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HOLLYWOOD GLITZ COMES TO CBA

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A touch of Hollywood glamour was added to CBA's Annual Awards night as a Bond Girl dropped by to give out the prizes.

Rosamund Pike, who starred opposite Pierce Brosnan in Die Another Day, was the guest speaker at the prize giving held at the end of the Academy's first year. The famous actress handed out the prizes to our talented students before addressing the audience with an inspirational speech about setting out to achieve your dreams. But there was also another female star of the night as Year 11 student Ksenija Nazarova walked away with the Student of the Year Prize, also collecting prizes for Key Stage 4 Maths and Key Stage 4 English. The student, who has English as a second language and is part of the

gifted and talented programme, was praised for her determination and ambition.

Awards were given for achievements across all the faculties, plus there was also Academy wide awards and a series of Sponsored awards from our business links including Roquette, Rockingham Motor Speedway and RS Components. Principal Andrew Campbell who handed out the prizes alongside the actress, said: "We have had so many things to celebrate in this first year of the Academy.

"The standards set already by students have been incredible and bodes so well for the future."

More than 85 awards were handed out on the evening.

The prize giving was broken up with display by the CBA Steel Band and after with Bollywood themed dance performance.

The night was hosted by PNS Vice Principal Sarah Ashby and the Faculty awards sections were presented by students from the In Press reporting team and Senate representatives.

Best selling novelist Louise Bagshaw who sponsored the Award for Creative Writing gave a motivating speech. She will be taking its winner Daniel Buckland and the winner of the Library Award Megan Hogg to her publishers to see the publishing process in action.

Further pictures can be found on pages 14 and 15.

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to this academic year's final edition of In Press.

Over the past five issues we have worked hard to bring you all of the news and events from each area of Academy life and once again this issue (which is our biggest ever) is packed full. As you will see it has been a busy term with lots of exciting events happening.

Highlights have included the Year 11 Prom (see page 20 and 21 for all the pictures); the Annual Achievement Awards and Year 10 and 11 students enjoyed a four day trip to Paris.

Page 4 also brings you the results of our parents', staff and students' survey and tells you about our plans for the future.

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions this year especially Sarah Ward.

Enjoy reading and have a great summer break.



Sarah Ashby
Vice Principal – PNS



Key note speech Rosamund Pike



Student of the Year Ksenija Nazarova.





LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Well, what a year! And what a term!

I hope you enjoy the wonderful pictures in this edition of In Press that show the world how stylish, creative and determined to achieve our students really are. In the last month we have held a wonderful musical evening; a glamorous Year 11 prom; a brilliant music and dance performance night showcasing the talents of students of all ages and our first ever student achievement awards with special guest star and Hollywood actress Rosamund Pike. There is no doubt that CBA has really made its mark this year, or that the ‘stage is set’ for even better to come in Year 2.

This edition of In Press includes the results of the first CBA parental and student surveys. Your views are extremely important to us as we continue to try and improve the services

we offer to all our students and the wider community. Please take time to read the results because they are excellent evidence of the strong support CBA is receiving from parents so far. If you did not return your questionnaire for this year, please do not worry as this will be an annual event. Should you have any suggestions to make regarding how we can improve our services that are not reflected in the survey results, we are always delighted to hear from you.

The new academic year begins for everyone on September 7th. Further details of dates for the year ahead can be found in the calendar which is on Academy's web site, including all term dates for 2009-2010. Additional information will be added to the calendar over the summer as we firm up plans for the year ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents

that holidays will not be authorised during term times next year unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

At the time of writing, students are just arriving for the last day of school. I am very proud that they still look as smart and ready to learn as they did in September. It will be a pleasure to welcome them back after the summer, but for now, if you'll forgive me, it is time for all of us to take a well earned break and hand them all back to you!

Very best wishes for the summer.

Dr. Campbell

Principal, Corby Business Academy.

SENATE WRAPS UP A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

A visit to the Mayor's parlour, an audience with the Governing body and devising a uniform donation scheme, have kept the Senate at the forefront of Academy activities during Term 6.

The Senate was personally invited by Mayor Cllr Mary Butcher and Leader Cllr Pat Fawcett to the council offices in George Street on Thursday, June 25.

Keen to hear what young people have to say the leader asked for questions from our community spirited senate members and top of the list was the issue of daytime public transport to and from the Academy and the Priors Hall area.

Year 9 student Kevin Karuga Ogwang asked what the plans were and Council leader Pat Fawcett said the authority would look into the issue and that the final decision would be made by the county authority.

She said: "Corby Council can't make that decision but we can talk

to the people that make the decisions. I think it is a good idea and once we get the wheels in motion I see now reason why it can't go ahead."

Two members of the Senate also presented the constitution before the Governing body. Year 9 rep Nicole Parsons and Year 11 rep Connor Wilson showed just how established the Senate has become in its first year when they joined a Governors meeting.

And another highlight was the idea for the uniform donation scheme. Year 11 student Sarah Hurley came up with the plan, which is set to be rolled out this coming Academic year.



SENATE MEMBER MICHAEL FORDE'S FIRST YEAR SUMMARY

"We as the Senate are very proud of the school and we want to look after it as much as possible.

"In the past year the Senate have been doing a lot for the school, such as going to the Mayors Parlour, coming up with ideas for working in with the Corby community.

"We would also like to thank the staff and students for their support during the Senate's first year."

Corby Business Academy Key Dates



2009 / 2010 TERM 1

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September	Staff Training Days
Monday 7th September	Term 1 begins for ALL students
Wednesday 16th September	Year 7 Tutor Evening
Wednesday 23rd September	Year 12 Tutor Evening
Monday 12th October	Opening Evening for Year 6 parents
Tuesday 13th October	Open Evening for Year 6 parents
Friday 23rd October 2009	End of Term 1

Important dates for Term 2 and later terms can be found on the Academy website at www.corbybusinessacademy.org



NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

Any parents/carers wishing to purchase uniform during the summer holidays can do so by completing an order form which is available to download from the website or by telephoning the Academy. The orders will then be processed and will be available for collection on the 3rd and 4th September between 10am and 3pm.

UNIFORM DONATION

Our Parents in Partnership colleagues would like to set up a swop shop to recycle uniform within the Academy this coming year. If any Parent/carer has any school uniform that is no longer required we would be very grateful if it could be donated to the Academy for this purpose.



BUS SERVICE FOR GCSE RESULTS DAY

The GCSE and GCE results will be available in August. The date for GCE results is Thursday, 20th August and the GCSE results day is Thursday, 27th August.

The collection time on both days is from 8.30am to 4pm. A free bus service will be provided for Year 11 students on GCSE results day. (Students from other year groups who have sat these exams can also access the bus service.)

There will be a 8.45am pick up from the bus stop outside the Tesco Xpress store in Oakley Vale, Corby at 8.45am followed by a second pickup at the bus stop outside the former Westgate store in Elizabeth Street at 9am.

We will also provide a shuttle service between the CBA and the Elizabeth Street bus stop, between 9.30am and midday.



PARENTS SURVEY £50 WINNER

The winner of the Parents Survey £50 winner was Mrs Silva, the mother of Year 7 student Barbara.

Mrs Silva was delighted with the Asda voucher when presented with it by our library assistant Bernie Smith.

RESTAURANT INFORMATION

From September, all the information you will need about the catering here at CBA will be available on our website www.corbybusinessacademy.org Information will include daily menus, and prices and special events.



PARENTS SURVEY

We have now completed the analysis of the surveys given to students, parents and staff. The feedback from everyone has been really useful in helping us plan for further improvements in our services and knowing what we have got right so far here at CBA.

With the information gathered both from these surveys; focus groups with parents; the regular input from student Forums and the Senate, as well as our staff consultation committee we think we have a good picture of our progress in this first year, including areas where you feel we still have work to do.

We asked a range of questions covering areas which are important for our development as a school. These included aspects of the 'Every Child Matters' agenda such as staying safe; being healthy; enjoying and achieving; making a positive contribution and developing economic wellbeing. Due to space, only the main messages from the survey are presented in the results below, but if you would like to know more about a particular area, please contact Mrs Ashby who will be delighted to give you further detail.

SURVEY FEEDBACK - HEADLINES:

- The very large majority of students and parents who replied felt that CBA was a very safe place to learn.
- The very large majority of parents agreed that we have very high expectations of our staff and our students here at CBA.
- The large majority of students think their teachers are working hard to help them enjoy their learning and achieve their potential.
- The large majority of parents who responded felt the Academy actively encouraged them to get involved in its work.
- One area where parents would like to see further improvement is in ways they can communicate with the Academy.

COMBINED FINDINGS:

The school has high expectations of staff and students.

91% Agree: 6% Don't know: 3% Disagree



STAFF:

Standards are high in most areas:

81% Agree: 11% Did not know: 8% Disagree



STUDENTS:

The teachers support my learning

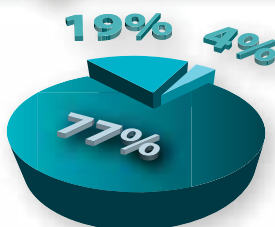
78% Agree: 14% Disagree: 8% Did not know



PARENTS:

The Academy actively encourages the involvement of governors, parents and other people in its work.

77% Agree: 19% Did not know: 4% Disagree



◀ VISUAL RESULTS

THE NEXT STEPS

In response to the feedback regarding communication, we have taken steps to develop our web site even further (www.corbybusinessacademy.org), including enabling parents to see the homework their child is set. The new homework facility will be launched early in the new academic year. Other improvements include: a fuller calendar published on the website for the year ahead; improvements to the telephone system and the roll out of an Academy email service for parents who wish to subscribe.

BUSINESS LINKS & ENTERPRISE

FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADING



Year 7 students from Corby Business Academy and Brooke Weston were given an introduction to international trading during an Enterprise Day.

Young Enterprise East Midlands ran the event which was organised to help give students an insight into the intricacies of international trading.

Exports and imports, marketing, selling and advertising dominated the day as part of Young Enterprise's Our World programme.

Students were split into groups and took on the role of international companies, trading with each other to make the most profit.

Tracey Jones, a business volunteer delivering the programme, said: "The motto of Young Enterprise is to introduce students to the world of business through practical sessions."

Year 7 student Thomas Morby, said:

"We learned a lot about trading and how companies from different countries trade with each other.

"We also learned about interest rates and the financial side of trading and so it will make understanding the news easier."

As well as the activities at CBA an identical programme was being delivered at sister school Brooke Weston.

Young Enterprise's mission is to inspire and equip young people to learn and succeed through enterprise. Its vision is that all young people have the opportunity to gain personal experience of how business works, understand the role it plays in providing employment and creating prosperity, and be inspired to improve their own prospects, and the competitiveness of the UK.

YEAR 8 STUDENTS GO HEAD TO HEAD WITH STUDENTS FROM SISTER ACADEMY

Entrepreneurial spirit was in full flow when students were involved in a Young Enterprise initiative.

In a first event of its kind for the enterprise charity Young Enterprise East Midlands, Corby Business Academy and Brooke Weston Academy, Year 8 students pitted their business ideas against each other.

As part of the project, teams of students developed their concepts during a one day intensive brainstorm and on the following day the ideas were put before a judging panel at CBA business link Rockingham Motor Speedway.

After making it to the final, a CBA team won a creativity award for its Eco laptop idea.

As part of the two-day intensive course the students were taught business skills through practical sessions.

They had to come up with a product idea and then produce a prototype and deliver a presentation to sell their scheme to the judges.

Young Enterprise mentor Paul Howkins, put the students through their enterprise paces.

He said: "The business sector often complains that young people are not ready for the business world when they enter education, so it is important that business engages with schools to contribute to student's understanding.

"This course gives them an early insight into all matters of business, such as teamwork and problem solving and marketing.

He added: "I am seriously impressed with the level of innovation the students have shown."



ACADEMY LEADS THE WAY ON ENTERPRISE

CBA has joined forces with the South West Area of Northants 14-19 Partnership to form an executive board of the Enterprise Learning Partnership.

The CBA will look after the north of the county while SWAN will concentrate on the south.

Studfall Primary School and Gretton Primary School along with Brooke Weston, Maplefields School and Tresham College form the partnership with CBA.

The aim of the ELP will be to connect business, community and education in a planned and sustainable way.



Sixth Form Vice Principal Avril Bartley-Smith and Heather Wilson from SWAN formalise the partnership.

REWARDS

Our business link Rockingham Motor Speedway provided complimentary tickets to a race event to all those students who took part in the summer show CBA At The Musicals.



MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)

MAIT STUDENTS ATTEND ROCKINGHAM FESTIVAL

Year 10 MAIT students took part in the Rockingham Festival in July. The students joined hundreds of other students from across the region to explore the world of Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering.

The event was a showcase in products for the future.

The students took part in a boat building challenge and some students proved to be winners on the day.

The Blue Boat Sail designed by Thomas Thompson, Amber Towler and Stephanie Fisher won the design for the fastest boat and the Black Boat Sail, produced by Lily Taitia and Jonathan Smith, won the prize for CBA best aesthetic design.

Isi Dalzell – MAIT Teacher

Lily Taitia with her boat.



The boat that won the award for best aesthetic design.

OUTDOOR MATHEMATICS

Maths was taken onto the sports field for a practical demonstration. MAIT teacher Maxwell Sam took his Year 7 students out into the sunshine to demonstrate geometry in action.

As you can see from these pictures, the students took on the role of the points around Mr Maxwell's fixed point.

During the exercise students learned that the locus is the path of a point from a fixed point. The path can form a circle or a straight line.



INVESTIGATIONS

During Term 6 in Key Stage 3 maths we have been completing AT1's otherwise known as investigations. These involve using and applying mathematics in a "creative" and "imaginative" way and students were encouraged to observe and describe what was happening at each stage of their investigation.

Students were given a problem solving task and started by having to decide what area of mathematics would be appropriate to help solve the problem.

Once a pattern had been spotted predictions were made about what the students thought was actually happening. Every prediction then had to be tested and the students were able to prove or disprove their theory.

To extend this task, students had to introduce some form of algebra, usually as part of a formula.

At first this seemed quite daunting but once the students realised that they could describe what is happening in words, the algebra followed on quite easily.

This has been the first time some students have tried an investigation but it has been fascinating to see the different ideas that they have adopted to solve the problems. This area of Mathematics encourages students to try their skills and ideas whilst helping to build their confidence in the subject.

Isi Dalzell – MAIT teacher



MATHS TESTS ONLINE

Year 9 students have sat online maths tests to assess how they have progressed this year.

The questions set were similar to the standard of the now defunct SATs tests which were scrapped by the Government last year.

MAIT teacher David Joseph said: "We have been working over the last few weeks towards these tests which concentrate on the Key Stage 3 curriculum.

"Students have been revising and doing test papers online so they have been able to progress each time and work on areas they have found more difficult.

"This is the first time we have tried an online test and the unique thing about it is that students are able to find out their results as soon as they have completed the test."

Year 9 student Michael Foley said: "The test was actually quite fun and I found it easier to concentrate as the questions were on the screen."

BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)

OPERATION SNOWDONIA WANDERER 2009

Situation: Btec Public Services Year 10 Diploma group and Year 12 National group on expedition to North Wales as part of their Course assessment in Btec Public Services.

Mission: To climb Mount Moel Siabod at 850m high near Capel Curig in Snowdonia. This is to be done in full kit as all students are to wild camp in the National Park, being fully self sufficient.

Ground: Snowdonia National Park North Wales.

Execution: Twenty students left CBA on Monday 29th June in two mini buses. They were accompanied by myself and Mr Atkinson, the course leaders. Following an afternoon of training and preparation, the team had a quiet night under canvas ready to set out the next day. On a hot and humid Tuesday morning the team left civilisation behind and immediately started to climb away from Capel Curig and begin to ascend Moel Siabod. This proved to be a tough assignment as it was over 30 degrees and everyone was carrying packs of over 15 kg's.

Everyone worked hard to get to the top with the advance groups getting there by 1330 and the remainder within another half an hour. The afternoon was spent on a lovely ridge walk and then descent down to a wild camp area near a lake at the foot of the mountain.

Students spent Tuesday evening cooking, relaxing and dealing with blisters, most were asleep by 2200hrs.

Wednesday started early as the team set off on its return journey, this time on a course that took them through a very picturesque valley which even took in a 12th century Castle. Again it was a very warm humid day and everyone worked hard to keep going. The expedition finally ended when a very weary and footsore group of students staggered back in to Capel Curig and the transport to take them home.

It was a tough trip but one that echoed the nature of this Btec course; teamwork, self reliance, courage and a sense of humour.

Tony Segalini – Public Services Course Tutor/
Mountain Leader



VICE PRINCIPAL TAKES PART IN THE APPRENTICE

Last month I was invited by Mrs Williams, Class 6 teacher at Corby Old Village Primary School, to be on the judging panel for their version of 'The Apprentice'. I joined the Headteacher, the Chair of Governors and the School Bursar.

Following the Key Stage 2 SATs Year 6 students had been put into four teams and, with a £10 start-up fund, challenged to make as much money as they could. Half of their proceeds would go to a charity of their choice and the rest to their end of term party.

The groups had worked really well together, demonstrating good enterprise skills. They had to produce a business plan and elect a project leader, an accountant and a publicity officer for their group. Activities ranged from car washes to cake baking.

Our job was to listen to their presentations, ask questions and decide which group was hired. It was quite difficult as all groups had made a superb effort. The car wash team were the ones who were hired.

In recognition of their work all teams were invited to the Academy, where they performed their presentations to an audience of Year 10 and Year 12 business studies students. They were extremely impressed with the level of commitment, standard of presentation and the wealth of enterprise skills demonstrated by the Year 6 teams.

Lorraine Smith – Vice Principal BHE



FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The Year 7 Charity fundraiser featured in the previous edition of In Press raised an impressive £750.

Students worked in league with the giving Nations organisation to raise funds for Help the Heroes, the World Wildlife Fund and Cancer Research UK.

Thankyou to all students, staff and parents who raised the fantastic sum and a special thankyou should go to Year 7 student Josie Murrie's father and the staff at Weetabix who donated £165 (with still more coming in).



ORGANIC FARM

A group of Year 9 Humanities students visited an Organic Farm to learn the ins and outs of modern farming.

The 16 students visited Glebe Farm near Woodford as part of a practical assignment based on a farming module.

During the afternoon visit the students learnt about the basics of organic farming and were shown around the high tech farm machinery.

Teacher Ian Nicol said: "This was a hugely valuable visit as it gives the students a practical insight into the topic they are studying as part of their Humanities course.

"The farm has only recently started educational visits and we will be returning next year."

ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK

Year 9 Trip to Fairline Boats

As part of Design and Technology Week a group of Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit world renowned boat builders Fairline Boats. Based in Corby the company designs and builds boats for the high end luxury market.

The students were welcomed to the Corby site and given a brief introduction to the manufacturing processes involved in boat production. Then, in small groups, they were taken on a guided tour of each stage of manufacture. Even though the size of the boats is far greater than anything the students would undertake, the design and make processes were generally the same as are found in the GCSE Resistant Materials course.

After the tour, time was given for a question and answer session with the Factory Manager who stressed the importance of having a well educated workforce that had well developed personal skills, in particular the ability to work in teams.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see, at first hand in the real world, the Design and Make processes they are taught in Design Technology lessons.

I am sure the students would like to say thanks to those at Fairline Boats for a very worthwhile visit.

David Mitchell – AMID Teacher



Students at the Fairline Boats site.



EVEDEN

As part of the Design Technology Week a group of Year 9 textile students visited Eveden lingerie and swimwear company in Desborough.

The firm makes fashion products for brands including Freya. Eveden gave its services to Trinny and Susannah when the pair visited Rothwell in 2007 to fit local women with the right-sized bras for a television show.

The students were given a tour of the factory from the design department through to cutting and then into the main factory where the making up takes place. The factory at Desborough makes the samples with the main manufacturing taking place abroad (due to labour costs.)

The visit allowed the students to see first hand the extensive research and trialling that takes place before any garment hits the high street. The students really enjoyed their visit and gained valuable insight into manufacturing.



HUNTING LODGE

As part of our hospitality coursework we went to visit the Hunting Lodge hotel in Cottingham. The staff were very welcoming and gave us a tour of the hotel and kitchen and they explained how each department is run. The hotel had splendid décor and facilities and it looked very comfortable and a most relaxing place to stay.

As the hotel is privately owned it has a very homely atmosphere and all of the staff are very pleasant. The visit was very interesting and useful and it was great to see first hand how a hotel is run.

The visit ended with us being provided with lunch. This was prepared in front of us by the Head Chef and his team.

Megan Sherlock – Hospitality student

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

The small theatre was filled with the sound of music during Term 6 as a series of recitals took place.

Member of the woodwind and brass bands as well as guitar students performed before parents, fellow student and staff at the recitals.

For many students it is the first time they had carried out solo performances.

Director of Music Clive Wears said: "The recitals have been excellent and it was good to see students performing a combination of solos, duets and small ensembles.

"We have had a lot of parents supporting the events."



Music Director Clive Wears joins his students at the recital

Kevin Ogwang giving a solo performance.

THE MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING CONCERT

The Music for a Summer's Evening Concert hit all the right notes as students showcased their musical talents before a packed theatre.

The sounds of rapturous applause filled the Academy as students sung and played in a 90 minute medley which brought together sounds from the Caribbean along with classical music and popular tunes.

During the evening the concert band, choir, rock group, samba band and steel band put in magnificent performances alongside some small ensembles and a number of solo performances.

Highlights included solos from pianist Myles Peters and Flutist Hannah Moore. The three piece rock band Daydreamers also brought the house down with their performance of their own song A Lifetime of Happiness.

Principal Andrew Campbell said; "The excellent evening of music showed just how far CBA has come in this first year and how quickly the students are learning.

"Many students only took up their instruments this September and led by Mr Wears and our excellent team of peripatetic staff they have done excellently."

Staging the concert – which attracted more than 200 parents and students – was a whole Academy effort.

The Hospitality group spent hours baking more than 400 scones to serve to the guests as they arrived and many students were also involved in the production and meet and greet activities.



Photo by the Northants Evening Telegraph

CAST IN AN ARTISTIC ROLE

Many people in the AMID Faculty were keen to look in the door at Mrs. Brown's classroom on a Tuesday afternoon where a group of Year 7 were working. What was happening? Had Mrs. Brown finally lost it? She was just standing there watching her class whilst they proceeded to wrap two of their friends in cling film. In fact, she was giving tips of how best to do it!

What was actually happening was that after looking at the work of artist and sculptor Antony Gormley, Year 7 students were given the chance to have a go.

Working in two teams they produced a body cast of two of their class mates. Each volunteer after donning Active kit was wrapped in cling film. Mod-rock plaster bandage was then soaked in water and

applied to the body, as the mod-rock hardened it retained the shape of the body. The students used vaseline to cover the face thus enabling a full body cast to be taken. The only area of the body on the volunteers left uncovered were the nostrils, this allowed our volunteers to breath. As you will see from the photographs, a messy feat, but all of us had great fun.

This work will later be completed so what you see from the photographs is the front cast, the back cast has still to be taken. When both casts are complete, they will be joined together, making a three-dimensional 'hollow' figure.

Jacqui Brown – Director of Art

Y11 ART STUDENTS COMPLETE BTEC ART

Well done and good wishes go to all Year 11 Art students. After two years of solid work, the first part of their art career at CBA has come to a close.

Quite a few are going on to further their art studies.

However whatever their future, all staff in the art department and AMID wish them luck .

Jacqui Brown and Elizabeth Hopkins
– Art Teachers



YEAR 10 VISIT THE TATE GALLERY

Year 10 Art students had a super day out in London at the Tate Modern Art Gallery. The trip was organised as part of their Btec Art course. Students were able to see the actual work of artists they had been studying at first hand. Much more exciting to see the work as the artist meant it to be viewed, rather than just looking at images in a book. The students were a credit to CBA and I think both staff and students had a worthwhile day out.

COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

FIVE DAYS IN PARIS

The Year 10 and 11 French trip this year has been a truly fantastic experience.

Paris was in fall swing as we were there during the celebrations of Bastille day.

France's national holiday commemorates the storming of the Bastille at the start of the French Revolution. Students at CBA joined the crowds and lined the Champs-Elysées for a military parade led by the President, Nicholas Sarkozy.

We enjoyed the day's festivities and joined with the Parisians celebrating until dawn as fireworks exploded over the Trocadéro and the Eiffel Tower – an amazing spectacle!

We also visited other well known tourist attractions such as the Arc de Triomphe.

The students loved the view at the top and

were looking forward to some free time shopping on the Champs d'Elysees.

A particular highlight of the trip was a visit to Stade de France, the national stadium of France situated in the Paris suburb of Saint-Denis. The French football team use the stadium for almost every home game, and it was there where they defeated Brazil 3-0 in the 1998 FIFA world cup final.

A trip to Paris would never be complete without a boat trip on the Seine. Students enjoyed taking lots of pictures of Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and other breathtaking scenery of this truly remarkable city.

The French trip was brilliant (albeit very tiring as we toured the city by foot and

Metro) and we are looking forward to organising another Paris trip next year.

May I extend my personal thanks to Miss Becret who organised the trip and made it such a success.

The MFL department has taken over 160 students to France this year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for supporting these trips.

There can be little doubt that school trips abroad reap many benefits, both broadening the mind and opening cultural horizons as well as providing students with memories that will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

Hayley Bennett – Director of Modern Foreign Languages



YEAR 7 HOLD A FETE

On the last Thursday of Term Year 7 students organised a fete and cake sale to raise money for the charity Wish Upon A Star.

The year group had chosen to support this charity at the beginning of the year. In the Year 7 Forum the form representatives debated how to raise money for the charity and finally decided to run a fete.

Each tutor group has had to design, plan and organise two activities. They have made all the resources and designed and made posters to advertise their stalls and attractions which include a penalty shoot out and find the hidden treasure. While organising the fete the students have developed a variety of enterprise skills such as creativity, team work and communication.

It was a fun filled afternoon with a fete, a library quiz and lots and lots of cake.

Janet Duggan – Vice Principal COMMS



PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

UP CLOSE WITH WOLVES

Off we went to visit the 'big, bad,' wolves, the snarling ferocious beasts, that would rip us to shreds in seconds. The students had already decided that we would sacrifice Robin Watt (Year 9) to save ourselves. Luckily for Robin, the wolves are nothing like their grisly stereotype but, are in fact very placid and gentle. They greeted us with soft, nervous whines, as they paced around their enclosure.

The handlers at the Anglian Wolf Society in North Bedfordshire, talked to us about the wolves, including the Alpha male, an eight year old, European wolf, called Cheza, and the Alpha female, Sefka, a six year old North American wolf. We learnt about their senses, and that they have a terrific sense of smell. We all took part in the 'smell like a wolf' competition. Jake O'Neil took the student prize, getting three out of the six scents.

We were given a fabulous display of the wolves predatory instincts, as we witnessed them being fed.

Finally as a parting treat, the handlers encouraged the wolves to howl. It was a strangely, beautiful, haunting sound, as if they were singing. Then sadly it was time to leave, we trooped back to the minibus for the journey back to the Academy, all talking about the wolves, not 'big and bad', but, 'brilliant and beautiful.'

Donna Varley – PNS Support



Students taking part in the 'smell like a wolf' competition.

DANCE TO EDUCATE

After four days of gruelling work with a freelance choreographer, twenty of our Key Stage 3 students took to the stage of the Willows Arts Theatre on July 2nd and 3rd. The students performed a piece based on the theme of computer games. Half of them were from the virtual world and the other half played the role of real people.

The performance involved all the secondary schools in Corby as well as some primary schools. The piece was magnificent and really stood out from the rest and the students looked amazing in their brightly coloured make up and costumes.

Francia Dickinson – Dance Teacher



NEW SCIENCE CLUB

Lauryn Newlands was the winner of a competition to name the new Session 3 Science Club-Xplode.

The club starts in September and will be held every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm in room PL8 in the PNS Faculty.

The Competition was very tough but Lauryn was chosen as the winner because her entry reflected the fun and dynamic nature of science the club will be aiming to promote.

Stephen Chandler – Science Teacher



SIXTH FORM



Dan Arnold shows off his unique way of putting



The four raising funds at Stanion Fete

STUDENTS TO VISIT UGANDA

Sixth Form students Ross Haye and Jordon Joseph will be heading off on an African adventure after winning the opportunity to become CBA ambassadors for an important new education link.

The two students will be the first CBA students to visit the Discovery Centre in Uganda, which is to become the Academy's first international business link.

They were selected to go on the week long trip with BHE teachers Dan Arnold and Kirsty Farrar after presenting their reasons why they should before a panel last term.

Ross said: "It will just be amazing to see what

Africa is like. This is really an experience of a lifetime and it will be incredible to learn about the different culture."

And Jordon said: "I am sure this is experience that will change our lives."

The Discovery Centre is a unique residential facility on over 20 acres of ground close to Lake Victoria in Junja, Uganda.

The project is run in partnership with United Kingdom registered charity Adventure Projects Trust and YWAM (Youth With A Mission), Uganda. It was established in 1994 as a response to the dire situation in regard to AIDS in

the country at that time.

During the trip – which takes place from October 28 to November 5 – the students will attend a Sixth Form Conference along with peers from other English and African Schools.

Principal Andrew Campbell said: "This trip will be a launch pad for many more exciting trips for CBA students.

"The Academy is not just a place in Corby, it is a window to a whole range of other opportunities all around the world."



The fundraising efforts to cover the £4,000 costs have already started.

Nine members of staff raised more than £500 at a charity golf day held at Priors Hall. A great day was had by all and a special thank you goes to Stoke Albany Golf Club (where MAIT teacher Paul Wilson is a member) which donated £171 from one of their events.

A stall at Stanion Village Fete also raised £70.

The four will also be running the Peterborough half marathon in the autumn.

And Miss Knibbs, CBA's resident bear maker is using her skills to create a bear for Uganda which will help fundraise. The bear has been designed, and stitched ready for assembling. So watch this space.

To find out more about the discovery centre visit www.discoverycentres.org.uk

YEAR 12 SIXTH FORM INDUCTION

A two day induction was held for Year 11 students hoping to enter our Sixth Form from this September. This was an opportunity to find out more about the courses they had selected and to experience a sixth form lesson.

In Business they created a fantasy island and explored the essential services and the cost involved of setting up a democratic island. In Public Service the students discovered what leadership was all about.

The second day saw the students visit University

Northampton to see where successful Sixth Form studies can lead. The team building activities organised by our Aimhigher coordinator Julie Wheelar and Lucy at the University brought the students together as a team. The opportunity to look around the university and attend a lecture as well as talk to the Student Ambassadors was an ideal way to kick start the next phase of the students' educational pathway.

Avril Bartley-Smith – Vice Principal Sixth Form



IMPORTANT NOTE TO POTENTIAL NEW SIXTH FORMERS

Dr Campbell will be giving out GCSE results from 8.30 am on Thursday, August 27th. It is essential that I speak to all students after they receive their results to confirm their Sixth Form courses or other destinations. If you are unable to collect your results please ensure you confirm your place and I can confirm the level of your course by making an alternative appointment.

We do welcome external students who are asked to contact the Academy to make an appointment to discuss if we can meet your individual requirements.

Avril Bartley-Smith – Vice Principal Sixth Form



ENTER THE DRAGON

CBA Sixth Form students joined more than 80 of their contemporaries from Corby schools for a week long enterprise project based on the hit TV series, Dragons Den. It involved three teams of our Sixth Form students bidding to be young entrepreneurs, pitching and selling their business ideas to 'Dragons' made up of local business people.

The teams had just TWO days to work on their ideas back in their schools, aided by various local and national businesses, before taking part in a semi-final. Finalists were then given an additional 'Friendly Dragon' session at the Holiday Inn, Corby before they pitched their innovation to a panel of Dragons the next day, again at the Holiday Inn.

The panel of hard hitting Dragons was made up of local business people, including Gloria Ellenton from The Corby Business Group and Classic Catering, Phil Harris-Bridge from RS Components, and local serial entrepreneur Dean Dunham.

Dean Dunham, said: "The gap between education and the commercial world can be enormous and more initiatives like this are

needed to help plug that gap. That having been said, I saw some very impressive pitches from the students and Corby should be very proud of the talented young people that are coming through its schools."

Phil Hope MP presented the winning teams with their prizes and said: "It was fantastic to meet the next generation of young business people at the Corby Business Dragons final. The experience of taking part will be invaluable to all the competitors, introducing them to so many new skills which will set them in good stead for their future careers."

This event was a great opportunity for business and education to work together through the partnership developed by Julie Thompson of EBLO.

CBA Sixth Form student Ben Young said: "This experience has demonstrated to myself and the others in my team, our full potential and has broadened our outlook on the future. To be involved in this sort of event has been a privilege and I would strongly advise all other years that if this opportunity comes your way in the Sixth Form then grab it"



“One of the Corby Business Academy team scooped the prize for Best Innovation with their Sleepy Bean, a funky all-in-one camping comfort idea.”



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Aimhigher



University of
Bedfordshire

The University of Bedford was welcomed to the Academy for the first time to launch the Personal Statement week. It was a great introduction to what university is all about and the importance of aiming high was the focus to the start to the week.

This was followed with a theatre workshop entitled HE4Me.

Drama students from the University of Northampton worked with the Northamptonshire Raising Standards Partnership to put on the workshop.

The forum theatre scenes covered a range of relevant topics including deciding whether to apply for university, first day nerves, work/play

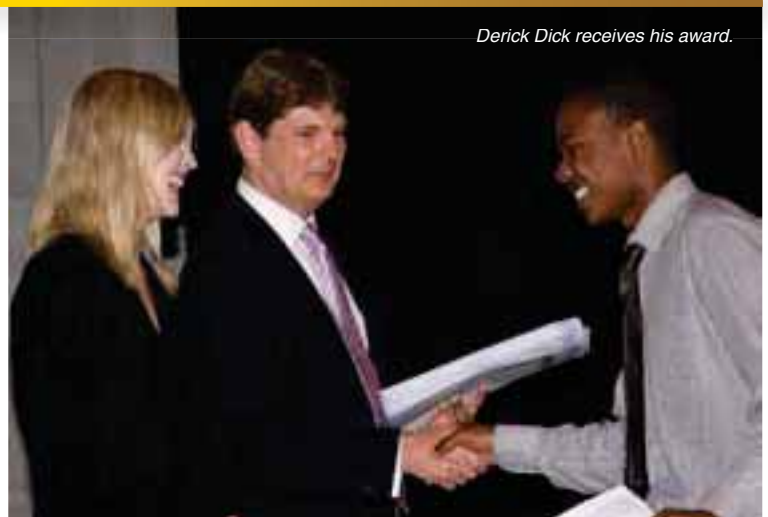
balance and living on a budget. The session concluded with a question and answer panel where the forum theatre students responded to questions from the audience

The final session was with Julie Wheeler from Aimhigher and Nicola Stanbridge, our Connexions advisor. The sessions were about how to write a personal statement; what to include and how to select a courses.

Students are now tasked with producing a draft statement which tutors will then look at over the holiday. Our aim is for all applications to be sent at the end of Term One.

Avril Bartley Smith – Vice Principal Sixth Form





Derick Dick receives his award.



Deputy Head Girl Jade Marshall, picks up an award for independent working.



Head Girl Jacqueline Tsiga celebrates her awards.



Head Boy Jordon Joseph was recognised for Peer Mentoring.



Year 8 student Alex Campbell collects his award.



Daniel Urquhart collects his Spirit of CBA Award



Julia Komor presents Faculty annual review.



Head Girl Jacqueline Tsiga gives vote of thanks.



Chrissie Moore and Mellisa Owens dance Bollywood.

All photos taken by PNS teacher Stephen Chandler

CBA ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

TUESDAY 7TH JULY 09

BEE BEE DEVELOPMENTS
- STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD
Ksenija Nazarova

IMPRESS AWARD FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
Jacqueline Tsiga

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE AWARD FOR INDEPENDENT WORKING
Jade Marshall

KETTERING PARK HOTEL AWARD FOR CREATIVE THINKING
Sa'd Mauderbox

ROQUETTE AWARDS FOR MANAGING RISK - David Graham
AWARD FOR GREEN ISSUES - Aaron Baker

OFFICE IMPRESSIONS AWARD FOR GROUP WORK - YEAR 8 DANCE GROUP
Danny McCarthy-Ward, Mary Carroll, Courtney Meakins and Luke Reilly

IGNEOUS AWARD FOR REFLECTING ON PERFORMANCE
Amy Fox

CORBY BOROUGH COUNCIL AWARD FOR CITIZENSHIP
Megan Sherlock

ROCKINGHAM SPEEDWAY AWARDS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY - Dale Page
LIBRARY AWARD - Megan Hogg

CORBY TOWN FOOTBALL AWARD FOR ACTIVE ACHIEVEMENT-FEMALE
- Melissa Owens
AWARD FOR ACTIVE ACHIEVEMENT-MALE
- Mirko Bilic

LOUISE BAGSHAW AWARD FOR CREATIVE WRITING
- Daniel Buckland

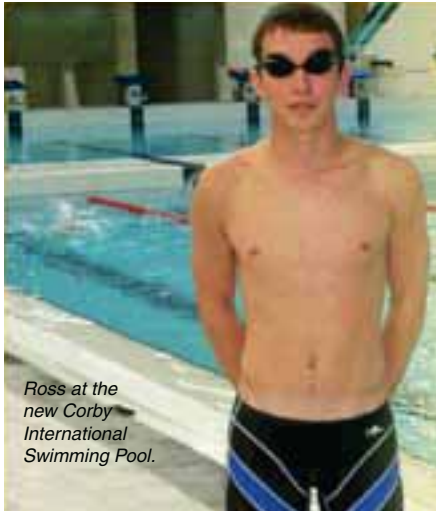
CHESS CHAMPION - Jack Warrior

PEER MENTORING - Jordon Joseph

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP AWARD -THE SPIRIT OF CBA
Daniel Urquhart

RS COMPONENTS AWARD FOR E-COMMERCE
Ernestas Bacevicius

SPECIAL PROJECTS



Ross at the new Corby International Swimming Pool.

SWIMMING TO SELECTION

A competitive CBA student has been selected to represent Northamptonshire Schools in a prestigious swimming gala. Year 12 student Ross Hay will be one of just four swimmers in his age group to compete at the regional gala in September. This is the first county call up for the teenager, who has been swimming competitively for the past eight years. A member of the Corby Swimming Club he is delighted to have been chosen. He said: "I have been trying to get into the county squad for some years, so it is

a real honour to have been chosen. "I am a naturally competitive person so swimming is a great sport for me." The student, who trains for nine hours a week, hopes to push on from the selection and make the national squad. And he hopes his chances of making the national team will be improved with the opening of Corby's new international sized pool. **He said: "It is a great venue and will bring swimmers from all over the region to Corby."**

STUDENTS TEAM UP WITH THE BBC TO REPORT ON ACADEMY'S FIRST YEAR

A team of student reporters grilled the Principal during Term 6 as part of a BBC review of the first Academy year. Questions about the challenges faced in the first year, career prospects for students, our business links and the Academy timetable were on the list of questions put to Dr Campbell by the reporters. The students who took part in the Question and Answer Session were selected from the Gifted and Talented programme who put together the Term 5 edition of this magazine. Their questions were recorded by BBC reporter Martin Borley and aired on BBC Radio Northampton. The full interview will soon appear on our own CBA website.



The students interview the Principal.



MOULTON COLLEGE SCHOOLS' SUMMER TASTER COURSE

Students from CBA were invited along with other students from Northamptonshire schools to participate in a Summer Taster Course at Moulton College. Miss Clark took eight students to Moulton College for one week to participate in a range of vocational courses and to experience college life. Students were given the opportunity to select courses they wanted to try, which included Animal Care, Cookery, Floristry, Horse Care and Horticulture. On Monday students undertook Animal Care where they were given the opportunity to handle a range of small animals and learnt the basics of a health check. They moved onto bigger animals on Wednesday with Horse Care. Here, students had the opportunity to groom horses, clean saddles and even muck out the stables.

STEPPING BACK TO TUDOR TIMES

Students visited the Manor House Museum in Kettering and discovered how those living during the Tudor period lived their lives. The visit was made as part of a humanities topic and the students were given a taste of Tudor times. The group met the squire of the manor, played Tudor games and puzzles and had a lesson from a Tudor priest.



Tommy Allen holding a corn snake





Adam Wilson preparing for his presentation.

STUDENT ADDRESSES IMPORTANT CONSULTATION EVENT

A Year 8 student played a crucial role in a review exercise looking at how the County Council carries out consultations with different groups.

Adam Wilson gave a presentation about the Children and Young People's Partnerships Shadow Board, before county council staff at the Consultation and Engagement groups showcase at Manning Barn in Northampton.

Adam is part of the Local Area Board whose student members meet to discuss

matters that concern themselves and their community. Students are selected from the LAB to sit on the Children and Young People's Shadow Board.

Adam said: "I really enjoy being a member of the Local Area Board and have also attended the Shadow Board.

"It is great to be able to have our say on the issues that affect young people within the area and it was an honour to be asked to give the presentation."

GETTING ARTY AT ADRENALINE ALLEY

Kim Collins, Events and Participation Manager from Adrenaline Alley approached CBA to join a Community Art Project to produce artwork for their Computer Suite.

The eighteen students worked together and used their imagination to create original ideas for their artwork. The group decided to include a computer monitor in their design and each screen would display a different concept from superheroes to homes! These ideas were interpreted by a local artist and drawn on a larger scale before the students glued hundreds of tiles on to transform their idea into a piece of 'mosaic' art.

The grand opening of the computer suite was at the end of July at the skate park's Summer Solstice All Nighter Event.



SAILING SUCCESS

Northampton Sailability offers facilities for disabled people to enjoy a wide variety of sailing activities, ranging from joy-rides around Pitsford Reservoir to teaching to RYA standards in dinghy and keelboat sailing. This year they have introduced the RYA Sailability Certificate of Achievement.

We are proud to announce that Tommy Allen and Katie Howell have gained their Bronze Award this summer.



Photo: Katie Howell receiving her Bronze Award certificate.



UNIVERSITY VISIT FOR YEAR SEVEN

All Year 7 students left the Academy and went to University as part of a week long event.

The trip to the University of Northampton, which was arranged by Aim Higher was thoroughly enjoyed by all students who were given a tour of the campus and an insight into the courses on offer at a university.

Each day a different group of students made the visit.

Student James Wilson said: "It was educational and fun. I enjoyed the

tour and got to know a lot more about university life. I now know there is a lot of courses and you can do a degree in almost anything you want. I think it will stand me in good stead for the future and it was an inspiring event."

Christopher Plampton said: "I think the trip to the university was a good experience for us. I liked the bit were we had a tour around campus. I think the school should do it again for the new Year 7. Overall I think it was a very good experience and give it 10 out of 10."



EAST MIDLANDS RUGBY CALL UP FOR JACK

Jack Warrior has been selected for the East Midlands under 16 rugby squad. The CBA student's call up comes after he took part in the Schools of Rugby programme. The selection is a dream come true for the Year 10 student whose ambition is to one day play for the England team.

His first East Midlands duty was a two-day training camp at Moulton College in July. He will take part in intensive training sessions before the season starts in September where he will be competing in games against some of the best under 16s in the country.

The student, who plays in the second row said: "When I found out I had been selected I was just so pleased as I have put a huge amount of work and training in."

To make sure he has the best chance of fulfilling his England dream, the student has been doing daily 6.25am training runs and is also having nutritional advice from a senior physiotherapist from Corby Rugby Club Stewarts and Lloyds to make sure he stays in top shape.



BURNING TO LEARN AT ROCKINGHAM FESTIVAL

In Term 6 students selected from the Gifted and Talented programme became part of a Junior Media Team for the Rockingham Science Festival. In this task students were asked to create a magazine using the following skills; Photography, Reporting, and interviewing.

The following exhibitions were at the Festival: RAF engineering, F1 in schools, 4x4 in schools, Bentley engineering and e on energy. The day started off with a large science presentation, which was very exciting and action packed. Then we moved onto making a podcast about the whole Festival, going round and commenting on different exhibits. After this we were left to interview and report on as many happenings as we could. Along with the off-track events there

was a Shell Energy Endurance race on the oval, they were all run on renewable energy sources such as solar power and wind power. We impressed the organiser Burning 2 Learn so much that they are considering re-hiring us for another big event.

Sixth Form students also attended the event after being invited by organisers the Learning Grid to apply for positions as Learning Mentors.

The students were allocated a group of students from Year's 5 to 9 and supported their learning throughout the day.

Heather Mullen said: "Hard work but good fun, it confirmed I want to be a primary school teacher."

Fraser Gillan – Year 9 student

Nicole Parsons Year 9 Photographer.



CBA ENTERS THE COMPETITIVE WORLD OF RECIPE BOOK PRODUCTION

The Academy's first recipe book has been produced. Afternoon tea is the theme of the book which was produced following suggested favourite recipes from students and staff.

After a couple of 'bake offs' in the Academy from Nikki Clark's class, cake tasters were asked to vote for the buns which made their mouth water the most.

Nikki said: "At the first session, we took onboard people's comments and reviewed recipes and added a new edition before deciding on our top ten which were tried out again before the recipe booklet finally went to print"

Recipes include: Carrot Cake Muffins, Chocolate Fudge Cake and Red Velvet Cupcakes.



LEARNING ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

During June a police officer connected to the human trafficking squad came and visited Mrs Farrar's humanities class after we completed projects on how we can help stop human trafficking. The police officer came to see us to find out how much we knew and to extend our knowledge and also to answer any questions we had.

The officer answered our questions and helped us

understand what it is we can do to help stop the criminal activity. After working on our projects we had lots of questions we needed answered and it really helped us to understand the extent of the criminal world that is human trafficking.

Events like this broaden our knowledge and give us experience that increases our understanding .

Charlotte Bean – Year 9 Student

ROBOT WARS

A group of mechanically minded Year 9 Students took part in a Robot Wars themed Aim Higher competition at the University of Northampton.

After being handed the materials, the students were tasked with designing and creating their own robot from scratch and then giving a presentation on how they achieved their goal.

At the end of the event the students and their robot took on other robots made by students from other Northamptonshire Schools.



YEAR 9 COURT IN THE ACT

It was a case of battling their legal wits against each other as Year 9 students took part in a Magistrates court reenactment.

Following on from a second place spot in a Northamptonshire and Peterborough Citizenship competition, the Year 9 law squad divided into prosecution and defence for the in-house battle.

Barrister Gareth Jacks, from law firm Regency Chambers came in to judge the battle, which after a hard fought tussle of argument and cross examination, was won by the defence.

Charlotte Bean, who played the role of prosecution lawyer, so impressed Mr Jacks, that she has been offered some work experience and mentoring.

The student, who wants to pursue a legal career said: "It was just great. We put so much work into it and it has been fantastic re-creating the roles of a magistrates court.

Kirsty Farrar, Nikki Harrison and Kelly Friel coached the team in the lead up to last term's competition and helped them with some more supervision to polish up their skills for the in house match.

Miss Farrar said: "I am so proud of the work the group has put in and what it has achieved.

"Next year they will be teaming up with the Sixth Form for some more experience, so that when they come to Year 11 they stand a good chance of winning the competition."

YEAR 6 LITERACY

During the summer break, 74 Year 6 students from our feeder schools joined us for a multimedia literacy two-day event.

Students took part in a number of events including; drama activities linked to a popular children's book – Boy by Roald Dahl; making a film, getting to know the library through fun activities including "Quingo" and getting to know about the Accelerated Reader programme which all Year 7 students will be using from September.

Students filled in an evaluation form and said that the event was a resounding success.

Janet Duggan – Vice Principal COMMS



DRAMA ABOUT UNDERAGE DRINKING

CBA received two showings in Term 6 of an interactive play about the affects of alcohol and the consequences of young people getting drunk.

During the play students were encouraged to think about what happens when a girl celebrating her 14th birthday drinks too much and then have a choice in deciding the fate of the revellers.

The play organised by Corby Borough Council and aimed at Year 8 students covered alcohol, drugs and briefly knife crime and motoring offences

Students, and teachers were in agreement that the play was enjoyable and thought provoking and during the question and answer session students were able to put forward what they felt they had learnt from the play.

Alex Franklin – CBA Police Community Support Officer

CBA WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS

On Friday July 10th the Year 6 students had their first real taste of life at the Academy. Starting a new school is always a bit daunting but every one of the 200 Year 6 students who spent the day with us met the challenge.

A full day of enterprise activities was undertaken by all students to help introduce them to the exciting challenge of becoming a CBA student. The activities included drilling in the playground (not for oil!), breaking the ice, learning to sing and sign at the same time, building giraffes.

A great day was had by all involved with students especially building new friendships from the start. Vice Principal for BHE Mrs Smith said: "I am so impressed with the attitude and skills you all have shown today. You can all be proud to call yourselves the budding new CBA Year 7 students."



YEAR 11 GO TO THE PROMS

Horse drawn carriages and limousines by the dozen heralded our Year 11 students' arrival at their leavers prom.

The whole year group were dressed in their best finery for the event at the Holiday Inn in Corby on July 2nd.

After a hard year of studying for their GCSE's the students finally let their hair down and partied the night away with friends and classmates.

Principal Andrew Campbell said: "The first

ever CBA prom was a great success. All the students looked fantastic and I was delighted to see so many family and friends came to support the event."

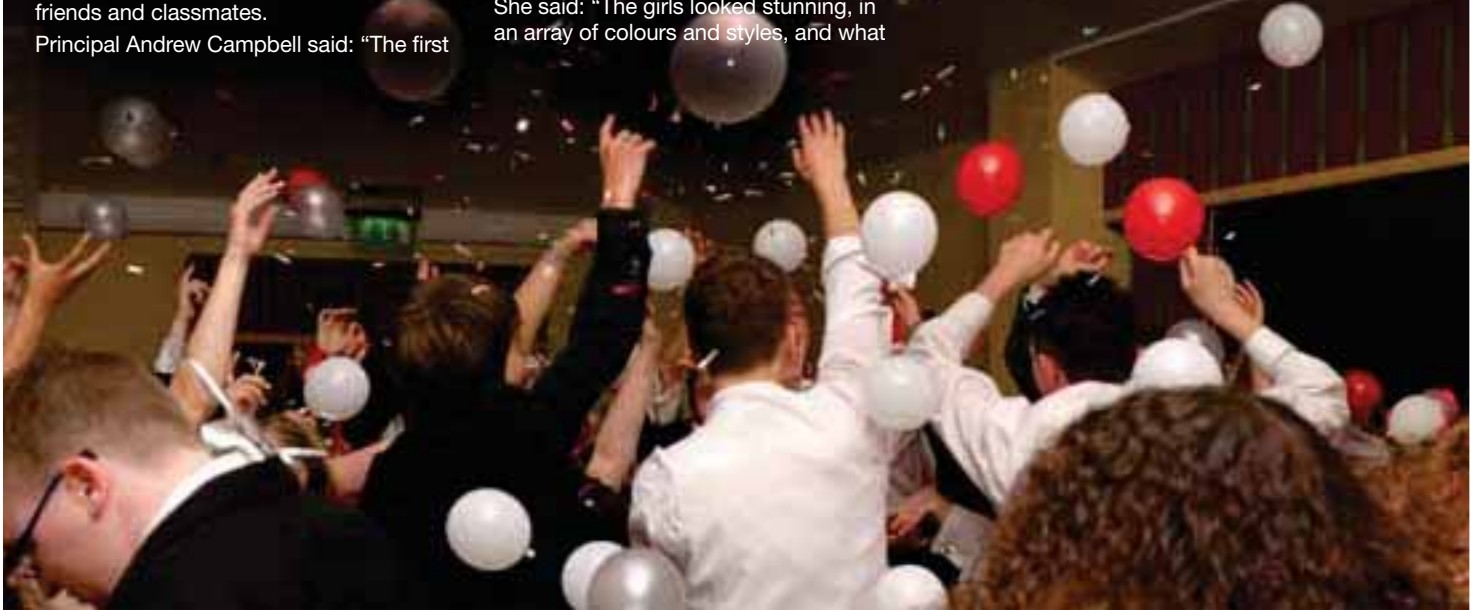
Year 11 Pastoral Support Officer, Sandra White, who has helped and encouraged students through their final year, received numerous bunches of flowers from appreciative students.

She said: "The girls looked stunning, in an array of colours and styles, and what

handsome young men.

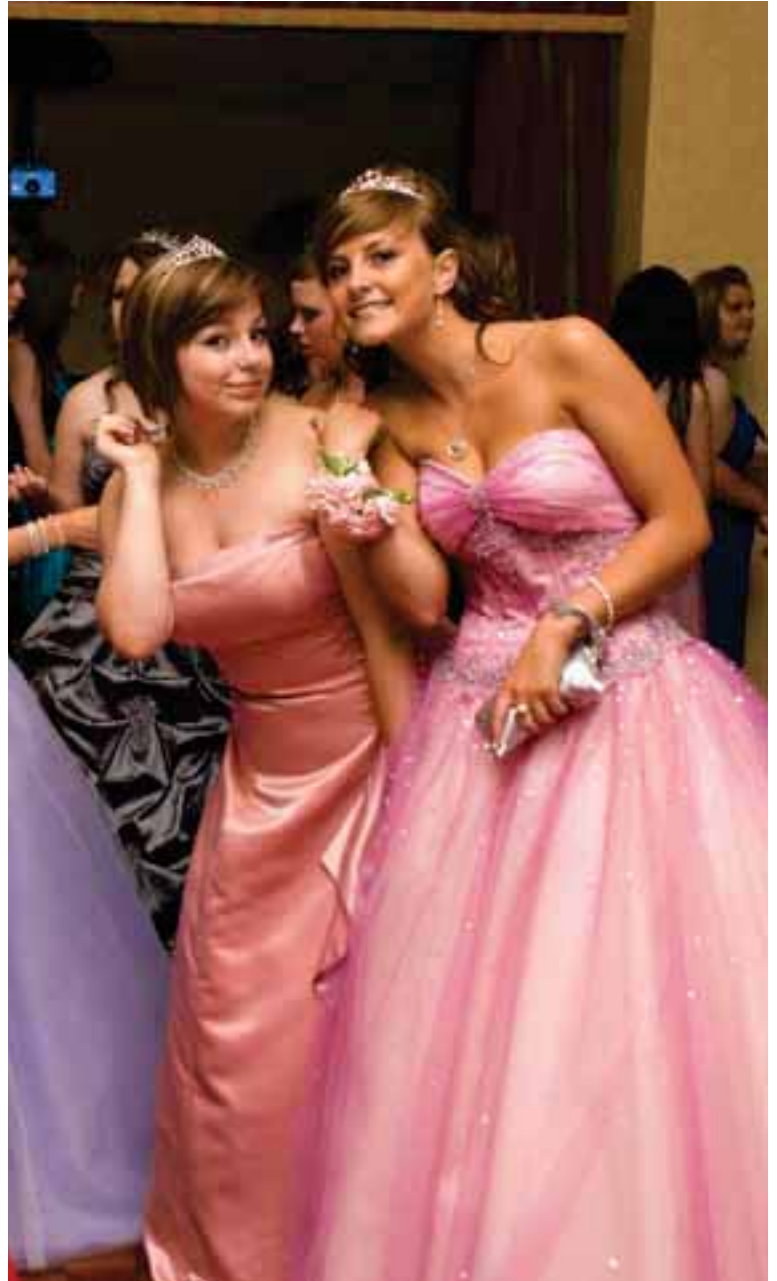
"They arrived in many forms, from limousines, to a horse drawn carriage (Sarah Hurley, Christina Mangin, Rachel Brown and Kirsty O'Neil) and there was also the arrival of The Blues Brothers.

"The all enjoyed a great buffet, before hitting the dance floor. A great night was had by all."



Some students knew how to arrive in style





Student of the Year Ksenija Nazarova celebrates the end of exams.



Connor Wilson, who formed the Blues Brothers Partnership with Owen Peter, said:

"The Prom was amazing. Everybody looked fantastic. Above all else, what the Prom meant to me was about celebrating the five years that we all spent together.

"To celebrate the things we have all accomplished and the things we are going to do.

"To look back on it all now, from the small, innocent Year 7s that we were, to the larger than life Year 11s we have grown into shows how far we have come.

"Now that everything has finished and we might never see each other again, I hope everybody has enjoyed themselves and will look back on school life and think what a great time we all had."

The students will be returning to CBA on Thursday, 27th August for their GCSE results.

Good luck to all.

CBA AT THE MUSICALS

CBA was transported to the world of the West End Musicals. Where over 70 students and staff enjoyed numbers from the hit stage shows *Hairspray*, *Les Miserables*, *Billy Elliot*, *Bombay Dreams*, *Evita* and *Mama Mia* were performed with gusto at the concert, which marked a fitting end to CBA's first year.

There were solo numbers and large troupe dances, plus some excellent drama to make sure the audience were kept thoroughly entertained.

The shows artistic director, Francia Dickinson said: "There was a tremendous amount of hard work that went into the production, as it was quite a feat to pull off six different musicals.

"But it was an incredible night and I am so proud of the students and all their hard work.

"It was great to be able to show the talent that we have within the CBA student body".

Special thanks to Daryl Handy our theatre production manager for her dedication to this project.

Solo singing performances were given by Charlie Bell, Brandon Bennett, Josie Murray, Nenyasha Mukumbuzi, Kyle Murrie and Andile Chiwita.

There were also solo dance performances by Jesse Moffat, Luke Reilly and Melissa Owens.

The theatre was packed with parents who were keen to see all result of their child's hard work.

At the end of the night Principal Andrew Campbell paid tribute to the excellent achievement of all staff and students who brought the show to the stage.

Many departments had been involved in the putting the production together. A production club was set up during session 3 and run by Elizabeth Hopkins, costumes were made by Cath Davis's team, the hospitality group catered for the event the music department took charge of the musical arrangements and many students were also involved in making the props.



A scene from Billy Elliot



The Street Dance Troupe



Students recreate Bombay Dreams

STUDENTS GET ACTIVE

Students from all years took part in the two sports days held during the last term of the Academy year.

Each tutor group was divided into two teams and each pairing battled it out over eight different sporting events.

These were Halo, Quick Cricket, Football, Take the Flag, Hockey, Dodgeball, Ball over the Rope and Benchball.

The games were played for eight minutes each and then the teams had four minutes to get to their next game, so not much rest time.

Each game was awarded three points for a win and three points for a draw. However there were also five points available for fairplay (not arguing with the referee or each other, keeping the rules and playing in the right way).

Congratulations to 10N, 9S, 8C, 7C who all won there year group competitions.

All the students had an excellent time and played in the right way but played to win.

Phil Woolley – Active Teacher



All photos taken by PNS teacher Stephen Chandler.

LIBRARY

GETTING INVOLVED IN THE AWARDS PROCESS

For the past two months I have had the pleasure of shadowing the 2009 Carnegie & Greenaway awards with the fantastic Corby Book Addicts. The Carnegie & Greenaway awards are the most prestigious awards for children's literature; the Carnegie awards are judged on literary quality and the Greenaway awards on the quality of illustrations.

We have all read, enjoyed and argued about the seven shortlisted Carnegie books, whilst also playing games and enjoying various activities. We also tried to make a fantastic film of the Greenaway book Molly and the Night Monster – unfortunately I didn't realise I had to keep my finger on the button to record!

Our shadowing culminated in a visit to the Corby Schools Annual Carnegie Morning at Lodge Park where we enjoyed quizzes, competitions, a speech by national judge Sue Polchow and the scary art of book pushing. Book pushing involves selling your book to a room full of people, trying to encourage them to read/vote for it; our students were phenomenally confident and Emily Carroll won a prize for the strength of her argument.

Year 7 student Megan Hogg, said: "It was a really great event, I was glad to take part in it and I would love to do it again."

Amy McKay – Librarian

“Book pushing involves selling your book to a room full of people, trying to encourage them to read/vote for it; our students were phenomenally confident and Emily Carroll won a prize for the strength of her argument.”



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH



I am one of Bali Rai's biggest fans. When I read the book Unarranged Marriage I knew I had to read all of his books. I think he is a good writer because he tells it like it is and when I am reading his books I feel like I am in the characters' place. I feel I can't choose which book I love best because I love all of them. When Amy and Bernie from the Library told me they were meeting him I was so jealous, but they got me a signed copy of his new book, City of Ghosts, to make up for it. I have read the first five chapters and can't wait to read the rest; it is set in Amritsar in 1919 and is full of tension, riots and violence. Everybody should read at least one of his books!

Tina Oggwag – Year 7 student

BERNIE MEETS THE STARS

I was lucky enough to be invited to a London Film Premiere organised by the charity Ctrl.Alt.Shift. My son Joe is a film maker and he had the opportunity to make a short film for Christian Aid about HIV in Africa.

Martin Freeman and Julian Barratt were the main characters in the film which was shown along with four other films that highlighted different plights across the world, including people trafficking and children who are forced into combat.

Martin Freeman was pestering me to have his picture taken with me so I had to oblige. The Ctrl Alt. Shift website is worth a visit, it is full of information on political and human rights issues and is run by young people and is very well put together. Dr Campbell has invited my son to talk to media students sometime next term, so watch this space.

Bernie Smith – Library Assistant



Bernie with one of the stars of The Office.

SPARE BOOKS PLEASE

We are looking forward to having Reading for Pleasure trolleys in every Faculty from September.

These will be full of high interest books and magazines for students to dip into whenever they have five minutes to spare.

However to make this work we need as big a range of books as possible. If you have any books that you would like to donate, please send them into the Library or let us know and we will collect them. Please do not worry too much about age or suitability, any we receive that we cannot use will be passed onto a local charity shop.



TIMES BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

Many thanks to everybody who collected Times Books for Schools tokens for us this year. We've collected over 300 tokens, which equates to nearly 30 books.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS WINNERS

The successful Battle of Books competition last term was won by the highly competitive staff team at a score of 17:11. Both teams, staff and students, showed amazing understanding of the books they read and a scary determination to annihilate their opponents. The winning team won a trophy (which is on display in the trophy cabinet) and all individual battle winners also won a prize. Definitely an annual event in the making - if only to give the students chance to redeem themselves.

Amy McKay – Librarian



Luke Wardle, Susan Tilley and Principal Andrew Campbell shape up for the Battle of the Books Competition.

YEAR 7

I cannot believe that your first year at CBA over. I have watched you all grow, not only physically but in maturity too.

There have been so many positive and thoroughly enjoyable times throughout the year; too many to mention but some of my highlights have been winning the Eisteddfod, the summer show, and some fabulous assemblies.

I will miss you as a year group and also your the parents, who have been so supportive and made this first year so memorable and successful.

I know you will all do well with Mr. Wedgwood and go on to do great things. So well done all of you and if you have not tried as hard as you could, or given everything one hundred percent then recharge your batteries over the holidays, give yourselves credit for the good bits and move on from the not so good and start fresh in September. Have a lovely holiday stay safe and see you all soon.

Donna Lapsley – Pastoral Support Officer



YEAR 8

Well here we are. Term 6 is over. Have we really been in the Academy a whole school year? It's gone so quick and staff and students have really settled in.

Year 8 have had a large number of new starts throughout the year and I'd like to say a huge thank you to them for helping the new students settle in and become part of our brilliant year group. I'd also like to say thank you as always to parents and carers for your ongoing support. It really does make a huge difference. I hope you have a safe and happy summer holiday.

Mandy Wright – Pastoral Support Officer



YEAR 10

Well this year has flown by it only seems like yesterday that the Year 10's were arriving at Corby Business Academy, ready to work hard. You have all achieved so much and I am very proud of all your achievements, great and small. The work experience you did and the sporting events you took part in; the actual work you completed and for some of you, the exams in literacy and numeracy. So many good things that you have excelled expectations.

Now we have the summer holidays upon us and each and every one of you has to rise to the dizzying heights of Year 11. This is something I know you can all do, hard work and gritted determination will get you the results you want. I look forward to seeing you in September; ready to achieve even more and to work even harder because that's exactly what will be needed.

Caroline Border – Pastoral Support Officer



YEAR 9

As Year 9 draws to a close I reflect on a year that has seen you all develop and mature in readiness for the challenges that Years 10 and 11 will present.

As most of you know I am not moving with you into Year 10. In many ways I am disappointed that I will not see your continued development first hand but I will continue to watch you develop further over the next couple of years and of course offer any support you need.

This year has seen many achievements and a good number have been formally recognised at the first CBA awards evening held in July. This is something that you should be congratulated for and something for you to celebrate. In addition there have been many other achievements throughout this academic year both from an academic view as well as a sporting and well done to everyone concerned.

I thought the Year 9 sports day was a great success and I thoroughly enjoyed playing an active part refereeing the 5-A-Side football and not one yellow card shown.

For September I look forward to working with Year 8. I look to you to help me set up the Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) badminton team and for your support in the Session 3 badminton and table tennis club.

Enjoy the summer break.

Steve Wedgwood – Pastoral Support Officer – Active Coach



YEAR 11

Looking back on this past year, I recall how this time last year, we were all full of apprehension as to what we might expect when we arrived at Corby Business Academy.

The year has flown by, and so much has been achieved. We have enjoyed celebrating great events with the students: the musical evening, awards ceremony, and our summer show to name but a few. It never fails to amaze and impress us, the talent that our students have.

Year 11 have worked very hard this year, and have been great role models as the Academy's first Year 11. A highlight for me was the Year 11 Prom. I know how much you all looked forward to this end of year celebration, and I would like to say again how wonderful you all looked. Thank you so much for the flowers I received on the night.

Overall it has been a good year and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you. You may be gone, but are certainly not forgotten. I look forward to a continued role with those of you who will be returning in Sixth Form. For those who are not, I wish you every success in whatever path you choose.

Thank you as always to parents for your continued help and support.

May you all have a happy and safe summer.

Sandra White – Pastoral Support Officer



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SESSION 3

CBA ALLOTMENT BEARS FRUIT

After months of horticultural love and care, the first produce has been picked from the CBA allotment.

A crop of strawberries were harvested in July from the fruit and vegetable patch of the allotment outside the PNS Faculty.

The strawberries were planted by the CBA Garden Club in the Spring and after the recent hot weather spells flourished into ripe berries.

Year 7 students Aaron Baker and Ashleigh Hutcheson, who are members of the Garden Club, tasted the first fruits of their labour and gave them their stamp or approval.

Ashleigh said: "I think this is the best strawberry I have ever tasted. I really enjoy the Garden Club as we have a large garden at home and so the tips I learn at Garden Club I can apply to my own garden."

And Aaron said: "Fruit and vegetables definitely taste better when you grow it yourself."

Other fruit and vegetable varieties still to come into season include courgettes, runner beans, onions, carrots and potatoes.

All produce is completely organic with the only nutrient added being simple rain water.

At the end of term all left over produce was sold off and £84 was raised towards gardening equipment for the coming year.

The Garden Club will also have a donation from Brake Bros, who supply to our restaurant. After seeing the produce they were very impressed and said they would like to help next year's effort.



Leene van den Bert, Aaron Baker and Neil Price sell the allotment wares.



Aaron Baker and Ashleigh Hutcheson with the allotment produce.



FILM CLUB IS APPLAUDED

Film Club has proved to be one of the most popular Session 3 Clubs since it started in the Spring.

After the Academy finishes on a Thursday many students and staff have settled down to watch a great film in the comfort of the Little Theatre.

Blockbusters such as Slum Dog Millionaire, and War of the Worlds were very popular attracting much comment and discussion. The funniest film shown was Rowan Atkinson's Johnny English – indeed at the end the audience stood up and applauded! Reviewing Oscar winner Slumdog Millionaire Film Club member Daniel Thompson said: "Slumdog Millionaire is set in Mumbai in the Slums of India with two brothers living together after their mother is killed. The storyline is good with quite a lot of twists in the story. Overall it is a good and enjoyable film but not as good as all of the hype said it would be.

Ian Nicols – Film Club

CRICKET COACH GOES TO WORLD CUP

Head Boy Jordon Joseph was chosen to be part of the volunteer team for the ICC World Twenty20 England 2009. Jordon watched his cricketing heroes battle it out when he was be one of the helpers at the international sporting event held in London in June.

This was a dream come true for Jordon who gained his cricket coaching qualifications this year and who coaches the CBA cricket team.

The Sixth Form student said: "I think the event helped me develop my cricket skills as I was able to watch the game played at the highest level."

Jordon and his cricket team, which practices on Monday's during Session 3, are going from strength to strength. A recent raffle held at the Summer Show raised £200 which will go towards new kit.



STUDENTS SLAM DUNK STAFF

After a great year of basketball it was decided to finish the term with a staff versus students match. It was a closely fought match but the student team went away with the honours after winning 61 points against the staff score of 52.

The staff have vowed to reap their revenge next year.



CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
MONDAY				
AMID	CBA Choir	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	Adrian Taylor, Clive Wears
PNS	Badminton/Table Tennis - all years boys and girls open to primaries	Sports Hall	4.00 -	Steve Wedgewood
PNS	Athletics (all years)	Pitches	4.00 -	Mark Allen
PNS	Dance-KS3	Dance Studio	4.00 -	Daryl Handy
PNS	Cricket (years 7/8)	Grass / Sports Hall	4.00 - 5.45	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Hockey (KS3)	Astro	3.30 - 5.45	James Aston
PNS	Bike, Skateboard, Inline skates and Helmet - cost £4.00	Based at Adrenaline Alley	3.30 - 5.30	Susan Tilley
MAIT	Digital Photography Club	MAIT	3.30 - 4.45	Sally Knibbs
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
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	KS3 Design	AMID	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	KS 3/4 Food/Hospitality Catch-up Sessions	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
AMID	KS 3 Art Club - Room AL8	AL8	3.45 - 4.45	Jackie Brown
AMID	Steel Band	AU6	3.40 - 4.45	Clive Wears
PNS	Basketball Boys - (years 9/10)	Sports Hall	4.00 - 5.45	John Atkinson
PNS	Netball (all years)	Netball Courts	4.00 - 5.45	Amy Harris
PNS	Football (KS4)	Pitches	3.30 - 5.45	Mike Henry
PNS	Animal / Garden Club - alternate weeks - all years	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
PNS	Golf	Field	4.00 - 5.00	Paul Wilson
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
WEDNESDAY				
AMID	Brass Band	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	John Hudson
AMID	Rock Club	AMID	3.15 - 5.30	David'ONeil
PNS	Athletics	Outside / Sports Hall	4.00 - 5.45	Mark Allen
PNS	Basketball Boys (years 7/8)	Sports Hall	4.00 - 5.45	Alex Ahmaha / James Aston
PNS	Basketball Girls (all years)	Sports Hall	4.00 - 5.45	Alex Ahmaha / James Aston
PNS	Rowing (all years)	PU5	4.00 - 5.45	Mark Allen
PNS	Judo (all years) *	Theatre	4.00 - 5.45	Laurence Kenyon
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
THURSDAY				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.45 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	Samba Club	AU2	3.45 - 4.45	John Sharpe
AMID	KS3 Enterprise Projects	AMID	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	KS 4 Catch-up Sessions	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	KS 4 Art Catch-up Sessions	AU1	3.45 - 5.00	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	KS 4 Child Development Catch-up Sessions	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Cath Davis
AMID	KS 4 RM Craft Club	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Chris Lane
COMMS	GCSE English Coursework Support	COMMS	3.45 - 4.45	Caroline Barrett
PNS	"Xplode"-Science Club	PL8	4.00 - 5.00	Stephen Chandler
PNS	Football Girls - (KS3)	Astro	4.00 - 5.45	Mark Allen
PNS	Football Boys - (Year 8)	Astro	3.30 - 5.45	Andy Duncan
PNS	Rugby (years 10/12)	Pitches	4.00 - 5.45	Tony Segalini / James Aston
PNS	Basketball - (years 11/12)	Sports Hall	4.00 - 5.45	John Atkinson
PNS	Dance - (KS4)	PL5	4.00 - 5.45	Francia Dickenson
PNS	Netball Sixth Form	Netball Courts	4.00 - 5.45	Kim Asher
BHE	Film Club	BU2	3.40- 5.30	Ian Nicol
LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	LIBRARY	3.45 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
FRIDAY FOR ALL STUDENTS SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.30PM				
LIBRARY	OPEN		To - 4.00	

* 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.

Parents in Partnership

towards a common goal

To all who started our first Academy year with trepidation about the task ahead, look how strongly we have finished.

In the past couple of months so much has happened, which I have been very lucky to have been involved with first hand. I must say that all staff and students have worked as a united team and all of us at PIP thank you, especially to the kind parent who engraved our trophies and to all in the AMID Faculty and Mrs Dicks and her Year 10 Hospitality Class. PIP has been involved alongside them in catering for many of the special events that have happened this year.

Also a big goodbye to all our school leavers. Remember this: "If you reach for the stars you just get the stars, but if you reach for the moon you just might get the stars thrown in".

Goodbye, Good Luck and Stay Safe.

Liz Sherlock – Parents in Partnership, Vice Chair



CHAIR OF GOVERNORS LOOKS BACK



Kerry James sitting next to Prime Minister Gordon Brown at the Academy's official opening in February.

When I was asked to write a piece for the magazine I knew immediately what I was going to write. The difficulty would be keeping it brief enough not to take up the whole magazine. There have been so many fantastic events and achievements in the first year of the Corby Business Academy it's difficult to know where to start. So, to the beginning....

Less than one year ago I was asked to join the Governing body of the CBA, which at the time was still a building site, only visible from an RS Components office. Having been a student at Brooke Weston in the 1990s I was extremely excited about the opportunity to be part of a new venture with the same principals and the same expectations of its students. However, I honestly could never have dreamed that so much would be achieved by such a fantastic group of students, teachers and support staff in such a short time.

The building is an architectural and aesthetic success with its large open

plan faculties and extensive mall, not forgetting the students who look extremely smart in their uniform.

The trips to France were a great triumph and well received by the parents who got a few days peace and quiet. The concerts have been of the highest standard and not forgetting the first Achievement Awards which were attended by an author/politician and a Hollywood Actress.

On a serious note, I and the Governing body are immensely proud of everyone at the Corby Business Academy. We are very much looking forward to supporting you all through the next year and beyond, and I personally will be part of the team for as long as possible.

I really do encourage all parents and students to continue to embrace everything at CBA because believe me, it really does work!

Kerry James



This group of students took on the task of making some props for the CBA at the Musicals show. They were asked to make some flowers for the scenes from 'Evita'. The flowers are made from tissue paper and netting.

Jackie Hanlon

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