

#### INNOVATIVE PARENTS INFORMATION SCHEME

An innovative Corby Business Academy trial which saw staff hold a parent information session in a Corby supermarket has been hailed a success.

A steady stream of parents went along to the first session held at the Morrisons store in Oakley Road on May 16 to speak to staff about their child's progress.

Principal Dr Andrew Campbell, said: "This has proved to be an excellent initiative and has been very helpful for all those parents who came to visit us. It is yet another way in which CBA is developing a strong presence in the community and I am delighted that it has been so well supported by staff and students alike.

"My sincere thanks go to both Morrisons and Asda for making us so welcome. It is a good example of businesses working in partnership with the Academy for the benefit of the local community."

A second session will be held at the Asda supermarket on Saturday, May 30 from 9am to 4pm.

All parents are welcome to attend but they must bring their child's id card for identification.

The initiative is the first of its kind anywhere in the country and has received national media attention.

The idea for the scheme was born out of a request from the CBA Governing body which challenged staff to come up with new ways of communicating with parents. In the future the plan is to roll the scheme out into local businesses which employ large numbers of CBA parents.





## FROM OUR STUDENT EDITOR

Welcome to the first ever student edition of In Press.

After four issues we thought it was time that the students picked up their notepads and microphones, so In Press Editor Ms Ashby has kindly handed over her role to myself for this edition.

The team of reporters representing each year group have been busy finding out what has been going on during this hectic May term and inside these pages we will bring you news about Academy life.

Highlights include a Year 7 Charity Event (pages 4 and 9); a Year 8 and 9 Trip to France (page 7); an Academy-wide Battle of the Books contest (page 10); a round up of Year 10's work experience (page 8) and read all about CBA staff's fundraising efforts for Cancer Research on the back page.

I would like to thank all reporters for giving their time in addition to carrying out their normal coursework and homework.

Enjoy reading!

Dajana Vucenovic Year 10 student



#### STUDENT QUESTION TIME

In the recent term the school was honoured with a Student Question time featuring Government Minister Phil Hope.

CBA Sixth Form students were joined by their peers from Moulton College, Stamford College and Ise Community College for the economy based question and answer session which took place in the small theatre.

The students put hard hitting questions to the high profile panel which was made up of the Chair of East Midlands Development Agency Bryan Jackson; the Regional Director of the Learning and Skills Council Tom Crompton and Regional Director of Job Centre Plus, Karin Foulds.

Read more about the event on page 12.

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# LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to this very special edition of In Press which is the first to be written, edited and designed by our very own student reporters here at CBA

I am sure you agree that this edition is very professional and meets (or perhaps even exceeds) the high standards we have set ourselves for all our previous publications. Well done to everyone involved, it is an impressive effort which gives us yet more proof that CBA students have the enterprise skills to contribute to every area of Academy life and work.

As always we continue to listen to suggestions and look at ways of further improving our service to parents. I am pleased to announce a new email initiative which will be piloted during the summer term. We will be working with a small group of parents who will be given a CBA email address and account hosted on our server. This email account is intended only for communication with the school and, if the pilot is successful, we will give every CBA family this service to ensure communication between the Academy and all its families is effective and regular.

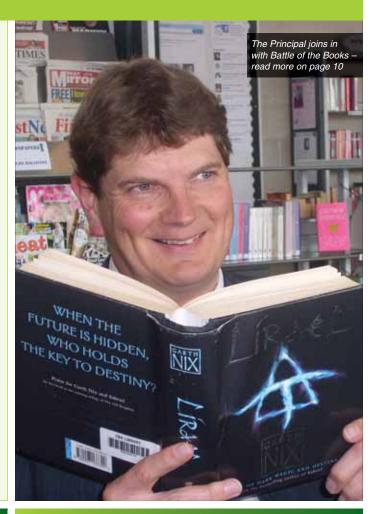
Year 11 students have been informed that they are required to attend school every day until all their examinations have finished; all their coursework for BTec and other courses is complete and they have achieved their target in their adult literacy and numeracy tests. Once they have done all three of these things they can be 'signed off' to stop attending by Mr Ellis or myself.

I cannot let this edition of In Press pass without wishing the very best of luck to all CBA students, whatever their year group, who are taking examinations over the next few weeks. Along with your excellent teachers and support staff, you have worked very hard in this first year at CBA and there is every reason for you to feel confident and positive as you begin the final phase of the year. As always, we will be with you all the way!

Kind regards,

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Andrew Campbell
Principal
Corby Business Academy



#### SENATE UPDATE

This term the Senate has been learning about Academy finances and received expert advice on meeting procedures from one of our Governors.

At the last meeting we were visited by the CBA Finance Director Debbie Tysoe, who gave us an insight into the finance side of how the Academy operates.

Sitting throughout the entire meeting was also Governor Charlotte Orton, who is a director at Rockingham Motor Speedway.

She was able to see how the Senate operates and then suggested some areas where improvements could be made. We will be working on these and really valued the advice.

Also many of you might have noticed the green "suggestion box" allocated next to the news boards, near the IT help desks. This was to enable the Senate to find out what you thought about the different topics. We had excellent feedback and invited IT Services Manager Andrew Forbes along to a meeting to discuss your comments.

Mr Forbes told us:

"Feedback is important to help us make sure all IT users are happy with the service provided."

For more updates on the Senate, visit the Senate Page on the website. We will be posting Senate minutes online shortly.

Nenyasha Mukumbuzi – Year 10 Senate



RMS Director Charlotte Orton and the Senate

#### STUDENTS GO REPORTING

This edition of the In Press Magazine has been produced by a group of students.

Julia Komor (Year 7), Alex Campbell (Year 8), Fraser Gillan (Year 9), ly Taitia (Year 10), Dajana Vucenovic (Year 10) and Luke Wardle (Sixth Form) have made up the reporting team which brings you this edition of In Press.

At the start of the process we were each assigned to an area (such as a Faculty or particular page) and it was then our responsibility to bring you the news from that area.

We were all raring to go and started making appointments for interviews.

All staff and students have been really helpful with providing the necessary information and the news team has really enjoyed the experience.

We hope you enjoy reading.

Lily Taitia - Year 10 Student Reporter





#### Corby Business Academy

## **Key Dates**



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Mon 1st June	Start of Term 4 – For Staff and Students
Mon 1st June	Parents In Partnership Meeting
Tues 2nd June	DSP Trip to see Joseph at the Derngate
Tues 2nd – Fri 5th June	Year 8 Joint Enterprise with Brooke Weston at Rockingham Speedway
Tues 2nd - Fri 5th June	Year 7 Consultation Week
Wed 3rd June	Year 7 Parents' Evening (5-7pm)
Tues 9th June	Year 9 Humanities Trip to Glebe Farm – Woodford
Tues 9th - Wed 10th June	Year 7 Joint Enterprise with Brooke Weston
Wed 17th June	Year 8 Visit Graduate Fashion Show at Derngate
Fri 19th June	Library Trip - Carnegie Shadowing
Mon 22nd June	Design & Technology Week Begins
Tues 23rd June	Dance to Educate Begins
Wed 24th June	Music for a Summer Evening
Mon 29th June	Trip to see Grease Musical for Students taking part in Summer Show
Tues 30th June	Enterprise Day (Sports)
Tues 30th June – Fri 3rd July	Year 7 Aimhigher Conference at Northampton University
Wed 1st July	Enterprise Day
Tues 2nd July	Leavers Prom
Tues 7th July	Presentation Evening
Mon 13th July - Thur 16th July	Year 10/11 French Trip To Paris
Tues 14th July	Performing Arts Event
Fri 17th July	Term 6 Ends
Thur 20th August	GCE Results
Thur 27th August	GCSE Results

#### RENTS SURVEY

We have enclosed in this edition of In Press a Parents Survey.

We very much appreciate your views and opinions and so hope you will get involved and fill in the survey.

Please ask your child to bring the anonymous forms back into the Academy and hand to our librarian, Amy McKay.

Each student who returns a form will receive a raffle ticket and there will be a draw in Term 6 for a £50 Asda voucher.





#### TERM TIME IS NOT FOR HOLIDAYS

It is important that every student at Corby Business Academy has as high attendance as possible. Please try to ensure that all holidays are taken within the designated holiday period and if there are exceptional circumstances for leave of absence in school time please write to the Principal with the reason for this which will then be considered. Please note that all other holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and will show on the student's attendance record.

Acest anunt important este tradus în limba română și este inclus, ca o introducere în acest ziar. (Romanian translation)

Ez a fontos bejelentést is lefordítják magyarul és tartalmazza a bevezetést, hogy ezt a ujsag. (Hungarian translation)

Esta Noticia importante esta traduzida em Portuguese e e' incluido como uma insercao neste folheto. (Portuguese translation)

"Šitas svarbus pranešimas apie atostogas buvo isverstas i Lietuviu kalba ir pridėtas prie šito laikraščio. (Lithuanian translation)

Ważna wiadomość dotycząca wakacji została przetłumaczona na język polski i umieszczona jako załącznik. (Polish translation)





#### MUSIC CONCERT

In Term 6 we will be staging a concert called Music For A Summers Evening.

Being performed on Wednesday, June 24th from 7.30pm to 9pm the free event has been organised to celebrate the fantastic achievements made by the musical groups this year.

A letter has been sent home to parents of

students involved in the event and the deadline for reserving tickets is June 12. After this date, any spare tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis to interested CBA families.

We hope you will join us.

Clive Wears - Director of Music

#### **USING THE RESTAURANT**

To purchase food in the restaurant, students are able to go to student reception to put money (cash or cheque) on their swipe card.

If a student has mislaid their swipe card the Academy will issue a voucher to ensure that the student has something to eat that day. Some students are now requesting vouchers because they have forgotten to bring money to put on their card. In future the vouchers issued will only entitle the student to a sandwich and a drink of water. We hope that this will encourage students to replace lost swipe cards immediately and, as appropriate, be responsible for bringing money to the Academy to put on their card.

I look forward to everyone's co-operation with this matter - it is an effective introduction to bank cards and credit cards.

If anyone has any query about this please e-mail me on jduggan@corbybusinessacademy.org

Janet Duggan - Vice Principal - Comms



#### CALYPSO FEVER COMES TO CBA

A new sound has been added to the CBA music department as a set of steel pans has been delivered.

After a year in the making, the set of twenty drums is now taking pride of place in the music department and staff and students will this week start making Calypso music.

The Caribbean instruments have been hand crafted by specialist Norman Stewart who bought them to life from their former incarnation as oil drums.

Hundreds of hours work involving a guitar tuner and a hammer went into making the 20 piece set. Music director Clive Wears said the new instruments would be an asset to the school and hopefully encourage new students to get involved with making music.

He said: "To have a set of steel drums is quite unique as to my knowledge there is only one other set of steel pans in a Northamptonshire school.

"They have such a wonderful sound and when you hear them you are immediately transported to a hot Caribbean island.

"They are also an extremely accessible instrument and hopefully they will encourage students who have not yet taken up an instrument to become involved in making music."

A student band and staff band has been formed and the first public performance by the steel bands will be at the Music for a Summer Evening Concert being staged at the Academy on Wednesday, June 24 at 7.30pm.

The practice sessions take place every Tuesday from 3.30pm to 4.45pm in AU8.













#### STUDYING WORLD WAR II THROUGH ART

This term Year 7 students have been studying the work of Henry Moore, in particular his drawings of people who sheltered in the underground from nightly bombing in World War II.

Moore's atmospheric drawings inspired students to experiment with paint and pastel recreating some of the drawings. The students have also developed their studies into sculptures.

I have been very pleased with how hard the students have worked on this project and of the high quality work they have produced.

Jacqui Brown - Director of Art

#### **MUSIC RECITAL**

Please feel free to come and join us in the Music Department for a series of informal concerts featuring music performed by students from Corby Business Academy.

Monday, June 8th Singing / Piano Mr Taylor
Tuesday, June 9th Woodwind Mrs Carter
Wednesday, June 10th Brass Mr Hudson
Thursday, June 11th Drum Kit Mr Sharpe
Tuesday, June 16th Guitar Mr Balmer

All Recitals will be held in AU6 in the AMID Faculty. Each recital will commence at 4.00pm apart from the Brass Concert which will commence at 3.30pm.

### BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)

#### YEAR 7 CHARITY EVENT

As part of their enterprise activities Year 7 student took part in a mammoth fundraising drive.

BHE teacher Alex Allan's Year 7 classes ran around the Academy's fields as part of the event which raised money for the three charities; World Wildlife Fund, Help for Heroes and Cancer Research UK.

The fundraiser – which featured all Year 7 students – has been set up in league with Giving Nation; an organisation that helps teenager to get involved with charity events.

The two day cross country event took place or Tuesday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 20 and raised hundreds of pounds for the charities.

Mrs Allen said: "We have organised the whole event in just three weeks and I am very proud of the students who have shown a real talent for it."

The students made all the arrangements – from deciding which charities to support to coming up

Student Stefan Szfranski said: "This is the first fundraising event I have ever been involved in and it was really great to have had a direct involvement

in organising the event."

Other Year 7 students took part in a sponsored event involving a walk around the circuit at Rockingham Motor Speedway.

And as part of the Giving Nations initiative it is hoped a link will be made with a school in Uganda The total figure raised from the sponsored events will be posted on the website in the coming weeks. See page 9 for more pictures of the RMS event.



## FAST TRACKED STUDENTS

A group of Year 9 students who have shown great promise in History and Geography have been fast tracked for their Humanities GCSE.

The students have stayed behind for additional lessons and been attending booster sessions.

Kirsty Farrar - BHE Teacher



### PHYSICAL & **NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)**



#### PUMPKIN GROWING COMPETITION

Year 7's this term have been taking part in a pumpkin growing competition.

The Academy received a free bumper pack full of fruit and vegetables from Magnolia The Florist in Rothwell, for our allotment gardens located outside of PNS. After the beds were filled 18 pumpkins were left over, leading to a pumpkin growing competition.

Willing students took them home and have the challenge to create the biggest pumpkin. Students will have to bring a photograph of the pumpkin in once a month to see what progress has been made, finally concluding with the presentation of the vegetable on October 1st. Each participating pumpkin will be weighed and measured to determine the winner. The prize shall be two free tickets to the Odeon Cinema in Kettering to view a film of their choice.

Fraser Gillan - Year 9 Student Reporter



#### **CHANGING FACES**

To demonstrate their understanding of how light refracts as it crosses the boundary of two materials of different density, Year 8 pupils showed that by filling a glass beaker with water they could change the way their faces appeared when looked at through the beakers.

The result was very entertaining leaving pupils with a practical understanding of a scientific concept.

Stephen Chandler - PNS Teacher



#### TEACHER MEETS CELEBRITIES

Teacher Stephen Chandler's teacher training day was given a bit of movie star glamour when he came across celebrities Ricky Gervais and Ben Stiller.

The pair, who were in London promoting new film Stuck in the Museum, had caused such chaos Oxford circus had come to a standstill. Being a keen photographer Mr Chandler made sure he captured the actors working the red carpet.



On page 3 find details of how you can win a £50 Asda voucher by filling out our Parents Survey.

#### **BASKETBALL & CARDIO TENNIS**

Students were given some expert sporting tuition this term as the PNS department invited in a Tennis School and former professional basketball player.

Cardio Tennis took over the tennis courts as coaches at the Corby Tennis Centre introduced the students to the aerobic game which uses music and rapid hitting to improve fitness levels.

And those keen on basketball were also given a treat as former Leicester Warriors player Jon Stonebridge helped the students hone their shooting and slam dunking skills.

He held practice sessions with students across the year groups.

PNS Teacher Phil Woolley said: "We thought it would be a good idea to do something different with tennis and the students really enjoy basketball, so it was a highlight for them to receive some coaching from a former professional."







Thanks to the fantastic team (and support) that travelled to Montsaye School in the District Competition. CBA finished second and qualified for the County Competition. This was a massive achievement as the sport was so new to CBA and the team represented the school superbly.

The following boys stepped up for the Year 8/9 District Competition: Danny Ward, Clark Usher, David Graham, Kevin Ogwang, Myles Peters, Ashley Aitken, Michael Foley, Aden O'Grady, John O'Grady, Cory McGoldrick, Andile Chiwuta, Kieran Gourlay.

Man of the Tournament was John O'Grady. Andile Chiwuta was Captain and lead by fantastic example showing great ability and attitude.

Mike Henry - PNS Teacher

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## **COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)**

#### **ACTING OUT HER DREAMS**

A talented drama student has picked up a clutch of medals at recent competitions.

Year 10 student Kalya Wilson has once again demonstrated her talent for acting by winning accolades at both the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama and the Kettering District Eisteddfod.

The student, who aged 11 was offered a place at the prestigious

Sylvia Young School in London, picked up medals at the Oundle event in the Solo Acting and Verse Speaking categories and was also successful at the Eisteddfod.

Many hours of practice went into the achievements as Kalya rehearses each day in the lead up to the events.

She said: "I have been acting since I was aged seven and have

a drama coach. I am also on the books of the Spotlight Agency and have been for some TV auditions.

"My dream is to become a successful actress."

As well as her acting talents, the student, who wants to go on to University to study drama, is also an accomplished dancer and teaches at a local dance school.

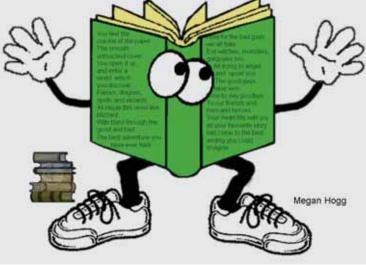


Kalya Wilson with her medals

#### YEAR 7 POEMS

English teacher Lisa Dawson's Year 7 class have been writing some poems this term. Here are a couple for you to read and enjoy.





# MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)







Sisters Katie and Chrisine Streeter with their

#### IN TRAINING FOR MATHS COMPETITION

Maths students are in training for a national competition which will see the CBA take on schools and academies from across the country.

The Specialist Schools and Academies Trust Maths Challenge is running across the country from June 15 to June 22.

The competition is based around the Mathletics programme which has been used by students in the MAIT department for the past few terms.

The internet based programme allows students to practice their maths skills through a series of exercises and to encourage a fun element, students can take on their peers from countries across the world.

Students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9) have taken to the Mathletics programme with gusto and many have completed the necessary stages to start picking up certificates.

Sisters Katie and Christine Streeter have been pitting their mathematics wits against each other at home.

Katie said: "We log on at home most nights and it makes Math's fun."

Maths teacher Maxwell Sam said: "The programme has worked really well and the competitive and reward element motivates students to work hard at it.

"We have seen a significant improvement in those students who are using it."

#### **ICT GAME DESIGN**

Year 8 students are using Scratch – a new programming language that makes it easy to create their own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art, and share creations on the web!

ICT is designed to help young people develop 21st century skills. They create and share

projects, learn important mathematical and computational ideas, while also learning to think creatively.

Game design is just one element of Session 3 activities being offered by MAIT next term. We hope to see you there!

Karl Lomax - ICT Teacher





# YEAR 8/9 TRIP TO FRANCE



# LEARNING AND ADVENTURES IN FRANCE

On Monday at 8.30am the group of 36 Year 8 and Year 9 students left Corby Business Academy for France.

The journey was about five hours, and there was some excitement when we went into the Eurotunnel, as many of the people on the coach hadn't been on it before. We arrived at the hotel earlier then expected, so after we had unpacked our stuff we went off to the beach.

On Tuesday we went to Opalaventure, a forest adventure park. It was very challenging and some people even did the black course, which included a bike ride ten meters off the ground.

In the afternoon we went on a boat trip on the Clairmaris marshes, where there were houses only accessible by water, farmland and a large heron sanctuary.

Wednesday was by far the best day of the trip. After breakfast we headed off to Aqualud, a water park by the sea side. There were many things to do there including a wave pool, Jacuzzis and two massive slides. After the water park we had a short journey in the coach before we arrived at the theme park. It was very good as there were barely any queues and the rides were very fun.

On Thursday we went to the man made caves of Naours. It was fascinating that so many people had lived down there during WWI and WWII. After the tour of the caves we went to a small town called Berck, where we had a couple of hours to look around. Before dinner we went to the Etaples military cemetery. There were over 11,000 graves, all for soldiers from the Commonwealth who died in one battle outside the town we were staying in.

We got up early on Friday to put our luggage on to the coach. After a quick breakfast we hopped onto the coach, and after a short trip we arrived at CiteEurope.

Two-and-a-half hours of shopping later we got back on the coach for a long ride back to England.

It was a great French trip.

Alex Campbell - Student Reporter

# A CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL

The French trip was a fantastic success and the students were a credit to the school.

The hotel manager told us that our student group from Corby Business Academy was the best she has ever received in her hotel and she was immensely impressed with the friendliness and manners of our students.

May I extend my thanks to the members of staff who made this trip such a success: Mr Baker, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Bennett and Miss Becret.

More trip photos are available in the Comms gallery section on the Academy website.

Hayley Bennett - Director of Modern Languages





















## WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **EXPERIENCING** THE WORLD OF **WORK**

The CBA's first ever work experience saw Year 10 students take on a variety of professions both inside and outside the Academy doors.

Students went to offices, hairdressers and even stable yards to receive their first taste of the world of work.

All thoroughly enjoyed the two week experience which will hopefully hold them in good stead for the future.

Year 10 PSO Caroline Border said: "I would just like to say how very impressed I was with the Year 10's who put their heart and soul into their work experience placement.

"You have all made me very proud!

"And huge congratulations to those students who managed to secure a part time paid work."

Work experience coordinator Sandra White said: "Well it was tough going as due to the economic crisis, work placements were hard to get this year.

"However, with great determination, and a lot of persuasion, we got there. Well done on to all students on their success out in the big world! And to those of you who secured part time employment....well done.'

Dajana Vucenovic -In Press Student Editor





Vanessa Bylica in the Comms Faculty



Claudia Chalubinska helps a CBA student



Charlotte Le Lion at the stables





Aaron Carson learns about life in an office





Max Champion at work



Some of the students who carried out work experience within the CBA

## BUSINESS LINKS & **ENTERPRISE**



#### **CBA BUSINESS LINK** RACING AHEAD JLL THROTTLE

Over the past few terms the business link with Rockingham Motor Speedway has been steadily growing.

Many different years have been involved in projects with RMS.

As part of their A Level business, Sixth Form students have been working in conjunction with RMS to make practical use of their business skills. They have created marketing mixes and financial documents for the company and presented themselves and ideas to staff using their own personal research.

Year 7 have also been busy in making and designing their own charity day which will be run throughout the next up and coming term. They went through the process of selecting a charity or cause and coming up with ideas in which to raise funds and awareness of this.

One event was a sponsored walk around the circuit.

They have worked with minimal staff input and produced sponsor forms, adverts, t-shirts, fliers and more to support them through the events.

Also the RMS has donated reward prizes for Year 9 (see page 12) and their director Charlotte Orton has this term given advice to the Senate (see page 2).

Luke Wardle - Sixth Form Student Reporter

Please turn to page 3 to find out about our Parents Survey. We would really appreciate your feedback.







#### HELPING YOU THROUGH THE EXAM PERIOD

As we are now entering the heavy exam season here are a few stress pointers for everyone:

- If you are feeling like everything is too much
- If you feel claustrophobic
- If your suffering sleepless nights
- Going through irregular eating patterns
- If you feel you get angry or more upset easily

Then you may be stressed.

To help deal with your stress in school or at home, or with any problems your going through you can talk to your tutor, PSO or your mentor.

Also follow these simple tips:

When you get angry or stressed, stop: count to ten slowly and breath deeply.

- Learn to manage your time better and if you have to timetable your home life to suit homework, social life, exercise and eating habits, even sleeping!
- Break down large tasks into smaller chunks, don't try and tackle the beast if you can't squish a worm!
- Talk to people, your family are invaluable as are your friends. If you can't do this you can turn to teachers or support staff at school.
- Exercise regularly, it helps with your weight, confidence and relieves stress.
- And most importantly don't let it build up, do your work but still remember to have a life outside of school.

There are also many websites with hints and

tips on stress just go to Google and start searching.

A good link is www.bbc.co.uk/switch/surgery/ advice/body\_mind/everyone/exams\_stress/

All the best luck with exams!

Luke Wardle and the News Team



### LIBRARY





#### **BOOK AMNESTY**

The Library held a Book Amnesty this term to encourage students to return any overdue books

This meant that even those books that had been living under beds or in lockers for months could be returned on a 'no questions asked' basis. As an added incentive every returned book was worth a raffle ticket, at the end of the amnesty, 20

prizes (including books, toys, stationery, chocolate and beauty products) were raffled off to a delighted group of students.

In all more than 100 books were returned during the amnesty, a fantastic success!

Amy McKay - Librarian

Photo: Abi Wardle and Naomi Watts with their returned book and prizes

#### **CARNEGIE AND GREENAWAY AWARDS**

The Carnegie and Greenaway Awards are national literary events that take place every year.

This year reading group Corby Book Addicts are shadowing the Carnegie Awards.

This means that we are reading the seven short listed books and deciding which we think should win.

Miss McKay is also reading some of short listed Greenaway books with a DSP class. The Carnegie Award judges the best examples of quality writing published in the last 12 months, whilst the Greenaway Award judges the best examples of quality illustrations published in the last 12 months.

Our aim is to read as many of the books as

possible in the next two months.

This year the Carnegie seems to have a horror/thriller theme, which not all our Book Addicts enjoy. But we still read on, and at the end of June we are off on a trip to Lodge Park Technology College to discuss these books

Here are some of the titles: Bog Child, Black Rabbit Summer, Creatures of the Night, The Knife of Never Letting Go.

We, Corby Book Addicts, have also registered on the official Shadowing site and are creating our own webpage. Here is the link: http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=9557

Julia Komor - Year 7 Student Reporter





#### STUDENTS AND STAFF BATTLE IT OUT

The Battle of the Books took place during Term 5.

Volunteer members of staff and students were paired up to read the same book and write 20 questions about it for their opponent to answer. The criteria was that the questions should not be too hard, but not too easy either.

As this edition of In Press went to print the

battle between the 58 competitors (including Dr Campbell and Mr Simpson) was not yet over and so we are unable to bring you the results.

The winning team will win a trophy and the winner of each pairing will also win a small prize

We will bring you the results next edition.

Julia Komor – Year 7 Student Reporter

#### **CHESS TOURNAMENT 2009**

The 2009 CBA Chess Tournament finally finished this term, with a tense round of final matches. Jack Warrior beat off all competition and won the champion title. Brothers Luke Wardle (Year 12) and Tom Woodward (Year 7) came joint second. Others players of note were Shelby Pinkney and Michael Wynn who have shown a remarkable improvement in their game and Jessica Dick, a promising player and possible future champion.

Chess sets are always available in the Library for students who wish to start practising for next year now!

Amy McKay – Librarian



A tense final round of matches



Chess Champion 2009 Jack Warrior



#### BOOK OF THE MONTH

This month the book review has been put together by Year 8 student Katie Streeter who read Tom Palmer's book Foul Play. Here Katie answers questions from Year 7 reporter Julia Komor.

#### What was the book about?

The book was about a boy called Danny who happens to witness the kidnapping of his hero, the famous footballer and England striker, Sam Roberts. Danny turns detective and tries to find out why Sam Roberts was kidnapped and who is behind it.

#### Did you like the book?

Yes, I thought it was good there were some funny bits and I liked the story.

#### Do you think the book is mainly a "boys" book?

No I think girls will like it too. The plot is only based around football and I don't think it matters if there's a good story line.

#### Marks out of 10?

I would say 9.

## SIXTH FORM



#### STUDENT QUESTION TIME

When Question Time came to CBA you could tell that a few of the Sixth Form were more than a little apprehensive, and vet when the questions starting flowing the tension eased and a few well timed and well aimed queries even managed to put the heat on the board.

The CBA Sixth Form was joined by Stamford New, Ise and Moulton Colleges for the session, with questions ranging from tax to EMA and University fee's through to job plans for the future.

The session was chaired by Sixth Form Head Girl Jacquelene Tsiga.

Sixth Form Vice Principal, Avril Bartley-Smith said "The questions were perceptive and challenging for the panel to answer. The students had clearly thought through the impact the current recession has had on them and the impact it may have in the future once they leave full time education."

And a few members of the Sixth Form are keen to do another similar session in the near future. Positive feedback came from all schools, press and the panel, overall a very successful event.

Luke Wardle -Sixth Form Student Reporter



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# INDUCTION FOR NEXT YEAR'S SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

I am pleased to confirm the Sixth Form induction for Year 11 students joining us from September will take place on Monday, July 13th and Tuesday, July 14th.

Students will have the opportunity to attend Sixth Form lessons on the 13th and get a flavour of life here at CBA.

They will also be given preparatory work to be undertaken over the summer in preparation for September.

On the 14th we will be going to the University of Northampton for a Aimhigher induction day. This will be an extended day from 8.45am to 7pm. Students will take part in team building activities.

It is essential that all prospective Sixth Form students attend these two days. If there are reasons that students cannot attend these need to be discussed with myself as soon as possible.

Avril Bartley-Smith - Vice Principal - Sixth Form

# **GOING FOR**

Another event coming up is the Gold Duke of Edinburgh project and expeditions that will be taking place over the next year or so.

These will give Sixth Form members the practical hands on experience needed in the workplace, life skills and more valuable assets that cannot be taught or found so easily. The certificate is a good addition to any CV and the experience and knowledge gained is seconded to none. For more information on this, speak to the project leaders Karl Lomax. Luke Wardle or Jacquelene Tsiga.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



Sixth Form Students at a University of Northampton Open Day

#### SIXTH FORM ACTIVITIES

Want a break in between school work and home where you have to do some sort of coursework? Then come along to some of the CBA Session 3 clubs (details can be found on Page 15).

Badminton is often the highlight of the Page twins' Monday and is available for all to attend.

Carl Page says: "I go for the fun and enjoyment of competitive sport, and nothing is funnier than beating your own brother. If anybody wants to come to socialise (or to try and defeat me) then it's open to everyone and I except all challengers!" for more information on this see

Carl Page or Mr Wedgwood.

One way we are trying to relax is by organising a Sixth Form versus staff Air Soft day being organised by Luke Wardle and Tony Segalini. The day involves the chance to duel with the staff in the woods and gain points through... well, shooting them!

Unfortunately the staff team is still six members down and if any Sixth Formers or staff would like to fill in then contact Luke Wardle for more information.

Luke Wardle - Sixth Form Student

#### YEAR 12 TRANSFERRING TO YEAR 13

As we come towards the end of our busy first Sixth Form year we are inevitably looking forward to the next stage of study - Year 13.

But before the end of the current academic year there is still some more exciting activity to take place.

From Monday, June 29th to Friday, July 3rd the Sixth Form will be focusing on personal skills development.

Some students will be working for the Learning Grid as young mentors. They will be trained to support Key Stage 2 and 3 students who

are attending the Engineering activity days at Rockingham Motor Speedway. Other students will be competing against another Corby School in our local enterprise opportunity "Dragons Den" organised by EBLO.

The following week the Sixth Form will be involved in the Looking Forward Aiming High. As part of this workshop students will have the opportunity to look at University courses and produce the personal statements, CV's and letters of application which they will all need in the future.

The final two weeks of term will allow students to refocus on their studies before they take a well earned summer break.

Avril Bartlev-Smith -Vice Principal - Sixth Form





## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

#### PLAYING PÉTANQUE

The game of boules, otherwise known as *pétanque*, is perhaps the sport that is closest to French hearts. Similar to British lawn bowling, the French version is traditionally played with metallic balls on a dirt surface beneath plane trees, the local *boulodrome* is a social focal point in southern France.

Some students in the DSP have been learning about this traditional French sport and last week were given the opportunity to test their skills in a friendly competition.

The object of the game is to throw your balls — usually with somewhat of an arched back-spin — so that they land closer to the Jack than those of your opponent.

The students loved playing and the winning students were Ryan Connochan and Steven Winch – Felicitations! Miss Felix also managed a super shot and won a round!

Hayley Bennett - Director of Modern Foreign Languages







#### **MUSEUM TRIP**

On April 27th a group of students from the DSP Faculty went to Rutland County Museum.

As you can see from the pictures the group had lots of fun and enjoyed the experience.

Photos of the trip can be viewed in the gallery section on the CBA website.

Lily Taitia – Year 10 Student Reporter



## ACADEMICS EFFORTS REWARDED WITH TRIP TO MOTOR RACEWAY

The following Year 9 students have been selected for our Reward Trip.

Each student will receive a pair of tickets to the British F3/GT race weekend at Rockingham Motor Speedway. The students were selected by their form tutors for attendance and effort.

Sandro Moreira Kate Chrostowska Ben Page Steven Forsyth Lewis Brown Carmen Dobos Karolina Grajcar Zak Butler Andile Chiwuta Catherine Grant
Nicole Parsons
Aden O'Grady
Rebecca Harris
Clark Usher
Muaz Mauderbux





#### **CBA NEWSHOUNDS**

THE CBA now has its own team of newshounds who will be recording and filming Academy life and sharing it with other linked schools.

The Academy has signed up to blogging site Radiowaves, which means students will now be able to broadcast internet radio reports, upload videos and podcasts and blog about interesting events that happen in the Academy.

A group of students and staff have received specialist training from a Radiowaves instructor and have already been flexing their reporting muscles by carrying out interviews with Academy members.

Lead teacher Claire Howsam, said: "Six students and three staff members have been trained so far

and over the next term they will be passing on their expertise to others.

"That way we can have a really active reporting community and students and staff will be able to share their views and interact."

Articles on the Radiowaves website so far, include a feature on the training day and Year 7 student Julia Komor has also posted a blog about the school's Rock Academy and its two bands Last Rose Dies and Sellout.

Log onto the Academy address http://www.radiowaves.co.uk/s/Corby+Business+Academy to read what Radiowaves action has been happening so far.

#### BE THE BEST

Be The Best is a programme of activities offered by AimHigher and The University of Northampton to allow students the opportunity to have a taste of what life at University would really be like.

As a last stage of the programme, three of our Key Stage 4 students attended a four day residential which specialised in a range of subjects they might want to study.

I was extremely pleased that our students got so involved and they have had fun throughout their time.

Claire Howsam - Gifted and Talented Coordinator











### SPECIAL PROJECTS





#### STUDENT HONOURED AT SPIRIT OF CORBY AWARDS

CBA student Megan Sherlock became a shining example of the Spirit of Corby when she won the Jimmy Kane award for her dedication to caring for disabled youngsters.

The Year 10 student, was one of six prize winners at the Spirit awards held at the Holiday Inn, Corby on May 15th, which recognise the efforts of local people to make Corby a better place to live.

Megan won recognition for putting in hundreds of hours to help out at the Tribes youth club for teenagers with disabilities.

Megan works every week with the group, giving

up over 300 hours of her own time in just the last nine months. Megan also voices the opinions of the young community and is a member of the Corby Youth Forum, the Northampton Shadow Board and Voluntary Group as well as also being involved in groups at the Connaughty Centre.

After picking up her award she said: "I am so glad I won this because I wanted to make myself and Corby proud, because I am proud to come from

The awards were the third annual ceremony organised by Corby Council.

#### FUNDRAISING FOR SENSORY GARDEN

Due to the efforts of students, funds have been raised for CBA sensory club.

The group of students raised an impressive £90 after organising a tombola and treasure hunting game during one breakfast and lunch time in

This event was carried out as part of the students' efforts towards their certificates for Personal health and Social Education.

The money raised will go towards new equipment and plants for the DSP sensory garden.

HLTA Caren Brown said "As part of their health and social for their entry level 2 PSHE certificate, the students are required to organise a fundraising event. As they have raised money so far this academic year for outside causes they decided this time to raise the funds to be used within the Academy".

Stephanie Fulton (Year 9) who participated in the event said: "It has been great and we have had a good response from students and staff.

The treasure hunt winner was Samantha Gibson.

Shannon Miller and Stephanie Fulton said about the plans for the sensory garden: "Our class has come up with lots of ideas like nice smelling flowers, wind chimes and vegetables."

Lily Taitia - Year 10 Student Reporter





James Fyvie and Charlotte Bean who will be battling

#### YEAR 9 JUNIOR MOCK TRIAL

After coming an impressive second in a competition against Peterborough and Northamptonshire Schools, Year 9 students are now pitting their legal wits against each other.

Practice sessions have begun for the Junior Magistrates Mock Trial which will see the prosecution and defence teams take each other on.

The day of judgement will be June 29th, when BHE Vice Principal Lorraine Smith will join friendly barrister Gareth Jacques on the magistrates bench.

BHE Teacher Kirsty Farrar, who has been helping the students, said due to the success achieved so far there would be an in house

competition to build upon the skills students had learnt from the competition.

She said: "I began this event with the students as I feel it is an event that encourages confidence, team work and public speaking.

I spoke to a couple of students who were participating in the trial Charlotte Bean (who is taking on a Defence Lawyer role) and James Fyvie (who will act as Prosecution Lawyer). They said they were having fun and that being able to take part in something as important as this would be a good learning experience for them now and later in life.

Lily Taitia - Year 10 Student Reporter

#### GOOD CATCH

Three times a year students in the DSP Faculty bring out their rods and reels and go fishing.

The leisure activity is organised by the Masonic Trout & Salmon Fishing charity also known as MTSFC; an organisation that aims to bring an interactive fishing and countryside experience to people with special needs.

During this recent fishing trip in Ringstead, Katie Howell caught the most fish in her group. She caught three trout and she was generous enough to give one of her catch to Dr Campbell. Though Katie caught the most, Matty Cluff was the first person to catch a fish.

Lily Taitia - Year 10 Student Reporter







### SESSION 3

# Fraser Gillan

#### TRAMPOLINE TRIUMPH

THE CBA Trampoline Team has triumphed at a county event held this term.

A group of students from across the different year groups competed in the sporting competition held at Northampton Academy and in a spectacular achievement, each of the students bought home a medal.

Year 7 student Joe March and Year 10 student Michal Kandrac won gold in their section; while silver medals were collected by Year 7 student Jordon England; Year 10 students Robert Bozik and Scott McOnie and Year 7 student Callum Cresswell won a bronze medal.

As part of the event the students were required to perform one set routine and then one freestyle routine. They were grouped according to age and ability with levels rising from 1 to 3.

120 students from across the country took

part, so the CBA medal haul was particularly impressive.

Trampoline Coach Mike Henry said: "When we arrived it was quite nerve-wracking for the students, as for many it was their first time at such a competition, but they all contained their nerves and performed wonderfully.

"They were a real credit to the Academy and all their hard work and practice paid off."

The honours won by each student were:

Joe gained 1st place for U14 Boys: (Level 1)
Callum gained 3rd place for U14 Boys: (Level 1)
Jordan gained 2nd place for U14 Boys: (Level)
Michal gained 1st place for U16 Boys: (Level 2)
Robert gained 2nd place for U16 Boys: (Level 2)
Scott gained 2nd place for U16 Boys: (Level 3)









The Trampoline Team and their awards





#### **GROW YOUR OWN**

During this term, those students who have attended Gardening Club have been given the chance to sow all sorts of seeds that hopefully will grow into an array of carrots, onions, strawberries and a variety of other vegetation. What's even better is that you can also take home your own grown plant or vegetable. So why not give it a go and see what you can grow?

Gardening Club takes place on alternate Tuesdays in the PNS Faculty in PL4.

Fraser Gillan - Year 9 Student Reporter

#### SWINGING INTO ACTION

A new session 3 club tees off in Term 6 and students with an eye on the ball are being asked to come forward.

ICT Teacher Paul Wilson will be passing on his golfing expertise to willing students when the club begins at the start of June.

The CBA has invested in golf clubs and safety practice balls, so all students need to bring along is a keen drive and plenty of enthusiasm.

Mr Wilson, who plays off a six handicap, said: "It is a great sport and a huge benefit will be getting out into the fresh air and taking some exercise.

"We will be going through technique during the sessions and at the end of the academic year we plan to play a round at a local golf course."

Year 9 students Clark Usher, Hayden Close and Steven Forsyth have already signed up.

Clark, who has been playing for several years said: "I really enjoy golf and play once a week. It will be great to have Session 3 golf club and I am looking forward to picking up some tips from Mr Wilson."

Students from all abilities are invited along.

The club will take place during Session 3 on Thursdays and to sign up please email Mr Wilson on pwilson@corbybusinessacademy.org

# OPENING CREDITS HAVE ROLLED ON FILM CLUB

The lights have gone down on the CBA Film Club.

The Academy has become one of the first batch of schools in the country to become involved with the Government funded initiative

Film Club, which gives access to 60,000 free film titles.

Teacher Ian Nicol, who is running the club said: "We have had a good response from students so far and I am sure it will become a great feature of Academy life.

"As well as being a nice way to relax at the end of the school day it is also a good way for students to enhance their literacy and media

Films watched so far include Steven Spielberg's War of the Worlds, Johnny English and The Bourne Identity.



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Students must become members to join the club and the invitation is also open to staff.

To become a member, students must ask their parents to fill in one of the consent forms that can be obtained from student reception. The form should be returned to reception and students will receive a membership pass (which they will need to watch the film).

The films start at 3.45pm and finish in time for the late bus at 5.45pm.

The Film Club also has a website which members can use to search the film library.

Members can log on at www.filmclub.org

Student reviewer Daniel Thompson said: "Johnny English was a very good film with lots of action and a little bit of comedy. It is also was one of the films I wanted to see before Film Club was bought to the CBA. I definitely would recommend it."





Give us your feedback about how you think we are doing.
Turn to page 3 for more details of our Parents Survey.

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
MONDAY				
AMID	CBA Choir	AU6	3.45 - 4.45	Adrian Taylor/ Clive Wears
PNS	Badminton – all years boys and girls open to primaries	Sports Hall	4.00 -	Steve Wedgwood
PNS	Softball – all years	Pitches	4.00 -	Phil Woolley
PNS	Dance KS 3	Dance Studio	4.00 -	Daryl Handy
PNS	Cricket	Pitches	4.00 -	Jordon Joseph
ВНЕ	Young Enterprise	BHE	3.30 - 5.30	
DRENALINE ALLEY	Bike, Skateboard, Inline skates and Helmet – cost £4.00	Based at Adrenaline Alley	3.30 - 5.30	Susan Tilley
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	
TUESDAY				
AMID	Woodwind Ensemble	AU4	3.45 - 4.45	Pam Carter
AMID	Junior Band	AU6	3.45 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	KS 3 Textile/Craft Club	AU11	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis
AMID	KS 3/4 Food/Hospitality Catch-up Sessions	AL7	3.30 - 5.00	Doreen Dicks
AMID	KS 3 Art Club	AL8	3.45 - 4.45	Jackie Brown
AMID	Steel Band	AU6	3.40 - 4.45	Clive Wears
PNS	Rounder's – all years	Pitches	4.00 -	Mike Henry
PNS	Basketball – Yrs 9, 10, 6th form	Sports Hall	4.00 -	John Atkinson
PNS	Tennis	Tennis Courts	4.00 -	Mark Allen
PNS	Dance KS4-KS5	Dance Studio	4.00 - 5.25	Francia Dickinso
PNS	Animal / Garden Club – alternate weeks – all years	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
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<sup>\*</sup> Judo: there is a cost incurred for this activity.

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 at Student Reception. NO LATE BUSES FRIDAY.









#### THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

CBA staff took on the famous Three Peaks challenge to raise cash for Cancer Research.

Here organiser Tony Segalini, Vice Principal of the MAIT Faculty tells of the experience:

"This turned out to be a challenge and a half. The team left CBA at 12.30pm on Friday May 13th and reached the campsite at Glen Nevis near Fort William at 10pm after a mammoth drive by our very own 'Stig' Caroline Border superbly guided by Sarah Ashby on map duties.

We were ready for action at 5am on Saturday and after a hasty breakfast the team were off up Ben Nevis at 06.15. This turned out to be a long and eventful climb, covering steep gradient, snow and high winds. The summit was reached after nearly four hours of hard grind.

But there was no time for congratulations as we were driven down to Cumbria for our next Peak. The traffic was very slow and we dropped behind time reaching Seathwaite south of Keswick at 7pm, getting late!

The team set off optimistically on a hard and rocky ascent up Scafell Pike. Unfortunately time beat us, as did the dark and with only 100 meters to go I took the decision to abandon the summit attempt as the track was dangerous and we lost the light. Nevertheless it was a brave attempt by all, descending in pitch darkness. We were not deterred.

At midnight the bus set off again this time for North Wales.

As ever Sarah had piles of sandwiches ready for us and Caroline put her foot down. The team tried to snatch some sleep in the bus with aching limbs and sore feet. We arrived in Llanberis. Snowdonia at 2.15am.

Snowdon was our last peak and at over 1100m a high



Well done to everyone as the teamwork and camaraderie were second to none.

Now what will we do next year?

Tony Segalini - Challenge Organiser

Since the last edition of In Press, PiP have been busy organising our presence at future functions.

We will be around on the events the Academy is holding during the last school term, and indeed will be supplying refreshments for the Music For A Summers Evening, and the Summer Concert in July. As usual, we will also be providing

tea and cakes for the parents' evening (Year 7) on June 3rd.

Those of you who attended the New Intake Uniform event in April and May, may also have had the opportunity to talk, and take advice from, the members that were on hand to help, and may have even taken some inspiration to join us in the new school year!



#### FEMALE STAFF RACE 4 LIFE

A female crew took on the Race 4 Life challenge and raised a staggering £890 for Cancer Research.

The charitable group joined the 4,000 other women at Burghley House grounds on Sunday, May 17 and despite the wind and rain managed to keep up the spirits.

Organiser Elaine Ponton said: "The whole team did extremely well and had a great time yesterday despite the pouring rain and high winds. Our times ranged

between 30 minutes for the runners and 1 hour for us slower gossips. The atmosphere was fab and everybody supported each other. I was proud to be part of the team."

Isabel Duell who ran the race with her daughter came home in under 30 minutes.

The team members were Elaine Ponton, Sally Knibb, Karen Byrne, Lorraine Smith, Isabel Duell (and her daughter), Kim Asher, Nikki Clark and Tracy Filer.





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