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NEW TEAM OF REPORTERS WILL WORK WITH BBC

A newly selected team of CBA reporters will be joining forces with the BBC to broadcast to the nation. On March 15th our team of 20 CBA Newshounds will report the news for the day, with the final edit posted onto a BBC news website.

The scheme is being run by Gifted and Talented coordinator Claire Howsam, who will work alongside a specially designated BBC mentor to teach the students new media and reporting skills.

Miss Howsam said: "This is an opportunity for students to report the news that they think is interesting in a way that will appeal to an audience of their age.

"They will be assigned into different teams and specialise in different areas.

"It will be a great way for them to discover how the media operates."

The Newshounds had to apply via letter for a place on the scheme outlining why they would be a suitable journalist.

Special mention goes to Year 7 student Chloe Burton who wrote a rhyming poem around the acronym CBA Newshound.

Year 10 student Mia Penny said: "I want to be a journalist and work in magazines, so I think this is going to be a great way of gaining new skills."

The training for the big day will begin in January with Session 4 activities on a Tuesday.

The Newshounds will be trained in all areas of news production, from scripting, reporting, to camerawork and editing.

The student reporters are: Ben Hogg, Alisha Anderson, Matthew Ford, Chloe Burton, Hannah Eden, Jordan Riddell, Kim Samuels-Hammond, Eve Pavitt, Alice Davis, Tara Leggett, Bianca Ursu, Mia Penny, Jack Blakey, Danielle Mackness, Alex Russell Day, Chelsea Chadyiwa, Georgia Bainbridge, Katherine Qualey, Jesse Moffatt, Carolyn Mwarazi.



FROM THE EDITOR

First of all I'd like to say Merry Christmas to all our students and their families.

In the last weeks before Christmas we have really entered into the festive spirit here at CBA (turn to the centre pages to find out more) and I hope that you all have a great Christmas holiday.

I hope you enjoy reading all about what our students have been up to this term.

Highlights include some impressive performance by our talented students in the sports arena and we are delighted to now boast a county chess champion in Year 8 student Owen Robinson (p14).

There have also been some educational trips – to the theatre, Rutland Water and a local Buddhist centre – to name a few.

We are also very proud that our students have been involved in the development of the new disabled facilities at nearby urban sports centre Adrenaline Alley (p17).

We have a busy term ahead (all important dates are included on p3) and so students should have a well deserved break before coming back ready to start all over again in January.

Sarah Ashby
Vice Principal – PNS



Corby Business Academy

YOUNG ENTERPRISE PROJECT BEGUN BY AMBITIOUS SIXTH FORMERS

CBA has teamed up with business link RS Components to launch a Young Enterprise project.

A dynamic group of ten Sixth Form students have formed their own company – which they have called Mbrace – and will be making a product in a bid to pursue the highest profit margin.

Run like a real life business the company will look at every aspect of business from raising capital, devising business plans, production, marketing, finance and sales and the team will also be competing against their contemporaries from across the country.

Read more on our Sixth Form page (9).



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parent/Carer

This time of the year is always a busy one in the life of a school and CBA is no exception. It is fantastic to see the range of activities taking place across the Academy and the number of students that benefit from involvement in these.

Our link with the BBC in developing the CBA Newshounds project is very exciting and students are already working on their interview skills to ensure they are prepared for the reports they will be filming.

Our Young Enterprise groups are currently developing a range of excellent business ideas that I hope will earn their companies a substantial amount of profit. To ensure success students have linked with local business leaders to turn their ideas in to reality.

For the first time ever we have entered a number of Sixth Form students into the Academy Excellence Awards and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them

the best of luck in this venture.

Once again we have had many sporting triumphs and musical successes throughout the term and I would like to congratulate all of the students and staff that have been involved with this. The standards that the students have set themselves are high and we must never underestimate the hard work that goes into both competing and performing at the highest level.

A large amount of fundraising takes place across the Academy throughout the year and this term was no exception. Academy students did a fantastic job of raising over £1700 for Children in Need and it was great to see all students getting involved in the fundraising activities. I would like to thank our newly appointed Sixth Form Senior Team for organising the event, ably led by Fraser Gillian and Shona McKinnon, our newly appointed Head Boy and Head Girl.

A number of examinations have taken place this term, particularly for Year 10 and 11 students who have been sitting various modules from their GCSE courses. Looking forward to January, we will have another busy term ahead of us and I would like to encourage Year 10 and 11 students to start preparing themselves for the examinations they will be taking during Term 3.

Finally, I would like to wish you a happy, relaxing holiday and wish you all the best for the New Year.

Best Wishes,

John Henrys
Acting Principal

A UGANDAN EDUCATION

Two Sixth Form students have made a life changing visit to Uganda.

Chrissie Moore and Sophie Allen were accompanied by CBA librarian Amy McKay on the CBA's third annual visit to the Sixth Form Conference in Uganda.

The trio spent five days in the African country where they took part in debates about global issues as well as visiting primary schools and some areas of cultural importance.

As well as an educational trip, the team also took along a cash pot of £2000 – raised from the generous CBA community – and used the money to buy hundreds of books for the Discovery Centre.

The Centre in Jinja (a four hour road journey from the Ugandan capital of Kampala) was founded in the 1990s by a Northamptonshire charity and acts as an educational resource centre for young people on the local community – as well as across Uganda.

Miss McKay said: “The library was non-existent when we arrived as the centre does struggle for funds.

“After speaking with the students and asking what books they would like, we went along with staff from the centre to the bookshop and bought 370 books.

“We bought several copies of some educational texts, but also bought some more contemporary books such as a book about Justin Bieber and some Hannah Montana ones.”

The staff told Miss McKay the books would be life changing for many students as it will greatly increase their education opportunities.

Following the visit there will be a literature link established between the two schools.

Miss McKay will this year be one of the judges for the prestigious Carnegie award and so she hopes to send the shortlisted books over to the Ugandan school so that the students can read the books and give their verdict.

There will be a SKYPE session so that CBA and the Ugandan students can discuss the reads.

Chrissie said: “I can describe the whole experience in one word – amazing! The experience began when I found out I was going – it wasn't just about getting on a plane to Uganda.

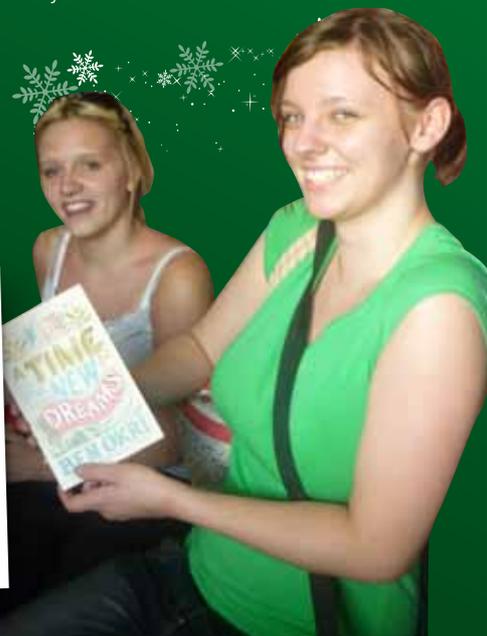
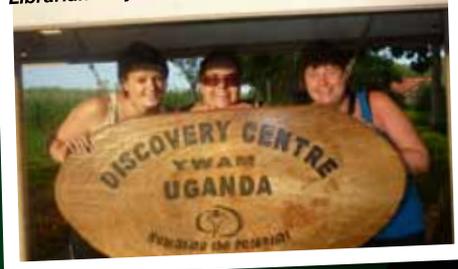
“While in Uganda, we visited primary schools, local landmarks and the best part of all was that we were able to make a massive difference to the lives of students over there. Extra fundraising money meant that we were able to buy 370 books for the Discovery Centre.

“The Ugandan's made us feel very welcome throughout our stay.”

Sophie said: “Uganda was not what I expected at all – there is so much greenery and so many goats. The traffic was awful and quite frightening, constant beeping, animals wandering into the middle of the road, people on motorbikes not holding onto anything or wearing a helmet!

“We did meet wonderful people and made lots of friends, I had the most amazing week of my lifetime and had so many experiences that will stay with me forever.”

Librarian Amy McKay, centre



Corby Business Academy

Key Dates

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

2012 TERM 3

Tues Jan 3rd	Training Day
Wed Jan 4th	Start of Term 3 for all students and staff
Sat Jan 7th	Testing for New Year 7 (September 2012 intake)
Wed Jan 11th	Year 9 English/Reading Functional Skills Exam
Mon Jan 16th	Parents in Partnership Meeting: 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Wed Jan 18th	Year 8 Parents' Evening: 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Wed Feb 1st	Year 8 Options Evening
Sat Feb 4th	Gifted & Talented Programme event
Wed Feb 8th	Year 7 Parents' Evening : 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Fri Feb 10th	End of Term 3
Feb 10th – 18th	Ski Trip

2012 TERM 4

Mon 20th Feb	Start of Term 4
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JANUARY 2012 EXAMINATIONS

Day	Date	Code	Name	Session	Start	Time allowed
Tue	10/01/2012	PSYA1	AS Psychology A	AM	09:00	1hr 30m
Tue	10/01/2012	4171 F/H	English Unit 1 reading	AM	09:00	1hr
Tue	10/01/2012	46951F	Spanish (listening)	PM	13:30	35m
Tue	10/01/2012	46952F	Spanish (reading)	PM	13:30	30m
Tue	10/01/2012	46951H	Spanish (listening)	PM	13:30	45m
Tue	10/01/2012	46952H	Spanish (reading)	PM	13:30	50m
Wed	11/01/2012	F211	Biology: Cells, Exchange & Transport	AM	09:00	1hr
Thu	12/01/2012	LITB1	AS English Literature B	AM	09:00	2hrs
Thu	12/01/2012	A161F/H	Biology A (NEW) Modules (F/H)	AM	09:00	1hr
Thu	12/01/2012	G481	AS Physics A Mechanics	PM	13:30	1hr
Fri	13/01/2012	G322	GCE Media Studies	AM	09:00	2hrs
Fri	13/01/2012	6663	Core Mathematics C1	AM	09:00	1hr 30m
Fri	13/01/2012	6664	Core Mathematics C2	AM	09:00	1hr 30m
Fri	13/01/2012	F321	AS Chemistry A: Atoms, Bonds & Groups	PM	13:30	1hr
Mon	16/01/2012	6H101	AS History Unit 1 Historical Themes in Breadth	PM	13:30	1hr 20m
Mon	16/01/2012	46551F	French (listening)	PM	13:30	35m
Mon	16/01/2012	46552F	French (reading)	PM	13:30	30m
Mon	16/01/2012	46551H	French (listening)	PM	13:30	45m
Mon	16/01/2012	46552H	French (reading)	PM	13:30	50m
Tue	17/01/2012	6683	Statistics Unit S1	AM	09:00	1hr 30m
Tue	17/01/2012	6684	A2 Statistics Unit S2	AM	09:00	1hr 30m
Tue	17/01/2012	5HB01/1A	History B Unit 1A: Medicine & Treatment	PM	13:30	1hr 15m
Wed	18/01/2012	A171F/H	Chemistry A (NEW) Modules	AM	09:00	1hr
Thu	19/01/2012	F322	AS Chemistry A: Chains, Energy & Resources	PM	13:30	1hr 45m
Fri	20/01/2012	6689	AS Decision Mathematics Unit D1	PM	13:30	1hr 30m
Tue	24/01/2012	A211F/H	Science A: Unit 1 Modules	AM	09:00	40m
Wed	25/01/2012	F214	A2 Biology: Communication, Homeostasis & Energy	AM	09:00	1hr
Wed	25/01/2012	6666	Core Mathematics C4	PM	13:30	1hr 30m
Wed	25/01/2012	5HB0333A	History: Surgery c1845-1918	PM	13:30	1hr 15m
Thu	26/01/2012	A212F/H	Science A: Unit 2 Modules	AM	09:00	40m
Thu	26/01/2012	F324	A2 Chemistry A: Rings, Polymers & Analysis	PM	13:30	1hr
Mon	30/01/2012	6667	Further Mathematics FP1	AM	09:00	1hr 30m
Mon	30/01/2012	A215 F/H	Add. Science A: Unit 1	PM	13:30	40m
Tue	31/01/2012	F215	A2 Biology: Control, Genomes & Environment	PM	13:30	1hr 45m
Wed	01/02/2012	A213F/H	Science A: Unit 3 Modules	PM	13:30	40m

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME – THE LAW

The law states that parents should not normally remove their child from school during term time for a holiday. Under Government guidelines we will only consider permitting holidays in term time where both the application is made to the Principal in advance of the holiday (by a parent the student normally lives with) and where there are special reasons for needing to take the holiday (for example the inflexibility of the parents' holiday leave). Parents need to pay attention to the law on this matter and follow the correct procedure or else they may be issued with a penalty notice.

ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM LAUNCHED

Parents can now pay for catering and trips online following the launch of our new online payment system. To save parents time and to prevent students handling cash in the Academy, we have implemented a new system called WisePay, which allows parents to deal with any money matters in a secure way. A personal account for each student has been generated and parents with more than one child at CBA have the ability to merge accounts. The catering section of the system also gives parents the facility to view what their child is purchasing from the restaurant. Finance manager Linda Stubbins said: "We sent letters home to all parents informing them of the new service, instructions on how to use the WisePay accounts and login details. We have had a very good take up rate so far, parents will be able to see the details of their child's account and keep up to date with trip information and payment dates." The function to pay for music tuition will soon be available. If anyone has any queries about the system please email finance@corbybusinessacademy.org or call 01536 303120.



TEACHER CONTACT DETAILS FOR YEAR 11 PARENTS

We have launched a new feature on our website so that parents of Year 11 students can easily contact their child's teacher. Whether it be info about course information, essay deadlines, conduct or exams, our Year 11 teaching staff and tutor team will be happy to answer any questions. The Year 11 page – with email addresses of all Year 11 staff – is located under the parent tab on our website www.corbybusinessacademy.org Acting Principal John Henrys said: "Following consultation we felt it was important to make our staff as accessible as possible to Year 11 parents. We understand that this can be a stressful year of study, and feel that it is important to work together with parents to ensure that each student has the highest levels of support during this time in order to fulfil their potential when it comes to examinations." Staff will endeavour to answer an email within 48 hours of receiving it.

COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

BLOOD BROTHERS TRIP

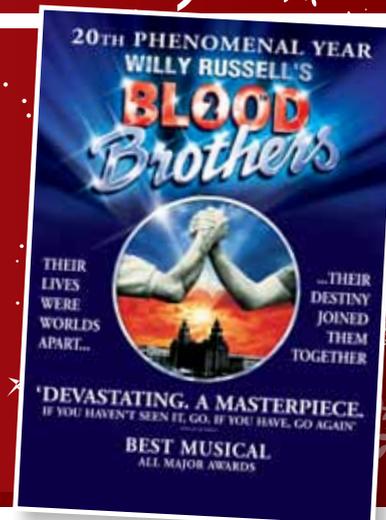
96 students went to The Derngate Theatre in Northampton to see the acclaimed musical Blood Brothers this term.

The students from Year 9 and 10 watched the Willy Russell drama when it was performed as part of a national tour.

Drama teacher Vicky Clements, who organised the trip, said: "The students really enjoyed the performance. For many of the students it was their first visit to the theatre and so they did not know what to expect.

"During parts of the show many were on the edge of their seats and jumped when there were gun shots. They came out of the theatre saying how much they had enjoyed it.

"It is great to see the show on stage as it consolidates their understanding of the text, making their English GCSE more accessible and enjoyable."



SPELLING BEE 2012

Students in Year 7 have been practising and improving their vocabulary, spelling and memory skills in French, by taking part in a national foreign language spelling bee competition.

Students (including Hannah Eden and Stephanie Devlin, picture below) have been learning 50 words related to the curriculum. In class, they are given a word in English then have to translate it into French and spell it correctly using the French alphabet.

Students can practise words online at home using a program on www.flspellingbee.co.uk and the words are also listed on CBA Radiowaves on the Academy website.

Bonne chance l'année 7!

Karen Turney – Director of Modern Foreign Languages



LIFE THROUGH A LENS

A Level Media Studies students will be taking inspiration from a cult film to learn about the art of movie making.

The students in Media Studies teacher Simon Smith's A2 course have been tasked with recreating scenes from the film Juno in preparation for making their own trailers next term.

Mr Smith said: "This was a film that many students are familiar with and is known for its great cinematography, so it is a great film to learn from.

"By making their own trailers the students are helped immensely in being able to understand the process of film making.

"They are using software such as Final Cut Pro to edit, which is used within the film industry."



ACCELERATED READER LAUNCH

Once again all KS3 students are busy taking quizzes on the many books they read during tutor time and in their own time. Accelerated Reader is software CBA subscribes to which allows students to take quizzes on books appropriate to their reading abilities. Levels are decided by online reading tests and mean students are reading at the optimum level for improvement. Over 5000 library books

have quizzes available.

The library will be running an incentive scheme all year to encourage and award quiz taking.

There will also be an inter-form competition between KS3 forms with a trophy being awarded to the highest quizzing form every month.

Amy McKay – Librarian



BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)



LET THE BATTLE COMMENCE



Year 7 students re-enacted the Battle of Hastings 1066 and the Norman Conquest during a lesson this term.

History teacher Samantha Stacey writes: "On the death of Edward the Confessor, our history students discovered that there were three main contenders for the English throne – Harold Godwinson, William of Normandy and Harald Hardrada – the Viking king. "With tables and chairs pushed to one side, students took on roles and positions of strategic

military importance to discover through role-play why Harold lost and William won.

"With a hairdryer blowing William across the English Channel, and the Viking King dead with a single blow of the axe, students soon realised that a weary and exhausted Harold had to march his army all the way from York to Hastings to fight once more. "William's tactics and preparation led to victory against the Saxon king, and an extended piece of writing for Term Two's History assessment".

MEDICINAL PURPOSES

Year 9 History students started the new GCSE topic Medicine Through Time this term.

The development study covers medicine through time, from Ancient Greece to the present day.

The activity required students to physically place themselves on a timeline to demonstrate different periods in history, in addition to assessing average life expectancy during each period. They also looked at the key medical developments and factors that hindered the progress of medicine.

Their first GCSE History exam is in June 2012.

Samantha Stacey



RUSSIAN STYLE BOWLING

Kirsty Farrar's A Level History Class took the learning to the bowling lanes this term.

The group of students accompanied Mrs Farrar to Rock and Bowl in Kettering one evening in December and to keep within the theme of the current coursework they gave themselves famous Russian monikers (such as Stalin and Lenin).

Kirsty Farrar



MCDONALDS MARKETING MASTERCLASS

The owner of a McDonalds franchise made a visit to Alexandra Allan's GCSE Business class to give them an insight into how the multi-national company keeps its customers interested.

Kelli Watts, the owner of the McDonalds in Rothwell, gave the students a valuable insight into

the methods the famous food chain uses to make sure its customers keep coming back to buy.

Mrs Allan said: "The students really learned a lot from Kelli about how important the marketing side of things are and she also talked about the value of customer service."



ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)



MUSIC RECITALS

The Senior Brass Band, Woodwind Ensemble and CBA Vocalize choir performed to parents at three recitals held this term.

Director of Music Clive Wears said: "The recitals are a form of mid-term report and are an opportunity for new Year 7 students to perform in public for the first time."

The CBA music groups have a busy time planned for the New Year. On November 24 CBA musicians will be teaming up with the GUS Virtuoso Choir to stage a performance. More details will follow soon. The Eisteddfod is also coming up on March 15th.

Congratulations also go to students Emanuel Dobos and Robert Dawson who have passed their Grade 3 Cornet exams.

USING SMART MATERIALS

Year 7 students have been introduced to the newest technologies in the fashion industry. The students designed and made their own cushions and used conductive thread to sew the LED into the design.

As part of the project the students were taught how to set up and use a sewing machine.

Design Teacher Samantha Fynan

said: "The students came up with the designs and then set about making the templates and deciding where the LEDs would be placed. "There have been some great results and it has been a really successful project."



ART AFTER HOURS

Students from all years have been attending Session 4 Art Club to brush up on their skills.

Art Teacher Elizabeth Hopkins has been helping students from Years 7 to 13 with their artistic talents. She said: "The club is proving to be busy with students coming along for a number of reasons.

"We have students who want to make artwork as gifts for friends and family, those who want to work on a portfolios for college applications, and students who just enjoy art and want to practise." Art Club takes place during Session 4 on Thursdays during term time.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

Members of the popular Food Enterprise Club have been cooking up batches of Christmas cakes.

The students put the cakes up for sale and allowed people to customise their own designs. Sixth Form student Victoria Kiss (pictured) bought a cake and had it personalised with her idol Rhianna.

The proceeds of the sale will go towards buying produce for the Session 4 club. Food Enterprise Club meets on Thursdays.



PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

CRICKET SELECTION

Four promising CBA cricketers have been selected for a talent programme. Year 7 student Thomas Keeney and Year 8 students Jonathan Freeman, Zak MacGraw and Thomas Chenery, will be training at Oundle School on Saturdays after being chosen by the Marylebone Cricket Foundation as young sportsmen with potential. The foundation has just launched a scheme to promote cricket across state secondary schools and our talented cricketers will be among the first cohort of the programme. They will train at one of seven 'hub's created across the country and be assessed by MCC staff.

Cricket Coach Jordan Joseph, who set up the cricket team as a student and is now a member of staff, said: "This is an excellent opportunity for the boys and will be a great way to bring themselves to the attention of the county cricket scouts."

Thomas Keeney, who is the Under 13s captain and plays for Corby Stewarts and Lloyds Under 13s team, said: "It is a real honour to have been picked and I can't wait to start."

Thomas Chenery, who along with Zak and Jonathon is a player for Weldon Cricket Club's Under 13s team said: "I would love to play for the county one day."



His dad Clive, who is also a CBA parent governor said: "Thomas has been playing cricket since a very young age and has always had an interest in the sport.

"I am really impressed with the cricket coaching team here and the support they give to the students.

"The highlight of Thomas's first year at CBA was the cricket tour to Torquay, which he said was excellent."

The training begins on Saturday, January 7th.

OUT ON THE WATER

A group of students braved the waters of a local reservoir as part of their BTEC Public Services course.

The Year 10 and 11 students took part in team building activities at Rutland Water as part of their public service skills unit.

Active teacher James Aston who runs the course, said: "They kayaked around a distant buoy and tried paddling backwards, swapping kayaks and paddling standing up.

"Their second activity was raft building, which was completed to various levels of competence. Three groups managed to sail their rafts, while the rest got stuck in the mud or saw their rafts fall apart in the water.

"The groups were a credit to the Academy and all of the students participated well in to activity, even though they got very muddy and wet."

Year 10 students Corey Bowden and Joe Samuels-Hammond took part in the exercise. Corey said: "It was a really great exercise and taught us a lot about team work."

Joe, who has taken the course in his bid to become a search and rescue pilot with the RAF said: "The day was all about team work and was really enjoyable. I am really learning a lot and hope the course will stand me in good stead for a later career in the RAF."



IN THE RUNNING FOR COUNTY SUCCESS

Nine CBA students have been selected to represent Corby in the County Cross Championships next month.

Jack Rosborough (Year 8), Annie Murrie, Will Bell, Chloe Iloff (Year 9), Sean Langan, Tinashe Kayaya, Carolanne Hales (Year 10), Tom Dallamore and Danny Arseni (Year 11) won their place in the Corby team after competing in the district competition at West Glebe Park on November 28th.

They will now race it out against other students from across the county at the

event at Abington Park in Northampton on January 14th.

Active teacher Amy Harris said: "The students have done really well and it is the largest number of students we have ever had to represent Corby in the county championships.

"I am sure they will do Corby and CBA proud."



ARCTIC EXPERIMENTS

Students in Jeanette Power's science class learned how penguins manage to keep warm in the arctic conditions.

Test tubes were placed in warm water and then the temperature of all was taken.

Students discovered that those on the outside of the pack lost heat faster than

the ones inside.

Ms Power said: "The experiment was a practical example of how Penguins keep each other warm by huddling together and changing places."

Another experiment saw students burning methane bubbles.



EXTRA COACHING FOR NETBALL

CBA has teamed up with Corby Netball Club.

Corby Netball Club coach Rosemary Saunders is attending CBA on Mondays during Session 4 to put our students through their paces.

Active Teacher Amy Harris said: "Rosemary has secured some funding to help promote netball and we are particularly aiming the coaching at Key Stage 4 students."

Netball club takes place during Session 4 on Thursdays.

MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)



PGCE STUDENT



The MAIT department was joined in Term 2 by a PGCE student. Nottingham Trent University student Tania Masaraure was mentored by IT teacher Karen Owen during her six week placement. The student who will now go onto a second placement at another Corby school said: "I have really enjoyed my time here and have been really impressed with the IT available to students. "It has been glitch free and so I now understand what is possible in a school."



TEACHER JOINS UNIVERSITY SELECTION PANEL

IT teacher Karen Owen will be joining Nottingham Trent University's interview panel.

Mrs Owen, who has been teaching IT for nine years, has been asked to sit on the body that decides which students it will admit to its PGCE course for September 2012.

She said: "I will be asking the candidates a series of questions and then deciding along with the rest of the panel who will be admitted.

"I am looking forward to it and it is an honour to be involved."

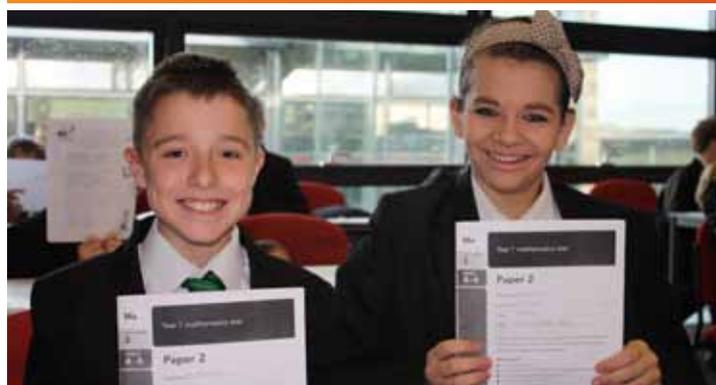


EXAM SUCCESS

Year 7 students in Andy Duncan's top set Maths class sat their end of term paper.

Matthew Ford and Nikolina Tovilovic came top of the class.

Mr Duncan said: "I am really proud of how the students have done and we have had some great results."



PAINT BY NUMBERS

Year 7 students in Maxwell Sam's class had a festive twist to their maths exercises.

The students were tasked with colouring according to numbers and had to work out which colour to use after first of all completing a rounding exercise.

Below: Student Tamzin Kiernan pictured with her Rudolf creation.



SPEEDY ADDITIONS

Year 7 student Lewis Barber came top of the class when he took on a quick fire number game.

The student scored an impressive 720 points to top the leader board in the numeracy game.

MAIT teacher Maxwell Sam said: "The software game is a great way of students being able to practice their addition skills under timed conditions."



SIXTH FORM

YOUNG ENTERPRISE PROJECT BEGUN BY AMBITIOUS SIXTH FORMERS

CBA has teamed up with business link RS Components to launch a Young Enterprise project.

A dynamic group of ten Sixth Form students have formed their own company – which they have called Mbrace – and will be making a product in a bid to pursue the highest profit margin. Our multi-national neighbour RS Components is sponsoring the project and has seconded Regional Supply Manager Shaun Coleman to assist and mentor the students.

He will be joined by BHE teacher Alexandra Allan (who has a background of working as a project leader in Blue Chip firms) who has been given time within her teaching timetable to ensure the students have as much support as possible.

The students have all volunteered for the project and have the opportunity to gain a Level 3 OCR qualification which will give additional UCAS points.

Elected Managing Director Arron Smith said: "I wanted to get involved as it is a great opportunity to gain real life experience of running a business and working as part of a team.

"My dad runs his own company in Corby and it is something I am considering, and so I will be going onto University to study business."

The team is currently considering a short-list of three products and the winning idea will be unveiled shortly.

The full team is Arron Smith, Alice Hill, Aleksei Kurotskin, Huang Chen, Myles Peters, Arnold Oloo, Filip Celebicanin, Artur Pereira, Szymon Szeliga, Robert Bozik, Sebastian Wyrebek and David Sereg. Young Enterprise is a national education charity which works to strengthen links between schools and industry and to inspire a new generation of entrepreneurs.

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Members of the Young Enterprise Team stood behind MD Arron Smith



Young Enterprise members Alice Hill and Robert Bozik with one of the prototype ideas



Picture by Northants Evening Telegraph

SNAPPING INTO ACTION

A budding photographer went to work at the Northants Evening Telegraph this term to find out more about the profession.

Sixth Form student Sophie Allen joined the ET's Chief Photographer Alison Bagley on Friday, December 9th to experience a day in the life of a press photographer.

Sophie said: "I had a great day with Alison who was very funny and easy to work with. She was also so organised and calm despite being very busy. "Her creativity was inspiring and I was really impressed with how she could instantly think of a good pose for people on the spot."

OPEN EVENING

CBA Sixth Form department held open its doors in December to prospective student members and their parents. Staff from each course and also current Sixth Form students were on hand to give information to students who are considering joining our growing Sixth Form in September 2012.

Head of Sixth Form Avril Bartley-Smith said: "We are developing a Sixth Form which treats students as

individuals and ensures we meet our student's needs. We are proud of the dedication the students give to their studies and the partnership which develops between home, school and the students resulting in their ambitions being met. "

More information about the Sixth Form can be found on our website www.corbybusinessacademy.org

ENTERING ACADEMY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

A group of talented Sixth Formers have been selected to represent CBA in a bid to win prizes at the Academy Excellence Awards.

The students will be writing essays on a specialist topic for entry into the annual awards which recognise outstanding academic achievements by students in Year 11-13.

Students had until December 11th to pen their essays and selected finalists will go on to the awards at ceremony at the University of Nottingham on July 4th 2012.

Gifted and Talented Coordinator Claire Howsam, who is organising the entries said: "The students have been nominated by teachers and this is their chance to shine and show the high standards they are capable of."

Nenyasha Mukumbuzi is writing an article on Economics, Shona McKinnon is focussing on English, Charlotte Bean's specialist subject is History, Andile Chiwuta will write about his passion for Music, Fraser Gillan will write about Physics, Catherine Grant is focusing on Politics and Julia Marques Pike will write about her specialist subject of Maths.



CHRISTMAS AT CBA

CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

It was another hard fought contest as the Faculties battled it out to win the title of Best Christmas Tree.

After much consultation the Library was crowned the winner. This year the theme was *Your Faculty in the News* and Library Assistant Bernie Smith went to task writing articles about the library and decorated the tree with the news snippets. Second place went to the designated provision which had a Kate and Wills themed tree.



WINTER WONDERLAND CONCERT

Our talented musicians performed to a packed theatre at the Winter Wonderland Concert.

The Christmas scene was well and truly set as the various CBA bands and choir performed a variety of Christmas songs on December 14th. There were old favourites such as Silent Night and The Little Drummer Boy as well as more modern tunes such as Adele's Rolling In The Deep. There were also a number of solo performances from talented vocalists Anya Rosario (Year 8), Eloise Robertson (Year 11) and Josie Murie (Year 10) and a solo cornet performance by Sam Addy.

Acting Principal John Henrys paid tribute to the hard work of students and staff that had gone into staging the performance.

He said: "Director of Music Clive Wears has some big ambitions for music here at CBA and you can see that we are clearly getting to where we want to be.

"The dedication displayed by the students is obvious and we are developing many talented musicians."



JUNIOR SCHOOL TOUR

Music students performed before younger audiences at neighbouring schools this term.

On December 3rd 40 musicians from a selection of our CBA bands performed Christmas themed concerts at Oakley Vale Primary School and Studfall Primary School.

Director of Music Clive Wears said: "It was great for the some of the students to be able to return to their former schools and it was an opportunity for us to rehearse for later events in the festive season."

SECRET SANTA

Sixth Form peer mentors in the MAIT Faculty organised a secret Santa for their mentees.

Eden Isaacs-Lonie (pictured) Julia Marquez-Pike, Nicole Bean and Morium Atker organised the present swap, giving students a £5 limit with which to buy their gifts.

Morium said: "We thought it would be a nice idea and the students really got involved with it."





ON SONG FOR CHRISTMAS

Musical stars from the three academies in the Brooke Weston Partnership came together for an evening of Christmas song.

Singers and musicians from Corby Business Academy, Kettering Science Academy (secondary and primary phase), and Brooke Weston Academy performed a carol concert at the Salvation Army hall in Kettering on December 8th.

This was the third annual concert of the partnership.

Director of Music from CBA Clive Wears said: "It is great that as a partnership of schools we

can collaborate musically.

"The students put in many hours of practice to make sure that they were pitch perfect and we had a wonderful response from the audience who said that it was a wonderful start to the Christmas season."

Musical performances include a joint choir and a joint concert band as well as soloist spots. There were also some biblical readings and favourites such as Away in A Manger, Hark the Herald Angels Sing and Silent Night.



CANDY CANES



Sixth Form students sold candy canes over the last week of term to raise funds for next year's Uganda visit.

The selection process for the next trip to the Discovery Centre is currently underway and the fundraising has already begun.

Student Klaudia Chalubinska set up stall to sell the goodies – which were then delivered around the Academy to lucky recipients.



DECK THE HALLS

The Mall was decked out in Festive Fashion thanks to the efforts of Sixth Form students.

The tree dressing has now become an annual tradition and once again the tree looks spectacular.

The Sixth Formers spent many hours one Friday at the start of December decorating the giant tree, after our Site team made a splendid job of getting it into place.

HOME-MADE FESTIVE TREATS ON SALE

A traditional Christmas Fair was set up in the CBA mall area on December 5th.

There were all sorts of festive goodies from knitted toys to homemade wrapping paper, cards and even reindeer food on sale.

Students and staff from the resource provision as well as Sixth Form students made the goods and manned the stalls.

Special mention also goes to Jean Leighton (staff member Caren Brown's mum) who knitted a staggering 60 knitted toys and donated them to the sale.

Altogether £250 was raised. The funds will go towards activities in Enterprise Week.



HEAD BOY & GIRL - NEW SENATE

NEW HEAD BOY & GIRL AT CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY

A New Head Boy and Head Girl have been appointed. Fraser Gillan and Shona McKinnon have taken on the prestigious roles this term after shining through at an interview stage with Acting Principal John Henrys and Head of Sixth Form Avril Bartley-Smith.

Fraser, who is studying A level Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Public Services and has ambitions to become an RAF Pilot, said: "I am really proud to have been appointed Head Boy and I will be concentrating on creating a strong Sixth Form with lots of working together between Years 12 and 13."

Shona wants to become a role model for younger students. She said: "I want to show the younger students that it's cool to do well at school and that you can achieve anything that you set your mind to."

This year CBA will also be establishing a Senior Student Team who will be responsible for chairing the various sub committees in the Student Senate. Their first role was to coordinate the Academy wide Children in Need effort.

The team will be made up of Charlotte Bean and David Graham (who are also Deputy Head Boy and Head Girl) and Morium Akter and Catherine Grant. Mrs Bartley-Smith said: "These students will be the face of CBA. It was a difficult decision as we had some strong contenders but we are certain that Shona and Fraser will do a great job."

"The new Senior Student Team is also an exciting development and will incorporate new students as the year progresses."



Shona and Fraser with the rest of the Senior Student Team

Meet CBA's New Senate

Our brand new Senate has met for the first time.

The restaurant, fundraising ideas and allocating students to sub-committees were some of the issues on the agenda when our new Senate representatives met in the boardroom for their first official get together on Thursday, November 17th.

After a welcome from Acting Principal John Henrys and a talk about the Senate process from Vice Principal Sarah Ashby, the Senate got down to business

On the Senate are two members from each Year group plus six Sixth Form representatives.

The Senate representatives were selected after being voted in as Form representatives and then putting themselves forward for selection to the Senate.

Eve Pavitt, who has returned to the Senate for a second year said: "I found it very exciting to be part of the Senate last year and so I am thrilled to be a member this year. "It is a really great system which allows students to have a direct say in the running of the Academy."

Year 11 student Scarlet-Bliss Kettle said: "I wanted to become part of the Senate as I am good at expressing my views and want to represent the other students in my year."

The new members are:

Year 7	Sophie Ducker and Kearnu Stapleton
Year 8	Lewis Cross and Eve Pavitt
Year 9	Tara Leggett and Callum Connachie
Year 10	Georgina Bainbridge and Emily Carroll
Year 11	Adam Wilson and Scarlet-Bliss Kettle
Sixth Form	Morium Akter, Andile Chiwuta, Karolina Zalewska, Ivo Silva and Head Boy Fraser Gillan and Head Girl Shona McKinnon.



Sophie Ducker Year 7	Kearnu Stapleton Year 7	Lewis Cross Year 8	Eve Pavitt Year 8	Callum Connachie Year 9	Tara Leggett Year 9	Georgina Bainbridge Year 10	Emily Carroll Year 10	Scarlett Bliss-Kettle Year 11	Adam Wilson Year 11	Morium Atker Sixth Form	Andile Chiwuta Sixth Form	Ivo Silva Sixth Form	Karolina Zalewska Sixth Form	Fraser Gillan Sixth Form	Shona McKinnon Sixth Form

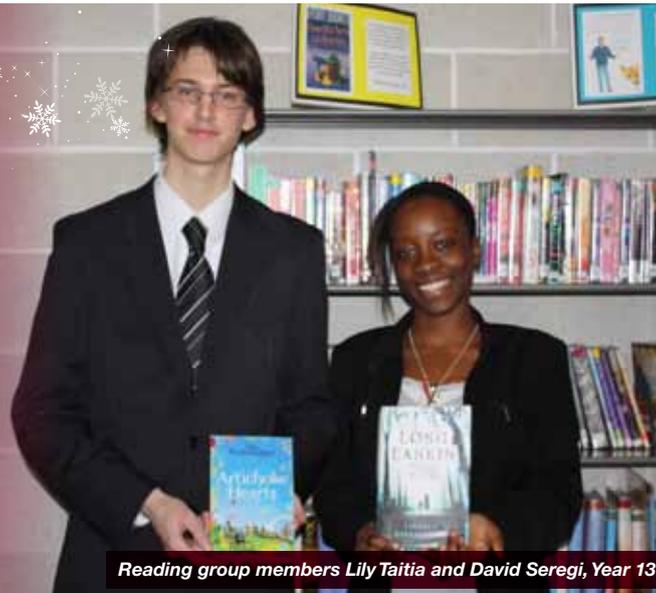
LIBRARY

YEAR 10+ READING GROUP

The Library was pleased to start a second reading group this term. Open to all students in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 the group meets every Thursday during 1.25pm tutor time. We hope that attending the group will encourage continued reading for pleasure in students at the age when other commitments tend to take over.

The group will run like an adult book club, but rather than all reading the same book we will look at a different genre, author or awards list every term. For Term 3 the group will be reading Carnegie longlisted books. Students do NOT have to read a book a week, but they do need to have done some reading to attend.

Amy McKay – Librarian



Reading group members Lily Taitia and David Seregi, Year 13

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The Library made students work hard for their Christmas treats by testing them on general knowledge over the festive period.

Library Assistant Bernie Smith devised a trivia advent quiz, with a different question unveiled on each of the 12 days.

Students had to fill in the quiz sheet to win a daily prize and then an overall winner was crowned on the last day of term.

Year 7 student Oliver Parton with the advent calendar



A VERY SPECIAL VISITOR FOR THE LIBRARY

A visitor even more impressive than J.K. Rowling visited the Library this term, that's right – Santa popped in!

Every year we organise a free book for all Year 7 students through the charity Booked Up and give the books as Christmas presents.

The selection of books on offer is always fantastic and these included favourites such as *Artichoke Hearts* and *Why Is Snot Green?*. An array of activities will be offered in the Library to compliment the books next term, such as a swap box and reading logs.

Special thanks to the wonderful Sixth Form elf, Danny Bloomfield, who wrapped all 240 of the books!

Amy McKay – Librarian

Santa (aka Library Assistant Bernie Smith) with Year 7 student Anastasija Rakocevic



AUTHOR VISITS TO TALK TO STUDENTS

The library was packed with book mad students as author Jo Cotterill paid a visit. Students from Years 7 to 13 went along to hear the celebrated children's novelist read an extract from her latest book *Ice Dreams*, and also speak about the publishing process when she made the visit on Thursday, November 17th.

The author, whose latest series is about the world of ice skating, said: "This is my first visit to an Academy and I am so impressed with the library facilities here.

"It is very clear that literature is very important at Corby Business Academy and I applaud that."

Librarian Amy McKay said: "It is so important that students have the chance to meet the authors, as it brings the reading process to life and encourages them to engage with new and different genres."

To find out more about Jo Cotterill visit www.ilovesweethearts.co.uk



ACADEMY NEWS



NORTHANTS CHESS CHAMPION IN OUR RANKS

Year 8 student Owen Robinson has beaten older players from across Northamptonshire to be crowned Under 18 Chess Champion.

Owen lifted the Under 18 champion title at the 32nd Northants Junior Congress held in Northampton in November.

The student, who is also the reigning CBA Chess Champion, having seen off Sixth Form students to clinch the title, said he was thrilled to reign supreme against the county's best young players.

He said: "I won five and drew one of my six games. I was so pleased to have won as I practiced hard before the tournament."

Owen started playing the sport aged eight when a chess club was started at his primary school. He said: "I just enjoyed the game straight away and found that I

had a natural talent for it.

"I find it really fun and particularly enjoy the problem solving part of the game.

"I don't know what my ambitions are as yet, I will just see where it takes me."

Owen has private home tuition and also regularly plays as part of the Northants Schools Association squad. He also practices regularly against his home computer (which he sets to the hardest level) and he also uses a software programme to analyse his performances.

Librarian Amy McKay, who organises the CBA chess competition said: "Owen's performance in the CBA tournament last year was very impressive, despite only being in Year 7 at the time, he had no problem beating our strongest Sixth Form players. It'll be interesting to see who has the nerve to take him on this year!"

STUDENTS DIG DEEP FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

More than £1700 has been raised for Children In Need.

The newly created Senior Student Team did a great job in making sure a serious amount of cash was collected for the national fundraiser. There were a number of activities taking place throughout the day and a staff versus Sixth Form football tournament finished off activities. Sixth Form student Morium Atkar dressed as Pudsey and gave out sponsored hugs.

She said: "The highlight of the day was seeing younger students' delight at receiving a hug from Pudsey.

"It was very tiring because the costume was really hot and I was kept very busy but it was worth it."

A small proportion of the funds will be used to buy books to send over to the Discovery Centre in Uganda.



WORKSHOPS TO INFORM STUDENTS

Year 7 and 8 students saw a hard-hitting drama about the dangers of drug misuse before taking part in workshops led by Police Community Support Officers.

The Buzzed toured all four Corby secondary schools as part of a series of events organised by our resident PCSO Alex Franklin.

Alex said: "The drama follows the story of Charlotte who is portrayed at the ages of ten, 14, 18 and 21 years. At the age of ten you find out she starts smoking. At 14 she is using cannabis and drinking. You can see the problem escalating over the years.

"The play was brilliant and quite hard hitting. Afterwards we held workshops led by five Community Support Officers that discussed issues such as what signs did her parents miss at each stage in her life? Could more have done to help? Lots of the students came away with really positive messages because of the performance."

The drama was staged by BTEC Performing Arts students aged between 17 and 20 from Northampton College.

MOVEMBER

BHE teacher Dan Arnold and PCSO Alex Franklin took their facial hair back to the 1970s to raise awareness of prostate cancer.

The staff members joined thousands of men from across the country in growing a moustache for Movember – a charity movement that takes place over the whole of November.



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CALLUM SELECTED FOR ENGLAND BASKETBALL TALENT GROUP

Callum Cresswell has been picked out as one of the East Midlands's best young basketball players. The Year 9 student is now attending England Basketball's prestigious Area Performance Centre programme and is being trained by one of the country's top basketball coaches. The programme, which is aimed at young people aged from 13 to 15, is a route to being selected to play for the region and then for the country. The student, who also plays for the men's team Market Harborough Flyers, began his first training session at the end of November. He said: "It was great to be coached at that level and to train for a full six hours.

"I hope to play for England one day and am also considering playing college basketball in America." CBA basketball coach James Aston said: "Callum has gone from strength to strength in the past two years. He has been playing many hours per week of basketball and it is showing in his games. He is now being tracked by England Basketball through the APC and I hope they help him to reach his potential." The talented sportsmen began playing the sport aged just five and was initially coached by his mum who has played basketball and netball for the county. Callum is part of the CBA Year 10 team which recently came second in the district championships.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Students from our sister school Thomas Clarkson Community College were welcomed into CBA.

The Cambridgeshire school is the newest member of the Brooke Weston Partnership and its students and staff were given an introduction to life at CBA.

Deputy Executive Principal of BWP Andrew Campbell gave the students a talk about the partnership and emphasized the individual character of each of the schools and the family nature of the partnership.

After a tour of the building, the Thomas Clarkson Community College students (many of whom were from the school's Ambassador programme) chatted with their CBA

counterparts about all aspects of student life.

Year 9 student Annie Nichols and Year 8 student James Clark (pictured right with CBA students Josh Cresswell and Eve Pavitt) were among the students who came to visit.

James said: "I am really impressed with CBA as I like the openness and it has a real business feeling to it."

The Brooke Weston Partnership now consists of CBA, Brooke Weston Academy, the Kettering Science Academy and the Thomas Clarkson Community College.

BWP is also working in partnership with



Tresham College to found the new free school for Corby, which is set to open in September 2012.

LIBRARIAN'S READ-ATHON FOR CARNEGIE

CBA Librarian Amy McKay has 81 books to read in the next five weeks as she takes on the role of official judge for the country's most famous children's book awards.

Amy says Christmas will have to be cancelled as she will have to have her head in a book throughout the holiday period if she is to meet the deadline of January 24th.

The librarian, who has so far read 26 of the 107 Carnegie long-list, said: "I'm enjoying working my way through the shortlist, but am finding reading to a deadline very different to my usual reading for pleasure.

"Reading books that I wouldn't normally have been drawn to has been really interesting, although there have been one or two duds!

"Students have been fantastic at reading alongside me and there are a number who are also working their way through the long-list.

"We have a book-o-meter on display in the Library charting our progress – thankfully I am winning!"

Amy is also a judge for the Kate Greenaway award – which is given for outstanding illustration.

Kim Isaksen's Year 7 class will be helping Amy look at the books – they will spend 30 minutes each week discussing the merits of the nominees.

Amy will next meet with the other judges on the panel on January 25 and 26th, where the winner will be decided.

It will be officially announced in April. Amy said: "That will be the hardest thing – keeping the shortlist a secret for three months!"

"It feels such an honour to be involved in the Carnegie Medal, it is by far the most prestigious book award for young people and I have to keep pinching myself to believe I'm so lucky!"



2012 CALENDAR

Students and staff from CBA have been busy getting creative this term. For just £5 a copy, our annual calendar could be yours to hang at home or in the office.

This year the calendar is Olympic themed in honour of the London games. To order a copy email Nikki Clark at Nclark@corbybusinesscademy.org

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

CBA teachers John Atkinson and Natasha Dunstone have become the first graduates of a new development programme.

The Brooke Weston Middle Leadership Programme was launched this year and is aimed at closing the achievement gap in schools by giving staff training in how to develop new teaching and management strategies.

The intensive course took place over ten months and included residential sessions and regular meetings with colleagues and mentors.

Acting Principal John Henrys said: "John and Natasha undertook a piece of work looking at the performance of an identified group of students that were underperforming in both English and Mathematics.

Mr Atkinson, who is a Business teacher

within the BHE Faculty, said: "The course has definitely helped my career and has hugely increased my confidence and completely changed the way I look at things. It has given me an overall whole-school perspective and has increased my confidence to work with different areas of the school."

Miss Dunstone, who is a PE teacher within the Active department, said: "The course was a real insight to the way schools use data to run efficiently and effectively. It was a worthwhile experience that opened my eyes to a variety of approaches to leadership and management within the school environment."

Nine teachers from the three BWP Partnership Academies (CBA, Kettering Science Academy and Brooke Weston Academy) enrolled on the course.



JUSTICE IN ACTION

Students auditioned for their part in the magistrates Mock Trial project at the end of term.

Led by BHE teacher Samantha Stacey, the project has been running at CBA since the Academy opened and has become an established fixture.

The scheme is a national competition for Year 8 and Year 9 students.

Its aim is to make students familiar with the vital role magistrate's courts play in the criminal justice system. It helps students

to develop their understanding of criminal law, the criminal justice system and how courts work in a fun and innovative way.

This year 300 schools across the country will be taking part.

Assistant Vice Principal Kirsty Farrar said: "In the past we have done very well at this competition and so we are hoping for some good results again this year."

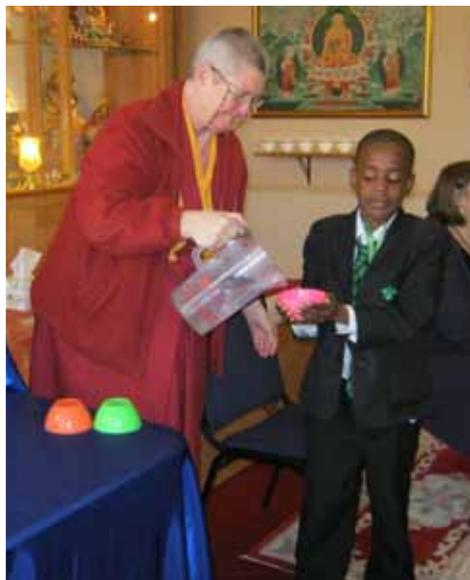
The first heats will take place on 3rd March at Northampton Magistrate's Court.

VISIT TO THE BUDDHIST CENTRE

This Term Year 8 and 9 students visited the Nagurjuna Buddhist Centre in Kelmarsch.

The visit was as part of their RE studies on the Buddhist faith and the students prepared for and took part in a meditation session.

They also had a tour of the centre and took part in a question and answer session.



ACADEMY NEWS



NEW DISABLED FACILITIES OPEN AT ADRENALINE ALLEY

Our students from the designated special provision attended the opening of new disabled facilities at urban sports centre Adrenaline Alley.

The sports centre has spent £140,000 installing integrated disabled activity areas into the park all and also buying in new scooter and trikes that can be used by disabled youngsters.

The funds came from Big Lottery – People’s Millions, Wooden Spoon, WREN, Aimhigher, Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership and Adrenaline Alley.

The centre – which was founded by Corby woman Mandy Young – was opened by former Northampton Saints player Martin

Bayfield (pictured).

Our students played an important role on the consultation process.

Mrs Young said: “This project has always been close to my heart, to see disabled young people riding ramps in their wheelchairs on BMX’s, scooters and skates alongside able bodied people during our normal public sessions is inspiring. The feedback from the general public has been immense.

Corby Mayor Gail McDade, whose son Ryan attends CBA, said: “These facilities

are fantastic.

“As children get older they want to be able to do all the things their friends can do and so it is great that Ryan can



BOCCIA CLUB LAUNCHED

A new club has been launched ahead of this years’ Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Nikki Clark is running the Boccia club on Thursdays during Session 4.

The ball sport is competed at national and international level, by athletes

who require a wheelchair because of physical disability.

It was originally designed to be played by people with cerebral palsy but now includes athletes with other severe disabilities affecting motor skills.



SPACE MISSION FOR NEXT GIFTED & TALENTED WORKSHOP

CBA is teaming up with the National Space Centre for the next Gifted and Talented Workshop.

The Saturday masterclass programme was launched this year and the second event will take place on Saturday, February 4th.

Students will link up via video with Mission Commanders at the National Space Centre in Leicester and have to work in teams to make sure their mission is a success.

The workshops are aimed at providing new skills for the CBA students who are assessed as Gifted and Talented.

Parents and carers of G&T students will be informed by letter of the details nearer the time.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Students were rewarded for their level of achievement at two special assemblies. One student from each year was presented with an Ipod Nano in recognition of their hard work throughout the year.

Shona Duncan, Erica Turner and Tanaka (Wayne) Nhau were the Key Stage 3 winners and Jamie-Leigh Gourlay and Barbara Silva were the Key Stage 4 winners.

Assistant Vice Principal Kirsty Farrar said: “These students have done exceptionally well and we consider it important to recognise their success across the year.”



Shona Duncan

Erica Turner

Tanaka (Wayne) Nhau

Jamie-Leigh Gourlay

Barbara Silva

SESSION 4

TEST OF ENDURANCE



Students and staff have been put through their paces like military professionals as part of the newly launched Elite Training Company. Started by Vice Principal Tony Segalini (who had a career in the Armed Forces before joining Teaching) the group meets each Thursday during Session 4. A place in the Company is open to all students doing the Uniformed Public Services course and staff. Mr Segalini has devised a series of times challenges and tests and has insisted that only the roughest will survive.

He said: "The challenges are designed to push students (and staff) to achieve a high standard of fitness and mental fitness. "These will include stretcher races, assault course, long distance marches. Candidates can drop out at any time its up to them." The coveted Elite Company badge will be presented on the completion of the course. Administrator Sue Allen has attended every session. She said: "It has been really hard and at times I really haven't enjoyed it. But I am not a quitter and am determined to complete it."

NEW WAYS WITH CRICKET

Jordon Joseph's Cricket Team have been getting to grips with a hockey sticks to improve their coordination skills. During the winter season the students have been training hard and spent one session learning some hockey techniques. Mr Joseph said: "By using hockey sticks the students will be able to work on their hand and eye coordination. "We are busy preparing for the season and hope to do well again this year."



MAKER CLUB

Students have been getting to grips with wood during the Session 4 Maker Club. Run by Design Technician John Barr, the students have been learning about how to use carpentry tools and different woodworking techniques. Year 9 Member Corey York said: "I love working with wood as you can do things on a large or small scale. "I have really enjoyed making the boxes and also the wooden monkey." The club runs on Thursdays during Session 4 in AMID.

ELECTRONICS CLUB IS A HIT

A new club that launched this year has gone down well with students. Design teacher David Mitchell's electronics club has proved to be really popular with students – with students of both sexes getting involved. So far the students have made LED badges and for Christmas they made acrylic snowflakes. Year 7 student Kathryn Bilby said:

"I think the club is great. I love electronics and want to be an engineer so this club is perfect for me. "I have learnt all sorts of new things, such as how to solder and I also practice at home." Mr Mitchell said: "The students are really enthusiastic and keen to learn." Electronics Club runs during Session 4 on Thursdays.



CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY – SESSION 4 ACTIVITIES

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	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	GCSE Textiles	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	Sam Fynan
BHE	AS Level Polish	BHE	3.45 - 5.45	Karen Turney
PNS	Dance Club (CU) – Year 8	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.30	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Girls Netball Club (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.30	Amy Harris
PNS	Fitness Club	PNS	3.45 - 5.45	Jordon Joseph
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.45 - 5.00	Sue Holmes
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
TUESDAY				
AMID	Junior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.30	Clive Wears
AMID	Senior Woodwind	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Pam Carter
AMID	Textile/Craft Club – KS3	AU11	3.45 - 4.45	Ena Fry
AMID	Art & Design Catch Up – KS4	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell/Jacqui Brown
AMID	Health & Social Care/Hospitality – KS4	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis
AMID	Skills Making Activity – Years 9 & 10	AMID	3.30 - 5.30	John Barr
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.45 - 5.00	Sue Holmes
COMMS	CBA Newshounds/BBC School News Report	CL4	3.45 - 5.00	Claire Howsam
INCLUSION	Kitchen Garden Club (open to all)	UNIT Garden	3.30 - 4.45	Nikki Clark
PNS	Junior Dance Company	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Chrissie Moore
PNS	Basketball Club (CU) – KS4	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.30	James Aston
PNS	Science Club "Hogwarts" (every other week)	PNS	4.00 - 5.00	Sarah Dankmeyer
PNS	Senior Dance Company (CU)	Theatre	3.45 - 5.30	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Boys Football Club (CU) – Year 7/8	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Phil Woolley/Will Gourlay
MAIT	Web Design (open to all)	ML6	4.00 - 5.00	Karl Lomax
MAIT	ICT Coursework Catch Up – Year 13	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	Kam Zaman
MAIT	Target Group Maths	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	MAIT – Staff
MAIT	Maths Challenge (G&T)	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	Marion Freeman
MAIT	Further Maths AS	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Peter Garratt
MAIT	A Level Catch Up – Year 12	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam
BHE	History Homework Club	BU5	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
BHE	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Alex Allan
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
WEDNESDAY				
AMID	String Ensemble (CU)	AU2	3.45 - 4.30	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Senior Choir (every other week)	Theatre	3.00 - 4.00	Clive Wears
PNS	Dance Club (CU) – Year 7	Dance Studio	3.15 - 4.45	Daryl Handy
PNS	Basketball Club (CU) – KS3	Sports Hall	3.15 - 4.45	James Aston
PNS	Girls Cricket	Sports Hall	3.15 - 4.45	Jordon Joseph
LIBRARY	Manga Mania (CU) – KS3	Library	3.15 - 4.45	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
THURSDAY				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	Electronics Club – KS3	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	Catch-up Sessions – KS4	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	Art Club – KS3/4/5	AU1	3.45 - 5.00	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	DT Homework Club – KS3	AU12	3.45 - 5.00	Ena Fry
AMID	Maker Club	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	John Barr
AMID	Food Enterprise Club	AL7	3.45 - 5.30	Cath Davis
COMMS	Film Club (every other week)	Small Lecture Theatre	3.45 - 5.45	Lou Cory
COMMS	GCSE Media Studies – Year 11	CL4	3.45 - 5.00	Claire Howsam
INCLUSION	Boccia	INCLUSION	3.30 - 4.45	Nikki Clark
MAIT	ICT Coursework Catch Up – Year 11	ML7	3.45 - 5.00	Karl Lomax/Karen Owens
MAIT	ICT Coursework Catch Up – Year 13	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	Kam Zaman
MAIT	Maths module revision and support – Year 12/13	MAIT	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Anderson
MAIT	Further Maths AS	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Peter Garratt
MAIT	A Level Catch Up – Year 12	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam
PNS	Physics Revision	PU1	3.45 - 5.00	Elaine Ponton
PNS	Animal/Garden Club/Winter months Astronomy - all Years (CU) (every other week)	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
PNS	Boys Cricket Club (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Trampoline Club (all Years) (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Amy Harris
PNS	Archery Club (all Years)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Phil Woolley
PNS	Boys Football Club (CU) – Year 9	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Stuart Baker
BHE	GCSE French / Spanish Support Sessions	BU3	3.45 - 4.45	Karen Turney/ Candie Boni
BHE	Travel & Tourism KS4 Catch Up	BHE	3.30 - 5.45	Helen Featherstone / Peter May
BHE	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
BHE	AS Level Polish	BHE	3.45 - 5.45	Karen Turney
BHE	Geography Club	BHE	3.30 - 4.45	Nigel Holt
BHE	Elite Company	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Tony Segalini
LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	LIBRARY	3.45 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
FRIDAY For all students school closes at 3.30pm				
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 4.00	Amy McKay

* 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

NEW NAME FOR PARENTS GROUP

Our Parents Forum is to be renamed the Parents Consultation Group.

This name change was requested by our parents at the recent meeting held on December 7th.

The meeting was held so that parents could give their feedback on plans to make our website more accessible to all.

At the meeting they had the opportunity to add their own ideas as well as review plans proposed by Sarah Ashby – Vice Principal responsible for website matters.

Ms Ashby said: "The website has provided us with an excellent platform to communicate with students, parents, staff and those interested in matters here at CBA. However it is now three years old and we realised the needs of our viewers has changed.

"We wanted to make it easier to navigate

to the places where people frequently visit, particularly improving the way in which parents can contact their children teachers, as well as see what events are on here at the Academy.

"Ideas such as incorporation of a site map, and name changes to important areas such as Eportal were discussed in some detail.

"The parents were particularly interested in the virtual learning platform project which will be available later on this year through this website."

The next meeting of the Parents Consultation Group is Wednesday, February 22nd. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.



NEW BUS BOOKING SYSTEM

From the start of Term 3 students will now be able to book their bus tickets using our new computer based system.

By logging onto the CBA Central interface (which is available on all computers within the central areas) the students can book their late bus on the day of travel.

The system has been introduced to make it easier for students, who have typically had to book a place at student reception.

It will also require students to say the reason why they are staying during Session 4 and which teacher or staff member they are reporting to.

A guide on how to use the system will be emailed to all students and also made available to collect from student reception.



JOIN PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Our Parents in Partnership team is looking for new recruits.

The fundraising arm of our school has been responsible for many improvements since it was set up three years ago and now we are looking for some new members.

Vice Principal Sarah Ashby said: "Parents in partnership is a great organisation and



makes a valuable contribution to CBA."

We are particularly looking for parents and carers with fundraising or administrative experience.

To find out more or register your interest, please email Ms Ashby on:

Sashby@corbybusinessacademy.org

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER

With the onset of winter and the prospect of snow over the coming months the following information will explain the procedures the Academy has in place in the event of school closure.

If the school has to close due to **very bad** weather, parents/carers will be notified through the 'Keep Kids Safe System'. This means all parents that have submitted mobile numbers to

the school will be sent a text confirming that the school has closed for the day.

In addition there will also be an announcement on **Corby Radio** stating that the Academy is closed for students.

The decision to close is never taken lightly as we realise that this has implications for student child care and parents job commitments. We will therefore endeavour

to make the decision **as early as possible** on the day of possible disruption.

In addition, whenever possible, information about closure and updates will be on the Academy website: **www.corbybusinessacademy.org**

Community users can assume that when the College closes during the day for school students it will also be closed for community use (*day and evening*).

"listening to your views"

We hope you have enjoyed this issue of In Press. We are always keen to hear the views of parents/carers. We are also looking for new Parents in Partnership members and parents can become involved in our parents consultation group meetings, where they can suggest ideas to improve the services that the Academy provides and also help us evaluate our current policies. The next meeting is being held on Wednesday, February 22nd at 6pm.

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For latest updates and information about the Academy please visit us on.

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