

CBA STUDENTS & THEIR FUTURE...

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ASPIRING TO BE THE BEST

In this edition you can read about our visits from writers *David Baldacci* and *Charlie Higson*, our exciting new Race to the Top initiative, our involvement in the Brooke Weston Trust Young Leaders scheme and our new Head Boy and Girl

MUSICIANS TRIUMPH

Bands win Gold, Silver and Bronze at National Concert Band Festival regional final

HARRY POTTER FAME

One of our students has inspired the illustration of Harry's cousin in the new Harry Potter book

BRONZE MARK AWARD FOR CBA



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LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL



As the new Associate Principal I am very proud to write my first letter introducing the many achievements of staff and students that you will read about in this edition. For the first time most people will access the magazine via our website as part of our drive to be more environmentally friendly and consider our use of paper-based resources.

Ambition and aspiration are at the heart of our culture and this has been demonstrated in many ways this year such as at our Presentation Evening, Ben Warner in Year 13 being awarded Highly Commended in the national Student of the Year competition and Harrison Tomkins, also in Year 13, getting a perfect score in his Physics AS paper. This year the Academy is part of an initiative called Race to the Top

aimed at our more able students, supporting them to aim even higher in all they do.

Michael Rosen, the poet, recently wrote about why curiosity is the key to life. One of our focuses this year is to encourage students to be more enquiring about their own learning and the world around them. Planning is already in place for our first Curriculum Day in Term 3 which will focus on the idea of Big Questions. Other opportunities to encourage questions have been the study of Geological Time Periods, Composing for Film, visiting the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, Burghley House and Stratford. We are very grateful to RS Components for their donation of a 3-D Printer that poses even more questions about what we can expect the next advances in technology to be like.

The culture of ambition and aspiration is also demonstrated in our enrichment curriculum. At The Cube I watched, with considerable pride, a group of students perform Hamlet as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. The Maths Challenges continue this year with the Senior Team taking part and we welcome back the Session 4 Film Club. Sixth Form students have had the opportunity to take part in a Creative Writing AS course. The Library has hosted inspirational visits from world renowned authors such as David Baldacci, Dave Cousins and Charlie Higson. In sport we plan to improve our participation numbers and have a new Session 4 programme; we were very pleased when the Academy achieved the Bronze Sainsbury's School Games Mark.

Preparing students for their next steps is an important role for a school. Students' understanding of democracy was developed when they elected their representatives for the Year Forums and the School Senate. The Senate was instrumental in appointing the new Head Girl Liusadh Sutherland and Head Boy Jack Webb and the Senior Team who give valuable support to the life of the Academy.

As I write students are preparing for their mock examinations, the Christmas Concert and a host of other activities. I would like to thank all associated with Corby Business Academy for their continued commitment

J. Duggan

Janet Duggan
Associate Principal



International bestselling author *David Baldacci* with our students



Popular writer, actor and comedian *Charlie Higson* meets some of his fans

BESTSELLING WRITERS INSPIRE CBA STUDENTS

High profile, bestselling writers have taken time out of their busy schedules to visit CBA.

Last month one of the UK's most popular writers, Charlie Higson, visited us and earlier in the year we became the only school to be visited by international bestselling author David Baldacci during his UK tour.

In October award winning author Dave Cousins also visited us to mark the end of our Transition Reading Challenge for our Year 7 students.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "We have been incredibly spoiled to have such amazing authors visit us in a very short space of time.

"Already this year we have had visits from David Baldacci, Charlie Higson and Dave Cousins and last summer we were visited by Cathy Cassidy.

"Their visits have introduced our students to different books and more importantly they have opened up the world to them.

"These are real people who have achieved enormous success. They make the possibility of a writing career real for our students.

"It is fantastic that our students have had the chance to learn from these people and be inspired by them."

Inset picture: Award winning author *Dave Cousins* meets our Year 7 students



Ben Warner with his certificate from the Awards

BEN IS HIGHLY COMMENDED AT STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

An inspirational Sixth Former was highly commended in the first ever Student of the Year Awards.

Year 13 student Ben Warner was honoured in the English category of the national awards ceremony which was hosted by BBC journalist and broadcaster John Humphrys in London.

Ben was the only student from Northamptonshire to be

honoured at the awards which were founded by the first winner of The Apprentice Tim Campbell MBE and supported by the likes of Education Secretary Nicky Morgan and the Mayor of London Boris Johnson.

Ben said: "I've always put in the effort at school and have tried to help other students in class.

"It was a real shock to hear John Humphrys read my name out – I wasn't expecting to do so well. It was overwhelming.

"English has always been my favourite subject and I hope to study it at university.

CBA Head of Sixth Form Samantha Anderson said: "Ben is a credit to himself, his family and the whole Academy."

IN PRESS GOES DIGITAL

Welcome to the first edition of our new digital In Press magazine.

In the summer edition of the magazine we revealed that we

planned to move over from a printed version to a mainly digital version of the magazine as part of our efforts to be more environmentally friendly.

We invited parents to let us know if they wished to still receive a printed version of the magazine

and the vast majority indicated they would be happy to receive only a digital copy.

Our magazines are all available on the Academy's website. Simply click on the In Press Magazines heading in the About the Academy section.

Parents who requested a paper copy of the magazine will receive one.

A limited number of the printed version of the magazine will be available at Main Reception on a first-come, first-served basis.

ASPIRATIONAL PROJECT WILL HELP STUDENTS RACE TO THE TOP

Our Academy is pioneering a new initiative in the county to help our more able students aim even higher.

Race to the Top is designed to encourage students in Years 7 to 11 to raise their aspirations.

Our Academy is able to run the initiative, in partnership with our sister school, Kettering Science Academy, after we successfully bid for local authority funding.

Vice Principal Paul Wilson said: "We want to encourage our students to realise that if they have big ambitions they need big grades to go with them in order to achieve them.

"They need to put in hard work five, six or seven days a week to achieve big rewards.

"We will give the students the chance to work with like-minded individuals, including people from our sister school Kettering

Science Academy, and we will run inspiring trips.

"For example, we hope to take a group of girls, who are good mathematicians, to Oxford University to inspire them to take their studies of mathematics further.

"This is a unique programme. It is the only one in the county which focuses on academically more able students and is designed to develop the whole

person and help them to be successful.

"We hope that as well as inspiring the students who have been selected for the initiative it will have the knock-on effect of inspiring other students throughout the Academy."

The CBA staff team members involved in the project are Tom Jordan, Rebecca Hill, Sarah Dankmeyer, Charlotte Knight and Josh Walsh.

TOP AWARD RECOGNISES OUR COMMITMENT TO SPORT



Unit students with their medals at an earlier Sainsbury's School Games

Our Academy has received a prestigious award in recognition of our commitment to competitive sport.

We have received the Sainsbury's School Games Bronze Mark following our involvement in the Northamptonshire Sainsbury's School Games initiative.

CBA Director of Active Amy Harris said: "The School Games Bronze Mark rewards schools for their commitment to the development of competition, school sport and physical education.

"This is the first time we have achieved the Bronze Mark and it ties in with our efforts to further develop our PE department."



To achieve the award we had to fulfil a range of criteria. This included engaging students in leadership opportunities, ensuring at least 20% of students take part in extra-curricular sport activity every week, providing opportunities that attract less active young people to participate in physical activity and giving students the opportunity to take part in competition.

During the latest Sainsbury's School Games our students took part in sports competitions against other schools from across Northamptonshire.

Our students always look forward to taking part in the Sainsbury's Schools Games and

they have often returned to CBA with a host of medals for activities including athletics and new age kurling.

Mrs Harris added: "The School Games is a unique opportunity that motivates and inspires millions of young people across the country to take part in more competitive school sports.

"Our athletes enjoy taking part and our students in the Unit are always heavily involved in the competition.

"We are very proud of our Sainsbury's School Games Bronze Mark and we are already working hard to achieve the Silver Mark."

To achieve the Silver Mark we will encourage more students to take part in sport during Session 4 and to take up more leadership opportunities.

STUDENTS EXCEL IN SPORTS LEADERSHIP ROLES

Our athletes played an important role in a series of Tag Rugby Competitions inspired by the Rugby World Cup.

Northamptonshire Sport staged the events across the county as part of the Primary School Games Competitions and Festival.

About 15 of our Year 9 students were invited to the School Games Tag Rugby competition held at Stewart & Lloyds Rugby Club in Corby to help referee Year 6 matches.

CBA Director of Active Amy Harris said: "We are very proud of our students. They took on the leadership roles and excelled at them.

"Harry Russell was selected to referee the final in front of 300 parents and students and he did incredibly well.

"We received lots of positive feedback about how well our students performed."



ADAM INSPIRES ILLUSTRATION IN NEW HARRY POTTER BOOK

One of our teenagers has been immortalized in the latest Harry Potter book.

Year 10 student Adam Short, 15, provided the inspiration for the drawing of Harry's cousin, Dudley Dursley, in the new Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone Illustrated Edition.

The illustrations were created by Jim Kay, of Kettering, who met Adam about 18 months ago when he visited our Academy to collect research for the book.

Adam said: "I enjoyed meeting Jim and I was excited to find out I had helped to inspire a drawing for the book.

"I like the Harry Potter books and it's great to be a part of that world."

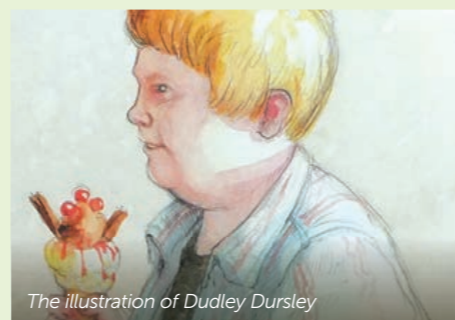
In the book's acknowledgements Mr Kay included a thank you to our students and our Librarian Amy McKay.

Amy met Mr Kay when she was a judge for the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway book awards and they have remained in touch.

She said: "It was fantastic that our students had the chance to spend time with Jim including Adam and another Year 10 student, Matthew Turner Fountain, who bears an uncanny resemblance to Draco Malfoy."



Adam Short with the book



The illustration of Dudley Dursley

MUSICIANS RETURN WITH GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE



Our musicians perform at the regional final of the National Concert Band Festival

Three of our brilliant bands have returned from a major music contest with Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Our Senior Concert Band, our Big Band and our Junior Concert Band performed at the regional final of the prestigious National Concert Band Festival in Nottingham last month.

Despite facing tough competition from some of the best young musicians in the region, our Senior Concert Band won Gold, our Big Band won Silver and our Junior Concert Band won Bronze.

CBA Director of Music Clive Wears said: "This was one of our best performances. Our musicians worked so hard to get ready for this contest and we are very proud of them.

"We faced competition from very talented groups including musicians from the top

independent and grammar schools in the area.

"We are particularly proud of our Junior Concert Band. It is made up of a lot of our new Year 7 students, with support from a few Year 10 students, and the competition was the first time the band had performed in public."

The Junior Concert Band performed Wyndham March, the Fanfare and Minuet from The Royal Fireworks, Dr Rock and A Little Bit of Latin.

The Big Band performed Happy, You've Got a Friend in Me, Sway and One Step Beyond.

The Senior Concert Band performed Encanto, Let It Go, Dreaming of Dreams and A Little Salsa Music.

Our Senior Concert Band will be informed in the New Year whether it has made it through to the national final of the contest.

BRASS BAND CREATES A SPLASH

Our fantastic brass band performed in its most unusual venue to date during Corby Big Film Week.

Our Senior Brass Ensemble was invited to perform at Corby East Midlands International Swimming Pool to accompany The Million Dollar Mermaids Esther Williams style synchronised swimming display.

CBA Director of Music Clive Wears said: "We provided a recording of the music for the swimmers about a month before the event to give the swimmers time to rehearse to it and then we had a quick rehearsal together on the day.

"There was a big audience for both shows and everything went incredibly well.

"Performing at a swimming pool was definitely a first for us.

"It was an honour for us to be asked to be a part of the Corby Big Film Week."

Pictured below is our Senior Brass Ensemble at the swimming pool



JOSH WILL PLAY FOOTBALL FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

One of our best young footballers has been selected to play for Northamptonshire.

Year 10 student Josh James-Molloy, 14, is the only footballer from Corby to be picked for the Northamptonshire County Association Team following a tough set of trials.

Josh, who also plays for CBA, Corby Kingswood FC and has been training with Northampton Town FC Academy this term, earned his place despite being injured during the trials.

He said: "I'm very happy to be part of the squad. When I went to the trials I had injured my lower back so I was very proud that I made it through.

"My Dad got me into football and I've always loved it."

CBA Football Coach Stuart Baker said: "Josh thoroughly deserves his place in the team and we are very proud of him.

"He will face the best young players from across the country and it will be a great experience for him."

Josh also trained with Peterborough United FC last year and has previously played for Kettering Town and Rushden & Diamonds youth teams.

He would like to become a professional footballer for a Premier League side.



Josh James-Molloy

ONE BREW CREATES A STIR WITH ITS LUXURY HERBAL TEA



Members of our Young Enterprise company One Brew at the Stamford Trade Fair

Our new Young Enterprise company One Brew has had a great start to the year with its range of luxury herbal tea.

The company has worked hard to source its product and packaging, has raised money from investors and competed in several trade fairs.

Year 12 student Chloe Harvey, who is the company's Managing Director, said: "We are very confident about our product."

"We are working very well together as a team and everyone is very respectful of each other's ideas."

CBA Director of Business Alex Allan said: "The students have worked extremely hard."

"At their very first trade fair in Stamford they showed how incredibly professional they were in relation to customer service and as a result they were the company which sold the most products on the day."

"They sold 20% of their stock which was a brilliant result for their first trade fair."

Every year thousands of business-minded young people from across the UK and Gibraltar take up the Young Enterprise challenge to set up and run a company over the course of a year.



Our players in their professional new football kit

GENEROUS DONORS HELP TO PAY FOR NEW KIT

The Unit Football Team has received a professional kit thanks to a number of generous donations.

Nearly 20 players from Key Stage 3 and 4 started wearing the kits this term in their SEN Football League matches.

Football Coach Richard White said: "When we started playing football a couple of years ago we only had a few players but we have grown so much since then and we now play in the SEN Football League."

"We look so much more professional in our new kit - it's made a real difference to the students."

The new kit has been funded, in part, thanks to the generosity of the mothers of two of our staff members.

Caren Brown's mum Jean Leighton made a significant donation to the kits from the sale of her fantastic knitted toys which she regularly makes for our Enterprise Day.

She has also knitted the players' new football mascot, named Charlie Bobby Alvinson (CBA), which accompanies them on their fixtures.

A further donation towards our kits was made by Nikki Clark's mum Jean Clark.

Mr White said: "We would like to say a huge thank you to them for their support."

Reece Laundon, Zofia Pilus and Katy Wilson display the students' work



GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS EXAMINE BIG TOPICS

Our young Geography students have been studying big topics in their first terms at CBA.

The Year 7 students have been learning about geological time periods in geography, the theory of the evolution of life and the Big Bang.

CBA Director of Geography Maxine Hopewell said: "The students successfully arranged all periods, and examples of life found at that current period, into their correct chronological order after just one lesson."

"The students have learned about the theory of the evolution of life and the Big Bang and have focussed on the impact that humans will have on the Earth."

STUDENTS PERFORM HAMLET AT MAJOR DRAMA FESTIVAL

Our talented performers appeared at the world's largest youth drama festival.

Students from Years 8 to 11 performed a condensed version of Hamlet, which lasted 30 minutes, as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival at The Core theatre in Corby last month.

CBA English Teacher and Production Director Hayley Johnston said: "The students' performances were fantastic."

"They weren't just reciting lines - they understood the meaning of the text."

"It was great to be part of the festival and I'm sure it will have helped them with their Shakespeare studies."

"In addition the experience gave them the chance to see the different parts of a professional theatre and the careers which are available."

Miss Johnston also praised the students for the way they conducted themselves during the festival.

She said: "It was a long day for them. Before the show they took part in a technical rehearsal and a dress rehearsal but they remained focussed throughout."

"I would like to say a special thank you to Cerys Johns from Year 11 and Kurt Foley from Year 8 who took on important roles just a few weeks before the show."

"Kurt took on the role of Laertes and Cerys took on the role of Hamlet and, like the rest of our cast, they rose to the challenge and were amazing."

"Having a female Hamlet was one of the many interesting choices that we made which gave the students the opportunity to really explore the characters."



Our students perform Hamlet at The Core theatre in Corby

ART STUDENTS TAKE INSPIRATION FROM MUSEUM

A group of our Year 12 and 13 A Level Art students were given the chance to work with experts at a world renowned museum.

The students visited the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge as part of their research for their individual projects.

After they had looked around the gallery they were invited

to take part in a special workshop at the Fitzwilliam Education Centre.

Year 12 student Stirling Horslen was interested in the museum's traditional Japanese art and contemporary art.

He said: "The workshop was very good and the experience introduced me to new artists."



Our Sixth Formers make sketches in the Fitzwilliam Museum

BIG QUESTIONS WILL DEEPEN OUR LEARNING

An exciting event will be held next term to develop our students' intellectual curiosity.

Our next Curriculum Day will focus on the idea of Big Questions and will help our students to develop their learning and investigation skills to a deeper level.

Students will be given news and current affairs topics to examine from a number of different angles and will be asked to consider why issues are looked at in certain ways and what questions they raise.

At the end of the event the students will have time to reflect on how probing the topics has

enlightened their understanding of the issues.

Senior Assistant Principal Alice Beckwith said: "We want the students to work together in groups and to ask questions in order to develop a deeper understanding of the complexities that the issues pose."

"This initiative is designed to move them further away from being recipients of knowledge to learning through investigation and curiosity."

"We hope this event expands the students' horizons and helps them gain a better understanding of the world they live in as we help them to prepare for life in modern Britain."

COURSE CHALLENGES SIXTH FORMERS TO BE CREATIVE

A number of our Sixth Formers are studying an AS Level in Creative Writing after school.

The group meets during Session 4 and the students have been working hard outside of school to produce fantastic pieces of writing. Vice Principal Ruth Hurcombe said: "It's a very exciting enrichment

opportunity for our students. It is giving the students the chance to develop their creativity and the skills they are developing in this course are feeding into their other courses."

Year 12 student Michael Siscar said: "I'm a creative person in lots of different areas, including

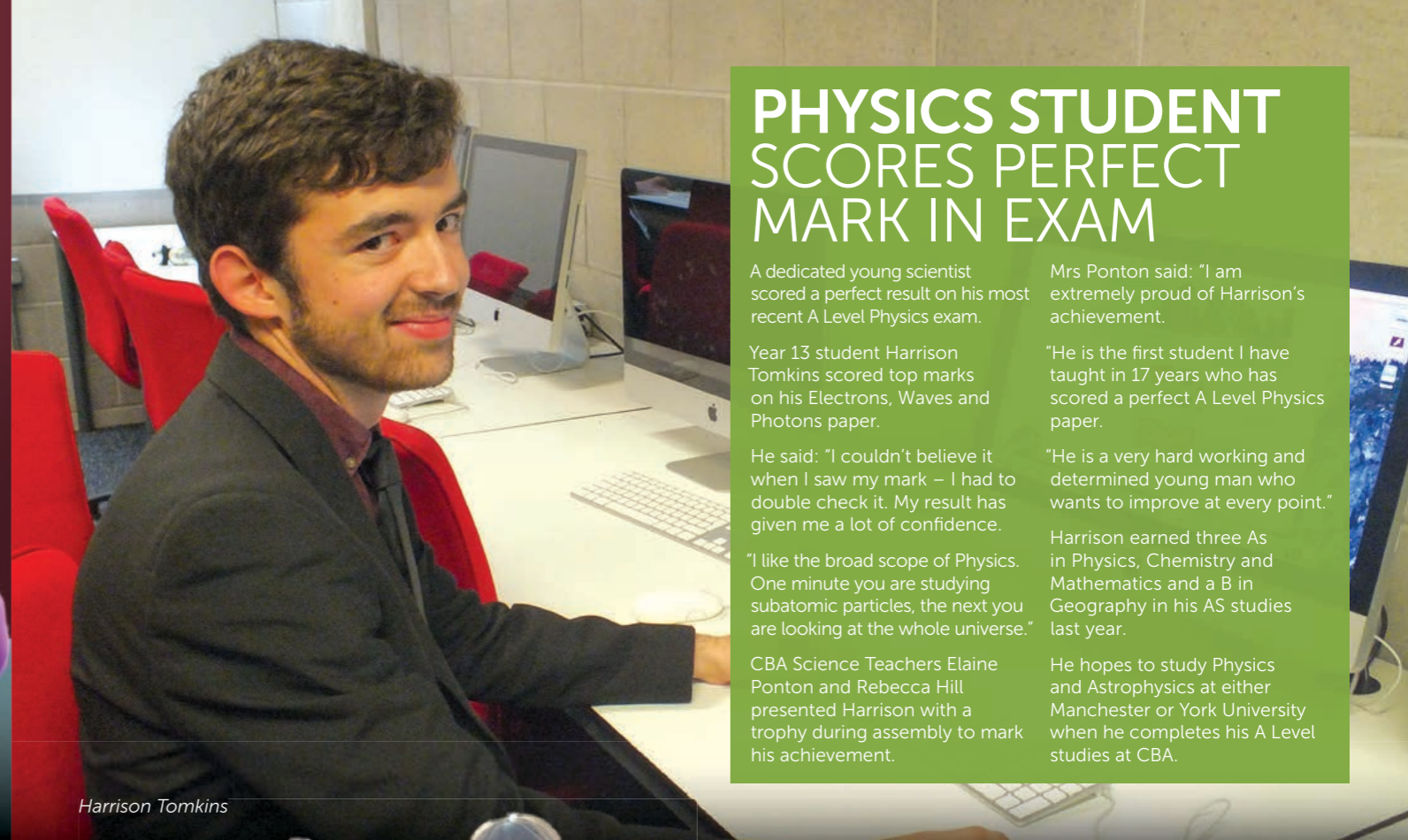
Art, so this course really appealed to me.

"I wanted to try something new and learn new skills and I've enjoyed writing the stories I have produced so far. It's very challenging to come up with new ideas for stories and the course is teaching me to be independent."

Fellow Year 12 student Polina Kurotskina added: "It's a good course and I'm finding it really interesting. It is encouraging me to be imaginative and creative and I'm learning time management skills as well."



Our Creative Writing class with Vice Principal Ruth Hurcombe during one of their lessons in Session 4



Harrison Tomkins

PHYSICS STUDENT SCORES PERFECT MARK IN EXAM

A dedicated young scientist scored a perfect result on his most recent A Level Physics exam.

Year 13 student Harrison Tomkins scored top marks on his Electrons, Waves and Photons paper.

He said: "I couldn't believe it when I saw my mark – I had to double check it. My result has given me a lot of confidence.

"I like the broad scope of Physics. One minute you are studying subatomic particles, the next you are looking at the whole universe."

CBA Science Teachers Elaine Ponton and Rebecca Hill presented Harrison with a trophy during assembly to mark his achievement.

Mrs Ponton said: "I am extremely proud of Harrison's achievement.

"He is the first student I have taught in 17 years who has scored a perfect A Level Physics paper.

"He is a very hard working and determined young man who wants to improve at every point."

Harrison earned three As in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics and a B in Geography in his AS studies last year.

He hopes to study Physics and Astrophysics at either Manchester or York University when he completes his A Level studies at CBA.



Miss O'Keeffe with her Year 8 English class

COMPETITION INSPIRES ENGLISH CLASS

A lively English class is helping a group of boys to flourish in the subject.

The Year 8 class is made up entirely of boys and their teacher, Emily O'Keeffe, has introduced games to the lessons to appeal to their competitive side.

If the boys produce outstanding pieces of work or answer questions correctly in class they may be given the chance to take part in a range of activities, such as darts or ball games, so they can win points for their team. Miss O'Keeffe said: "We tend to do this when we are learning new things or when we are reinforcing topics and the boys are definitely learning more as a result.

"Their behaviour has also been fantastic this year."

Year 8 student Michael Mellish said: "I'm working really hard because if I do well on a topic or produce a good piece of writing I can score points for my team."

Fellow student Chris Sidwell added: "The lessons are fun and I look forward to them.

"I'm enjoying English and I am learning a lot."

Associate Principal Janet Duggan said: "This approach is designed to raise boys' attainment and achievement by appealing to their learning style.

"Boys enjoy competition so the competitive element of the lessons appeals to how they like to learn.

"It is about finding ways to engage them with lessons."



Our new Happy Hands company

HAPPY HANDS IS IN BUSINESS

A group of Year 11 students and Sixth Formers has launched an enterprising company. The six students, who are all from Unit, have formed a new Happy Hands company as part of the Young Enterprise initiative.

They will produce a number of products that previous Happy Hands companies are well-known for including the popular tea cup candles.

Teacher Nikki Clark said: "Making items such as the tea cup candles enables the students to develop a range of useful life skills.

"They visited a charity shop to source and buy the tea cups and then had to wash the cups to get them ready to sell. They had to

think about the fragrance and the packaging and they visited the bank, with our staff, to open a bank account for the company.

"The company has had success at the trade fairs it has attended and the students have also researched ideas for new products."

The company is led by Managing Director Zoey Skelton with support from Finance Director Elsie Davis, Sales Director Elle Smith, Events Manager Ronan Kelly, Production Manager Jessica Brown and Administration Manager Chloe Critchley.

It has decided to retain the Happy Hands logo that has been used by previous year groups because it is so well-known in the community.

Funding from RS Components and Young Enterprise has enabled the company to enter Young Enterprise's Team Programme.



Language Assistants Sara Conde Piraces and Lucile Fize

WELCOME TO LUCILE & SARA

Two fantastic Language Assistants have joined our Modern Languages team. Spanish Assistant Sara Conde Piraces is from Northern Spain and finished her degree in English Studies in July.

French Assistant Lucile Fize is from Normandy in France. She studied English Studies in Germany and has travelled throughout Europe. Both Sara and Lucile were interested in taking up the Language Assistant roles because they are interested in careers in teaching.

Sara, who speaks Spanish, English and French, said: "I lived in Canterbury for a year during an Erasmus course so I'm familiar with life in England. I enjoy working with the students and I understand when they feel nervous about speaking in Spanish. The first time I came to England I had not studied English for five years and I was so lost but you keep going. When you live in another country you realise you can handle things by yourself."

Lucile, who speaks French, English, German and some Swedish,

said: "We want to promote learning languages because it is an awesome experience. Some students worry about speaking to us in French and Spanish because we are native speakers. We are encouraging them to let go of that worry and accept that they will make mistakes at times.

"We are students of other languages so we understand what it is like. Going abroad and living abroad is the best thing that has happened to me and has made me more open-minded."

Sara works with students in classes from Years 7 to 11 and Lucile works with students in Years 7 to 13. They also help out with Session 4 activities.

CBA Director of Modern Languages Karen Turney said: "We are so lucky to have Sara and Lucile with us. They are used to living in a different culture and they integrated into the school community very quickly."

They will be with us until the end of May 2016.

STUDENTS TAKE PART IN PIONEERING LANGUAGES PROJECT

A group of Year 8 students is involved in a pioneering languages project.

They are taking part in a pre-16 bespoke programme in Spanish, called Beyond the Classroom, at Nottingham Trent University.

The project is being run by Routes Into Languages East Midlands in conjunction with the university and gives our students the chance to improve their knowledge, engage with international students and learn about globalisation.

The first of two visits to the university took place in November and the students were given the chance to speak to graduates, tour the university and learn a bit of Arabic.

CBA Spanish Language Assistant Sara Conde Piraces said: "The students spoke to a graduate who is employed by a computer insurance company in England but regularly works with people in France and Spain.

"He explained that learning languages had helped him to get

his job and that it would help the students to find jobs in the future.

"The students were also asked to guess how many people in the world speak English. Most of them thought it would be 75% but it is actually 25%. It showed them English is an important language but it is also important that they learn other languages."

CBA French and Spanish Teacher Ian Griffiths said: "It was great for the students to have this experience and they loved learning some Arabic. It was very hard to begin with but they got into it really quickly.

"They also enjoyed looking around the university and it was nice to see them considering university as a possibility at this age, particularly as they will be choosing their subject options soon."

French Language Assistant Lucile Fize added: "We enjoyed seeing the students so motivated about learning languages."

A second visit to the university will take place in March.



FOCUS ON COMPUTER SCIENCE

The past year has been an exciting time for our Computer Science staff and students.

We started running Computer Science with our Year 7 students in September 2014 and our Year 7 and 8 students follow a curriculum that has been devised by our staff.

Last year our then Year 9 students also began studying GCSE Computer Science for the first time alongside GCSE IT.

CBA Director of Computer Science Kamruz Zaman said: "Computer Science is for more technically able students and it involves a lot of computer programming.

"IT is more about making websites and interactive presentations and video editing whereas Computer Science is more about writing software than using computer software and the students have to learn about encryption programmes.

"Computer Science is for people who are interested in careers such as app development, which a growth industry, computer programming and engineering. Anyone who is interested in IT careers should do Computer Science – it is a very worthwhile course.

"We have a great team of staff here at CBA. A lot of other schools do not have the skills that we have in our team and it is these



Computer Science students take part in a class at the end of last year

skills that enable us to develop our students' programming skills.

"The students really enjoy it and they particularly like the problem solving side of the subject. You can see the satisfaction on their faces when they write a programme and it works.

"I'm proud of how the students have risen to the challenge – they never give up

when they encounter problems, they keep persevering. It's good that our students have been able to cope with the subject because it's very abstract, you cannot give them the answer.

"It's quite an exciting time. I'm learning new things as well and it reminds me that I enjoy this subject as much as the students."



Our students taking part in the competition

MATHEMATICIANS WIN MEDALS IN EXTERNAL COMPETITION

More than half of our students who entered a tough mathematics competition have won medals.

Twenty students from Years 11, 12 and 13 took part in the Senior Mathematics Challenge that is run by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust for students aged between 16 and 19.

In total our students won one Gold, two Silver and eight Bronze medals. Our Gold medal winner, Year 13 student Andreas Milan, also earned a place in the next stage of the competition with his high score of 88.

CBA Mathematics Teacher Sevanti Panchal said: "This is a good result and we are very pleased with the students. To prepare for the competition they took part in sessions with me every Tuesday during Session 4 and their hard work has paid off.

"They were keen to do well and were regularly asking for past papers. Some of the students were nervous beforehand but it did not stop them taking part and they went on to win medals.

"When the students do well in competitions like this one it really boosts their confidence."

SCHOOLS JOIN TOGETHER FOR TRAINING DAY

Corby Business Academy has hosted the first Training Day for schools in our cluster.

The event was held at the beginning of Term 2 for teaching staff, classroom-based staff and administration staff from CBA, Corby Technical School and Kettering Science Academy.

CBA Vice Principal Ruth Hurcombe said: "We listened to a presentation by the Chief Executive and Executive Principal and took part in a range of workshops which were ran by staff from our three schools and external providers.

"It is the first time we have run a cluster Training Day and we would like to thank all the staff who were involved in running the workshops for making the day possible.

"The event helped us to strengthen our collaborative work across the cluster of schools and gave us an opportunity to share examples of best practice."

The staff also enjoyed a performance from the CBA Rock Band which was organised by CBA Director of Music Clive Wears and Teacher Lucy Wass.



Playmat by Tamara Ribeiro



Child's Dress by Samantha Loveday



CBA TEXTILES COLLECTION

Welcome to the CBA Textiles Collection which displays some of the brilliant pieces from our latest finished Year 11 Collection.

All the pieces are on display in AMID to inspire our current GCSE Textiles students.



Dress by Abby Reilly



Dress by Rachel Occleshaw



Dress by Karla Downs



Dress by Bethany Hunter

FORMER HOLBY CITY MAKE-UP ARTIST RUNS WORKSHOP WITH STUDENTS

A television make-up artist who worked on Holby City ran a workshop with our A Level and GCSE students.

Jess Strutt visited our Academy to do a one-to-one workshop with Year 13 Art student Charlotte Green who is doing a special project on theatrical special effects make-up in film.

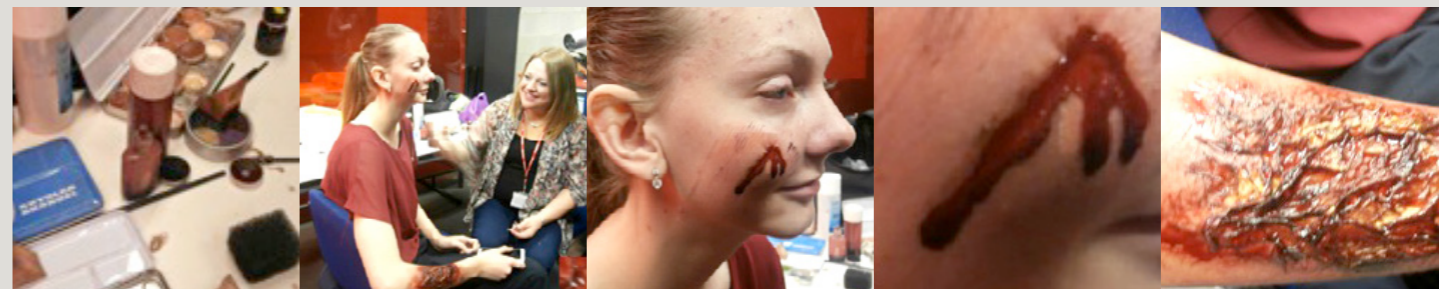
During her stay Jess was also kind enough to allow a number of our GCSE Photography and Art students to sit in on part of the workshop.

CBA Art Teacher Ruth Cowley said: "Jess taught Charlotte about different methods and techniques and different products. Jess also talked to the students about how she became

a make-up artist and about how lucrative the career is."

Charlotte said the workshop helped her with her Art studies and her Media Studies A Level where she is working on film trailers.

She said: "Jess told me about inexpensive ways to create effects and how to apply them quickly."



PRESENTATION EVENING

Dozens of students were honoured at our 7th Annual Achievement Awards evening.

The awards highlighted students' achievements in the fields of Physical and Natural Sciences, Business, Humanities and Enterprise, Art, Music and Industrial Design, Communication, Mathematics and Information Technology and the Unit during the past year.

The students received their awards from Executive Principal John Henrys, the Chairperson of our governing body Michelle Duffy, our keynote speaker for the evening John Sullivan, who is a former Royal Marines Commando, and our distinguished sponsors.



The Principal's Award for Outstanding Achievement Year 11 winner Eryn Lee Church

Art, Music & Industrial Design KS4 Award winner Sophie Ducker

Special Award for Art, Music & Industrial Design winner Joseph Coy

Business, Humanities & Enterprise KS3 Award winner Charlie Cousins

The Principal's Award for Outstanding Achievement Year 13 winner Sinead Flanagan

Special Award for Physical & Natural Sciences winner Lauren Shirlaw

Physical & Natural Sciences KS3 Award winner Jack Lawlor

Special Award for Mathematics & Information Technology winners E-Safety Challenge Group

Special Award for the Unit Provision winner Bethany Miller

Art, Music & Industrial Design KS3 Award winner Karolina Kontor

Special Award for Business, Humanities & Enterprise winner Evie Berry

The Principal's Award for Outstanding Achievement Year 11 winner Kelsey Fordyce

Mathematics & Information Technology KS3 Award winner Edward Boaden

Communication KS3 Award winner Shannon Joseph

Business Humanities & Enterprise KS4 Award winner Charlie Small

Special Award for Communication winner Karime Figha

Special Award for Environmental Science winner Lucy Hall

Communication KS4 Award winner Cary Ross

Physical & Natural Sciences KS4 Award winner Zoe Hall

Mathematics & Information Technology KS4 Award winner Joshua Rogers

Unit KS4 Award winner Chloe Clarke

Faculty Award Winners

Physical & Natural Sciences
KS3 Award winner
Jack Lawlor

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KS4 Award winner
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Communication KS4 Award winner
Cary Ross

(Prizes kindly donated by Hays Recruitment Company)

Mathematics & Information
Technology KS3 Award winner
Edward Boaden

Mathematics & Information
Technology KS4 Award winner
Joshua Rogers

Unit KS3 Award winner
Shakira Colvill

Unit KS4 Award winner
Chloe Clarke

(Prizes kindly donated by Corby Borough Council)

Special Award Winners

Special Award for Physical
& Natural Sciences
Lauren Shirlaw

(Sponsored by the Friends of CBA. Award presented by Clive Chenery)

Special Award for Business,
Humanities & Enterprise
Evie Berry

(Sponsored by Roquette UK Limited. Award presented by UK Finance Director Susan Price)

Special Award for Art, Music
& Industrial Design
Joseph Coy

(Sponsored by Rockingham. Award presented by Press and PR Officer Sarah Thomson)

Special Award for Communication
Karime Figha

(Sponsored by Hays Recruitment Company. Award presented by Senior Business Manager Mike Sherwin)

Special Award for Mathematics
& Information Technology –
E-Safety Challenge Group:
Riain Hobbs, Jessica Icke, Rebecca Sawford, George Slater & Lewis Viner

(Sponsored by R S Components Limited. Award presented by Head of Operational Audit Mark Taylor)

Special Award for the Unit Provision
Bethany Miller

(Sponsored by Corby Borough Council. Award presented by the Mayor of Corby Cllr Peter McEwan and Deputy Leader Cllr Jean Addison)

Special Award for Environmental Science
Lucy Hall

(Sponsored by Lockhart Garratt Limited. Award presented by Managing Director Justin Mumford)

The Principal's Award for Outstanding
Achievement Year 11
Eryn Lee Church & Kelsey Fordyce

The Principal's Award for Outstanding
Achievement Year 13
Sinead Flanagan & Joseph March

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Head Girl Liusadh Sutherland and Head Boy Jack Webb

NEW HEAD BOY AND GIRL ARE CHOSEN

Our new Head Boy and Head Girl were officially welcomed to their new roles last month.

Year 12 students Jack Webb and Liusadh Sutherland won the top two positions in our new Senior Student Team following a tough interview process.

Jack, 16, is studying Mathematics, Physics and Business Studies and hopes to become an architectural designer.

He said: "I wanted to become Head Boy because I want to take on more responsibilities, develop my skills and see what impact I can have on the life of the Academy."

"I was elated when I found out I'd got the role and I will work hard to help improve our school further."

"I hope to be a good ambassador for the Academy."

Liusadh, 16, is studying Psychology, History, English Literature and Biology and wants to study Psychology at university and become a forensic psychologist.

She said: "I'd seen previous Head Boys and Head Girls develop in confidence and that attracted me to the role."

"It was a shock when I found out I'd got the role and I feel it is a big honour."

"I would like to be a role model for other students and I am looking forward to developing new skills. I will listen to the students' views and hope they feel that I am someone they can talk to."

Jack and Liusadh will be assisted by Deputy Head Boy Darrah Kirkpatrick, Deputy Head Girl Beth Hunter and Ambassadors Chloe Harvey and Polina Kurotskina.



RS Components Product Compliance Engineer Andrew Shorley with Year 9 students Melissa Walker and Jessica Gibbons, teacher David Harley and our new 3D Printer

RS COMPONENTS DONATE 3D PRINTER TO CBA

A leading distributor of electronic and electrical components has made a generous donation to our Academy.

RS Components has presented CBA with a state-of-the-art RS IdeaWerk FDM 3D Printer which retails at about £600.

The 3D Printer will be used by our Design Technology, Art and Textiles students.

RS Components Product Compliance Engineer Andrew Shorley said: "I am a great advocate of getting technology in front of people and I hope this 3D Printer will inspire the students."

"3D printing technology is always changing so we hope to continue to provide the Academy with support in the future."

CBA Teacher David Harley said: "Our students will develop their designs in the same way that designs are developed and realised in industry and this will increase their confidence and skill set."

In the past our students have used 3D printing for a number of projects, including creating iPod docking stations, a rocket shaped desk tidy, spinning tops and cable clips.



Our Year 12 students at the Hidden Job Market event

BUSINESS LEADERS REVEAL THE HIDDEN JOB MARKET

A team of business leaders visited our Academy to give our Year 12 students important career advice.

We hosted an event called the Hidden Job Market to encourage our Sixth Formers to think about their career paths and how they can best present themselves.

Our students took part in a range of activities and had the chance to question representatives from high profile organisations, including Mars, Marks & Spencer, Defra, Brakes, the Co-operative Group and IGD.

CBA Head of Sixth Form Sam Anderson said: "This event gave our students the opportunity to question key business people in the grocery industry."

"Our visitors talked to the students about the fact that 70% of jobs are never advertised and gave them advice about what employers look for on CVs and during interviews."

"Although the representatives were from the grocery industry a lot of the information they provided was transferable to other industries as well."

YOUNG LEADERS WILL BE AMBASSADORS FOR SPORT



Our members of the Brooke Weston Trust Young Leaders group

A group of our students is involved in a new initiative designed to increase the number of young people playing sport.

Twelve of our Year 9 students became Brooke Weston Trust Young Leaders at the launch of the scheme at Kettering Science Academy in October.

In total 100 Young Leaders have been selected from the Trust's secondary schools to promote sport to their peers because they have outstanding qualities and are committed to sport.

CBA Director of Active Amy Harris said: "During the launch our students learned how to coach and deliver activities to younger students. They mixed with other

students from the Trust and they worked really well together."

The Young Leaders will be heavily involved in sports festivals, assemblies and coaching.

At the launch they were given coaching advice for tag rugby, volleyball, football and Project Ability.

They also learned how they could help students who are less able to enjoy sports due to a physical disability.

One of our Young Leaders, Angela Bozic, said: "I was really pleased to be chosen to be a Young Leader and the launch was fun. I especially enjoyed finding out about coaching volleyball."

CADETS GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

The Brooke Weston Trust Combined Cadet Force has more than doubled in size since it launched a year ago.

It started with 20 cadets from the Trust's secondary schools, including CBA, but now it has 50 cadets and offers students adventurous and educational activities including fieldcraft, weapons training, navigation, mountain walking, canoeing, gliding and offshore sailing.

Lieutenant Matt Isherwood said: "We started in partnership with Oundle School's Cadet Force under the Cadet Expansion Programme last year."

"We went from our first nervous parade when we were 20 cadets amongst 500 Oundle cadets to our cadets becoming some of the strongest in the Oundle First Year Cadet Programme. We were very proud when the growth of our cadets gave the British Army the confidence to grant us independent status in September."

Last year the cadets took part in a field weekend at Stanford Training Area in Norfolk and a Summer Camp at Barry Buddon Training Camp where they were faced with two-day battle exercises including a night ambush, a section attack and shooting competitions.

Lt Isherwood said: "Having been faced with that level of challenge it no longer fazes them if they're asked to do a presentation in class. They have self-belief and good leadership skills."



The Cadets take part in their inaugural passing out parade in the summer

The BWT CCF is affiliated to the Royal Anglian Regiment and parades on Friday afternoons at Corby Technical School.

Anyone who is interested in supporting the cadets can email Lt Isherwood at misherwood@brookeweston.org

TRUST REACHES OUT TO YOUNG POETS

Budding young poets from our Academy have entered moving pieces into this year's Brooke Weston Trust poetry competition.

The A Light in the Dark competition was launched by our sister school, Thomas Clarkson Academy, for all students from Brooke Weston Trust schools.

The judges asked students to produce an original piece of creative writing around the competition's title of A Light in the Dark.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "The work that I have seen for this competition was stunning, very heartfelt and made me proud to work with such talented and empathetic students."

The winner will receive a £25 Amazon gift voucher and will be invited to attend a poetry day at Thomas Clarkson Academy on January 12th 2016 to take part in workshops run by a visiting poet.

The deadline for entries was at the end of November.

ATHLETES WIN BROOKE WESTON TRUST SPORTS FESTIVAL

Our athletes were crowned the winners of the Brooke Weston Trust Sports Festival.

CBA Director of Active Amy Harris said: "We won all the games in badminton, netball and rugby. All our students worked really well and displayed excellent talent."

The Festival at Kettering Science Academy was also the first opportunity for some of our members of the Brooke Weston Trust Young Leaders scheme to demonstrate the skills they have learned during their training.



Our winning competitors at the festival

FILM CLUB IS A HIT

A fantastic new club was launched at the beginning of last month.

Film Club is held during Session 4 to give film lovers the chance to share their appreciation of movies, watch new films, review films and take part in film making projects.

The club began with a You've Read the Book Now Watch The Film season.

Club Leader Claire Scott (pictured) said: "The students are really excited about the club.

"It gives film lovers the chance to appreciate storylines, acting and the amount of time and effort that goes into making films. We watch films from a variety of different genres and hope to have a go at making our own movies later in the year.

"A number of students are really interested in manga so we thought we would try to extend that interest to Japanese Anime. We will look at the work of Hayao Miyazaki, who is a popular Japanese director, producer, screenwriter,



animator, author and manga artist, and his Studio Ghibli.

"We will also run a variety of competitions and the students will be encouraged to come up with recommendations for films."

After Christmas the club will show a variety of films, including adventure comedy The Goonies, science fiction action film Divergent and science fiction thriller Insurgent.

Students will be given the option to win prizes by producing film reviews.

The club meets on Thursdays in the Library and is open to all students and staff.

KEY DATES 2015/2016

Fri Dec 18th	End of Term 2
Mon Jan 4th	Training Day (School closed to students)
Tue Jan 5th	Start of Term 3
Thur Jan 14th	Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccinations Year 10 Girls and Boys TDP Vaccinations
Mon Jan 25th - Fri Jan 29th	Year 8 Internal Exams
Tue Jan 26th	Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening
Wed Jan 27th	Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening
Mon Feb 1st - Fri Feb 5th	Year 12 Mock Exams
Tue Feb 2nd	Year 11 Parents' Evening (by invitation)
Wed Feb 3rd	Year 11 Parents' Evening (by invitation)
Fri Feb 12th	End of Term 3
Mon Feb 22nd	Start of Term 4
Tue Mar 1st	Year 8 Parents' Evening/Options Meeting
Wed Mar 2nd	Year 8 Parents' Evening/Options Meeting
Thur Mar 24th	End of Term 4
Mon Apr 11th	Training Day (School closed to students)
Tue Apr 12th	Start of Term 5
Mon May 2nd	Bank Holiday
Fri May 27th	End of Term 5
Mon Jun 6th	Start of Term 6
Wed Jul 20th	End of Term 6 (End of Academic Year)

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

www.corbybusinessacademy.org

STUDENT ABSENCE

A student's absence from school can be reported on the Academy's website. On the Academy's home page at www.corbybusinessacademy.org there is a section called Report An Absence. Once parents or carers have clicked on it they will be asked to provide the student's name and year, the reason for their absence, the day of absence and their own name and contact details. Parents and carers may be contacted later in the day to confirm that the information that has been submitted to the Academy is correct.

SIGN UP FOR SESSION 4

Students must sign up for all Session 4 activities through the Academy's website. This is necessary even if students do not require a late bus because the Academy needs to have a full register of students who are on site for health and safety reasons. Students who are signing up for sessions and do not require a late bus can select the option for alternative method of getting home. Students can sign up by clicking on the Session 4 & Book A Bus link on the Academy's homepage. A list of all Session 4 activities is also available in the Student Info section on the website.

TERM DATES

Term dates for 2015-16 for students are:

Term 2	Tuesday 3rd November 2015 – Friday 18th December 2015
Term 3	Tuesday 5th January 2016 – Friday 12th February 2016
Term 4	Monday 22nd February 2016 – Thursday 24th March 2016
Term 5	Tuesday 12th April 2016 – Friday 27th May 2016
Term 6	Monday 6th June 2016 – Wednesday 20th July 2016

Term dates for 2016-17 are available on the Academy's website.

UP TO DATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Please inform the Academy of any change to your home address, telephone number or mobile number. This is to ensure we have the most up to date information in case of emergencies. The Academy must be informed of any changes via letter or via email to lstubbins@corbybusinessacademy.org

PHOTO CONSENT

At CBA we like to celebrate our students' achievements and bring you the latest school news in In Press and on the Academy's website. We also like to share our students' exceptional achievements with the media and on social media. CBA will assume that parental/carer consent is given regarding the publishing of your child's photograph unless you provide CBA with written instructions to the contrary which we can then acknowledge and use to update our systems. If you wish to provide written instructions on photo consent please email: lstubbins@corbybusinessacademy.org

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