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MATHS RESULTS

A number of our Year 10 and Year 11 students are celebrating after completing GCSE Maths early and achieving top grades in the subject. A total of 66% of our Year 11s now hold an A*-C grade in Maths, with some taking the opportunity to re-sit exams in the summer to further improve their grades. Seven of the Year 11 students who sat Maths early achieved A* grades. A group of 27 Year 10 students also sat Maths early and all achieved A* to B grades. Three students achieved A* grades, 18

achieved an A and six students secured B grades. They will now begin to study AS level Maths, which will prepare them for Year 12. Principal John Henrys said: "The students have worked incredibly hard to achieve these outstanding sets of results. "Mr Wilson has developed a fantastic working relationship with this group of Year 10 students. They have responded very well to his high expectations and completed the additional work necessary to gain these qualifications." Director of Maths, Heather Thompson, said:

"I think the students are remarkable. The commitment that they showed in attending the extra sessions after school during Session 4 to get ready for the exam was fantastic and proves that hard work and dedication bears fruit." Year 10 student Beth Fennell, who achieved an A grade, said: "I was really pleased – it was a lot of work but it was nice to open the envelope at the end and see that it had all paid off."



Year 10



Year 11 A* students

FROM THE EDITOR

Term 5 has been another busy and productive term at Corby Business Academy, as you will see from the stories featured within the pages of this new edition of In Press. A lot of our Year 10 and 11 students have done themselves proud by completing GCSE Maths early and securing fantastic grades. Our Senate members have reason to be proud after their bus shelter campaign took a huge step forward. Their perseverance and efforts on this project have been fantastic. The momentum of success for our Young

Enterprise companies shows no sign of slowing down, with Kraffees being shortlisted in a national competition and the managing director of Happy Hands winning recognition this term. Our library continues to be a hub of activity, with our annual chess championship and Battle of the Books competition proving as popular as ever. There are clearly some future solicitors and barristers in our ranks, judging by the top performance by our students at the regional

final of the mock trial competition recently. There has also been plenty going on in our DSP, including a trip to take part in a fishing competition and fantastic performances from students at the Panathlon Challenge at Stoke Mandeville. We hope you enjoy reading this issue of In Press and we will see you all soon for Term 6.

Kirsty Farrar
Senior Assistant Principal



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This term has been very exciting for the Business Academy as we have had a number of outstanding results back from the examination boards. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students in Year 10 and Year 11 who have received their grades as these are some of the best results the Academy has seen since opening.

Our Young Enterprise students have again had great success, being shortlisted in the national Skills Factor competition and being named as runners up in the Young Enterprise county final.

We have had various groups of students representing the Academy at external events including the Loughborough University maths challenge and the Salters chemistry festival. Our students have also taken part

in a national initiative with the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI), where they investigated and presented on various local charities. The winners of these presentations were presented with a £3,000 cheque for the charity they investigated. This was a fantastic opportunity for all involved and I would like to thank the YPI for allowing us to be part of such a fantastic event.

Our own internal competitions have been heating up, with the Great CBA Bake Off continuing to a high standard, and the Battle of the Books becoming very competitive between students and staff.

Our students continue to shine in a variety of areas, notably this month with Jonathon Freeman being selected for the county cricket team and Samantha Gibson winning the

Sir John Moore award for the work she has undertaken with Happy Hands.

Finally I am pleased to be able to share with you the work that has been taking place to support the Sixth Form with their independent learning next year. After consultation with the students in Years 11, 12 and 13, we have secured an order of Samsung Chrome Books that students joining the Sixth Form will be able to purchase at a significantly reduced rate compared to the retail price.

Mrs Isaksen, Head of Sixth Form, will be inviting parents into the Academy early next term to officially launch this very exciting project.

I hope everyone has a restful half term and comes back prepared for what is undoubtedly going to be a very busy final term.

John Henrys, Principal

ALUMNI NETWORK

Students have been signing up to the new CBA alumni network.

The network, which is run by Future First, enables students to keep up to date with developments at CBA when they leave.

It also gives the opportunity for CBA to link up former and current students so they can discuss universities, courses and careers.

There is no obligation for students to do anything after they've signed up but members will receive a few updates about what's been happening at CBA.

They will also be sent information about opportunities to get involved in if they wish to do so.

Head of Sixth Form, Kim Isaksen, said: "Our Alumni programme aims to keep in touch with former pupils and offer them the opportunity to stay involved with Academy life.

"Students who have signed up will be invited back to participate in a range of opportunities including sharing their experiences of university and work, running workshops and offering real life information, advice and guidance to students.

"We currently have over 80 students signed up for the CBA Alumni programme and we look forward to hearing about how successful our former students are as they take their next steps."

Students who are still at CBA can sign up for the network by visiting

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/student/corby>

Former students can sign up by visiting

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/corby>

For more information on the alumni network email

kisaksen@corbybusinessacademy.org

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

It is a national expectation that you should not take your child on holiday in term time – it can be disruptive both to your child's learning and to the school. Advice from the Department for Education states that:

'The current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must be in exceptional circumstances and the headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave.'

Corby Business Academy will only consider holidays in term time where both:

- the application is made to the Principal in advance of the holiday by a parent the child normally lives with
- there are exceptional circumstances for needing to take the holiday which should be explained in a letter to the Principal

Applications should be made as far in advance of the holiday as possible and it is advisable that you speak to CBA before you book.

Please note that in the event of an absence for holiday being authorised it will still count as an absence on the student's record and will affect their attendance.

Corby Business Academy

Key Dates



Please be aware there may be slight adjustments as the terms progress. Please check for updates on our website, www.corbybusinessacademy.org

2013 TERM 6

Monday June 3rd	Start of Term 6
Wednesday June 26th	AMID KS3 Textile & Art Design Show – S Fynan
Thursday June 27th	Prom Night
Wednesday July 3rd	Parents Evening Year 7 (New Intake September 2013) 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Sunday July 7th	French Trip 5 Days – K Turney
Tuesday July 9th	CBA Annual Awards Evening
Friday July 12th	Transfer Day (new Year 7)
Tuesday July 16th	Inclusion – Grendon Residential – C Brown
Friday July 19th	End of Term 6
Monday Sept 2nd	Training Day (school closed to students)
Tuesday Sept 3rd	Training Day (school closed to students)
Wednesday Sept 4th	Start of Term 1 (open to all students and staff)

EXAM DATES 2013

Day	Date	Level	Subject	Start	Session	Duration
Mon	03-Jun	GCE	History: The Challenge of Fascism	09:00	am	2hrs
Mon	03-Jun	GCE	ICT: Information, Systems and Applications	13:00	pm	2hrs
Tues	04-Jun	GCSE	English Reading Unit 1	09:00	am	2hrs
Tues	04-Jun	GCSE	English Writing Unit 2	10:00	am	
Tues	04-Jun	GCE	Chemistry: CHNS, ENRGY & RSRCS	13:00	pm	1hr
Tues	04-Jun	GCE	Media: Critical Perspectives in Media	13:00	pm	2hrs
Wed	05-Jun	GCE	Physics ELCTRNS, WVES & PHTNS	09:00	am	1hr 45m
Wed	05-Jun	GCE	Psychology Unit 2	13:30	pm	1hr 30m
Wed	05-Jun	GCSE	Biology (foundation/higher)	13:30	pm	1hr
Thur	06-Jun	GCE	Mechanics M2	09:00	am	1hr 30m
Thur	06-Jun	GCE	English Literature B	13:00	pm	2hrs
Thur	06-Jun	GCSE	Media Studies	13:30	pm	1hr 30m
Mon	10-Jun	GCSE	History 2C: Life in Germany	09:00	am	1hr 15m
Mon	10-Jun	GCE	Psychology Unit 3	13:30	pm	1hr 30m
Mon	10-Jun	GCSE	Chemistry (foundation/higher)	13:30	pm	1hr
Tues	11-Jun	GCSE	Mathematics B Unit 1	09:00	am	1hr 15m
Tues	11-Jun	GCSE	Mathematics A Unit 1	09:00	am	1hr 45m
Wed	12-Jun	GCE	Chemistry A: Equilibria, Energetics and Elements	13:00	pm	2hrs
Thur	13-Jun	GCE	Mathematics Core (C3)	09:00	am	1hr 30m
Thur	13-Jun	GCE	Statistics 3	09:00	am	1hr 30m
Thur	13-Jun	GCSE	Physics (foundation/higher)	09:00	am	1hr
Thur	13-Jun	GCE	Physics A: Fields, Particles and Frontier of Physics	13:00	pm	2hrs
Fri	14-Jun	GCSE	Mathematics A Unit 2	09:00	am	1hr 45m
Fri	14-Jun	GCSE	Polish listening	13:30	pm	50m
Mon	17-Jun	GCSE	Mathematics B Unit 3	09:00	am	1hr 30m
Mon	17-Jun	GCSE	Mathematics B Unit 3	09:00	am	1hr 45m
Mon	17-Jun	GCE	Psychology Unit 4	09:00	am	1hr 30m
Mon	17-Jun	GCSE	Polish reading	13:00	pm	1hr
Mon	17-Jun	GCSE	Polish writing	14:00	pm	1hr
Tues	18-Jun	GCE	Mathematics Core (C4)	09:00	am	1hr 30m
Tues	18-Jun	GCSE	Biology (foundation/higher)	09:00	am	1hr
Wed	19-Jun	GCE	Music Unit 6: Further Musical Understanding	09:00	am	2hrs
Wed	19-Jun	GCE	Chemistry A: Rings, Polymers and Analysis	09:00	am	1hr 15m
Wed	19-Jun	GCSE	History 3A: The Transformation of Surgery	13:30	pm	1hr 15m
Thur	20-Jun	GCE	Physics A: The Newtonian World	09:00	am	1hr 15m
Thur	20-Jun	GCSE	Chemistry (foundation/higher)	13:30	pm	1hr
Mon	24-Jun	GCSE	Physics (foundation/higher)	09:00	am	1hr
Mon	24-Jun	GCSE	Statistics Unit 1	13:00	pm	2hrs

STUDENT ABSENCE

Remember, if your child is absent from the Academy, please contact us before 8.30am. There are now three ways to inform us of a student absence:

- Call 01536 303120
- Text 07624 81 94 25
- Fill out our online form – visit www.corbybusinessacademy.org and click on 'Report An Absence'.

MEASLES

You are probably aware that there has been an increase in the number of cases of measles. While cases are occurring currently in all age groups, they are primarily affecting individuals who have not had any doses of MMR vaccine, especially those young people aged between 10 and 16 years.

WHAT IS MEASLES?

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness. It can be very unpleasant and possibly lead to serious complications, including blindness and even death. However, it's now rare in the UK due to the effectiveness of the MMR vaccination.

The measles virus is contained in the millions of tiny droplets that come out of the nose and mouth when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus spreads very easily, and measles is caused by breathing in these droplets or by touching a surface that has been contaminated with the droplets and then placing your hands near your nose or mouth.

PREVENTION BY VACCINATION

The most effective way of preventing measles is the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. Robust evidence shows that the MMR (triple) vaccine offers a safe means of protecting children and other individuals not just against measles, but also against mumps and rubella. There is no evidence that MMR can make a child chronically ill. It is a very safe and effective vaccination.

Two doses of MMR are required to be fully protected. The first dose of the MMR jab gives 90% protection and the second dose tops this up to 99% protection.

WHAT ACTIONS SHOULD I TAKE NOW?

Continue to observe, and encourage others to observe, the rules of personal and 'cough hygiene' i.e. wash your hands appropriately, and remember to practise "catch it, bin it and kill it" when you or others around you cough or sneeze. This habit is an important precaution as measles is spread by airborne droplets from the coughs and sneezes of people with obvious or sub-clinical measles infection.

If a child (or adult) has not had both doses of MMR, then parents should contact their GP to make an appointment. The two doses can be given just a month apart to protect as quickly as possible and the childhood vaccination is free on the NHS.

PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

STUDENTS TAKE PART IN SALTERS CHEMISTRY FESTIVAL

Four CBA students visited Leicester University to take part in a Salters chemistry festival.

Year 8 students Niall McGroarty, Jack Laird, Kathryn Bilby and Emily Russell took part in the event in April. The students won the chance to go to the festival after each writing letters about why they wanted to attend. The students worked alongside groups of students from 14 other schools.

They took part in two practical challenges – the first involved analysing salts and the second was a chromatography challenge.

Teacher Sharon Bialacki said: "They thought it was brilliant and they had a really good time."



LUCY CREATES HER OWN MODEL OF OUTER SPACE

Year 8 student Lucy Benson created an impressive model of the solar system during the Easter holidays.

She said: "I used polystyrene balls to create the planets and used a glowstick to create the stars – it even has Orion's Belt."

"We had learnt about the planets earlier on so I told my teacher I would make something for her."

"It took me about a week or two to make. I love space, it's absolutely brilliant and I'm hoping to go to the National Space Academy at the National Space Centre."



JONATHAN SELECTED TO PLAY COUNTY CRICKET

Year 9 student Jonathan Freeman has been selected to play cricket for Northamptonshire.

Jonathan has been going through the selection process since last year and has been doing extra work with CBA's Head of cricket, Jordon Joseph, to prepare. Mr Joseph said: "Jonathan

has done a really good job and I'm very proud of him. "Having a CBA student playing at this level is a proud moment for the school." Jonathan made his debut in the Northants Under 14s v Cambridgeshire Under 14s on May 5th. The Northants side won the game and Jonathan took three wickets.



CRICKETERS MEET ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL

CBA cricketers started off their new season by meeting England cricketer Graeme Swann.

The team were at Oundle School to play a St George's Day fixture, which they won, when they got the chance to have tea and cakes with Mr Swann, who signed autographs for them.

It has been a busy start to the season for our cricketers, who also represented Northamptonshire in their first cup match against a team from Nottingham High School in April.

On Saturday 29th June the team are also

set to welcome a visiting Australian side to CBA for a fixture.

Head of cricket, Jordon Joseph, said: "It's a credit to cricket at this school that they got in touch and wanted us to host a game for them."

Over half term the cricketers are going on a tour, which they will finish off with a day at Lords watching England play a one day international against New Zealand.

Mr Joseph said: "During the tour we will be training, playing games and going to Lords at the end to finish on a high."



ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)



*Charlotte Green,
Julia Komor and
Lauren Toulson
with their work*

TEXTILES WORK

Three students who have been working towards achieving a GCSE in Textiles during Session 4 have completed impressive products for their coursework (pictured above).

Year 10 student Charlotte Green created a traditional child's play mat using fabrics including felt and Year 11 student Julia Komor created a belt accessory under the course's Japanese street style brief.

Year 10 student Lauren Toulson made

a dress with pleated chiffon, a cotton underskirt and a crochet lace band. Lauren said: "I'm pleased with my work, I have never actually made anything before. I wanted to learn how to sew so I thought I would give textiles a go." Teacher Sam Fynan said: "The students researched the brief and came up with design ideas which they developed, evolved and manufactured. They have done really well."

VISIT TO EVEDEN

Year 9 GCSE Textiles students paid a visit to lingerie and swimwear firm Eveden's factory in Desborough to see mass manufacturing in action.

Teacher Sam Fynan said: "The students were shown around the factory and had a look at all the different machines and techniques.

"There are questions in their exams about how they would mass manufacture clothing so I took them to Eveden so they could see it in production."

FESTIVAL SUCCESS FOR OUR MUSICAL GROUPS

CBA musical groups achieved success in the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama.

This year is the first that any CBA groups have taken part in the festival.

The CBA Concert Band won first place in their category and were awarded a distinction for their performances of Encanto and Palladio,

which judges described as "neat, tidy and rhythmic".

CBA Woodwind were commended and took third place in their category for their performances of Hungarian March and A Waltz in the Style of Old Vienna.

And the CBA brass group took first place and

earned a distinction for their performances of Tomado De La Mano and Amazing Race.

Judges said the second piece "showed the band at its best".

Director of Music, Clive Wears, said: "This is the first time we have entered this festival, all the musicians did really well."

MUSIC DEPARTMENT RECORDING A CD

The CBA music department is set to record its own CD.

Several of our musical groups will feature on the CD, which will be recorded on June 26th and 27th. It will be released in the autumn term.

Director of Music, Clive Wears, said: "The majority of the groups and soloists are going to be on it.

"It will be a celebration of music at Corby Business Academy."

BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)

KRAFTEES SHORTLISTED IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Young Enterprise company Kraftees has been shortlisted in a national skills competition after being named runners up at the county Young Enterprise final. Kraftees, which is made up of Year 12 students, is one of 12 teams shortlisted out of more than 80 teams for The Skills Factor, a national skills competition created by Young Chamber.

The team are now vying to make it down to the final six teams which will go forward to the final in July at Westminster.

It is yet another achievement for Kraftees, which was named runner-up in the county final of Young Enterprise at the University of Northampton in April. Kraftees member Saamia Akter said: "We worked

really hard on our presentation ahead of the Young Enterprise final and we were really pleased with how it went.

"Taking part in the Young Enterprise competition has really helped with my confidence, particularly with public speaking."



Kraftees with Patrick Tierney and Shauna Coleman from RS Components and Young Enterprise link teacher Alexandra Allan

STUDENTS' EFFORTS EARN £3,000 FOR FOOD BANK

Three students won £3,000 for the Corby Food Bank by giving an engaging presentation on why the charity was worthy of the money.

Year 9 students Tinikka Searson, Cory McBride and Courtney Taylor chose to represent the Food Bank as their entry into the CBA Youth and Philanthropy Initiative contest.

At the final of the competition the group spoke about the need for the Food Bank. They asked members of the audience how someone who needs to come to the Food Bank for help might feel doing so, and how they might feel after having been helped by the service.

The group threw sweets to people who gave them a good answer.

For the competition, groups of Year 9

students each chose and researched local charities. In the final they gave presentations on why the charity they had chosen deserved the money.

Acting Director of Humanities, Sam Stacey, said the judges had been impressed with Tinikka, Cory and Courtney's presentation, the fact that the Food Bank was a good grassroots charity and that Tinikka had spent a day helping out there as part of the team's research. Director of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative, Tim Pare, said: "The final was an example of students who had overcome nerves to stand in front of an audience of parents, teachers and charity representatives to tell them about charities which run within the community. I thought it was inspiring."



MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)

YEAR 10S TAKE ON MATHS CHALLENGE



A team of Year 10 students took part in a Maths Challenge at Loughborough University. Andreas Milan, Josh Champion, Kristien Warren, William Bell and Harry Tomkins represented CBA in the East Midlands final in April.

The team qualified for the competition when they were named runners up in the preliminary round, meaning at the time they were the second best Northamptonshire team.

But during the East Midlands final they beat the team which beat them in the preliminary

round, giving them the title of best Year 10 team in Northamptonshire.

Kristien said: "The Maths Challenge was an enjoyable experience."

Teacher Maxwell Sam said: "They did really well qualifying at that stage and I was impressed by the enthusiasm they showed. "The boys enjoyed themselves, we have to congratulate them for the effort they put in. "I know there is more to come from them in the future."

The CBA team finished in eighth place out of 11 teams.

COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

MAGAZINES AND MOVIE POSTERS

Here are some of the fantastic magazines and movie posters produced by our Sixth Form media students. AS students have been working on their own magazines while A2 students have made their own movie trailer and a package to go with it, including a promotional poster.

Teacher Simon Smith said: "The AS students were given a brief and had to choose a genre for their magazine. They did research on the conventions of the genre they chose to make sure their product met these conventions.

"They had to put together a cover, a contents page and a double page spread."



L-R: Eden Lonie, Ellie Mae Moore, Adrianna Chmielnicka

SIXTH FORM

GOOGLE CHROMEBOOK SCHEME



Students who join our Sixth Form next year will have the opportunity to buy subsidised Google Chromebooks under a new scheme.

The e-learning scheme was put together after CBA identified that independent learning was a barrier to learning in the Sixth Form.

As a result the Academy is committing £10,000 to subsidising Chromebooks for our new Year 12 students.

In addition, CBA will be spending £300,000 on developing the network infrastructure to support this use of mobile devices around the Academy building.

Students who are currently in Year 11 who will be joining our Sixth Form in September will all be given the chance to buy a mobile device under this new scheme.

Principal John Henrys said: "There are a lot of mobile devices on the market. We have investigated a range of devices and after consultation with the e-learning foundation, parents and students, we have decided to offer the Google Chromebook.

"This is a robust and cost-effective mobile device which will support the independent learning of Sixth Form students."

Under the scheme, parents will be asked to pay £100 towards the device. CBA will be contributing over 50% of the cost to ensure that the devices can be offered at a significantly reduced price.

There will be different payment options available, and parents will have the option to pay in installments.

Students eligible for the Sixth Form Bursary will be able to use part of this to cover the cost of their Chromebook.

CBA will be maintaining the devices and will provide technical support.

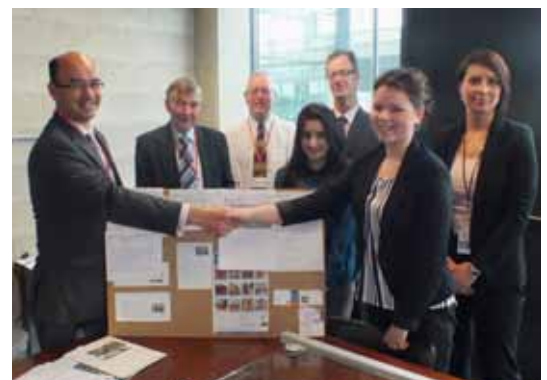
- A parent information evening will be held to give more information about the laptop scheme.
- Parents and students can contact Kim Isaksen with any queries by emailing kisaksen@corbybusinessacademy.org

SENATE

SENATE BUS SHELTER CAMPAIGN

Students who have been campaigning for a bus shelter at the bus stop outside of the CBA gates are celebrating after the plan took a huge step forward. Members of our Academy Senate have been working to try and push the campaign forward throughout this academic year. Now Northamptonshire County Council cabinet member Councillor Andre Gonzalez De Savage has pledged that the council will match the money raised by the students with cash from an

enterprise fund to make the bus shelter possible. The Senate committed its budget for the year to the shelter, and councillors John McGhee and Stan Hegggs have each pledged money from their county council fund. Cllr Gonzalez De Savage said: "I was very impressed by the skills and the strong business case that was put together, primarily from the students – as opposed to seeing them as children, they are the young businesspeople of the future."



LIBRARY

SHADOWERS GO TOXIC SANDWICH CRAZY

Carnegie shadowing is now in full swing as students diligently try to read the full shortlist before the winner is announced in June. This year's shortlist has prompted some very interesting discussion in all of our three book clubs – we've argued and chatted about euthanasia, censorship, inherited personality traits, the essence of friendship, slavery and poverty. Part of our shadowing process always involves fun activities based around the books too.

One of the joys of reading can be learning to understand and empathise with characters. The character Corby Book Addicts chose to 'get under the skin of' this term was the bear from *A Boy And A Bear*

In A Boat. A friendly though slightly daft bear with dreadful taste in sandwiches.

His favourite sandwich is broccoli and sherbet so that's exactly what students tried – resulting in lots of funny faces and hilarious squeals of horror.

After proving their stomachs could handle that monstrous concoction students went on to create evermore disgusting sandwich creations, which they then bravely sampled themselves.

Sandwiches we don't suggest you try at home included Stacey Stratford's mint sauce, tuna, cookie and cream creation and Taylor Elliott's vile salmon paste, mushy peas and chocolate button recipe.

Amy McKay, Librarian



STUDENTS AND STAFF COMPETE IN BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Students and staff went head to head in this year's Battle of the Books competition this term.

Each student was paired with a member of staff for the contest. Both then read the same book and wrote 10 questions for the other to answer.

The person who got the most correct was named the winner of the pair.

This year the students were named the winners, winning 28 battles compared to the 22 battles won by members of staff.

Librarian Amy McKay said: "We had a couple of draws and a lot of the time it has come down to a difference of half a mark between the two.

"It's great because it's encouraging different reading role models.

"There have been lots of people who have said they have read their book two or three times before their battle."

The staff champion was Neil Price, who scored 9.5 out of 10. Several students scored nine out of 10 in their battle, including Adam Short and Cary Ross, who is pictured with his staff opponent Bernie Goodjohn.



CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Students have been competing this term to be named our Chess Champion. Our annual chess championship ran throughout the term during Session 4 on Wednesdays in the library.

Librarian Amy McKay said: "It's been a really good take up for the competition this year. Some of the matches have gone on for a very long time.

"The atmosphere in the library when it's been on has been amazing – you can hear a pin drop.

"Our Chess Champion this year is Owen Robinson, but William Walker and Andreas Milan have given him a really good run for his money."



LETTER FROM DAVID WALLIAMS

Corby Book Addicts wrote to some of their favourite authors recently to see how many of them could get a reply. Chloe Burton was pleased to get a response from her chosen author, the comedian David Walliams.



GETTING READY FOR THE BIG BOOK QUIZ

Students are busy preparing to take part in a Big Book Quiz against other local schools.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students will take part in the quiz at Sir Christopher Hatton Academy in Wellingborough on July 1st. There will be general rounds on *The Hunger Games* and 'who wrote this book?'

Students will also get to choose from four specialist subjects for the other rounds. Specialist subjects include zombies and Sophie McKenzie books.

ACADEMY NEWS

STUDENTS TAKE PART IN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

A team of students had a taste of life in the legal sector when they took on different courtroom roles for a mock trial competition.

The CBA team was one of 10 school teams which took part in the South East Essex regional finals of the contest at Chelmsford Crown Court in May.

Defence lawyers Kyle English and Aimee Foster and witnesses Michael Wood and Chloe Morgan took part in one case in the morning, while our prosecution team Kimberley Samuels-Hammond and Evie Berry and

witnesses Weronika Ruminska and Natalia Manuel took part in another trial in the afternoon.

Alice Davis was the court usher and legal adviser and Vanessa Mumba, Joshua Rogers and Alisha Anderson served as magistrates.

Teacher Sam Stacey said: "A magistrate made a point of speaking to Evie Berry at the end to tell her how impressed he was with her performance and highly recommended she consider a career in law. "Next year we hope to get to the national finals."



BAKE OFF COMPETITION GETS HEATED

The Great CBA Bake Off competition is getting heated, as judges get ready to name the finalists who will make it through to the next round.

The Bake Off has been continuing all term during Session 4 on a Wednesday.

When all the normal rounds are complete, the top 10 contenders will be chosen to progress to the next round.

They will then compete over three

Wednesdays during Session 4.

After this round, three bakers will be chosen to compete in the final, which will take place on Saturday 22nd June.

CBA restaurant manager Chris Lapsley, who has been running the Bake Off and judging it each week with Cath Davis, said the students had produced some excellent creations so far.

Mr Lapsley said: "The standard of baking has been excellent, with all the competitors getting better with each round. "The semi-final will really test the remaining bakers with some difficult challenges and the final will allow the students to showcase what they have learnt over the course of the competition."



Adam Short taking part in the Bake Off

PREPARING THE KITCHEN GARDEN FOR NEW CHICKENS

Anglian Water has given a grant to our Kitchen Garden to buy materials which students can use to get it ready for the arrival of several new chickens.

The three chickens which lived in the Kitchen Garden previously have been retired and four new chickens are set to arrive soon after the beginning of the new term.

The £150 from Anglian Water will pay for new screening, bark chippings and turf. Teacher Nikki Clark said: "Anglian Water donated when we first opened and they are helping us again so we can prepare the area for our new chickens.

"Wilma Riddle retired in April after nearly 13 years with us and helped set up and run the Kitchen Garden when it first started, so she will be naming one of the chickens.

"With the others, we will run a competition to name them with names beginning with C, B or A."



Zoey Skelton and Paul Blamire working on the Kitchen Garden

ACADEMY NEWS

THOMAS GETS A TASTE OF A CAREER IN ENGINEERING

Year 10 student Thomas Ewers got a taste of what a career as an engineer would be like when he took part in a course over the Easter holiday.

Thomas was selected by The Smallpeice Trust to attend a week with them and the National Grid at their training centre in Eakering, Nottinghamshire.

The Smallpeice Trust is an independent charity which provides programmes to promote engineering careers to young people. Thomas joined 46 other Year 10 students on the course. The students visited an electrical power station and a gas hub.

Thomas said: "Through hands on learning we found out about what the National Grid actually does. It taught me a lot."

"It was an interesting week."

Thomas Ewers



AWARD FOR HAPPY HANDS' MD SAMANTHA



Samantha Gibson with one of the Happy Hands products, a tea cup candle

The Managing Director of Happy Hands, the Young Enterprise firm run by students in our DSP, has been given an award.

Samantha Gibson has been named recipient of the Sir John Moore Award 2013, which recognises the special achievements of firms on the Young Enterprise team programme.

Young Enterprise link teacher Nikki Clark said: "We are proud of Samantha, we've seen her improve in her self-esteem, communication and confidence.

"Samantha rings up some of the companies Happy Hands deals with for us and asks for information, so that's helped with her confidence."

Samantha will collect her award at a ceremony at the University of Nottingham in June.

Samantha said:

"I was surprised to win the award and quite excited, I'm looking forward to going to pick it up."



CATCH OF THE DAY

Students from our DSP spent the day fly-fishing at Ringstead Grange. Eight students took part in the MTSFC (The Masonic Fishing Charity) event in April.

Aaron Cox won the medal for best retriever, Zack Gilder won the medal for best caster and Ronan Kelly won the award for the most fish caught.

The CBA team came second overall out of all the schools which took part.

Ronan Kelly



Aaron Cox, Josh Coleman and Zack Gilder with one of the fish they caught

CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY – SESSION 4 ACTIVITIES

DAY	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME	STAFF
MONDAY				
AMID	Senior Brass Ensemble	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Garry Fountain
AMID	CBA Vocalize (CU)	AU6	3.30 - 4.30	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	GCSE Textiles	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	Sam Fynan
AMID	Digital Photography – Year 9 (every other week)	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	Zoe Moore
AMID	Senior Choir	AU6	3.45 - 4.30	Rebecca Smith
BHE	AS Level Polish	BHE	3.45 - 5.45	Beata Bykowska
BHE	GCSE Geography Coursework Catch Up	BU2	3.45 - 4.30	Maxine Hopewell
BHE	Btec Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
BHE	GCSE French Support	BU3	3.45 - 4.45	Mathilde Briaud
COMMS	Drama Club – Years 7/8	COMMS Drama Studio	3.45 - 5.00	Fatema Qaasim
MAIT	Maths Challenge (G&T)	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Marion Freeman
PNS	Dance Club (CU) – Year 7	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.00	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Running Club – All Years	Outside	3.45 - 4.45	Natasha Dunstone
LIBRARY	Lego Club	Library	3.30 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN (quiet study time)	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
TUESDAY				
AMID	Junior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.30	Clive Wears
AMID	Senior Strings	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Art & Design Catch Up – KS4	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell/Jacqui Brown
AMID	Art Club	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	Btec Catch Up	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Fynan
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	GCSE Extension Work – KS4	AU1	3.45 - 5.00	Zoe Moore
AMID	Craft Club	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Ena Fry
BHE	Btec Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
BHE	GCSE Geography Coursework Catch Up	BU2	3.45 - 4.30	Maxine Hopewell
BHE	GCSE French Support	BU3/4	3.45 - 4.45	Karen Turney/Karen Mayes
BHE	Humanities Drop in Club	BU5	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
BHE	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Alex Allan
COMMS	Revision Sessions – Year 11	COMMS	3.45 - 5.00	Alice Beckwith
COMMS	Kitchen Garden Club (open to all) (CU)	DL1 & Kitchen Garden	3.30 - 4.45	Nikki Clark
INCLUSION	Fitness & Multi Skills	Body & Mind Room / Outside	3.30 - 4.45	Claire Robinson
INCLUSION	Beauty Club – KS3	ML4	3.45 - 4.45	Caren Brown/Laura Thompson
PNS	Athletics	Field	3.45 - 4.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	Basketball Club – All Years (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.30	James Aston
PNS	Senior Dance Company	Theatre	3.45 - 5.00	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Junior Dance Company	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.00	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Rounder's – All Years	Field	3.45 - 4.45	Amy Harris
PNS	Rugby	Field	3.45 - 4.45	Phil Woolley
MAIT	ICT Coursework Catch Up	Field	3.30 - 5.00	ICT Staff
MAIT	Maths Challenge (G&T)	MAIT	3.45 - 5.00	Maxwell Sam
LIBRARY	Kangoo Course Adrenaline Alley (by invitation only)	Library	3.30 - 5.30	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN (quiet study time)	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
WEDNESDAY				
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	CBA Bake Off Competition	AMID	3.45 - 5.30	Cath Davis/Chris Lapsley
AMID	Jazz Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.30	Alan Wakeman
BHE	Btec Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
BHE	Duke of Edinburgh Award	BHE	3.15 - 4.15	Nigel Holt
BHE	Spanish Club Year 8	BL1/2	3.15 - 4.15	Kim Kennemer
BHE	French Club	BU3	3.45 - 4.45	Mathilde Briaud
PNS	Dance Club (CU) – Year 7/8	Dance Studio	3.15 - 4.45	Daryl Handy
LIBRARY	OPEN (quiet study time)	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
THURSDAY				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 5.00	Clive Wears
AMID	Radio Control Club	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	DT Catch Up – KS4	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Cath Davis
AMID	Catch-up Sessions – KS4	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	Btec Catch Up	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Fynan
AMID	Junior Strings	AU2	3.45 - 4.45	Felicity Cornish
AMID	GCSE Catch Up Session	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	Zoe Moore
BHE	Travel & Tourism Catch Up – KS4	BHE	3.30 - 5.45	Helen Featherstone/Peter May
BHE	French Club	BU3	3.45 - 4.45	Mathilde Briaud
BHE	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
BHE	AS Level Polish	BHE	3.45 - 5.45	Beata Bykowska
BHE	Humanities Drop in Club	BU5	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
BHE	Elite Company	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Tony Segalini
COMMS	Film Club (every other week)	Small Lecture Theatre	3.45 - 5.45	Lou Cory
COMMS	GCSE/AS/A2 Media Studies	CL4	3.45 - 5.00	Claire Howsam
INCLUSION	Football	Astro	3.45 - 5.00	Inclusion Staff
MAIT	ICT Drop In – All Years	ML7	3.30 - 5.00	ICT Staff
MAIT	Maths Revision and Support – Year 12/13	MAIT	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Anderson
MAIT	GCSE Maths Support	MAIT	3.45 - 5.00	MAIT Staff
PNS	Boys Football Club (CU) – Year 9	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Stuart Baker
PNS	Science Club "Hogwarts" (every other week)	PNS	4.00 - 5.00	Sarah Dankmeyer
PNS	Animal/Garden Club/Winter months Astronomy – all Years (CU) (every other week)	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
PNS	Btec Public Services	PNS	3.45 - 5.00	James Aston
PNS	Boys Cricket Club	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.45	Jordon Joseph
LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	LIBRARY	3.45 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN (quiet study time)	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
FRIDAY For all students school closes at 3.30pm				
LIBRARY	OPEN (quiet study time)	LIBRARY	To - 4.00	Amy McKay

Parents/Carer(s) please note the above CBA After School Activity Timetables for the relevant Faculties. The late buses are available Monday Tuesday and Thursday at 5.45pm and on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 5.00pm. If your child wishes to attend any of the activities above or requires the late bus please ensure they book a place through CBA Central. NO LATE BUSES FRIDAY. Session 4 activities may be cancelled at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances, however alternative provision will be put in place.

ACADEMY NEWS

CELEBRATION EVENT TO MARK GROUP'S NEW NAME

A celebration event will take place in June to mark the rebranding of our Parents in Partnership group as the Friends of CBA.

The group has decided to change its name to better reflect its role at CBA. To mark the change of name – and to celebrate the money raised by the group for cricket nets at CBA – the new Friends group will host a cricket festival on Sunday 23rd June from 10am at CBA.

The festival will take place in conjunction with Weldon Cricket Club as part of their 150 year celebrations.

Senior Assistant Principal Andrea Callender said:

“There will be a number of village teams attending. There will also be a bouncy castle and refreshments available throughout the day.

“All support for this event will be greatly welcomed.”

FRIENDS OF CBA

Our Parents in Partnership – which is being renamed the Friends of CBA – allows parents to be part of the school community at Corby Business Academy and give something back, while raising funds for the school which will benefit all of the students.

New members are always welcome.

For more information please email Senior Assistant Principal Andrea Callender at acallender@corbybusinessacademy.org

Friends
of CBA
towards a common goal



PANATHLON CHALLENGE

Students from our DSP did the county proud when they represented Northamptonshire along with a team from Billing Brook School at the Panathlon Challenge at Stoke Mandeville. The team of 14 CBA students competed against schools representing three other counties – Oxfordshire, Hertfordshire and Berkshire.

Overall Northamptonshire came second.

The CBA students helped Northamptonshire achieve the following results:

Table Cricket:	Gold	Seated Shot Putt:	4th
Boccia:	Bronze	Foam Javelin:	Gold
New Age Kurling:	Bronze	Power wheelchair race:	Gold
Powerchair slalom:	Gold	Self propelled wheelchair race:	4th
Precision Bean Bag:	Gold	Mobility restriction race:	Silver
Standing Long Jump:	Bronze	No restrictions race:	Gold and 4th

SATURDAY SPORTS CLUB

A Saturday sports club will be run at CBA over the first six weeks of the new term.

The CBA Saturday sports club will run on:

June 8th

June 15th

June 22nd

June 29th

July 6th

July 13th

Any primary or secondary school students can take part.

There will be table tennis, judo and cricket sessions to choose from, as well as an option for secondary school age students to play dodgeball.



Students can either do two hour-long sessions a week or one hour-long session a week.

For more information download a leaflet, which has a booking form in it, at www.corbybusinessacademy.org

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