and students have printed mouse mats and fabric with logos and pictures.

Exciting times for design as we move ahead with the commissioning of new machines next term. What a fantastic opportunity for

students. Watch out for some new after school clubs and keep your eye on the screens for details in early 2009.

Cath Davis - Director Industrial Design



DESIGNATED SPECIAL PROVISION (DSP)

A CURIOUS MATCH: TENNIS AND JAMIE OLIVER

Miss Clark's class has been busy out in the community again this term. They visited Sywell Country Park and Corby Indoor Tennis as part of their curriculum. Sywell Country Park offers meadowland and walks around the reservoir, with a small arboretum of exotic trees and remains of the Edwardian Reservoir. The class followed the Water Works Heritage Trail, fed the ducks, geese and swans, watched the bird life from an accessible bird hide and visited the visitors centre. Each student had the opportunity to take photographs to record their visit to illustrate points of interest to them.

Each term the class tries out different sport and leisure activities in the local community. This term it was tennis. We participated in two tennis sessions led by Corby Indoor Tennis coach, Stephen.

The students gained ball and racket skills and enjoyed their taster session. The Christmas term is a busy one with our Enterprise. Our designer environmentally friendly bags were back by popular demand with another design to reflect our school colours and our favourite design. We also teamed up with Mrs Hanlon's class to design a 2009 calendar, Snowmen Christmas cards, Christmas tree decorations and beeswax candles. Kandaprint, a local printers in Corby, worked with the children to print their cards and calendars. RS Components donated £50 to go towards the printing costs.

In Life Skills we decided to participate in Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food scheme Learn to Cook and Pass it On! During our sessions we watched some of Jamie's video and decided to try 'Mini Shells Pasta with a Creamy Smoked Bacon and Pea Sauce'. We cooked in school and then the students took home the recipe and tried it out with their family.



A step back in time...

Mrs Hanlon's class visited Kirby Hall as part of their studies in history. The students explored the building inside and out, and enjoyed their packed lunches in the very grand library. Everyone was impressed by the size of some of the fireplaces!

Jackie Hanlon



8T MLD Enterprise Event

On 28th November, MLD students from the Designated Special Provision took part in an Enterprise activity. They discussed many of the facilities at Corby Business Academy and considered how they could be used by the wider community. Armed with digital cameras, the students photographed a number of facilities including the theatre, hydrotherapy pool and the gym.

When we returned to the classroom the hard work began. Students were encouraged to put on their business heads and discuss how the Academy could benefit from opening up facilities to the local community. The session ended with students creating posters advertising particular CBA facilities to the wider community. This activity provided a fantastic opportunity to discuss the purpose of Enterprise and it was enjoyed by all.

Kim Asher



PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

A WARM WELCOME TO PNS

Alex Ahmadu joined us in November as assistant laboratory technician.

He has settled in well and already had to take on some extra activities which are a feature of our PNS team. As A level 1 basketball coach he now spends Wednesday evenings helping develop girl's basketball. Alex also escorted Mr Woolley down to the Gladiators filming in London - it's not all test tubes for Alex!

Congratulations to Alex and his wife for having a beautiful baby girl earlier than expected in December.



SNAKES ON A PLANE

Well, it was only one snake. And it wasn't on a plane it was in a science lab. Jordan England, ably assisted by his mum, brought in his pet Royal Python on 25th November. The students had the opportunity to hold and feed the snake and learn how to care properly for reptiles. Students enjoyed wrapping the four ft Python around their shoulders for a cuddle and "Eewwwed" appropriately as they tried to feed him a dead rat.

Thank you to Miss England who was very happy to answer any and all questions the students asked about Wee Man's habits. In the last two Pet Club sessions we have had dogs from opposite ends of the spectrum to visit. The first was a miniature Yorkshire Terrier who was approximately six inches nose to tail. Some students wondered where the batteries went! Jack was brought in by Kieran Durnan and his mum, to let students who are not so sure about dogs get a chance to meet a nice little one.

The second was a Great Dane/Labrador cross called Reggie who was brought in by April Douglas and her mum. Thank you to Mrs Durnan, Mrs Douglas and both students who were ready, willing and able to answer questions and help students to give the dogs treats for tricks.

Neil Price - teacher



DOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GARDEN

With all the science and sporting activities going on in PNS, none of it would be possible without our wonderful technicians.

In PNS we have two prep rooms, where all the experiments are trialled planned and organised. However, prep room three is special; it's down the bottom of Leendert Van den Burg's garden.

This is where all 'interesting stuff' goes on, at present the walking on custard experiment in its trial stages.





- A teacher's hands on demonstration of combustion • Students planning and carrying out investigations • Can you answer the question on the outside of an inflated latex glove? If so, pop it to reveal the name of the next person to play.
- Students demonstrate forces with a teacher's car! (erm...) • Making DNA out of sweeties

SCIENCE IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

The second term here in the PNS faculty has seen science grab the attention of our youngsters and not let go. After the Routines for Learning were embedded in term one, there was more room for focus on the practical skills students need in science, along with effective communication of ideas and the ability to consider and evaluate evidence. This has led to an explosion of activities and experiments within the science department.

ELECTRIC QUIZZES

Mrs Smith and Mrs Felix are really proud of the good scientists in their class. The students have been learning that for electricity to flow there needs to be a complete circuit. They used this fact when they designed electric quizzes.

First they had to research a topic of their choice and come up with four questions and answers. Once they had finished their question sheet they had to construct the quiz by connecting the question with the correct answer using aluminium foil and paper clips across the back of the card.

To use the quiz someone had to connect a wire from a cell battery and a bulb to the question and then join a second wire to the chosen answer. If the answer was correct the bulb lit up because a complete circuit had been made.



The picture shows Becky Barnard, Dan Duffy and Ben Ross with their completed quizzes.



PLAY ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUGS

During their time in PNS, Year 7 had the opportunity to watch the Northampton College perform Buzzed, their play depicting what life is like when teenagers get involved with taking drugs. The students spent the afternoon watching the play, they also had time to ask questions to Ms Tessa Parkinson who organises this annual event for Northampton education.

" I thought the show was perfect, I thought that using cigarettes and drugs was cool, but now in my opinion they are not cool at all"

- Year 7 student.

TRYING A NEW SPORT AT CBA

At the end of the first term the Year 11 rugby players took the staff on at a game of touch rugby. The staff dominated during the first half after which the boys learnt from their mistakes and came back to play the better rugby in the second half. Everyone involved had a great time and a second game is scheduled to be played at the end of the rugby season.

CBA's first rugby XV played their first ever rugby game on 27th November. Although the Year 11 team lost by 0 – 55, they gave a good account of themselves, considering that they were playing the County Cup runner-ups, Beauchamp. As the game progressed, CBA began learning from their mistakes and at one time, towards the end of the first half, they came near to crossing over the goal line for a try. It was a fantastic display of forward play and they went through five phases only to be penalised on the try line for not releasing the ball when going to ground. This was due to lack of experience.

Their second game was played against Wallaston. Again they played a more experienced team and gave a good account of themselves. Nathan Veasey went over the goal line at the end of the first half to score the first try by CBA.

In the end, the lack of game experience resulted in a 25 – 5 loss. The boys are to be commended on their commitment to CBA rugby.

S&L Rugby Club and CBA have formed a good relationship. S&L have kindly given us access to their facilities such as scrumming machines and S&L have been using our indoor sports hall to do some evening training.

The new rugby jerseys have arrived and will be used at our next game.

The following students played with pride for CBA:

Connor Wilson (Captain), Daniel Cargill, Luke Cotton, Daniel Cseh, Nick Farrant, Gary Grant, Ally Johnston, Nyasha Mafsig, Robert McMichael, Matthew Osborne, Dominic Owens, Damon Page, Niall Spence, Nathan Veasey, Jack Warrior and Jonathan Smith.

Rob Marriott – teacher/rugby coach



Howzat!!!!

Over six weeks of planning and one cricket coaching course later and cricket club, is finally up and running. The response that I had for Cricket Club was immense. I had over thirty interested students, but there was only twenty spaces, so some of these had to be sadly turned away. Apologies to the people that did not get through - thank you for your enthusiasm. Our first session was on 8th December, which was a great success. Even though it was the first session, everyone had a great time.

The response I got from the students after the session, was all positive and they can't wait until next week. I hope the school cricket team will become a huge success in the future.

Ben Page, (Year 9) said: **'It was ace, the best ever, loved it.'**

Callum Fyvie (Year 7) said: **'It was great, can't wait to go back!'**

Jack Solomon (Year 8) said: **'I've never played cricket before, and I now love it.'**

Cricket coach Jordan Joseph said:

'The first session was great fun. Thank you to everyone for their input in the session hope to see you all next time.'



From the top left: Aaron Earle (Assistant Coach), Jordon Joseph (Head Coach) Middle: Callum Fyvie (Year 7), Jason Willcock (year 7), Clark Usher (Year 9), Matthew Boyd (Year 8) Bottom: Jake Solomon (Year 8), Ryan Davis (Year 9), Ben Page (Year 9), Lion Thompson (Year 7), Aaron Baker (Year 7) (Not full Cricket team)

AS PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS BECOME TEACHERS.

As part of the AS PE course students are required to teach physical education to large groups of children for their coursework. They have taught various sports to Year 7 students since September and have now been allocated a Year 9, 10 or 11 class. All AS PE students will end their assessment by teaching three lessons of sport, which are then moderated externally. Alongside this local and national studies of sport are being researched and students are preparing their Power Point ready for moderation. Good luck AS PE students.

Nicola Halls-Rushton – teacher

As part of my A-Level PE I have to perform three different sport roles. The one that is the most pleasurable is being a coach. Every Monday I am a coach for a Year 10 GCSE lesson. My responsibility is to get the students prepared for the main part of the lesson. I do this by starting them with a gentle jog to get their blood circulating around the body. Also when I demonstrated how and what muscles need stretching, this made sure they were doing it properly and weren't going to hurt themselves. For the main body of the lesson I shout encouragement about how to do a particular movement or skill related exercise.

Carl Page – Sixth Form student

For my AS work, I have to teach four students every week. I devise a lesson and teach with a PE teacher. I lead the warm up making students do shuttle runs, stretches and an activity which relates to the sport.

We move on to doing a skill session, as the sport was netball we did a dodging exercise. This included the students learning how to dodge and how we could put the skills they learnt into a real game.

We started at the basics then progressed to make it harder for them. I finally led the cool down, making the students do various dynamic stretches.

Emma Baird – Sixth Form student



CBA VISITS GLADIATORS.

As some of you may have noticed Mr Allen has not been seen in school over this term. That's because he's been running around with lots of muscled, super human types dressed in fancy dress lycra outfits. In other words he has been training the Gladiators.

Mr Allen managed to get some tickets for one of the shows and after a competition to create a new gladiator game was held, fifteen Year 11 PE and Media students went down to Shepperton Studios to watch the making of the show.

Hangtough is a game where a gladiator and a contender swing from gymnastic rings over water and the gladiator has to try to get to and pull the contender down. Needless to say the contenders were no match for the Gladiators, and we all joined in the chorus, "da, da, da.... another one bites the dust."

We then managed to watch a little bit of the brutal gauntlet where the contender has to run down a gully while the gladiators use batons and shields to stop them. Year 11 Dominic Owens was taken by Mr Allen to meet and compare muscles with Atlas. Not a close contest.

Unfortunately Mr Woolley then spoiled the fun by having all the students called away from the gauntlet cage, via the loud speaker and we left to a large round of applause. A long but very enjoyable day was had by all the students. Mr Woolley had to admit that he watches the show (for the benefit of his children, of course) and went back to watch the grand final being filmed.



THE 2008 CROSS

The 2008-2009 CBA Cross-Country team has been diligent in training for the upcoming Charity Cup Race in Kettering. Runners have been practicing on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in addition to their other sports, in order to be conditioned for this event. Aaron Baker even raced Mr. Witt to help him train.

Please join us if you are interested in running and be sure to show your CBA support for us December 13. Thanks.



*The 2008 Cross-Country Team is pictured here:
Front Row Left to Right: Danielle Mackness, Aaron Baker, Joshua Cresswell, Callum Cresswell
Back Row Left to right: Shanice Kightley, Nicola Minton, Miss Kobosky*



STREET SAFETY

We were fortunate to be just one of two chosen schools in Northamptonshire to have the opportunity to have a group of actors from London come into PNS to carry out a play and workshop about street safety. Year 10 really enjoyed the play and asked many questions of the characters after the performance.

The Safer Community Team also attended the play.

BASKETBALL FEVER HEATS UP AS U19 TEAM SEES OFF DERBY RIVALS IN A MUST WIN GRUDGE MATCH

There was sporting drama aplenty this term as the U19 boys basketball team slam dunked its way into the final stages of the national schools competition. In a thrilling game of end to end action, the U19 team triumphed over East Midland rivals Anthony Gell School from Derby, with the final scoreboard reading 61-47. The victory means the team has now made its way through the qualifiers and into the knockout stages.

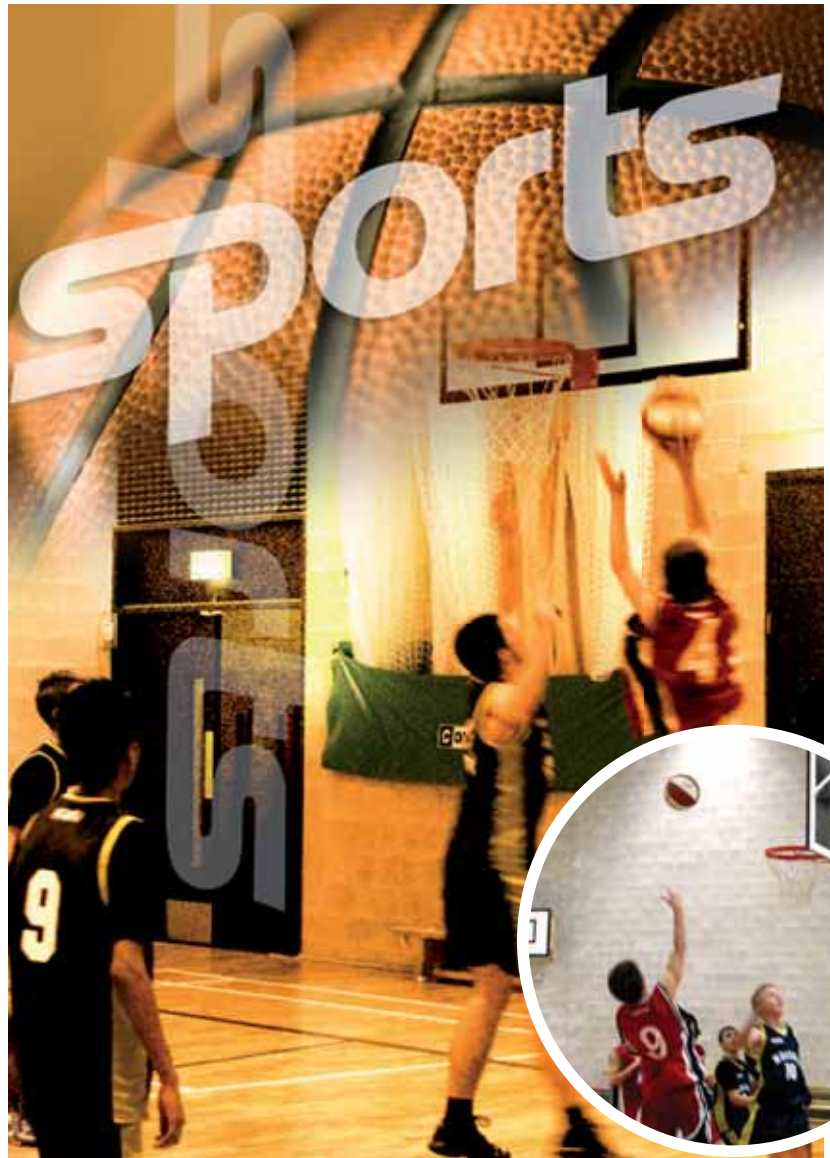
And the squad is hoping to better last year's impressive quarter final place and bring home the national title this year. Under 19s captain Christopher Tew, 17, who led the team magnificently and was CBA's top shooter with 16 points, said: "This competition means everything to us. Every single team player was outstanding."

After the game delighted team coach Mr Atkinson said: "Basketball fever is taking over the school. This game was the best that I have ever seen the team play.

"It was a true grudge match as we were beaten by Anthony Gell School two years ago. The pressure was huge, because we had to win the game or else we were out of the competition.

"We have high hopes this year and want to make it to the final."

The triumph adds to an impressive victory by the U15 boys team who came out on top in a local derby game against Northampton Academy. The U15 and U16 teams are also still in the qualifying stages of the national competition so it could be success all round come the finals in April. CBA is also hoping the girls can follow in the boys footsteps and Mr Atkinson is starting girls development basketball sessions after Christmas.



MOVE IT - DANCE PROJECT

On 10th October twelve of our students took part in a dance performance at the Keepmoat Stadium in Doncaster. They performed at the England versus Wales Rugby match alongside the other Corby Secondary schools, schools from Hull and also Nottingham.

The students ranging from Year 8 up to Year 11 successfully auditioned for their part in the performance. They did an excellent job on the day performing to thousands of rugby fans and really showed how talented they all are. On 15th December the students attended a presentation evening at Lodge Park Technology College where they will each be presented with a DVD of their performance.

The next Move It project will be happening in the New Year and is set to take place in Scotland. So students get your dance shoes ready for the audition.

Francia Dickinson – teacher

FOOTBALL IN FOCUS

The Year 7 Girls get off to a winning start

The Yr7 Girls were involved in a 5-a-side tournament early in December. They only had time to play two games when they were supposed to play three. They had to get used to what were new rules to them of indoor 5-a-side football.

They were on the ball immediately. The five girls were awesome against King John and won 4-0. The scorers were Chelsea Welsh (1), Sophie Findlay (2), and Chloe Welsh (1). Chelsea Welsh was Woman of the Match as she played in defence without complaint, scored a goal and performed brilliantly. They then played Montagu and played fantastically winning 4-2. Scorers were: Chloe Welsh (1), Sophie Findlay (2), and Chelsea Welsh (1). Woman of the Match was Chloe Welsh. All girls involved in every school game and training this season have performed and contributed superbly.

Well done to the Year 7 Boys

The new Year 7 football team has shown an excellent attitude, ability and enthusiasm so far, so well done. The few fixtures played have seen mixed results and the boys were disappointed in a 5-a-side tournament as they felt sure they could have done better. However, there is a cup match after Christmas and the 7-a-side fixtures will also continue in January so we have high hopes for some triumphs in these games. Attendance at the Tuesday training sessions has been superb, in spite of the early evenings. Training times will remain from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on the Astro Turf until further notice and Year 7 boys with enquiries about fixtures or training should talk to Mr Addy or a member of staff in PNS - Active.

Come on Year 8 Boys - Get involved

A call is being made to the Year 8 boys to pull on their football boots; otherwise we will not be able to run a team. With a fantastic ability in the year group it would be a shame to let this happen and we are sure there are Year 8 boys who are keen to practise their skills and show off their talents. So far there has been a poor turn out to training, which is understandable because of the dark nights and lack of fixtures, but fixtures will begin after Christmas so we need to start getting together a squad. Well done to Josh Morgan who has attended every training session possible and played with Year 7 when Year 8 attendance has been poor. Training can be held every Tuesday on the field/Astro Turf and for more details speak to Mr Henry.

Yr 9 Boys – Get ready for action

Fixtures will begin after Christmas, so Year 9 boys need to attend training as soon as is possible. Like Year 8, ability and effort in this year group is fantastic, so we want to put out a good team to compete with other schools in the area. Squad members should look out for information on training and fixtures, as it was decided that training should halt before Christmas because of the dark nights but fixtures are coming up in the new year and everyone needs to be ready. We hope that all team members maintain their excellent enthusiasm and if they have any problems or enquiries they should inform Mr Henry or Mr Baker.

Another good season for Year 10 Boys

Well done to Year 10 Boys' Football squad, for being ready so quickly in to the academic year and leading the way with the Year 11 team with their organised, successful start. They demonstrated excellent attitude, enthusiasm, ability and commitment at the beginning of the year with their attendance in training and their match play.

Last year they gained promotion to Division 1 due to their hard work, progression, enthusiasm and ability of previous years. This year they progressed again and actually finished second in the First Division. The Season went as follows: Lodge Park 0 – Corby Business Academy 0. Man of the Match was Goalkeeper, Daniel Law.

Corby Business Academy 6 – Bishop Stopford 5. (Man of the Match was Branko Djujic.)

Scorers were: Kudzanai Murefu (3) Sinclair Mpofu (1) Joe Ward (1) O.G. (1) Prince William 1 - Corby Business Academy 0. (Man of the Match was Adam Saunders.) Corby Business Academy 3 – Latimer 2. (Man of the Match was Josh Tew.) Scorers were: Kudzanai Murefu (1) John Dean (1) Adam Saunders (1)

Year 11 Boys play some good football

A massive 'well done to the Year 11 Boys who were also ready so quickly in to the academic year. They had the very first game for Corby Business Academy and beat CTC. Throughout their games they have shown the excellent focus, ability, attitude and enthusiasm that all the younger years could aspire to. They finished the Season third in Division One. Man of the Season has been awarded to Jordan Walker. Training will continue on Thursdays and a few friendlies will hopefully be organised after Christmas, if the attendance at training is good enough. This was an excellent season in a tough league and Corby Business Academy showed they could play the best football in this division. Any enquiries concerning Year 11 football should go to Mr Arnold or anyone in PNS - Active.

FRIDAY FOOTBALL CLUB

This will happen every Friday from 3.30pm until 4.30pm, or until it gets dark. Any enquiries see Mr. Henry or anyone from the PNS Active team. Games can be adapted to numbers. Mike Henry - teacher/football coach



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Young barristers in the making

Year 12 and two Year 11 students took part in the regional heats of the Law Society competition in Norwich. We took on the roles of Prosecution or Defence Barristers. Other students in the team were the witnesses, the jury, the court usher and clerk to the Court. We tried two cases in front of circuit judges from the High Court in London and prosecuted the accused or defended the accused competing against representatives from other schools. The excellent performance was the culmination of several weeks work where we had the support of Gareth a local barrister.

We were all enthusiastic about our experiences and want to take part again next year with two of us seriously considering a legal career.

Derick Dick and Jacqueline Tisiga – Sixth Form



DECORATING THE MALL

It was a bigger job than we had anticipated when we volunteered to help decorate the main area of the Academy. A seven metre Christmas tree seemed very large. When we were told we would need 600- 1000 baubles, we realised further research was needed regarding prices.

One commercial company told us we needed to spend £2000 – our target was to find quality decorations which can be used again. TJ Hughes came up trumps and gave us a further discount off their already low prices. ten hours later we are sure you will agree the final result has been worth the hard work.

Sixth Form Helpers - **Dale Page, Richard White, Holly Minton, Leah Tower, Natasha Reynolds, Derrick Dick**



BEHIND THE SCENES AT PRIMARK

On 18th November we were invited for a preview of the new Primark store. We're able to have a look around the store and have a look at the store facilities such as the offices and staff areas. Manager Avril Delaney and the human resource manager showed us around and spoke to us about the customer service they provide and their aims for the Corby store. We were given the chance to be the first customers of the new store. I bought new tops and accessories as I wanted to increase my business wardrobe for the Sixth Form at the Academy.

Primark kindly donated some gift vouchers which we will be able to use as prizes and rewards for future Academy activities.

Gemma Cook and Jordan Joseph – Sixth Form



GREAT SERVICE...

The Sixth form travel and tourism students, as part of their customer service A level unit, served mince pies and shortbread biscuits with the mulled wine at the Gospel Evening and the Christmas Celebration. This was an opportunity for us to help with the Christmas activities as well as gaining experience in customer service. We have been meeting and greeting visitors to the Academy. This has helped us gain confidence which will help us with our assessment.



Zydrune Dardutaite serving coffee at the Gospel Evening

LIBRARY

WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY

CBA Library is now open and ready for business. We inhabit a fantastic space above the restaurant with the best views in the Academy and have been spectacularly busy already. The Library is open 8.30am – 5.30pm Mon to Thurs and 8.30am – 4pm on Fridays. Once the cataloguing of all our fantastic new books is completed we look forward to holding Reading for Pleasure and Information Literacy sessions for students and providing a wealth of other activities.

We have already established a book club called Corby Book Addicts, which meets every Thursday after school. Activities this term have included games of Quingo, investigating the extent to which we all judge a book by its cover and making reading-related Christmas decorations. All students are welcome and free refreshments are provided.

Next term will also see the first CBA Chess Tournament; students have been practising and signing up for the last few weeks and the competition looks set to be tense. Students have until January 9th to sign up to take part and the majority of matches will take place after school.

Amy McKay – Librarian



Corby Book Addicts



Ryan McColl and William Black practising their chess skills. Ryan has learnt to play chess this term and is now very excited about competing in the Chess Tournament.



Shola McGregor with the calendar and prize.

AWESOME ADVENT COMPETITION

The Library has been the scene of furious bookshelf searching this month as students fought to win a daily piece of chocolate in our Advent Competition. A question was displayed on the calendar everyday and students were tasked with being the first to find, write down and give Mrs Smith the correct answer. Questions are all based on Library books and range from easy to very hard – do you know who wrote *Toro*. A lot of students do now!

Students must keep track of all the correct answers and hand the completed list in at the end of term, those with all correct answers will be entered into a draw to win a fantastic Christmas present.

The range of students taking part has been very impressive with students from Year 7 to Year 12 having a go and even a few members of staff trying their luck. Particularly enthusiastic competitors were: Keila Miles, Rachel Lascar-Awolesi, Shola McGregor, Shelby Rose Pinkney, Megan Hogg, Jamila Waterton and Tom Hawkes. The prize winner will feature in next month's In Press.

Amy McKay – Librarian

BOOKED UP 2008

What seems like a fantastic idea in September does not always seem so great in December when you're wrapping up 200 Christmas presents!

All of Year 7 will have by now received a free book as a Christmas present from the Library and are hopefully spending some of the holiday enjoying it. The books are provided courtesy of the Booked Up charity which provides free books for all 11 year olds. Year 7 students had the opportunity to select a book from a list of fifteen best selling and/or classic children's books in September and after much anticipation have finally received them.

Included in the parcel are details of competitions and activities students can take part in once they have finished their chosen book. These include using a swap box located in the Library, writing book reviews, meeting the authors and racing to read the entire list.

Amy McKay - Librarian



KIDS' LIT QUIZ 2008

'A pub quiz without the beer', is how best-selling author Celia Rees described the Kids' Lit Quiz and that was exactly the type of atmosphere eight Year 7s and 8s enjoyed this month.

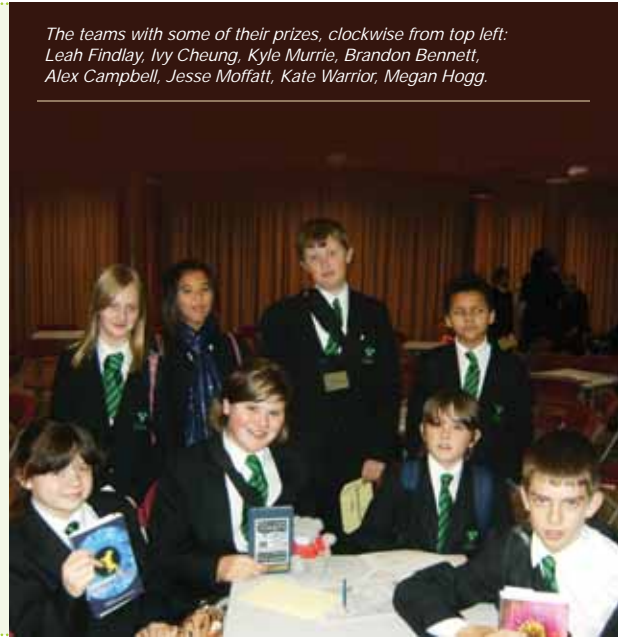
The Kids' Lit Quiz is a major international celebration of books and reading that aims to encourage Year 7 and 8 students to enjoy and discuss reading. Forty teams of four competed against other teams from the region for a place in the live final, which this year will be held at the Seven Stories centre in Newcastle.

This year's event was held in the Great Hall at Oundle School and included a team of children's authors who were fiercely competitive, but also very generous when awarded spot prizes for individual shows of genius.

Corby Business Academy was represented by two teams:

Corby Big Brain Academy (comprising Kate Warrior, Megan Hogg, Alex Campbell and Brandon Bennett) and the CBA Book Worms (comprising Jesse Moffatt, Kyle Murrie, Ivy Cheung and Leah Findlay). Both teams did exceptionally well, especially Corby Big Brain Academy who won two out of the ten categories. Unfortunately we're not jetting off to the international final this time (which will be held in South Africa in early 2009), but the future certainly looks promising.

Amy McKay – Librarian



The teams with some of their prizes, clockwise from top left: Leah Findlay, Ivy Cheung, Kyle Murrie, Brandon Bennett, Alex Campbell, Jesse Moffatt, Kate Warrior, Megan Hogg.

TOKENS WANTED TO HELP SWELL LIBRARY SHELVES

The Library will be collecting Books for Schools tokens next year and tokens will be in The Times and The Sunday Times everyday during the school term in 2009. The list of books to choose from is superb with popular titles such as Skulduggery Pleasant, Ways to Live Forever and Sundae Girl included. Books can be claimed for as little as ten tokens each, so any donations really will be great fully received.



BATTLE OF THE CHRISTMAS TREES

"Each tree had its merits and warranted a close look at the details. Well done to everyone who took part. Roll on next year."

When Mrs Ponton first suggested a Christmas tree competition I do not think anyone imagined how it would turn out. Each faculty, plus the library, was given a two metre tall green Christmas tree and tasked to decorate it. The rules were that the tree and its decorations should reflect the work and people of the area it represented, and that no budget was available to buy decorations (it said nothing about borrowing, though!).

There was great secrecy and a few days of completely bare trees making us wonder if anyone was going to bother. But then appeared Mr Bone-jangles in a strange Oriental outfit next to the tree in PNS, requesting help; followed by a strange smell of paint from BHE, and then came Friday and everybody was involved in trimming trees, and sabotaging others.

Mr Atkinson's tutor group made some incredible camels from newspaper, and I really do mean 'incredible', but we managed to improve them with a liberal dose of gold and brown spray paint. The three wise men (did you recognise them?) looked completely at home under the BHE tree. Of course, the BHE team and the Year 11 students feel completely robbed. The Nativity, SAS Action Man, the Holy Trinity, Fair Trade, suntan lotion, sunglasses.... What else could you want?

Well, obviously a tree like the one in Communications – the winner! I would like to congratulate the Communications and Year 7 for the fantastic job they did on their tree. I particularly liked the mini-books in a variety of languages that hung from the branches and parcels of inspiration and creativity under the tree, just dying to be opened. I am glad I didn't have the task of judging, as so much effort and thought had been given to the decorations so they truly gave a flavour of the work of each faculty. Each tree had its merits and warranted a close look at the details. Well done to everyone who took part. Roll on next year.

Lorraine Smith -Vice Principal BHE



ENTERPRISE & BUSINESS LINKS



Corby Business Academy Students Developing Business skills

The Academy has Business and Enterprise skills at the core of its curriculum. All students from Year 7 onwards, study business and enterprise modules which help them to develop the wider enterprise skills OFSTED say are lacking in today's secondary schools.

In line with this, Year 8 students spent a day developing their enterprise skills. Geoff Bland from Image started the day with a presentation about marketing and image. This set the scene for the students work when they considered what image and information needed to be

spread to the wider community.

The students looked at their Academy as a community and consider how to tell the wider community about themselves. The students were involved in producing material for the new website front page, podcasts, and identifying what facilities and services the local community might use and how to market these facilities through the website.

The skills the students developed by working as part of a team cannot be measured in educational achievement but their creative

thinking, team work, communication and self evaluation skills were certainly developed throughout the day.

The team who won the web site competition was awarded certificates and gift vouchers by Mrs. Bartley Smith, and one lucky student, Chantelle Butler also had the opportunity to consult with the web developers about her ideas for our new web site.

Dan Arnold - teacher



Recruitment In The Workplace

Students on business study courses need to make contact with the real world of industry and commerce.

In collaboration with RS Components, Danielle Jamison HR Business Partner provided CBA students, studying A level applied business studies, the opportunity to gain an insight into how their human resource department recruit, select, retain, and manage their key resource - people. In order to reach the higher grade students need to achieve an increased understanding of how companies approach their recruitment and

selection, induction process, motivate and reward their staff as apposed to just relying on theory.

RS Components helped students bring 'business to life' resulting in an in depth knowledge of application for students to enhance and carry out their own recruitment campaign.

CBA students and staff would like to thank RS Components for their help and support.

Alexandra Allen - teacher



Enterprise can be fun!

Making giraffes from newspapers! Surely not! The whole of Year 7 let their creative juices flow in solving an enterprise conundrum: How to build a giraffe using only a limited number of resources? The challenge was to build the tallest giraffe with the creature having to be able to hold a tennis ball in its mouth.

"The students all worked extremely well in their teams although some bizarre creations were produced"

John Atkinson - teacher



Learning from experience

A group of Year 11 students have this year been offered the opportunity to take part in a business mentoring scheme in conjunction with RS Components. Each student has been assigned a mentor from a range of different departments within RS, who will give them, support and advice throughout this crucial GCSE year. The students will have regular meetings in which they can discuss the relevance of the knowledge and the skills they are developing in school, and gain an insight into the world of work. I was amazed by how big RS is! I'm really looking forward to working with my mentor and hope it will give me an idea for a career in the long term.

Gary Junior Grant - Year 11 student



Gifted and Talented at Corby Business Academy

The beginning of December saw the launch of Corby Business Academy's brand spanning new initiative 'The Gifted and Talented Enrichment Programme', in which learners from Key Stages 3 and 4 were invited to join and take part in a range of Opportunity Classes, due to take place throughout this academic year.

Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 were the first to take part in our Game Maker opportunity class, where they were given the chance to design and make their own computer games, which were then scrutinised, tried and tested by other students. Throughout the evening students employed a variety of thinking skills and problem solving techniques to design and create the most un-defeatable game they could. The hard work from Mr Lomax, Mr Zaman and the students produced excellent results and an enjoyable experience. A great time was had by all and showed a promising start to the opportunity classes we will be offering throughout this year.

Stay tuned to our screens and glued to your email for instructions about our next 'Opportunity Class' that will be taking place during Term 3 in the Communications Faculty.

NOTE: You will be asked to bring some information with you so stay on your toes! If you have any further questions about support for Gifted and Talented Learners, please consult any of these websites for extra information and support.

ygt.dcsf.gov.uk/landing.aspx
www.thegrid.org.uk/learning/gifted/parents/
www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/Schoolslearninganddevelopment/ExamsTestsAndTheCurriculum/DG_10037625

Claire Howsam
 Gifted and Talented Coordinator



CBA OPENS ITS DOORS TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

The theatre was crowded with over 400 parents and excited children for the open evening for next year's Year 7 intake. During open week in October there were twice daily tours of the academy for prospective parents. The sudden power cut caused by a digger outside RS Components meant that one tour quickly had to be rearranged for the next week. An extra evening session also had to be put on as the phone kept ringing with parents wanting to bring their children to see this exciting new academy at work. The official number of final applicants for the academy is 596.



BONKERS FOR CONKERS

On a blissful autumn day, in October, in the beautiful village of Ashton, Northamptonshire, four Romans did gather to do battle ready to conquering...

I mean conkering! (is there such a verb?) The world famous World Conker championships in Ashton were taking place and I, Miss Knibbs was in it.

I managed to smash the conkers of two opponents which meant I was in the third round. I was so excited and by now was feeling quite competitive. Then it happened...., I got my conker tangled three times in the next round. That meant my dream of becoming 2008 Ladies World Champion was at an end. Not to worry, a huge 'thank you' to those who sponsored me, as we raised just under £100 for local charities helping the blind and visually impaired.

So fellow staff are you game for next year? Shall we have a CBA team or two? If so, you are guaranteed a fun day out. Entries fill up really quickly so, just let me know.

Sally Knibbs – MAIT



RESTAURANT CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN IN SCARY STYLE

Essence catering help all the students and staff celebrate Halloween.

Worms in jelly appeared to be the favourite gory dish of the day!

PLAY-A-THON FOR NEW INSTRUMENTS

On Saturday 15th November, Mrs Boothby and Year 10 student Ian Bell attended a 10 hour play-a-thon with the Glendon Phoenix's District Scout Marching Band. The event started at 9am at the second Corby Scout Hut and continued from 2pm until 6pm at St Ninian Church Hall in Corby. We managed to raise nearly £1000 for the desperately needed new instruments. There were a total of 21 scouts and leaders participated over the 10 hours. Although this was a very tiring session it was also very enjoyable.

Ian Bell said:

"Playing for ten hours was tiring for most of the band because they have heavy instruments but they did it and we have raised lots of money. Thanks to all those who sponsored us and to Rocky Road Music Shop for supplying us with instruments and also to Alan the bandmaster."

Helen Boothby - SGC





ACADEMY SENATE

The Academy Senate met for the second time this year. Each year group sends two of their representatives to termly meeting with the Principal. This time they scheduled their charity events to run throughout the rest of the year as well as started to organise Red Nose Day in March 2009.

Site manager Alain Stubbs requested help from the Senate to review the building's water fountains and to help plan to make improvements in Spring 09. The senate have been busy this term organising with the PIP the Christmas hamper competition as well as interviewing the applicants for Head boy and Head girl. They are also to receive training in February from the Youth Parliament to help them carry out their roles more efficiently.

Sarah Ashby - Vice Principal PNS

PASTORAL SUPPORT NEWS

YEAR 7

I cannot believe how fast the time is going and how quickly Year 7 are growing up. They seem to have settled really well and although we still have some issues with organisation and losing things, they are improving and showing signs of maturity and responsibility. The teamwork is fantastic too. If someone has forgotten their keys or swipe card there is very often an offer from a friend to share locker space or lunch, this is lovely to see.

They still look incredibly smart and I am very proud as I see them marching in to school with the same enthusiasm as they had the very first day. They are an incredibly sporty bunch and have achieved some brilliant results. They are also very musical and I have enjoyed joining in with some of their band practices.

As a year group we worked really hard on the Christmas tree competition planning ideas and then all the extra work that went into producing the final product and it paid off, because we won! The hamper is bulging and I am sure our elderly residents will appreciate all the goodies that have been donated; I thank all the parents who contributed.

I enjoyed Christmas dinner with the year group although I was very upset-not once did I win the prize from the Christmas crackers I pulled!

The end of term was rounded off beautifully by the Christmas concert and seeing all of the Year 7 students who performed, I am always amazed at their bravery. I am really looking forward to next term and seeing what the students can achieve next.

I would like to thank all of the parents who have been so supportive of us and I look forward to continuing the good work with you all next year. Have a great holiday and a restful break and I will see you all next year.

Donna Lapsley - Year 7 Pastoral Support Officer



YEAR 8

First of all myself and the whole of the Year 8 students would like to wish staff, students and parents a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Well we have nearly finished term two at Corby Business Academy and what another busy term we have had. The Year 8 were privileged to take part in Enterprise Day, which was a huge success, and all the students said how fantastic it was. As I spent the day in BHE along with the students I learnt a lot myself and was interesting to watch our students put their ideas together as groups and bring their individual ideas forward.

Well done and thank you to Mr Arnold and the BHE faculty for all their hard work to make the day special and educational for us all.

Mandy Wright - Year 8 Pastoral Support Officer



And so now it's Christmas...

This term in Year 9 we have had our share of ups and downs. However I would not change a single moment, ok possible one or two !!!, but that would be all. I still think that YOU, my Year 9 group, are the best in the Academy but then I am biased !! Expectations have possibly been greater and you have had to deal with greater pressure but overall I think you – Year 9 students – have rallied to the cause and you can now go and enjoy your Christmas break feeling proud of how well you have done and what you have achieved.

However more is to come and you must look forward to the challenges that lay ahead particularly with choosing your options for year 10 onwards.

On a personal note I am somewhat disappointed with the lack of interest across the school in the badminton club given that last year we had over 50 students playing at one time or another.

So Year 9 lets show the rest what we are made of and in the New Year I would like to invite you to come along on a Monday night and play badminton – please email me for details.

My ambition is that we have sufficient interest to be able to have a team to compete against other schools or at least hold our own tournament

and I may even throw in some prizes. In addition I may be starting a table tennis club alongside the badminton club so watch out for details in January.

I am also considering setting up a photography club so if you are interested please email me and I will see what I can organise.

It has been good to see interest in other after school activities particularly football, basketball and now cricket and also that many of you have chosen to stay after school to catch up with work or complete homework. After all we at CBA have some of the best facilities anywhere in the county, so let's use them.

Finally please have safe and enjoyable Christmas – you have earned it – and I look forward to next term and the positive challenges that we all face.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all
Steve Wedgwood – Year 9 Pastoral Support Officer



Happy Christmas to all Year 10

It has been a brilliant term for Year 10, so well done to you all.

Exam and sporting successes, as well as trips to new places, have made it a busy term and one to remember.

First of all a huge well done, must go to those students who achieved fabulous results in their science module exams.

I would also like to congratulate those intrepid Year 10's Neb Augustinov, Daniel Law, Josh Tew, Branko Djuić and Amos Lascar (along with their Year 9 team mates), for their marvellous achievement in winning their first game in the national basketball competition.

We hope the team remain on best form for 2009.

The Year 10s also enjoyed a great street wise education performance from a visiting arts company and a brilliant day was had by the students who went to the Duxford museum.

They have been working extremely hard in their college courses, at Tresham, Moulton and Stamford colleges

On to a fitting seasonal theme - well done to Mrs Ellis's form for making those super Christmas logs at Moulton. I hope they taste as good as they look!

So all in all it has been a very busy term indeed, which has included a great Christmas show, a tasty Christmas lunch, and some amazing drama productions.

It is only left for me to say, Happy Christmas and a super New Year. I look forward to seeing you all on January 6th next year.

Caroline Border - Pastoral Support Officer Year 10



Year 11

This second term has seen Year 11 really start to focus on their forthcoming GCSE and BTEC courses.

It has been fantastic to see how the students have been taking responsibility for their own learning and really taking on the challenges that are being put before them.

Next term organisation is going to prove vital to their success and therefore each student will have a personal mentor from within CBA to help them keep on track.

They will also be given a personal planner to help them make sure they are keeping up on top of their coursework deadlines.

I wish all of Year 11 a fantastic break and suggest they recharge their batteries, as the hard work they have put in this second term will be moving up a gear as the final exams approach.

Sandra White - Year 11 Pastoral Support Officer



CHRISTMAS DINNER ENJOYED

Silly jokes, hats and crackers were all part of the Christmas dinner celebrations. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by many staff and students last week. Afterwards students went back to Faculties to take part in Christmas activities for the afternoon.



Photo by Chris Usher Year 11 student photographer.

Parents in Partnership

towards a common goal



PIP stands for Parent in Partnership. All parents and carers of students at CBA are automatically part of the PIP. We are a group of parent/carers working with the school to help the children achieve their best. Can you be a part of PIP? There are many different ways you can become involved. Do you have the odd hour free? Here are some of the things you can do to help:

Fundraising activities / Accompany student day trips / Work with reading groups / Assist or run an after school clubs in Session 3 / Listen to students business presentations

Our next meeting will be at the CBA on Monday, January 12th at 6.30 pm. Should you require further information about our group, please contact us at PIP@Corbybusinessacademy.org

Fill the Hamper - Competition

As our first community venture, the Parents in Partnership and Academy Student Senate invited all students, parents and carers to participate in a Grand Christmas Hamper competition.

Each year group helped design a hamper container with a Christmas theme. The hampers were then donated along with its contents to local organisations for the elderly within Corby and surrounding areas.

The PIP members judged the competition and Year 11 BHE won. Representatives from the year group went out on Tuesday to deliver the hampers around the Corby district. Year 9 were also awarded the PIP community shield.

Special thanks also go to Kerry James of Igneous solutions and Kirsty Kingston Brown of City Link for the donation of Year 11 prizes.



Governor news

Peter May - Staff Governor

I was recently elected as Staff Governor for Corby Business Academy and thought that I would let parents and guardians know who I am and where I come from.

I started teaching in the early seventies, but decided at that time the profession was not for me and spent the next twenty-five years being successful in sales and marketing.

My passion away from work is rugby and having played and coached at a fairly high level and when the when the game went professional became a director of Rugby, firstly at my own club Kettering and then at another ambitious first class club in the south of England.

During this time, part of my job was to get into local schools to encourage the game and all of a sudden, I found that I was perhaps meant to be a teacher after all. I see myself if I was elected to this position as being a link between the schools staff and the senior management of the Academy as I know from all my previous experiences that 'to have a winning team, you have to have a happy and united team'!

Peter May- teacher



Wendy Warrior - Parent Governor

I am delighted to have been elected as the first Parent Governor of Corby Business Academy. I would like to thank all those parents that voted for me and would like to assure each and every one of you, that I will do my best to represent your views and concerns.

I look forward to working with you and am eagerly looking forward to meeting the Board of Governors and working in partnership with them to get the best education possible for all our children.

Wendy Warrior - parent of Jack Warrior (Year 10) and Kate Warrior (Year 8)

“e-mail your thoughts”

We hope you have enjoyed our second newsletter and can see the huge amount of exciting things that are happening under the new CBA roof.

Each In Press will keep you up-to-date with all that is happening as well as important educational news and share the superb achievements of our students and staff.

We had a fantastic response to the first In Press and we are keen to listen to your comments and welcome feedback about what you would like to see more of in future editions.

Please get in touch with In Press editor Sarah Ashby by emailing: SAshby@corbybusinessacademy.org

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