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

## ACADEMIC DANIEL BECOMES STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Daniel Urqhart was named Student of the Year at our Presentation Awards Evening.

The Year 11 student was chosen as this year's recipient for his displays of academic excellence across all subjects. His achievements so far include doing his GCSE maths exam early and securing an A\* and gaining and completing a GCSE in history in his own time.

The gifted student, who was awarded a commemorative plate and voucher by James O'Gorman from sponsor Priors Hall Park, said: "I am really pleased to have won as it was not something that I thought would happen. I am really honoured."

More than 150 students were given awards on the night, with prizes across all subjects and recognition for achievement and commitment.

24 students also received the special recognition with the Academy Awards which recognised achievement in areas including effective communication, creative thinking, group work and enterprise.

A number of important people from Corby and top business people attended the ceremony on July 10th. Mayor Cllr Mohammed Rahman gave an award for service to the community and Corby Borough Council's recently appointed chief

executive Norman Stronach gave out the award for Citizenship.

Chief executive of Rockingham Speedway Charlotte Orton, Dave Muir from RS Components and Chris Scarratt from Roquette also gave out awards. There were also representatives from Corby Business Group, Northamptonshire Police, Hayes Recruitment, Corby Town Football Club and Corby Radio.

Our guest speaker this year was English Athletics Coach Graham Ravenscroft.

Mr Ravenscroft, who is also a local firefighter, gave an inspiring 20 minute speech about the road to success and the necessity of falling along the way. Acting Principal John Henrys said: "The awards evening is a chance to celebrate. To recognise the opportunities available to students and in turn the growth and maturing of the Academy and our students."



## FROM THE EDITOR

Well what a final term it has been.

Jam packed with celebrations of achievements it has been a wonderful end to our fourth year.

As you will see from these pages these past six weeks have been a riot of dance, music, sport, trips and awards.

Turn to p14 for photos of our Children's University event. We also have a centre spread of our Presentation Evening (p8 and p9). It really was a great evening and it was wonderful to hear about all the brilliant things that our students have been involved in throughout the year.

We also have photos of our Year 11 prom (p10). Once again the students turned out in style and it was a wonderful night.

Please enjoy reading this over the holidays and we will see everyone again in September for another action packed year.

**Kirsty Farrar**  
Senior Assistant Principal



Corby Business Academy



## GRADUATION DAY

There was celebration aplenty as more than 150 students graduated from the Children's University.

A busload of students from Years 7 to 9 went along to the University of Northampton on July 9th for the graduation ceremony.

The Children's University recognises a student's involvement in extracurricular achievement and students have been earning credits by attending a range of Session 4 activities.

Assistant Senior Principal Kirsty Farrar said: "The Children's University helps students discover their passions by encouraging them to try different things."

# LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parent/Carer

The final edition of In Press for this year is a real celebration of the many achievements of our student body.

This term we have shown off the talents of our students with excellent music and dance concerts and achievements were recognised with our Presentation Evening.

More than 150 students were rewarded for their achievements be they academic, musical, sporting or personal and we were delighted to award Year 11 student Daniel Urqhart the accolade of Student of the Year.

Daniel's commitment to his studies and his additional work outside of school make him the perfect role model to all. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and business links that sponsored the awards and came along to the evening.

Students from Years 7 to 9 who have been involved with the Children's University have also had their own graduation ceremony. I was so proud to see the students dressed in all their finery at the ceremony at Northampton University and for many it is their first step on the road to considering a place at university.

The Children's University Scheme is now a strong part of academy life with dozens of

Session 4 clubs on offer so that students can earn their accreditations. A thank you must be said to staff and students who run these clubs with passion and enthusiasm.

This term we also had our biggest ever enterprise week with students going on a number of external trips. Our Year 7 trip to France was extremely successful with a good time had by all. We once again had excellent reports back about the student s behaviour and impeccable manners.

We also cannot forget our involvement in the Queen's visit as part of her jubilee tour and our involvement in the Olympic torch relay. More than 20 students performed before the Queen and did Corby Business Academy proud once more. Our Concert Band also put in a fine performance when they serenaded the torch as it passed through the town.

This year our students have had a challenging but rewarding year in terms of their academic studies. For the first time we have entered a number of Year 9 students for early entry GCSE exams and the results were excellent. An impressive 55 percent of those who entered achieved top results and 90 percent achieved a B or above.

Well done also to Year 11 and Year 13 students who have completed their studies and now await their GCSE and A Level results. All students have worked very hard over the last few months in completing courses and focusing on getting the best results possible.

Finally, you will see read in this edition of In Press that Avril Bartley-Smith, Vice Principal and Head of Sixth Form is leaving us. Avril has worked tirelessly with students to ensure that they have achieved the best outcomes possible and gone above and beyond to make sure students are best prepared for life after the academy. This is not goodbye however as Avril will be working with us in her new venture.

In conclusion, it has been a fourth great year at CBA, and as it comes to an end I would like to say how proud I am of our students and of the dedicated parents and staff who support us along the way.

Enjoy the summer holidays.

**John Henrys**  
Acting Principal



## THIS YEAR'S SENATE ACHIEVEMENTS

The Academy Senate has this year been involved in a number of activities and remains a central tool for the student voice to be heard.

This year the Senate members have decided on a new tie to distinguish the members of senate; featured discussions on whether student planners are a good idea and have also seen the introduction of several sub committees and special guest visitors to the meeting such as PCSO Alex Franklin.

The Senate offers all students a chance to have their say and the meetings were this year chaired by Head boy Fraser Gillan and Head Girl Shona McKinnon giving them valuable managerial skills.

The senior student team was another new introduction to Senate this year and the six members of the SST ran various sub committees such as site, charity, restaurant and curriculum.

The Senate has been actively involved in all the fundraising events such as Children in Need and next year hopes to continue providing a democratic system for every student to have their say.

**Charlotte Bean – Senior Student Team**



## Corby Business Academy

## Key Dates

Please be aware there may be slight adjustments as the terms progress.  
Please check for updates on our website, [www.corbybusinessacademy.org](http://www.corbybusinessacademy.org)



IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION

## Term Dates 2012/2013

## TERM 1

Mon 3rd Sept 2012	Training Day
Tues 4th Sept 2012	Open to staff and students
Mon Oct 1st	Year 6 Open Week 1st – 5th Oct
Thurs 25th Oct 2012	End of Term 1
Fri 26th Oct 2012	Training Day

## TERM 2

Mon 5th Nov 2012	Open to staff and students
Fri 21st Dec 2012	End of Term 2

## TERM 3

Fri 4th Jan 2013	Training Day
Mon 7th Jan 2013	Open to staff and students
Fri 8th Feb 2013	End of Term 3

## TERM 4

Mon 18th Feb 2013	Start of Term 4
Wed 27th Feb 2013	Year 8 Options Parents Evening
Wed 27th Mar 2013	End of Term 4
Thurs 28th Mar 2013	Training Day

## TERM 5

Mon 15th Apr 2013	Start of Term 5
Fri 24th May 2013	End of Term 5

## TERM 6

Mon 3rd June 2013	Open to staff and students
Fri 19th July 2013	End of Term 6 and school year

## EXAM RESULTS DAYS

A level results day is on **Thursday, August 16th** and students can collect their results from the Academy from 8am.

GCSE results day is on **Thursday, August 23rd** and students can come into school from 9.30am to collect their results.

Acting Principal John Henrys will meet with all students on the day.

## HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

You should not take your child on holiday in term time – it can be disruptive both to your child's learning and to the school. Corby Business Academy will only consider holidays in term time where both:

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

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

The Academy will judge each holiday request individually, taking into consideration:

- the time of year for the proposed trip
- if it's close to any exam dates
- your child's overall attendance record
- any holidays already taken in the school year
- the age and stage of education of your child
- the ability of your child to catch up the work that they have missed
- the reason for you requesting time off during term time

## INFORMATION FOR NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Towards the end of the holiday the Local Authority will send you information about your bus route and bus stop.

When you get to school on the first day you will be directed to your tutors (who you worked with on transfer day). The first session of the morning will be spent with your tutors. They will organise your smart cards and bus passes.

Looking forward to seeing you in your new uniforms.

**Lorraine Smith – Vice Principal**

## ATTENDANCE MESSAGE FROM VICE PRINCIPAL TONY SEGALINI

Since CBA opened in 2008 attendance has steadily increased, now reaching a pleasing figure of 95%. Whilst this is excellent we are endeavouring to increase our attendance rate for the next academic year to 96%. This would make us an outstanding school for attendance.

I am asking all parents to support us in

reaching this target by being aware of the importance of attendance to school and supporting the students with their attendance.

Whilst we understand that illness can be an issue, I would hope that students are only really away when illness seriously prevents them from attending.

We are a business Academy and as such

we are preparing the students for entry into industry. In the world of work where attendance is seen as a performance target, poor attendance can affect future career prospects.

I look forward to working with all parents with regard to this and thank you all for your continued support.

## PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

### CSI AT CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY

Students in Mrs Power's science class have been learning the ins and outs of forensic science over the last two terms.

From fingerprinting to in house crime investigations, the students have been given

a thorough introduction to the world of CSI. Northants police also kindly came into the academy and showed students some real life equipment.



### SWEET SMELLING VISIT FROM FORENSIC SCIENTIST

Students were given an insight into perfume development thanks to a visitor from leading consumer product company Procter and Gamble.

Charlotte Francis, who has trained and worked as a Forensic Scientist, is one of the leading perfume specialists at the company. During the session on June 25th she taught students about forensic techniques as well as how perfume scents are created.

In the first session Miss Francis demonstrated current forensic science techniques such as fingerprint and blood spatter analysis using actual crime scene photos. By the end of the session, students were able to describe, compare and analyse each other's fingerprints.

Director of Science Elaine Ponton, said: "Miss Francis' descriptions of how wet rooms are used to reconstruct the blood spatter at crime scenes have inspired one student to switch her career from nursing to forensics."

Miss Francis also discussed how different fragrances are produced from a basic concept. She produced three bottles and some scent

sticks and challenged the students to use their powers of smell to detect the ingredients.

Year 10 student Daniella Ewen said: "Miss Francis has made me more aware of how varied jobs in the Science field are. Forensic Science sounds most interesting."

Shannon Givens said: "The session was really good and showed me that Science isn't all about rocks and evolution. It has made me see a different side to Science."



### STUDENT PHYSICISTS INVESTIGATE THE PERFECT CUP OF TEA

Should the milk go in first or last when you make a cup of tea?

There has been much debate around how this affects the temperature of the tea and so I asked my A-level Physics group to test the theory.

This sparked fierce debate among the group, so to settle it we planned an experiment and headed to the restaurant.

The time to boil a full kettle was measure and recorded. The volume of milk was kept constant throughout the investigation, as was the volume of water.

We measured the temperatures of each liquid before and after the tea was made and collected temperature data after leaving the tea to sit for five minutes.

As good Scientists do, we repeated the experiment to check our data and the results were unanimous.

Adding the milk last made the tea colder by almost 20°C on average.

This is because when the milk comes straight from the fridge it is colder than if it is already in your teacup and makes the boiled water lose energy faster.

In other words – put the milk in first!

**Elaine Ponton – Director of Science**



### STUDENTS SELECTED FOR CHEMISTRY RESIDENTIAL

Four Year 10 students have been selected for the prestigious Salters Institute residential programme.

Carolyn Mwarazi, Jessica Dick, Daniella Ewen and Katherine Qualey will be studying chemistry at the historic towns of

Cambridge, Bath and Edinburgh.

As part of the two day stay they will experience hands-on practical Chemistry in University labs, a taste of life in University Halls of Residence, lively chemical demonstrations and a variety of evening social activities.





# BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)

## WORLD TRADING GAME

As part of enterprise week students took part in an international trading game.

The students from Years 7 to 10 were tasked with producing and trading products between world countries and generating income to improve the countries GDP (gross domestic product).

The game was a platform designed for students to understand the world of trading through factors such as supply and demand and the import and export of goods.

Key skills exercised were negotiating prices and utilising physical and human resources.

BHE teacher Alexandra Allan, said: "This game is akin to running a real business. The skills learned will have helped students with further development and employability."

Read more about Enterprise Week on P7.

## HIKING IN SNOWDONIA

It was a case of braving the elements when a team of 16 students went climbing in Snowdonia. The two-day expedition to the national park was part of the BTEC Level 3 Public Services course. Led by Vice Principal Tony Segalini, the students hiked military style up Moel Siabod, carrying back packs with all their

provisions. The weight of some backpacks were up to 20kg.

As part of the expedition they camped out, warming themselves with hot chocolate and tea. Student Alex Brown said: "It was an experience and something I am really glad that I have done."



# COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

## BASTILLE DAY

As part of Bastille Day eight students helped lead activities at a special event held at Wicksteed Park. They worked with groups of primary schools students to introduce them to the French language. Leading a game of Chinese whispers they had to use all of their language skills to make sure they were understood.

Student Jessica Dick said: "I was overwhelmed with how enthusiastic the children were, and I was inspired to be more enthusiastic myself. One of the children, Zeb, had French relations, and he scored big points in his round of Chinese whispers."

Tara Leggett said: "The primary students all enjoyed themselves and all got along well. I enjoyed the day and it was a new experience that I am pretty sure I will never forget."

The event organiser from the theme park said: "I would like to thank teacher Karen Mayes and the students for putting their heart into the day. Because of the weather the conditions were far from ideal but that didn't matter as everyone enjoyed themselves and also gained a great deal in doing it."



## STUDENT POEM

Throughout the academy we have a number of talented students producing excellent original work. Here is a poem by Year 8 student Megan Hogg.

### Planted

*You never left my head,  
Instead you grew up,  
Up and up until the petals brushed my skull,  
Stretching and expanding until I was filled,  
Filled with you.  
You grew roots deep into my brain,  
Disturbing my movements, my thoughts...  
Disturbing my being.  
When my head was full,  
I was consumed.  
A fully developed plant.  
Bending towards my light,  
My energy: the possibility of us.*



## ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

### STUDENT COMPOSER ALL SET FOR FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE OF HER MUSIC

Student Amy Coy has composed her own musical score which was premiered at the end of year music concert.

This was the first time a student's own composition has ever been performed by our Concert Band and it was put forward as part of the set for the Music for a Summer's Evening 2012 event after Director of Music Clive Wears considered it to be an outstanding piece.

Year 9 student Amy, who is studying GCSE Music, only took up playing the saxophone when she joined Corby Business Academy and has already progressed to Grade 5 level. She has spent five months composing

the piece at home using a music software programme.

She said: "I am absolutely buzzing about my music being performed by our Concert Band.

"It was such a thrill and I still cannot believe it. Music has become a bit of an obsession for me and I would love to make it my career."

Mr Wears said: "Amy has composed a really pleasant piece of music. It is in the minimal style of the twentieth century and Amy has been influenced by composer such as John Cage and Steve Reich.

"What Amy has done is what music is all about - writing and performing your own music."



### JUBILEE BISCUITS

These biscuits produced by Ben Freer during his Design Technology lessons would be fit for the Queen herself.

### MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

The musical talents of our students were shown in all their glory at the end of term Music Concert.

There were 19 performances by more than 100 students at the two hour Music for a Summers Evening event.

Everything from pop, classical, indie to jazz was on the menu as our talented students showed parents and fellow students what they had been working towards throughout the year.

It was a great performance following many hours of hard work by the students, as well as music teachers Clive Wears and Felicity Cornish and the team of peripatetic staff.

Principal John Henrys said: "This concert has

shown just how far our students have come. I want to congratulate the students on how well they have done and also the parents for helping their children along the way."

On the night there were solo vocal performances from Year 8 student Jordan Riddell and Year 10 students Daniella Ewan and Eloise Robertson while Jessica Dick, George Brabbs, Joshua Cresswell, Heather Phillips and Callum Connachie performed solo instrumentals.

Our Junior and Senior Concert Bands, Junior and Senior Brass Ensembles, String Ensemble, Senior Woodwind Ensemble, CBA Vocalise and Sound of Steel band all performed.

## MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)



### OLYMPIC SUMS

The Olympics was given a mathematical and ICT twist as part of in house activities during Enterprise Week.

Students used programmes such as powerpoint and excel to develop their maths skills around the Olympic theme. They looked at areas such as symmetry, coordinates and angles and tasks included putting together spreadsheets on medal leagues tables and multimedia presentations on plans for the London 2012 games.



# ENTERPRISE WEEK



## ACTIVITIES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ACADEMY

In our biggest ever enterprise week students travelled to Europe, climbed hills and raced kayaks.

All students from Years 7 to 10 came off the usual timetable and took part in five days of fun-filled adventure.

A group of Year 7 students travelled to Normandy in France (p10), there was a visit to Hammerton Zoo, a trip to Grendon Hall, visits to the theatre, cinema and much more.

There was also a packed activity list of in house activities which this year had a fitting Olympic theme.

Vice Principal Lorraine Smith said: "Students really enjoyed the week and many were able to try new experiences."





# CBA ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2012

Trophies and prizes were handed out to the main prize-winners at this year's awards ceremony. From students who have excelled at the Children's University programme, to those who have shown a real talent and determination in a particular subject, there was much to be celebrated.

## THE WINNERS:

### Harrison Tomkins

Corby Radio Award for Effective Communication

### Katie-Anne Middleton

Northamptonshire Police Award for Independent Working

### Mathew Bell

Impress Award for Creative Thinking

### Andreas Milan

Roquette Award for Managing Risk

### Jordan Andrew

Roquette Award for Green Issues

### Bradley Thompson

XMA Award for Group Work

### Alexandra Lawless

Award for Children's University

### Alice Davis

Clearwater Solutions Award for Reflecting on Performance

### Elizabeth Smith

Corby Borough Council Award for Citizenship

### Nicholas Galway

The Mayor's Award for Community

### Ethan Hollerbach

The Rockingham Award for Science & Technology

### Eden Lonie

The Rockingham Award for Creative Design

### Vanessa Mumba

Corby Town Football Club Award for Active Achievement – Female

### Joshua Cresswell

The Corby Town Football Club Award for Active Achievement – Male

### Tara Leggett

Louise Bagshawe Award for Creative Writing

### Lauren Pulley

Library Award

### Young Enterprise Group

Corby Enterprise Centre Award for Enterprise

### Charlotte Bean

Corby Business Group Award for Peer Mentoring

### Cara Marchant

Parents in Partnership Award for the Spirit of CBA

### Hayden Close

RS Components Award for E-Commerce

### George Brabbs

The Virtuosi GUS Brass Band Award for Musical Achievement

### Rebeca Constantin and Nathan Dalby

Hays Recruitment Attendance Award

### Daniel Urqhart

Priors Hall Park Student of the Year Award

### Daniel Urqhart

"Throughout his time at the Academy Daniel has been an excellent ambassador for promoting the ethos of what it takes to be successful."



### Harrison Tomkins

"Harrison's behaviour and consistent effort make him an effective role model to younger students."



### Katie-Anne Middleton

"Katie-Anne has shown a level of maturity towards her history studies rarely seen in students."



### Mathew Bell

"Mathew has one of the most creative minds we have come across at CBA."



### George Brabbs





Alice Davis

"Alice constantly strives for excellence and she is a credit to herself."



Andreas Milan



Alexandra Lawless



Nicholas Galway



Ethan Hollerbach



Elizabeth Smith



Vanessa Mumba



Lauren Pulley

"The speed with which Lauren read this year's Carnegie shortlist and the intelligence with which she could discuss her reading was stunning."



Tara Leggett



David Seregi  
Young Enterprise Group



Josh Cresswell



Charlotte Bean



Cara Marchant



Hayden Close



Rebeca Constantin



Nathan Dalby



Bradley Thompson





# FRENCH TRIP

## TAKING IN THE SIGHTS OF NORTHERN FRANCE

Fifty students from Year 7 crossed the Channel to Normandy in term 6.

The impressive Chateau du Baffly was the location for the five day trip.

Students visited a number of famous sites in the region such as the 360 degree cinema in Arromanches, the guns at Longues-Sur-Mer, Omaha Beach and the American cemetery. The Bayeux tapestry and the Mont St Michel were also on the itinerary as well as Alligator Bay. Students were encouraged

throughout the trip to practice the native languages while ordering French delicacies.

Director of Languages Karen Turney, who accompanied the students along with Felicity Cornish, Andy Duncan and Amy McKay, said: "It was a great trip and we had wonderful weather – apart from when we visited the beach.

"Students made good use of their conversational French and we were complimented throughout the stay on their manners."



# YEAR 11 PROM

## YEAR 11 CELEBRATE IN STYLE

American hot rods, motorbikes, sports cars and even a horse and carriage were the modes of transport used to take our Year 11 students to last night's prom in style.

The grounds of the Best Western Hotel were packed with family and friends as the students gathered in all their finery to mark the end of their GCSE year.

Michael Forde said: "It is a sad time as for some of us it will be the last time that we see our friends but it is also an exciting time and one to celebrate."

Hagan Rawlins arrived in an American hotrod and Alicia Walker and Andreia Coelho made an entrance on a horse and carriage.

The theme of the prom was masquerade ball and during the evening the students enjoyed a disco, pick and mix bar and a hot dog and burger stall.

Pastoral Support Officer Caroline Border said: "It was a lovely evening and a great time was had by both staff and students. Some of the students will be coming back to study at sixth form and I wish all students the best for their future."





# LIBRARY



## STUDENTS' TAKE PART IN CARNEGIE MEDAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY

CBA students took to the national stage as they were invited to take part in the country's biggest prize-giving for children's literature. 12 students went along to the Barbican centre in London on June 14th for the glittering awards ceremony at which winners of this year's Carnegie Medal and Greenaway Medal were announced.

As well as front row seats to the event - where they mixed with the biggest names in children's literature - their opinions of the nominees were shown on the film screen and they also had a private audience with the authors after the winners had been announced.

CBA librarian Amy McKay, who was this year one of the Carnegie judges, said: "I was so proud of our students. They were so insightful in their comments and to see them projected on the big screen in front of

these massive names in Children's Literature brought a tear to my eye. They also handled themselves well in mixing with these massive names in books.

"It has been an amazing experience to be involved in the judging but this was my highlight. To be able to share the experience with CBA students has been so incredible."

Students who went along were Ashley Zorilla, Bradley Thompson, Emily Crawford, Emily Carroll, Carolann Phillips, Chloe Burton, Emma Thomson, Georgia Bainbridge, Lauren Pulley, Stacey Stratford, Steph-Gore Devlin and William Walker.

Year 7 student Emily Crawford said:

"I thought the right book won. It is one of the best I have read and I loved it because it is a mixture of horror and fairytale.

"It felt really weird to be in a room with that many famous authors, but it was fantastic."

## CARNEGIE NOMINATED AUTHOR TALKS TO STUDENTS

Students were given a literary treat when author Ruta Sepetys came to talk about her book.

The author of *Between Shades of Grey* made a visit to CBA the day before the Carnegie Medal Awards ceremony. She talked to Year 7 students about the inspiration behind her book and her Lithuanian family's experience of Stalin's Siberian Labour camps.

Librarian Amy McKay said: "The students gave Ruta a really good reception and were full of questions after listening to her talk. As a special treat 30 students from Year

7 to 9 were invited to an after academy Carnegie Celebration party and were able to hear more about the author's life.



## STUDENTS CAMP OUT AT ACADEMY

**Forty five students camped in the CBA hall during Term 6 for the finale of the Read Your Way to Uganda competition.**

The students had to read one million and 17 thousand words to secure their place on the camp.

Librarian Amy McKay said: "It was a brilliant night and students really enjoyed themselves.

"It was about raising their awareness of Uganda but also encouraging the students to have fun with reading.

"To have 45 students want to stay in school on a Friday night also shows how much they enjoy it here at CBA."

The students' word count was monitored through the Accelerated Reader programme.

As part of the evening's entertainment there was an outdoor bungee run, a performance by Poet Bee Patience, tent building and a SingStar competition.

Year 8 student Jordon Murray said the event had encouraged him to read for pleasure.

He said: "My highlight was the bungee run. It was great to stay in school with my friends and I want to do it again next year."



## LIB-OLYMPICS

**Students proved to be great Olympians in the Library Olympics in Term 6.**

44 Year 7 and 8 took part in the tutor time project, which included activities such as Chapter Longjump (how far can you jump with a book between your knees?) and Poetry Hula Hooping (hula hooping whilst reciting sporty limericks).

Students were in teams of four and decided on an Olympic country to represent. They had the chance to earn extra points for their teams by sprint reading (passing one Accelerated Reader quiz) and marathon reading (passing four Accelerated Reader quizzes).

**Librarian - Amy McKay**



# ACADEMY NEWS



## ELLIE WINS YOUNG ENTERPRISE AWARD

Student Ellie Scopes has won a Regional Young Enterprise Award.

Ellie, chair of our DSP's company Happy Hands, picked up the Sir John Moore award at a ceremony held at Nottingham University on Thursday, June 21st.

As part of the Young Enterprise Team Programme scheme, the student has led the Happy Hands team which was set up last autumn. A huge success, the enterprise project made a series of handmade goods such as shopper bags, tea towels and vintage china candles. Happy Hands has been supported

by mentors from our business link RS Components.

The business will continue into next year when a new range of products will come on line.

Ellie, who is leaving CBA at the end of this year to begin at Moulton College, was presented with her award by Michael Mercieca, the Chief Executive of Young Enterprise UK. She won £100 and was presented with a framed certificate. Teacher Nikki Clark said: "We nominated Ellie as we thought she had made the most progress."

## SWIMMER PICKED TO REPRESENT EAST MIDLANDS

Matthew Paul competed against the greatest student swimming talents in the country when he took part in the English Schools Swimming Competition. The Year 10 student gained fifth place when he represented the region in the 100m breast stroke. At the Liverpool Aquatic Centre. He was selected after posting the fastest

times in his age group this season and in the race event he clocked up another personal best time.

He also competed in the four x 100m freestyle relay and the medley relay. Matthew, who earlier this year won county titles in the 100m and 200m breaststroke, trains seven days a week at a pool in Northampton.



## LEAGUE TRIUMPH FOR YEAR 9 FOOTBALL TEAM

The Year 9 football team had a very successful season as they won the league and remained unbeaten. This is the second year in a row they have completed this impressive feat.

Manager Stuart Baker said: "I am very pleased with how the season progressed and very proud of what the students achieved. We have a very talented group of footballers who deserve all their success." During Term 6 the team visited Stoke City Football Club and spent some time improving their skills at the academy dome.

As part of the day they were given a tour of the stadium and heard a talk about different careers within football.

## BARONESS KNIGHT TALKS TO STUDENTS AT CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY

Year 7 students gained an insight into the parliamentary process when a member of the House of Lords made a visit.

Lord/Baroness Knight met with Year 7 students on June 22nd for an hour to talk about the work and role of the upper House. This was followed by a question and answer session on various aspects of the parliamentary process and life at Westminster generally.

Senior Assistant Principal Kirsty Farrar said: "Baroness Knight visited last year and gave a

great talk and so it was really nice to be able to invite her back again.

"This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to interact with someone who knows the parliamentary system inside out, as it can sometimes seem far removed from their daily lives."

The visit was arranged through the Lord Speaker's "Peers in Schools" programme, which has been running across the UK since 2007 and has so far involved around 50,000 young people.





# ACADEMY NEWS

## STUDENTS IMPRESS HER MAJESTY

Talented students had the experience of a lifetime as they performed before the Queen.

Our students sang, danced, performed and dived when her majesty came to Corby as part of her jubilee tour on June 13th.

The celebrations centred around Corby Cube and the Corby Olympic Swimming pool and our students performances were seen by thousands of folk who watched on outdoor screens.

Kyle Murrie, who sang as well as performed with the air cadets, said: "It was an

amazing experience and something I will tell my grandchildren."

Students who took part were Kellie Marshall, Charlotte Chenery, Claudia Capper, Rebecca Curran (Year 7) Courtney Hope, Jake Haggart, Ashley Zorilla, Stacey Stratford, (Year 8), Sereti Ogwang, Eloise Robertson, Jodie Young, Roisin Curran, Callum Connachie, James Pittman, (Year 9), Kyle Murrie, Louise Curran, Daniel Duffy (Year 10) and Myles Peters and Andile Chiwuta (Year 12).



## STUDENTS SAIL TO SUCCESS

Three students achieved the RYA Gold Sailability award this term.

After two years of practical training at Pitsford Reservoir Oliver Farmer, Samantha Gibson and Hagen Rawson received the top award.

To achieve Gold each had to achieve at least 12 accredited outcomes, for example, be able

to cleat and uncleat a rope, determine wind direction, or sail a triangular course.

They were presented with their certificate, badge and medal from Northampton Sailability instructor Richard Elliot.

RYA Sailability is the national charity for disabled sailing.

## UNIVERSITY FOR ALEX AND ANDREAS

Students Andreas Milan and Alexandra Lawless experienced University life this term.

The two Year 9 students were put forward for the Dux award scheme, which gives exceptional Year 9 students access to university life at a Russell group university.

They spent the day at Nottingham University, chatting with current students, meeting their contemporaries from across the country and had a tour of the university campus.

They also took part in a university challenge style quiz and were part of the winning team.

Andreas said: "We went to Cambridge University last term and I preferred it there as it seemed less formal."

Alexandra said: "I am glad we have been able to see some universities, as I do want to go to university."

The Dux awards were founded by the government this year and are aimed at giving top performing secondary school students an insight into higher education.



## PLAYING FOR THE OLYMPIC TORCH

Our Concert Band had the honour of serenading the Olympic Torch as it passed through Corby.

Our band joined three other school bands to play an alfresco rendition of Chariots of Fire as it passed throughout the town.

Tuba player Myles Peters said: "It was really enjoyable and a great experience – despite the rain!"

## A FAST WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR UGANDA



Sixth form student Klaudia Chalubinska volunteered at the Silverstone Grand Prix as part of a fundraising drive.

The student, who will be going to the Discovery Centre in Uganda in October, worked at the visitor information point. She worked as part of a team of students from across the

county who will be going to the centre with the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs.

Klaudia said: "I really enjoyed the experience of working at Formula 1 Grand Prix as it was different than watching it on TV. People don't realise the hard work that's involved with organising and running such a big event.

"By dealing with the public and helping people I have developed my communication skills which will help me when I go over to Uganda.

"This is one of the best experiences of my life so far.

She added: "Now I'm looking forward to the Uganda trip in order to help Ugandan students and gain more knowledge about different cultures."

Silverstone made a donation to our fundraising appeal to say thank you for Klaudia's work on the day. Staff member Shaun Steele has also made a donation to the appeal.

# CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

After collectively clocking up thousands of hours of extracurricular activity, more than 150 students graduated from the Children's University on July 9th.

In front of proud parents and staff, the dedicated students received their graduation awards at a special ceremony held at the University of Northampton.

The Children's University scheme is aimed at students from Years 7 to 9 and gives credits for each hour spent during an extracurricular activity.

Bronze awards are given to students who complete 30 hours, Silver awards go to the students who clock up more than 65 hours and Gold awards are for 100 hours and above.

Bronze certificates are given to students with more than 130 hours and silver certificates to students with more than 165 hours.

Year 7 student Evie Berry gained credits for taking part in craft club, keep fit, maths club and Manga Mania.

She said: "I have really enjoyed the clubs that I have been involved in and really enjoyed the Manga convention that we went to.

Evie's mum Lorna Robison said: "I am really impressed with the after school clubs that are on offer at Corby Business Academy.

"Evie has taken part in a number of clubs and has really developed because of them."

"It is a great experience for the students to be able to come to the university and I am really proud of Evie's achievement."

Deputy Dean from the School of Science and Technology John Sinclair presented students with their certificates.



## FOND FAREWELL TO VICE PRINCIPAL



Vice Principal Avril Bartley Smith is leaving at the end of this term.

The senior teacher who is responsible for the AMID faculty and the Sixth Form has been with the academy since its first day.

She said: "I have enjoyed the job immensely as no two days are ever the same. I would say the thing I am most proud of is helping keep students in education where they can reach their full potential."

Avril began her teaching career in her native Wales in the early 70s and has taught at schools in many different places from Liverpool to Kent, Norfolk and Northamptonshire.

Specialising in Design Technology Avril has also been responsible for pastoral care and careers advice.

In the 1980s she worked at Hewett School in Norfolk, which at the time was the largest

secondary school in the country with 2,500 pupils.

She began teaching in Corby in 1993 at the Queen Elizabeth School, where she was responsible for setting up the alternative provision and establishing links with other colleges. This is a model that was replicated across the county.

Avril said: "Highlights of my time in the career have been hearing about the successes of the students who have achieved against the odds. That is always nice to hear."

She added: "I always said I would see the first cohort of students from the previous school through the years and I have done that. I will be sad to leave and will really miss the staff and students."

Avril will be using her decades of experience to set up her own careers guidance service called Timely Advice Ltd. Through this she will have links with the schools in the Brooke Weston Partnership.

## NEW SENIOR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

There will be a new addition to our Senior Leadership Team in September.

Andrea Callender will take up the post of Senior Assistant Principal and be responsible for the Business and Humanities faculty.

Ms Callender, who has been teaching for 14 years and comes from a school in Dunstable said: "I liked the direction that the academy is moving in and wanted to be a part of what is happening at the school. "I am really looking forward to taking up my post."



## CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY – SESSION 4 ACTIVITIES

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
<b>MONDAY</b>				
AMID	Senior Brass Ensemble	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Garry Fountain
AMID	CBA Vocalize (CU)	AU6	3.30 - 4.30	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	GCSE Textiles	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	Sam Fynan
BHE	AS Level Polish	BHE	3.45 - 5.45	Beata Bykowska
BHE	Btec Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
PNS	Year 7 Dance Club (CU)	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.00	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Netball Club (all years)	Netball Courts	3.45 - 4.45	Amy Harris / Natasha Dunstone
MAIT	Maths Challenge (G&T)	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Marion Freeman
LIBRARY	Lego Club	Library	3.30 - 5.00	Amy McKay
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
AMID	Junior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.30	Clive Wears
AMID	Senior Woodwind	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Pam Carter
AMID	Food Club	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Cath Davis
AMID	KS4 Art & Design Catch Up	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell/Jacqui Brown
AMID	Btec Catch Up	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Fynan
AMID	Skills Making Activity (Yrs 8 & 9)	AMID	3.30 - 5.00	John Barr
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
BHE	Btec Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
BHE	Humanities Drop in Club	BU5	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
BHE	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Alex Allan
INCLUSION	Kitchen Garden Club (open to all) (CU)	DL1 & KITCHEN GARDEN	3.30 - 4.45	Nikki Clark
PNS	KS4/5 Basketball Club (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.30	James Aston
PNS	Junior/Senior Dance Company	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.00	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Girls Football Club (all years) (CU)	Football Pitch	3.45 - 4.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	Year 10 Football Club (CU)	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Stuart Baker
PNS	Year 9 Football Club (CU)	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Phil Woolley
MAIT	ICT Coursework Catch Up	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	ICT Staff
MAIT	Target Group Maths	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	MAIT - Staff
MAIT	Further Maths AS	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Peter Garratt
MAIT	Year 12 A Level Catch Up	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam
BHE	Humanities Drop in Club	BU5	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
BHE	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Alex Allan
LIBRARY	Year 10 Magic Club (by invitation only)	Library	3.30 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	Library	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
AMID	String Ensemble (CU)	AU2	3.00 - 4.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
BHE	Btec Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
PNS	Year 8 Dance Club (CU)	Dance Studio	3.15 - 4.45	Daryl Handy
PNS	KS3 Basketball (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.30	James Aston
COMMS	Imperial War Museum/Media Working Group	CL4	3.45 - 5.00	Claire Howsam
LIBRARY	KS3 Manga Mania (CU)	Library	3.15 - 4.45	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	Library	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>THURSDAY</b>				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 5.00	Clive Wears
AMID	KS3 Electronics Club	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	KS4 DT Catch Up	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Cath Davis
AMID	Craft Club	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Ena Fry
AMID	KS4 Catch-up Sessions	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	Btec Catch Up	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Fynan
COMMS	Film Club (every other week)	Small Lecture Theatre	3.45 - 5.45	Lou Cory
COMMS	GCSE/AS/A2 Media Studies	CL4	3.45 - 5.00	Claire Howsam
COMMS	Year 11 Revision Sessions	COMMS	3.45 - 5.00	Lou Cory
INCLUSION	Boccia (open to all)	MAIN THEATRE	3.30 - 4.45	Nikki Clark
MAIT	ICT Drop In All Years	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	ICT Staff
MAIT	Year 12/13 Maths revision and support	MAIT	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Anderson
MAIT	GCSE Maths support	MAIT	3.45 - 5.00	MAIT Staff
MAIT	Further Maths AS	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Peter Garratt
PNS	Hockey	PNS	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam
PNS	Science Club "Hogwarts" (every other week)	PNS	4.00 - 5.00	Sarah Dankmeyer
PNS	Animal / Garden Club /Winter months Astronomy – all years (CU) (every other week)	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
PNS	Year 7 Cricket Training (CU)	Sports Hall/Astro	4.00 - 5.35	Jordan Joseph
PNS	Year 12 Dance Club (CU)	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.00	Francia Dickinson
PNS	All Years Football (CU)	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Phil Woolley
PNS	KS4/5 Basketball Club (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.30	James Aston
BHE	GCSE French Support Sessions	BU3/BL5	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	Beata Bykowska
BHE	Humanities Drop in Club	BU5	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
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
<b>FRIDAY For all students school closes at 3.30pm</b>				
LIBRARY	OPEN	Library	To - 4.00	Amy McKay

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

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We would like to thank our Parents in Partnership group for their support and efforts this year.

Parents have given their time freely to help fundraise for the school, with their latest achievements being to secure sponsorship for three of our netball teams.

Thanks to PIP member Elaine Clements for the sponsorship deal secured through their company Aerial and Security Systems.

The PIP group and our Senate have also pooled their funds to buy some new cricket nets, which will arrive over the summer.

For all new Year 7 parents we always welcome members to our PIP. Ways in which parents can help is to be part of fundraising events, listen to students' business presentations and assist with Session 4 clubs.

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## SUMMER HAMPER WINNERS

We would like to thank all parents who filled in the recent questionnaire.

The winners of the hamper have been drawn and will be informed by letter over the holiday period.



## ACHIEVEMENT WINNERS

The winners of Term Six prizes for achievement are: Zoe Hall (Year 7), Tinikka Searson (Year 8), Jake Homewood

(Year 9) and Kelsey Summerley (Year 10). The students were awarded with a flip camera.

## JAM PROJECT

Six students have completed the Jam in the Hood project.

William Walker, Shannon Davidson, Roy Grant, Bradley Thompson, Danielle Mackness and Chloe Rowlett have been involved in the project for the last 12 weeks, learning about all aspects of police life.

Sergeant Julie Mead who has been running the innovative project with charity Groundwork Northamptonshire, said: "Jam in the Hood project is about empowering young people within their own communities and changing the negative perceptions of young people within their own neighbourhoods.

"The young people were given the unique opportunity to become part of the extended police family for the 13 week project and took part in the 'behind the scene' tours of various police departments, from the Dog section to the helicopter unit, to give them a greater understanding of the emergency services.

"The group faced the challenges of volunteering in their communities by working with police on Operation challenged and breaking down the intergenerational barrier by visiting Swan gardens assisted living facility where they met the "recycled teenagers" and heard their stories about the 'old days', as well as many other community challenges.

"I am pleased to say they have all obtained their ASDAN qualifications in community volunteering due to their hard work and perseverance.

"It has been an honour to get to know each and every young person on the project and watch each as they grew in skill and confidence as the project progressed."

Year 10 student Bradley Thompson said: "It was great to be involved and I am sad it's come to an end. I have learned a huge amount about what the police do in the community and following on from it I have done some volunteering at Swan Gardens in Corby."



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