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AWARDS EVENING CELEBRATES CBA SUCCESS

STUDENTS WHO HAVE MADE EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACADEMY LIFE WERE CELEBRATED AT CBA'S END OF YEAR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS.

As well as over 100 prizes for students' achievement and commitment in each subject, a further 21 special awards were given out to those who have shown particular dedication and effort during the Academy's second year.

They included trophies for Citizenship, Independent Working, Group Work, Enterprise and Peer Mentoring. The top honour – CBA's Student of the Year 2010, which was sponsored by Priors Hall Park – went to star student Charlotte Bean, from Year 10. Charlotte was nominated by a number of teachers because of her excellent attitude to Academy life and study. She said: "I was so surprised when I won and I am very grateful to all the teachers who nominated me for the award.

"I am extremely proud and so happy to have my hard work recognised. Winning Student of the Year has given me the determination to work just as tenaciously next year in order to achieve the best GCSE results I can." The awards were sponsored by many local businesses, including RS Components, Roquette, Corby Football Club and Rockingham Speedway, demonstrating the strong links the Business Academy is forging with major local firms and sports organisations.

In addition, the keynote speaker was Claire Young, who was a finalist in Alan Sugar's popular show, *The Apprentice*, in 2008. She urged students to aim

high and work hard to secure their dream job or chosen career.

Principal Andrew Campbell said: "The evening was a fantastic success and we were delighted to recognise the excellent achievements of so many talented and committed young people. They are a credit to the Academy and to Corby. CBA is on a journey to success and anyone who was there on the night can see we are making rapid progress towards our goal."



FROM THE EDITOR

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

Term 6 was packed full of events, awards and more student achievements, capping off a second successful year at Corby Business Academy.

The highlight was our annual Achievement Awards evening where even more students received a prize for their dedication and effort (see pages 12 and 13).

In addition, parents have been treated to music and dance shows (see pages 14 and 15), showing the skill and ability we are helping to nurture here at CBA.

During Academy hours, students have been paying visits to major companies and organisations to get a better understanding of the world of business, and a group of students also spent time in France and gained an insight into life in another country (see page 19).

I hope you enjoy this edition which demonstrates the culmination of the hard work by students and staff over the last year.

I look forward to seeing you when the new term starts.

Sarah Ashby
Vice Principal – PNS

GOODBYE MR ELLIS

The Academy said a fond farewell to Vice Principal Steve Ellis, who has stepped down after 35 years of teaching in Corby.

Described as a teacher who always gave every student a chance, his contribution to education in the town is immeasurable.

Mr Ellis worked at a number of

schools in Corby and he became known as a "champion of young people".

He worked tirelessly for all his students and was popular among his colleagues, not least for his calming influence and his sense of humour.

Mr Ellis was given a send-off on the last day of term when staff and students said their goodbyes.

Read more about Mr Ellis' time in education on page 20.

We also say to goodbye to several other members of staff – read more on page 21.



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“The final edition of In Press for this year is a real celebration of the diverse achievements and experiences of CBA students of all ages.”



It is very pleasing to report that during this term more parents than ever before have enjoyed seeing their sons and daughters performing (Music for a Summer's Evening; the CBA Summer Show) and receiving recognition for their hard work and achievements through both the Children's University programme and our own CBA Awards evening.

Students in Years 7 and 8 have represented CBA excellently in the second annual Brooke Weston Partnership inter-academy enterprise event, along with their peers from Brooke Weston Academy and Kettering Science Academy. Key Stage 3 students can look forward to a challenging year of learning in 2010-11 as our plans for curriculum reform are put into action and we continue to raise the bar for future performance in all areas.

I am immensely proud to say that Year 9 students have met our very high expectations with an excellent performance in their end of Key Stage 3 assessments, producing results which are above the national rate of improvement for students with similar scores at the end of primary school. This excellent result just shows what can be achieved through a strong blend of self-belief and hard work.

Year 10 are already feeling the heat as

they continue to work towards their final examinations next summer. Indeed many have had a first opportunity to sit GCSEs this year and we are working towards well over half the year group attempting to pass their English or maths GCSEs before this Christmas, though there will of course be the opportunity to improve their grades further next summer.

As I have written previously, there is no silver bullet to transform examination performance overnight, but we are making progress on improving standards in all areas. For example, 50% of Year 11 students have already secured a Level 2 qualification in English and maths and well over 50% expected to achieve five or more GCSEs this summer. CBA will always be proud to be a diverse community of students from many cultural backgrounds and with different abilities.

At the time of writing the Year 11 Prom and Sixth Form Leavers' Party are the main topics of conversation in the Academy. I would like to repeat here the sentiments voiced at those events. What we are creating at CBA is a true joint venture between students, parents and Academy staff. CBA is our Academy – it belongs to all of us and will be as good as we make it. There will continue to be difficult tests in the uncertain economic times ahead which will no doubt change all our lives considerably,

but the best we can do for our children is prepare them well for the challenges they will face in the world of tomorrow. You can be rest assured that all of us here at CBA are totally committed to that aim.

Finally, you will see that this edition of In Press features an article about Steve Ellis, Vice Principal for Behaviour and Guidance at CBA. Steve is retiring after 35 years working tirelessly for the benefit of Corby children and families. He will still be a familiar face around CBA next year as he will continue to work with the Brooke Weston family of schools in a part-time consultancy role. This town owes him a huge debt of gratitude and I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the best for the future and for his new post.

It has been a second eventful year at CBA, but as it ends I reflect on how proud I am of our students and of the dedicated parents and staff who are keeping the faith with the CBA journey.

Thank you for your continued support and please do enjoy the summer holiday.

Andrew Campbell

SENATE RELOCATES FOR SPECIAL MEETING

An update on a new bus service for the Academy was given to the Senate when it held a special meeting at the neighbouring Priors Hall Park Future Centre.

The Senate relocated to the centre, which is the hub for the new housing development next to the Academy, for its meeting on July 8th.

The main item on the agenda was an update from Nick Small of Northamptonshire County Council's transport department. He attended the meeting to fill members in on plans to introduce a public bus service to serve the Academy and the surrounding area.

It is something the Senate has been lobbying for so there are better transport links to the Academy during the evening and to make it easier for parents who don't have a car.

Mr Small said they are aiming for buses to run every 30 minutes and are hoping to introduce the new service in January 2011.

The Senate also discussed its budget and agreed to invest in some cross-training equipment for the Mind and Body Studio in PNS.

A LOOK OVER THE WALL



PRIORS HALL PARK
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

CBA is forming links with Priors Hall Park which could see students getting involved with projects including wildlife conservation.

Work to create 5,100 homes and the necessary infrastructure is continuing at a rapid pace – and with CBA on the doorstep, there will be opportunities for the Academy students to learn from the huge project.

Daniel Polak, from BeLa Partnership development company, said: "The team at Priors Hall Park is proud to have already been involved in day-to-day life at the Academy, something which will only increase as the relationship gets closer.

"Going forward there have been many discussions about how Priors Hall and CBA can work together, and we look forward to developing these ideas over the coming months."

Priors Hall Park also sponsored the Student of the Year award at the CBA Annual Achievement Awards, as well as the Fair Play trophies for the Sports Day.

For further information visit www.priorshallpark.com.

Corby Business Academy Key Dates



2010 TERM 1

Wednesday 1st September	Staff Training Day
Thursday 2nd September	Start of Term 1 - All Students
Wednesday 22nd September	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday & Tuesday 4th & 5th October	Year 6 Parent Evenings
Friday 22nd October	End of Term 1

TERM 2

Monday 1st November	Start of Term 2
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HEALTHY SCHOOLS PRESENTATION

CBA WAS PART OF A CELEBRATION EVENT TO RECOGNISE WHAT SCHOOLS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARE DOING TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

Earlier this year, the Academy was granted a Healthy Schools Award by Northamptonshire County Council because of its efforts to help students lead healthy, active lifestyles.

Last month, Headboy Chris Usher, Senate member Nicole Parsons and Joshua Creswell – who has had a key role in the Cricket Club – were invited to a presentation afternoon at King's Park Conference Centre in Northampton.

They joined students from other Northamptonshire schools which have received the award.

Vice Principal Sarah Ashby said: "The number of Session Three clubs at CBA has grown to over 40 and there is a sub-committee on the School Forum which looks at students issues like healthy lifestyles.

"We were proud to be part of this event, which recognises what the Academy does to help students thrive."

CHANGES TO THE TIMETABLE

Changes to the Academy's daily timetable will see the introduction of a three-session teaching day in September.

This is to enable greater pace and focus for students by having shorter lessons and the addition of tutor time and assemblies twice a day, rather than once.

The day will start with Session 1 from 8.40am to 10.45am, which includes breakfast. In the morning, Years 7, 8 and 9 will have Tutor Time from 10.45am to 11.05am and Years 10 and 11 will be in assembly.

Session 2 is from 11.05am to 1.25pm and includes lunch.

In the afternoon, Years 10 and 11 will have Tutor Time from 1.25pm to 1.45pm and Years 7, 8 and 9 will be in assembly (except on Wednesdays when Session 3 starts at 1.25pm).

Session 3 will run from 1.45pm to 3.30pm.

After-school time will be re-named Session 4, which will conclude at 5.45pm.

ORDERING NEW UNIFORMS

For students who may have outgrown their uniform by September, new ones can be ordered over the summer holidays by downloading and completing a form from our website, www.corbybusinessacademy.org. Alternatively, parents can telephone the Academy to have an order form posted out to them.

Uniforms will be available to collect on September 1st from 9am to 3pm.



// You should also make sure that all of your belongings have a name tag. //

ACADEMY HOSTS EVENT PROMOTING HIGHER EDUCATION



Sports teachers and agencies including Connexions and Aimhigher were invited to an event at CBA to promote the new foundation Sports Coaching degree which is being delivered at Tresham College in September.

The Academy has students who have applied for the foundation degree in Business and CBA was invited to hold the promotional event for the new course on June 28th.

The information session was held so details could be passed on to students looking at a career in this field, and to improve links between the sports departments in schools within North Northamptonshire and Tresham College.

The new course is validated by the University of Bedford.

ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

DESIGN YOUR OWN THEME PARK

It was a rollercoaster ride for Year 8 students who were challenged to design their own theme park.

As part of a week of design technology, a team visited Wicksteed Park to look at aspects of marketing, food design and the engineering of rides.

On their return to the AMID Faculty, they reported their findings to their teams and set to work creating their own original theme park.

Different students looked at different areas, including music that could be played on the carousel, the artwork for rides, marketing their venue and producing healthy food options.

Other students looked at theme park memorabilia and even created some samples, including mousemats, keyrings and textile designs.

The project is something that will be developed at CBA during 2010-11.



FOCUS ON ART: YEAR 8.

AFRICAN CULTURE HAS BEEN THE FOCUS FOR YEAR 8 ART STUDENTS THIS TERM.

The group has been looking at African patterns and headwear and their studies culminated in the creation of some African masks, which have been displayed in both the classrooms and the central area of the Faculty.

A group of Year 8s has also been involved in the production of an animation sequence during Session Three.

They joined forces with some Year 9 students as part of a master

class programme for those students talented in art.

The group worked with professional animator Andy Ralston and produced a series of animations on green issues.

Director of Art Jacqui Brown said: "Year 8 have worked very hard this year and I am very pleased with the creative work they have produced. I and the staff in the art department look forward to working with them in Year 9."

THE BEAT GOES ON FOR STEEL PANS

The steel pan drums have proved to be as popular as ever with students who have been learning to play them in the last few months.

The drums have been used in Key Stage Three music lessons, with students learning anything from Yellow Bird to songs from The Lion King soundtrack.

Music Teacher Felicity Cornish said: "The great thing about the steel pans is that anyone can have a go and they are quite easy to play.

"The whole class can play together and there's a real sense of teamwork and achievement involved."

Year 7 student Alex Rayner commented: "I think it gives you better hand eye co-ordination and also it's really fun."

The Steel Pan Band boasts 15 members, including two members of staff and meets every Tuesday in Session Four.

The band recently performed at the Academy's Music for a Summer's Evening concert.

Visit the Academy's website to see video footage of them in action during the show.



GOODBYE YEAR 11 ART STUDENTS

CBA's Year 11 art students may have left the building but their work which adorns the walls of the Art, Music and Industrial Design Faculty reminds us of their talent.

Director of Art Jacqui Brown said: "I was extremely pleased with the standard of work produced by our Year 11 students; the work here is just a small example of the excellent work that was produced.

"All of the art staff wish our departing students good luck in the future."

BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)



STUDENTS SEE RECIPE FOR SUCCESS AT CADBURY

Business Studies students got a taste of how a major company operates when they paid a visit to Cadbury World.

Eighty Year 9 students visited the chocolate maker's educational centre near Birmingham as part of their Business at Work programme.

The idea came from the Academy's Young Chamber and it gave the year group a valuable insight into the company's key areas of work, such as human resources and marketing.

They also found out more about the takeover by Kraft and the affect it has had on the firm.

Business Studies student Chelsea Taylor said: "The Cadbury World trip was a great success. Not only did we have fun but we learnt a lot about business and what the industry is like to work in. "A lot of students, including me, now understand more in our business classes."

The group followed up the visit with an Enterprise Day to look at how Cadbury apply the four Ps - Product, Price, Place and Promotion - in the company's marketing strategy.

They worked in groups to develop and present a chocolate product, with the winners coming up with a novel idea for 2012 Olympic Chocolate Rings.



YEAR 10 PUBLIC SERVICES EXPEDITION

Twenty-two Year 10 students travelled down to Brecon in South Wales on an expedition. This is a vital element of their BTEC course and the students had spent a term planning the exercise.

The students were split into two teams, Bravo and Charlie, and as part of the two-and-a-half day itinerary, they had to test their camping skills and physical fitness. The students camped out for two nights and had to cater for themselves before undertaking a strenuous mountain trek which took in four peaks of the Brecon Beacons. This was topped by Pen y Fan at 850m, a range which is used by the elite Special Air Service for selection and training. So in fact we did our own CBA version of this tough course known as the Fan Dance.

The students were fantastic and all gave 100% getting through the pain barrier and reaching every top. Each student was determined to finish the trek despite blisters and fatigue. Special mention goes to John Atkinson who had to endure my blistering pace and the mountains twice through the week - well done indeed.

Expeditions such as this are a great opportunity to develop team and personal skills as well as building upon character and the Year 10 group excelled in all of these.

Tony Segalini - Vice Principal



VALUABLE HELP WITH JOB INTERVIEWS

Sixth Formers who will soon be applying for jobs or university places got the benefit of practising their interview skills on a group of professionals.

Members of Corby Rotary Club paid a visit to the Academy to put 'interviewees' through their paces and to give them an insight into the kind of questions they could be asked.

The Rotarians' backgrounds include a successful career in education and years spent in business, either running their own company or their own department.

Sixth Form student Connor Wilson said afterwards: "I learnt a great deal from participating in an interview and I received feedback on areas I needed to improve.

"The advice was particularly useful as it came from members of the Rotary Club who hold a wealth of information generated from experience in industry."

Business Studies Teacher Alex Allan and Humanities Teacher Nigel Holt organised the visit and they said the experience was as close to a real interview as possible, helping to develop students' confidence.

COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)



GREAT RESULTS FROM READING SCHEME

A weekly reading competition set up to improve literacy has already resulted in huge improvements in students' reading ability.

Accelerated Reader pits each Year 8 English class against each other in a battle of the books.

Each class is given time during lesson to read an allocated book – appropriate for their individual ability – and then students complete a quiz either at school or at home about what they have read.

The class with the average amount of points each week gets a prize and gets to display the trophy in their classroom.

The scheme was introduced three months ago and the overall winner was Teacher Simon Smith's class, who were treated to a trip to the cinema.

During Term 6 Mr Smith's class read 123 books – a staggering 7,328,616 words in total. Literacy Coordinator Kim Asher said Accelerated Reader has resulted in a huge uptake of library books and in the case of one student, their reading age increased by six months in the space of just four weeks.

Miss Asher said: "It's also promoted reading for pleasure."

In September, both Year 7 and 8 will compete in Accelerated Reader while Year 9s will go head-to-head with readers from the Brooke Weston Academy.

Year 8 student Shannon Miller said: "I like Accelerated Reader because it has encouraged me and others to read more books. It's important to read to get a good education and a good job in the future."

CELEBRATION CEREMONY FOR CORBY LITERACY PROJECT

Parents were invited to a special presentation evening to see the work of students who have taken part in a literacy project.

CBA teamed up with the Brooke Weston Academy and The Kingswood School to offer a series of workshops aimed at raising students' attainment in English.

Seven Year 8 students from CBA joined other students once a month to take part in a variety of literacy activities, which included animation projects, comic book designs and drama workshops.

They also went on a two-day residential to the Frontier activity centre in Irthlingborough.

The programme, which started in January, is linked to the Children's University and the students 'graduated' at a ceremony at West Glebe Pavilion in July.

English Teacher Rachel MacAllister said: "The Corby Literacy Project used lots of different learning tools to show English in a fun way."

Brooke Weston
Partnership



IMPROVING COMMUNICATION SKILLS

CBA has carried out a survey to help students improve their communication skills and equip them for the future.

The Academy, in conjunction with the National Literacy Trust, carried out a speaking and listening survey, with 420 Key Stage Three students taking part.

The aim was to find out how important young

people view speaking and listening skills, what they believe employers and universities expect in terms of these skills and how confident they feel about communicating.

The results showed that:

- 98% of students communicate most frequently with friends and family by speaking face-to-face. This is followed

closely by the use of text messages (96%)

- 53% of students would like to be better at speaking in front of the class

CBA will be using the findings to help develop students' speaking and listening skills both in the classroom and to prepare them for the future.

CBA WELCOMES FRENCH STUDENT

French student Margaux Larrue, from one of the Academy's partner schools in France, spent time at CBA this term.

The 16-year-old had been struggling to follow her English lessons so she spent three weeks at the Academy to help her improve.

Margaux, who is from Lycee Saint Martain de Paris, joined Year 10 students in their lessons and very quickly made friends.

She was able to help with French lessons and students enjoyed meeting her and finding out about student life in France.

Margaux particularly enjoyed English lessons with Teacher Lisa Dawson – she found the lessons interesting and said

that French teachers could learn from the good relationships between teachers and students.

Director of French Hayley Bennett said: "Margaux could not believe how lucky the students were to have so much technology in and around the Academy. Very few French schools have the use of interactive whiteboards in lessons – many of Margaux' lessons still use a blackboard and chalk.

"Overall, it was a fantastic experience for both Margaux and the Academy. It is hoped that in the future we will receive more students from our partner schools in France and also have the opportunity to send our students to France."



Margaux with Hayley Bennett

PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

SCIENCE STUDENT JOINS PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT PROJECT

A student who wants a career in science research was awarded a bursary placement on a research project based in Northampton General Hospital's Pathology Department. Year 12 student Gabby Tarrant applied for the Nuffield Bursary Placement and spent four weeks in July working in the hospital department.

The project focussed on identifying a type of species of bacteria and Gabby had to produce a report on her findings.

It was an invaluable experience for Gabby, who also helps out in the Academy's

science labs during her free time and is studying chemistry, biology and business studies A Level.

She said: "I heard about the bursary from teachers at CBA and I thought it would be an interesting thing to do during the holiday, instead of a normal summer job like working in a shop.

Gabby, who wants to study chemistry or bio-chemistry at university, also opted to nominate the project she worked on for the Big Bang science celebration in London and she's keeping her fingers



Gabby Tarrant pictured with our new Science Technician, Hazel Harmer.

crossed it will be selected.

She said: "The attraction of science is the need to know more – that's why I want to go into research."



Elaine Ponton as an astronaut

LESSONS IN OUTER SPACE

Students took a trip to another world with a visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester.

Year 8 were set two challenges – to write a travel brochure for the planets in the solar system and to describe what life on Mars might be like.

They had to use the resources and information at the discovery centre to complete their tasks.

From details of the moon landing to demonstrations of particle physics, the trip gave students a chance to see science in action.

Director of Science Elaine Ponton said: "The space centre has a lot more resources than we

do – students can do things like touch a meteor or present the weather forecast.

"There were a lot of hands-on experiences for them."

One of the exhibitions was a display of tins of baked beans, each one held down by the different levels of gravity on each planet.

No one was able to lift the tin held down by the equivalent of the sun's gravity.

The trip was particularly beneficial as the year group will be studying space when it moves into Year 9 in September.

DANCE 2 EDUCATE SHOW

Talented students showed off their dance skills at a showcase event this term.

Twelve star performers from Year 9 took part in a show after working with a choreographer from professional dance company, Ludas Dance. The sell-out event, which was held at CBA, saw students from nine Corby schools come together to perform each of the pieces they had been working on.

Ludas Dance, one of the country's most respected educational dance companies, also performed their touring piece called ID:me.

Dance Teacher Francia Dickinson said: "CBA's performance on the night was very strong."



Photos by Tony Keirle at DE Photo

CBA HOSTS CRICKET COMPETITION

A number of Corby primary schools were invited to the Academy this term to take part in two afternoons of cricket.

Active Teacher Phil Woolley organised the events, which included boys' teams from Rockingham Primary School, Danesholme Junior School, St Patrick's Primary School, Woodnewton Primary School and St Brendan's Primary School. The eventual winner was the Rockingham Primary School team.

Pupils from Corby Old Village Primary School, Danesholme Junior School, St Patrick's Primary School, St Brendan's Primary School and The King John School took part in the girls' competition, with St Brendan's crowned champions.

Those who joined in with the mixed competition were also from Rockingham Primary School, Our Lady of Walsingham Primary School, Woodnewton Primary School and The King John School from Thrapston, who were the winners.



MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)

WEBSITE DEVELOPERS LOOKING FOR NEXT CHALLENGE

A group of students which developed a website for Corby Business Group were presented with gifts as a thank you for their efforts.

Corby Business Group approached the Academy for help in designing a website and the challenge was taken on enthusiastically by CBA's web group, which meets in Session Three.

They will even use the website to advertise their services as web-developers for other organisations.

Ika Casta from Corby Business Group handed over gift vouchers to Steven McBride, Steven Forsyth, Clark User and Haydon Close, who dedicated their spare time to the project.

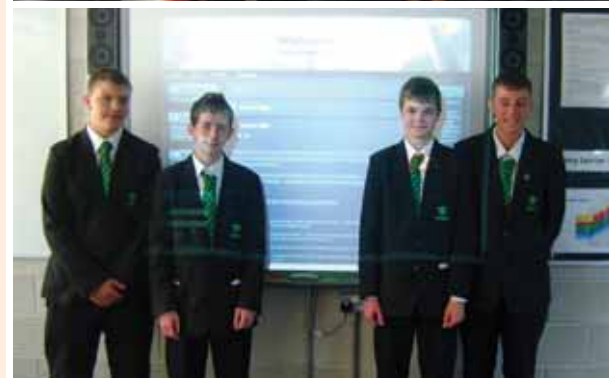
She told them: "We're really impressed with what you have done and we wanted to say a big thank you.

"It was a real-life project for you to complete, rather than just pretending and it's something we hope to build on."

She told them it had already been tested by one of the companies and was found to be working well.

Steven McBride said: "This was something new to us so we have learnt new skills. It will look good on our CVs."

Teacher Karl Lomax, who led the project, said the next step is making sure the website appears in the top 10 on Google.



PEER MENTORING SPIRIT AT CBA

Student solidarity has been out in force at CBA, with students helping their peers with lessons and exam revision.

The peer mentoring spirit was demonstrated by three Sixth Formers who asked for exam tips from Year 10 maths whizz-kids Steven Forsyth and Clark Usher.

The pair went through past exam papers with Sixth Formers Richard White, Chris Usher and Adele Bagnall, who re-sat their maths GCSE this summer.

The group was spotted hard at work after school by Kirsty Farrar, Head of Raising Aspirations.

She said: "They had their exam the next day and it was something they had set up themselves. "It's a great example of students now working together and supporting each other."

In Year 10, maths students were split into groups and given different questions to tackle.

When they had finished solving the quadratic equations, they had to demonstrate to the rest of their class how they reached their answer.

Maths Teacher Maxwell Sam said: "The benefit of teaching each other is that it builds students' confidence and they have to work as a team.

"It also helps them because students explain the problem-solving in way others can understand."

DUKE OF EDINBURGH SCHEME GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

CBA's Duke of Edinburgh scheme is developing well, and the creation of the group has helped Northamptonshire to achieve growing numbers of young people taking part in the award programme.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, which aims to develop young people and recognise their skills, was set up at the Academy last year and is run by the MAIT Faculty. CBA was one of 7 schools in the county to establish a new

group during 2009-10.

Karl Lomax and Tony Segalini led the creation of CBA's Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and Mr Lomax said:

"The students who have participated in the activities such as organising an expedition have benefited greatly. We hope to continue with the programme with older students taking a more active and leading role in the development of younger students."



SIXTH FORM

FAREWELL DINNER FOR SIXTH FORMERS

Sixth Formers dined and danced at a special leavers' meal to mark the end of their time at CBA.

The year group decided they wanted to hold a formal dinner to celebrate the end of the first full Sixth Form cohort of students leaving the Academy.

The glamorous event was held at the Hampton by Hilton Hotel in Corby on Friday, July 9th.

Awards were presented to students reflecting their contributions to CBA.

Vice Principal of Sixth Form Avril Bartley-Smith said:

“These students have set the standard for all future Sixth Formers at CBA and we wish them all the best in their future careers.”



CBA OFFERS WORK EXPERIENCE

Sixth Formers have been gaining valuable work experience by taking on jobs as cleaners at the Academy after school.

A group of six students - Ross Hay, Ben Young, Aaron Earle, Jamie McPherson, Sarah Hurley and Dzeneta Vainauskaite – spend several hours each afternoon making sure CBA always looks clean and tidy.

Dzeneta has been working as a cleaner for two years. She said: “It’s a good place to work because we don’t have to travel and it’s straight after school.

“This is my first job and I’d recommend it to other Sixth Formers.”

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION

A large number of students have applied to return to the Academy’s Sixth Form in September – a significant increase on last year’s numbers.

Once students have received their GCSE results from Principal Andrew Campbell, they will have another interview with Sixth Form Vice Principal Avril Bartley-Smith to discuss their results and courses. GCSE results day is Tuesday, August 24th, with results available to collect from the Academy from 8.30am.

CAREERS ADVICE AT UNIVERSITY DAY



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

Year 12 students were inspired during a recent careers convention at the University of Birmingham.

The group had the opportunity to speak to representatives from most universities in the country and to discuss the courses on offer and entry requirements of each institution.

It was the starting point for their UCAS applications and their personal statements.

Vice Principal of Sixth Form Avril Bartley-Smith said: “It helped students to consider their future and they have now been talking to staff and asking them for personal references.

“That will help support their university applications and will create a formal reference letter they can use for any future job opportunities.”

LIBRARY

PLANTING THE SEEDS OF IMAGINATION

On a beautiful summer afternoon Corby Book Addicts took advantage of the glorious weather and relocated their weekly meeting to the Eskdale Avenue Allotments.

The purpose of the relocation? To spend an hour entranced by the tales of professional storyteller Steve Bowkett. The session was held by Corby Reads to promote and celebrate the placing of a storytelling chair at the allotments.

Amy McKay – Librarian



MANGA MANIA

The Session Three activity Manga Mania has been a huge success this year, with students from all years meeting weekly to share their love of the genre and working towards publishing their own Manga book.

To celebrate the success and broaden our knowledge of all things Japanese we held our very own Manga Cosplay event at the end of term. Cosplay is short for Costume Play and is the term given to any activities fans taken part in while dressed as Manga characters.

The standard of costumes was fantastic, but Jess Dick's appearance as Yukari from the Rosario and Vampire series was judged best.

During the event students had the opportunity to taste lots of Japanese delicacies and practice their Japanese language skills.



SHADOWING THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

Corby Book Addicts enjoyed a packed timetable of activities while shadowing the Carnegie and Greenaway medals year. As well as lively discussions about their thoughts on the nominated books, shadowers were honoured to invite one of the national judges to a meeting.

Kate Lister was one of only twelve national Carnegie judges this year and she agreed to come and discuss the shortlist with our enthusiastic readers. The students were certainly opinionated and didn't shy away from grilling Kate about why their nominated books weren't shortlisted. Despite

their best persuasive efforts, Kate refused to give us any hints about the winner, but students made sure she left with no doubt as to their preferences.

Later in the shadowing timetable we enjoyed a morning at Lodge Park's Annual Carnegie Shadowing Event, where participants discussed/ argued over their favourite shortlisted books, took part in quizzes and competed in a book pushing competition.

It has been a fantastic Carnegie season this year and we're now eagerly awaiting next year's shortlist so we can do it all again.



NOT SO BARD IN THE LIBRARY

Georgia Bainbridge, Emily Carroll and Megan Hogg couldn't believe their eyes when they watched an alternative performance of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, performed by Emmerdale actor Tony Howes in Wooton Field's Library. Librarian Amy McKay took the Year 8 students as a reward for their efforts in the Accelerated Reader scheme.

Mr Howes delivered what can only be described as a surreal version of the play, which included songs from James Blunt, Elton John, Robbie Williams and West End Shows. Emily Carroll described the whole thing as "bizarre but amusing" – all in all the evening was an enjoyable one.



FIRST ANNUAL LIBRARY ASSAULT COURSE

As a reward for all their hard work a group of CBA students were treated to a fun assault course and picnic by the library staff during the last week of term. Students had taken part in the Chris Ryan Operation Read challenge, in which they had to devise ways of encouraging other students to read for pleasure.

The assault course was made up of scramble net, paddling pools, skipping ropes and water bombs.

We really enjoyed ourselves and finished off with ice-creams all round.

Bernie Smith - Library Assistant



BUSINESS LINKS & ENTERPRISE

ENTERPRISE IN ACTION

A challenge to come up with a new product and marketing strategy was embraced by CBA students who joined forces once again with our sister academies for a day of Enterprise in Action. Year 7 and 8 students from CBA, Kettering Science Academy and Brooke Weston Academy took part in the Young Enterprise programme to get a taste of the world of business.

Student Will Bell said: "We got to socialise with new people and learnt about importing and exporting."

The 'Dragons' judging the prototypes were senior staff from all three Academies.

Vice Principal Avril Bartley-Smith said: "Enterprise in Action engaged and excited students with an inspirational, high impact and high energy enterprise experience.

"The creative ideas produced over the two days showed innovation and skill.



ACADEMY TO LINK UP WITH CORBY'S NEW ENTERPRISE CENTRE

CBA students attended the topping-out ceremony at a new enterprise centre being built to help businessmen and women of the future.

Work is well under way on Corby Enterprise Centre, located within walking distance to CBA, and when completed it will provide 32,000sq ft of office and workshop space for entrepreneurs.

It will provide a focal point for highly-skilled jobs and those behind the project want the Academy to link in with the centre.

Deputy Head Boy Richard White, Deputy Head Girl Ksenija Nazarova and Nicole Parsons and Josh Cresswell from the Senate went along to the official ceremony to find out more.

They joined representatives from the BeLa Partnership, which is developing the centre on behalf of Corby Borough Council, contractors and other officials.

Corby Borough Council's corporate director Norman Stronach added: "We are trying to encourage aspiration and achievement and this is a tangible way of doing so."

Josh, who is in Year 8, said: "The centre will help smaller businesses grow into larger companies and create more economic wealth."

Nicole, who is studying for a diploma in business, added: "It will be good to have the opportunity to go over and see the reality of what we are learning."

ROOM BL5 BECOMES ALAN SUGAR'S BOARD ROOM

The entrepreneurial young minds from Corby Old Village Primary School came to our Business Academy in the hope of being hired by a panel of Year 10s led by our very own "Alan Sugar". Four groups of budding business minds approached the panel one by one with their genius ideas and the results of their efforts for charities.

Each role they had planned precisely and had a project manager who delegated tasks brilliantly.

The panel of Year 10s were blown away by the original ideas that were thought of, the presentation style of each group and the brilliant effort that each group put into their pitch. The Year 10 panel was made up of myself, who led the table as confident, cheeky businessman Alan Sugar, along with the

supporting team managers, David Graham, Catherine Grant, Kimberley Bowie and Charlotte Bean.

Some of the original ideas that were presented by the future business minds of Corby were staff lunches, McSnacks; all week car cleaning for staff and leavers' t-shirts for the Year 6s who are entering secondary school life in September.

All of their efforts have been put to a good cause and all profits have been given to charities including Help for Heroes, Epilepsy Aid and Macmillan Cancer Support.

In the end all groups impressed the panel so much we struggled to find an all out winner but we decided in

the end that Business Boomers who were out in all weathers cleaning cars were the winners and were hired by Alan Sugar.

James Fyvie – Year 10



CBA ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 10

TUESDAY 13TH JULY

Claire Young
(keynote speaker)



This year's Achievement Awards saw even more students picking up a prize, demonstrating our students' growing talents and abilities.

From their efforts in the classroom to their dedication to extra-curricular activities, there was certainly lots to celebrate as the school year came to a close.

Priors Hall Park Student of the Year Award

Charlotte Bean

Corby Radio Award for Effective Communication

James Fyvie

Northamptonshire Police Award for Independent Working

Fern Sweeney

Impress Award for Creative Thinking

Thomas Woodward

Roquette Award for Managing Risk

Sereti Ogowang

Roquette Award for Green Issues

Elizabeth Smith

Office Impressions Award for Group Work

Under-13 Cricket Team

Igneous Award for Reflecting on Performance

Melissa Owens

Corby Borough Council Award for Citizenship

Joshua Cresswell

Rockingham Speedway Award for Science & Technology

Emily Laughton-Hulatt

Rockingham Speedway Library Award

Emily Carroll

Corby Town Football Award for Active Achievement – Female

Christina Moore

Corby Town Football Award for Active Achievement – Male

Branko Djujic

Louise Bagshaw Award for Creative Writing

Emese Toth

Corby Borough Council Award for Community

Jordon Joseph

Corby Business Group Award for Enterprise

Inclusion Enterprise Group

Human Utopia Award for "Heroes"

Zak Butler

Parents in Partnership Award for The Spirit of CBA

Dajana Vucenovic

RS Components Award for E-Commerce

Ernestas Bacevicius

Children's University Award for Children's University

Emily Carroll

CBA Award for Peer Mentoring

Shanice Kightley





Inclusion Enterprise Group



Kieran Meakins



Elizabeth Smith



Callum Cresswell from the Under-13 Cricket Team



Joshua Cresswell



Jordan Joseph



Emily Laughton-Hulatt



Emily Carroll



Christina Moore



Sereti Ogwang



Zac Butler



Dajana Vucenovic



Ernestas Bacevicius



James Fyvie



Charlotte Bean



Emily Carroll



Thomas Woodward



Fern Sweeney

MUSIC



HITTING THE RIGHT NOTE ON A SUMMER'S EVENING

One hundred musical stars dazzled an audience of parents and staff at CBA's Music for a Summer's Evening concert.

The showcase of talent included the steel pan band, the concert band, soloists and choirs.

The evening was a culmination of the hard work put in by music students of all ages throughout the last year.

The audience of around 250 people even had a chance to join in when the Brass Ensemble played Tequila Sunrise.

From individual performances to ensembles, the evening offered a variety of skilled performances which brought the theatre to life.

Director Music Clive Wears said: "It was lovely to see so many parents there – the theatre was packed out. It was also lovely to see diverse musical groups ranging from string ensembles to the steel pan band.

"Many of the students taking part were from Key Stage Three so the future's looking bright with those students all progressing in the next few years."

Some of the highlights included Kyle Murrie singing The Beatles' hit Yesterday, Andile Chiwuta's vocal solo performance of You Raise Me Up and the saxophone solo by Josie Murrie.

Principal Andrew Campbell handed out certificates during the evening for those students who have recently passed music exams.

Year 10 student David Graham, who plays in the steel pan band, said: "You have to have good teamwork and listen to each other when you're playing so it sounds good. You also have to be confident in what you do."

TALENTED MUSICIANS WOW JUDGES AT NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Five CBA students achieved an impressive milestone when they competed in the National Festival of Music for Youth Finals at Birmingham Symphony Hall.

Sereti Ogwang, Kevin Ogwang, Myles Peters, Andile Chiwuta and David Graham have recently joined Youth Brass 2000, which is currently the Champion Youth Brass Band of Britain.

One of their first concerts was the hugely prestigious event at Birmingham Symphony Hall. The band performed three pieces to an exceptionally high standard and the judges were glowing in their praise for the band.

One commented the band had an "absolutely sublime sound" and was "stunning" and that the

performance was "absolutely first rate".

Due to their "superb presentation and faultless playing", the band were given an award, which means they may be chosen to play in London at the Royal Albert Hall for the Schools Prom during the autumn.

Director of Music Clive Wears said: "This is a tremendous achievement for these students as the standard in the competition was extremely high and there were six other bands in their category from around the country.

"Particularly since they have only recently joined the band, they have done extremely well to help the band to such an achievement so soon."



CBA STUDENTS MAKE NATIONAL WAVES

Two music students' version of the World Cup song, Wavin' Flag, has reached the top 10 of a schools' online chart.

Sereti Ogwang and Victoria Brooks recorded an arrangement of the World Cup anthem during Music Technology Club and uploaded it onto the Academy's online record label, Cobra Sounds.

In just one week, the track was listened to 227 times and it soon rocketed to the national top 10 for school recordings.

The web page, NUMU, is a national initiative where schools can sign up as a "record label" and then students upload their work.

It produces a chart based on the tracks with the most listens for each record label, as well as a national chart for the whole of NUMU.

Music Teacher Felicity Cornish said: "This is a huge achievement – the first CBA track ever to feature on the NUMU homepage and it reflects the high quality of their arrangement and performance of the piece, which they had worked on during a music lesson.

"Lots of schools are signed up to it, so it's really hard to get into the national top ten."

To hear their track visit:

www.numu.org.uk/cobrasounds

MUSIC AND DANCE THROUGH TIME

A whistle-stop tour of music and dance through the ages took families on a trip down memory lane at CBA's Summer Show.

From the rock 'n' roll of the 1950s right through to the hits of reality television pop stars, all musical tastes were catered for with each era represented by four songs and dances.

The Dance Ensemble gave a rousing performance of Elvis' Jailhouse Rock while Sereti Ogwang impressed with her version of Baby Love.

A highlight from the 1970s was the Rock Band's performance of Crazy Little Thing Called Love and the Year 10 BTEC Dance group captured the 1980s perfectly with their moves to Madonna's hit, Vogue.

Rock trio Callum Connachie, Tyler Butler and Oscar Farley-Mcfadyen went down a storm with the audience when they played tracks by Nivana and Oasis.

Other favourites were Myles Peter, Andile Chiwuta, Kevin Ogwang and David Graham, who got everyone going with their performance of Hey Ya!

Dance Teacher Francia Dickinson said: "The evening was a great success. The audience really enjoyed the different ages and it had something to entertain everyone. All the students had worked very hard and this paid off on the night."

Music Teacher Felicity Cornish added: "All the soloists performed exceptionally well even despite some last minute nerves. The choir is getting stronger with each performance and they really gave it their all on the night, performing with a harmony part for the first time."



MUSIC EXAM RESULTS

The latest exam results from the Associated Board show how much music has become a core part of life at CBA.

A number of students passed their exams with flying colours this summer, showing that the Academy has a bright future in musical talent.

In piano, Kevin Ogwang was awarded a merit

after scoring 122 in his Grade 4 exam.

Adrianna Chmielnicka, Andreas Milan and Myles Peters also received merits in their Grade 1 piano exam.

Fellow pianist Julia Marques-Pike passed her Grade 1 exam and Sereti Ogwang continues to excel after passing her Grade 5 piano exam.

On the violin, Kevin Ogwang had more success when he passed his grade 3 exam.

There was also staff achievement, with Music Teacher Felicity Cornish awarded a merit in her grade 5 saxophone exam.

CORBY MUSICIANS MEET AT CBA

The sound of music brought schools together when Corby Business Academy hosted the Corby Cross Town Orchestra.

The town-wide event is a growing initiative which involves primary and secondary schools coming together to perform in a large orchestra.

The Academy hosted the third event of its kind on Wednesday, June 30th and had more than 40 of its own students taking part.

They were joined by 45 students from Kingswood School, Studfall Junior School and Our Lady and Pope John School.

Music Teacher Felicity Cornish said: "The CBA students were a credit to the school in

their performances both with the group and on their own, and provided an inspiration and role model to the other students, showing the primary school children where they could be in a few years' time.

"Many thanks go to all students who worked hard and performed so well."

The joint orchestra performed two pieces, Chariots of Fire and Pomp and Circumstance, and CBA's Junior Concert Band and Woodwind Ensemble performed pieces of their own.

The next event will take place in the autumn term and is likely to include even more schools.



INVITATION TO CBA'S BAND

The Academy's Concert Band was invited to play at Weldon Primary School's June Rose Day. The band played for an hour as parents enjoyed Maypole dancing and other summer fair fun. The visit was organised as part of the Enterprise Learning Partnership.

YEAR 11 PROM

YEAR 11 DAZZLE AT PROM

Year 11's prom was a glittering affair at the Holiday Inn in Corby on Friday, July 16th, complete with glamorous ball gowns and smart suits.

Their Pastoral Support Officer, Caroline Border, had this message for her group: "It's not every day that you look around at a group of young people who you have known for five years and think how lovely you all look.

"You all looked fabulous at your prom, a marvellous assortment of dresses, suits and a kilt.

"You made me very pleased with your conduct at the prom and generally during your exams.

"I want to wish you all lots of success and look forward to seeing you all on the August 24th when you pick up your GCSE results."



CBA'S SECRET SPORTING STARS

Here we pay tribute to our sports stars who have excelled in and outside of school.



Name: Chloe Iliff
Sports and Clubs: Corby Athletic Club
Key Achievements: Represented the Academy in cross country and track



Name: Roisin Curran
Sports and Clubs: Irish dancing
Key Achievements: Irish dancing World Champion



Name: Jack Warrior
Sports and Clubs: Rugby
Key Achievements: Selected for the East Midlands under 16 rugby squad



Name: Harrison Shipp
Sports and Clubs: S&L Rugby Club
Ambition: To play for Northampton Saints and England



Name: Tia-Lea Carter
Sports and Clubs: Highland Dancing Champion



Name: Josh Ruddick
Sports and Clubs: Rugby – East Northants and Stewarts and Lloyds RFC



Name: Tapiwanashe Sarupina
Sports and Clubs: Football



Name: Corey York
Sports and Clubs: Football



Name: Timothy Beeby
Sports and Clubs: Football – Kingswood Kestrels
Ambition: To play professional football



Name: Lucy Hall
Sports and Clubs: Kettering Swimming Club
Key Achievements: Achieving county swim times



Name: Jonathan Smith
Sports and Clubs: Oundle Town Rowing Club
Key Achievements: 1st at Bedford Star Regatta, rowed at Dorney Lake (Olympic rowing lake)



Name: Sereti Ogwang
Sports and Clubs: Netball, football, volleyball, rounders
Key Achievements: Time management award for Session Three activities



Name: Ross Hay
Sports and Clubs: Corby Amateur Swimming Club, Corby Town Youth Club, Stanion Men's Football Club, Oundle Golf Club, snowboarding
Key Achievements: Reached Midland Championships for swimming. Volunteer coach Year 7 swimming at CBA.



Name: Erica Turner
Sports and Clubs: Netball and football
Key Achievements: Got through to the final trials for Arsenal Ladies FC, through to the second trials for the county for netball



Name: Amy Moore
Sports and Clubs: Kickboxing and dance at the Wendy Sharp and Sharon Potter School of Dance
Key Achievements: Grade 3 in tap and ballet



Name: Matthew Paul
Sports and Clubs: Corby Amateur Swimming Club
Key Achievements: CASC Championships: 1st in backstroke, 2nd in butterfly stroke, 2nd in freestyle. 2nd in freestyle and backstroke in Northants Open

SPORTS

STUDENTS GO FOR GOLD AT ACADEMY'S FIRST SPORTS DAY

Team spirit and sportsmanship were out in force for Corby Business Academy's first-ever Sports Day, which was sponsored by Priors Hall Park.

Year 7 students took part in a morning of traditional athletic events on Friday, July 16th, including 100m, 200m and 800m races, relay races, hurdles, shot put, long jump and discus, with students quick to get into the spirit of the day and cheer each other on.

The winners of each activity received a medal during a special presentation at the end of the session. The overall champions of the day were Form 7B, which notched up the most amount of points between them.

PE Teacher Phil Woolley, who organised the event, said: "It went very well – all the students enjoyed it and one of the best things was that everyone took part in at least one activity."

Priors Hall Park, which is developing new homes on the land neighbouring the Academy, donated the winners' medals and its Community Mobiliser, Tracy Bosworth, said: "It's important to us to get involved in what is already part of Corby and any link to the Academy is fabulous. Our aim is to create active lifestyles so we were keen to sponsor the Sports Day."

The Academy also held an Alternative Sports Day a few days later, with a variety of different games for mixed abilities.



STUDENTS' SKIPPING SUCCESS

A mass skip-a-thon by CBA students and staff raised funds for the British Heart Foundation.

Active Teacher Natasha Dunstone organised Jump Rope for Heart to encourage students to try new forms of exercise, to raise awareness of heart disease and to raise money for the charity.

Years 7, 8 and 9 took part during their Mind and Body lessons and Year 10 joined in during their Active lessons.

Sixth Formers and staff were also invited along during Session Three.

Miss Dunstone said: "The Active department is trying different ways to get students active. We wanted the students to have some fun learning a new skill while raising money for a very worthwhile cause.

"The British Heart Foundation is keen to promote healthy hearts and we wanted to reflect this by running the Jump Rope for Heart campaign."



LIFE IN FRANCE

A trip to France which included visits to an aquarium, a maze and a military cemetery gave Year 8 and 9 students a taste of the continental.

The group spent five days in Le Touquet in northern France and enjoyed a day at an adventure park, climbing trees and having a go on the zip wires.

They also tried to navigate their way around the largest maze in France, went swimming at an aqua centre and had fun at a theme park.

Most evenings were spent paddling in the sea or lounging on the beach.

The trip finished with a visit to a military centre where students paid their respects to soldiers who died during the World Wars by holding a minute's silence.

Director of French Hayley Bennett, who was on her last trip before leaving the Academy, said: "It was a blast from start to finish and it was a complete success.

"The students' behaviour was fantastic and they took the visit to the military cemetery very seriously."



GOODBYE MR ELLIS

The man described as “Mr Corby” is stepping down from teaching after 35 years in the classroom.

Vice Principal Steve Ellis is retiring from CBA after a career helping hundreds of young people in Corby reach their potential.

It all started in 1975 when Mr Ellis was taken on as a PE teacher at Beanfield Comprehensive.

He remembers his first day as a slightly nervous 21-year-old faced with a room of Year 11 girls. The teacher in charge of the class even refused to grant Mr Ellis the small responsibility of unlocking the type-writer cases.

He said: “They scared me to death – it was quite an introduction to teaching.”

Mr Ellis became Head of the Middle School and was then appointed Head of the Upper School, a role he took on for 10 years.

He was then made Assistant Head Teacher

and remained at Beanfield Comprehensive until it closed in 2000.

He moved into the newly-formed Corby Community College before being made Vice Principal for Student Care and Guidance at CBA.

Mr Ellis said the highlight of his career has been helping young people through difficult times.

He said: “When the steelworks in Corby closed, lots of young people couldn’t see a future but the message has always been, the more qualifications you get, the more choices you have. That hasn’t changed between 1975 and now.

“There have been lots of students I have been proud of and some of those I have taught have ended up working in the same school as me.

“I have mixed emotions about leaving but I would like to think I will still be around to see



the fulfilment of potential at the Academy.”

Mr Ellis will still continue to work for the Brooke Weston Partnership in a consultancy role but he will be spending more time with his wife Mary, their family and their two puppies.

His involvement with sport will continue, with Mr Ellis planning to spend more time at Gretton Cricket Club.

SOME PARTING MESSAGES FOR MR ELLIS:

Principal Andrew Campbell: “Steve has been a superb champion of education in Corby for many years. There are literally hundreds of teachers in the profession today who owe him much and have benefitted from his support, not to mention the thousands of children and families he has helped through his teaching and pastoral work.

“I owe Steve a very particular debt for the key part he played in managing the transition from Corby Community College to Corby Business Academy.

“Steve once told me it was his ambition to be able to walk through Corby one day and know the town had four good secondary schools. This is now a reality, but it would not have happened without him.”

Vice Principal Tony Segalini: “I have worked with Steve for ten years now. Our nickname for him was Chuck Norris!!

He is a great guy to work with; he was my line manager when I was a Year Head at Corby Community College and now a friend and colleague as a Vice Principal at CBA. I have learnt a lot from him particularly on how to keep parents calm and blind teachers with data. Steve is great at calming situations down and is a fantastic pastoral leader. The students think a lot of him and he is always a calm influence in the Academy. Steve has always put a lot in to education and the establishments that he has worked in.

I am looking forward to following in his footsteps in CBA next term but also continuing to work with him on a part time basis and as a friend. Remember – ‘Steve does not wear a watch because he decides what time it is.’”

Vice Principal Lorraine Smith:

“Mr Ellis was always a great champion of young people and I’ve never known him as anything else.

He was always involved in extra-curricular activities and not just sport. He was great at making students feel comfortable – when we went on a ski trip, he deliberately fell over so they wouldn’t feel self-conscious if they did. He was the voice of reason and also a wind-up merchant.”

Vice Principal Janet Duggan:

“Although he was from Kettering, he was almost ‘Mr Corby’. He used data to highlight students who were under-achieving, so interventions could be put in place. He had belief in young people that sometimes you had to take an unconventional route for them to succeed. He has also driven up attendance at CBA to 93%.”



MR ELLIS IN SOME OF HIS PREVIOUS INCARNATIONS



STAFF NEWS

NIKKI VOTED UNSUNG HERO OF THE YEAR

Special Needs Teacher Nikki Clark has received a huge congratulations from CBA after she scooped the Unsung Hero Award at the Evening Telegraph's Education Awards.

Nikki was nominated by the Academy because of her "total devotion" to the students in her care and her efforts to develop their learning and improve their environment.

She joined others who have made outstanding contributions to education in the county for the ceremony at the Holiday Inn in Corby, where it was revealed she was the winner.

Principal Andrew Campbell said: "Nikki has been a fantastic advocate for young people with learning difficulties for many years. She is a true 'unsung heroine' – always modest and unassuming but always passionate about her students and unstinting in her commitment to their education and lives.

"This award is a fitting tribute and testament to the warmth and regard in which Nikki is held

by the families she works with and the wider community, inside and outside school, that she helps.

"We are proud to say she is a colleague of ours here at CBA."

Nikki said she thought a group of dinner ladies who had been nominated might clinch it instead of her.

She said: "I'm very pleased – it's great to be recognised but at the end of the day, I love my job.

"I try to get the best for my students because it's great to see how they develop and how they respond to new things. New experiences help them to understand their world and overcome their fears."

Nikki's many achievements include recently securing funding from the Big Lottery for a kitchen garden, which will allow our students



to grow their own food and look after chickens. Student Jack Warrior was also at the award ceremony after being named a finalist in the Pupil of the Year category.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK MISS BENNETT

A popular teacher who injected fun into learning a language is off to pastures new next term.

Director of French Hayley Bennett is moving to Towcester and will start her new job as head of languages at The Buckingham School in September. She has been at the Academy since it opened and has fond memories of working as a teacher in the town before that.

Miss Bennett, who enjoys the pastoral side of teaching and having fun while teaching, said: "I have loved every minute of it.

"The students love it when you give them a good, fun lesson – I will miss them lots.

"I've enjoyed being a part of the transition to an Academy and seeing it go from strength to strength. I know I'll be checking up on what's going on at CBA." Miss Bennett admits she is often referred to as Miss Bin-It because of her obsession with having a tidy classroom.

Many students might also remember Miss Bennett for her famous phrase: "J'ai mon doigt sur le nez" – "I have got my finger on my nose."



BARBARA RETIRES

Assistant site supervisor Barbara Young retired for the second time when Term 6 came to an end.

Barbara started as a cleaner at Our Lady and Pope John School in 1971 before moving to Beanfield School in 1974.

She worked there until 2001 when she decided to retire and take redundancy.

But she only lasted six weeks before she decided to return to work and took a job at Corby Community College.

Barbara, who is aged 70, is known for lugging

heavy deliveries around with a strength that belies her age.

She said: "I just enjoy my work and the people I work with, and it's nice meeting the children.

"I think keeping active keeps you healthy and I've always been busy."

Barbara is looking forward to spending her free time babysitting her grandson, adding: "My husband has been retired for five years so I think there will be some fighting over the Hoover."

CAROLINE READY FOR JET-SETTING

Caroline Kirk, who works as an admin assistant at the Academy, is retiring after working in Corby schools for 33 years.

She started as a secretary at Firdale Special School and when that closed she moved to Beanfield School.

When Beanfield amalgamated with Queen Elizabeth School, Caroline moved to the new

school and stayed in her role as learning support assistant for students with special needs.

She moved over to CBA when it opened two years ago and took on an office role.

Caroline said: "My husband Peter also retired this year so I just thought it was time to go. We're planning to do a bit of travelling as our son lives in Australia."



ACADEMY NEWS

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP FOR HEROES

The Heroes at CBA are continuing to learn vital new skills after taking part in a two-day leadership course.

Ten Year 9 Heroes, who have been mentoring younger students, were selected to join students from another secondary school for the course at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel.

As a result of what they learnt, they will be putting together a proposal to set up a new Session Three club for the new Year 7 to enhance their learning.

The Heroes will carry out a survey of the new year group to see what they would be interested in joining and will then put in a bid for funding of £500 to the Corby Learning Partnership.

If they are successful, they will run the activity in Term 2 for six weeks, although they have the option of getting someone in to run the programme.



ONLINE HELP TO IMPROVE LITERACY

Improving literacy is one of the Academy's main aims and there will soon be even more help available to both students and parents.

Plans are under way to set up a dedicated literacy page on the Academy's website so families can get help with reading and writing at the click of a button.

There will be a section for parents, with tips on how to encourage their child to read along with links to helpful websites and popular books.

Students will also have their own page, with details of all the literacy events going on at the Academy, book reviews and reader profiles.

There will be a further page for families for who English is not their first language.

Coordinator Kim Asher said: "This section of the website will be a tool to provide literacy support to parents, carers and students. It will suggest ways for parents to get involved and will keep parents and students up to date with events going on in school."



DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS LAUNCHED AT CBA BY POPULAR STAR

A singer and dancer who has appeared in Coronation Street and Britannia High paid a surprise visit to CBA last term.

Year 7 girls were treated to a dance workshop led by Marcquelle Ward, who has also appeared in Doctors and Dance X.

The workshop was staged by United Dance to launch the National High School Street Dance Championships, where students will compete to win their school a mini bus.

The prize also includes the chance to perform in front of and possibly in a video with the likes of JLS,

Chipmunk and Ashley from Diversity.

Dance Teacher Francia Dickinson said the workshops were fantastic and everyone got involved.

Student Alex Lawless commented: "It was so motivating", while fellow dancer Sereti Ogwang said: "It was awesome, fun, exciting and fast paced."

The girls queued up to get autographs and photos with Marcquelle, who said of them: "Their enthusiasm, work rate and love of dance was a pleasure to see."

All years groups will be able to enter the competition – for more details speak to Mrs Dickinson.



THE NEXT WILLIAM SHARMAN?



A student is on the right track to success after winning gold at a national athletics competition.

Brendan Chibisa won the 200m race at the Air Training Corps National Athletics Championships, beating runners from 930 squadrons across the country.

After joining the air cadet group in Corby in April, he saw off rivals in the South and East Midlands stage of the competition, before winning again in the regional heats.

Last month he went along to the national final at RAF Cosford where he was the front-runner, finishing four seconds before the next cadet in second place.

Another Corby athlete – hurdler William Sharman – also picked up gold at the same championships

15 years ago – and since then he has gone on to compete in the World Championships in Berlin.

Brendan, from Year 9, said: "I did it for fun really but it was great to win.

"I joined the air cadets because my brother-in-law, who is serving in Afghanistan, thought I might enjoy it.

"It's fun to do – you get lots out of it and you get to go on lots of trips."

Brendan's Commanding Officer Flying Officer Rob McKellar commended the cadet, saying: "Brendan has shown commendable dedication to his sporting pursuits since joining the air cadets and we will all watch his career with interest as he grows from strength to strength."

ACADEMY NEWS

HANDMADE GOODS GO ON SALE

The inclusion unit was alive with activity when students and staff held their summer enterprise event. Parents, teachers and staff from outside agencies were invited along to see the result of students' efforts over the last few weeks. On sale were aprons and bags that the students have been busy making and the group also helped to run a tombola. Their artwork was on display in the afternoon and a café was set up in the Faculty to give everyone a chance to get together. Visitors were also encouraged to guess the birthday of the teddy bear, which had been lovingly hand-made by Sally Knibbs, who works in the unit. Proceeds from the teddy competition will go to the Uganda Appeal. Special Needs teacher Nikki Clark said proceeds from the rest of the event will go towards paying for another wheelchair ramp onto the decking area in the new kitchen garden.



CHARITY FUNDRAISING AT MUSIC FESTIVAL

A group of Sixth Formers iced 1,000 cakes to sell at WeldonFest and raise money for the Uganda Appeal. Headboy Chris Usher and Christina Mangin, along with Liz Sherlock (from Parents in Partnership) made the batch of treats during a training day at the Academy. The group were joined by Headgirl Sarah Hurley, Deputy Headboy Richard White, Jordon Joseph and teacher John Atkinson to run a stall at the community music festival on Saturday, May 29th. Their efforts helped to raise the grand sum of £468, which will go towards the Discovery Centre in Uganda which CBA is supporting. Other CBA students who volunteered at WeldonFest were twins Dale and Carl Page, who are part of the Northamptonshire Voluntary Youth Action group. They helped to raise £100 for The Meningitis Trust by running a stall for the charity. The brothers also helped to raise awareness of meningitis and the opportunities involved in volunteering. Dale said: "The rain didn't dampen our spirit - we continued to sell and we enjoyed ourselves all day long."



HELPING NEW STUDENTS FEEL AT HOME

The new Year 7 intake said they "can't wait to come back" to CBA after spending a day at the Academy this term. Around 100 of the new students were based in the Maths and Information Technology Faculty and they were set several orientation challenges to help them find their way around. The group also entered a competition to try to guess how many books are in the library and the person with the closest guess was awarded books and CDs. Maths Teacher Maxwell Sam said: "Some of them were a bit nervous about starting a new school but afterwards, they said they can't wait to come back."



Year 9 students acted as buddies to the Year 6s during their Transition Day



UGANDA APPEAL UPDATE

Two Sixth Formers volunteered at Silverstone during the Grand Prix to help boost funds for the Uganda Appeal. Chris Usher and Christina Mangin worked from 5am to 6pm for three days on an information point at the racetrack, helping visitors find their way around. In return, they have been promised a donation towards the appeal, which is helping to improve education opportunities for children in the African country. Chris said: "I quite like working with people and getting to know new people so it was good. It was also interesting to learn about the circuit."

SESSION 3

CRICKET TEAM SHOWING HUGE POTENTIAL

CBA's under-13 cricket team reached two finals in its first full season.

The team of Year 7 and 8 students, which is coached by Year 13 student Jordon Joseph, first reached the final of the county-wide Bunbury competition, and played against Northampton School for Boys at the Northampton Saints ground.

Although they missed out on a win, it still meant they were second-placed in Northamptonshire.

The team also made it to the final of the Cuthell Cup.

Jordon said: "There's been great team spirit from everyone, with encouragement from all.

"We all need to be proud of what we have managed to achieve in our first season."

Jordon also helped to secure more funding for the team this term after applying for a grant from Anglian Water.

The bid was successful and the team was awarded £150, which will go towards a cricket scoreboard.

Many thanks to Anglian Water for its support of the club.



FOOTBALL CLUB LOOKING FOR GIRL POWER

A new girls' football club is kicking off next term to add to the already impressive list of Session Four activities at CBA.

PSO Steve Wedgewood will be running the new club on Thursday afternoons from 3.45pm to 4.45pm, starting on September 9th.

There will be two groups – one for Years 7, 8 and 9 and another for Years 10 and 11.

Mr Wedgewood, who is an FA-qualified coach and a qualified referee, said: "It would be good to get a team together and start playing against other teams in the area.

"The club will be suitable for girls of all abilities, even those who have never kicked a ball before."

Mr Wedgewood said he will take advice from the FA about developing the team and setting up competitions.

He used to play local league football before he turned to refereeing.

SQUASH COURSE

An international squash player will lead an eight-week coaching course for members of CBA's Racket Club.

The programme, organised in conjunction with England Squash and Racketball, will run on Tuesday afternoons, starting on September 14th.

Sixteen students – who will be picked on a first come, first served basis – will go to Kettering Leisure Village each week for the free sessions, which will be led by international Level 4 squash coach Samantha Willis.

All equipment will be provided and students should be back at the Academy by 6.15pm to 6.30pm.

Racket Club, which was set up at the Academy two years ago, includes badminton, table tennis and squash.



GARDENING CLUB ENJOYS THE FRUITS OF ITS LABOUR

CBA's Kitchen Garden Club is in full swing with the new garden taking shape.

Planters have been built and are now being used by inclusion students to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

The new decking means that the garden can be accessed by wheelchair users and the Club has also welcomed the arrival of six chickens.

The garden has been a year in the making and was set up following the award of a £10,000 grant from Local Food – a project supported by the Big Lottery Fund.

As of September, anyone in the Academy can join the CBA Kitchen Garden Club, where they can help grow produce that will later be used in cooking.

It is also inviting people to become Friends of the Kitchen Garden Club, and is hoping to get 50 Friends who pay an annual subscription of £12.

PLANT SALE A ROARING SUCCESS

Gardening Club made £120 when it held a plant sale at CBA during the last term.

Members set up a stall brimming with plants and produce they have been growing during Session Three with help from Teacher Neil Price. They even offered 'customers' horticultural advice.



SPECIAL NEWS



GRADUATION CEREMONY CELEBRATES SESSION THREE SUCCESS

CBA had the highest number of students graduating from the Children's University at a special ceremony this term.

Students gain credits for the amount of after-school activities they participate in.

To achieve a bronze award, they have to dedicate 30 hours to clubs accredited by the Children's University.

The Academy launched the programme in December and just six months later, 85 students graduated – the highest number in the county.

It is a testament to the number and range of Session Three clubs that students can join to widen their learning.

Fifty students from Years 7, 8 and 9 went to the University of Northampton for the graduation ceremony in front of an audience of parents, staff and officials from the Children's University and Northamptonshire County Council.

Aspirations Manager Kirsty Farrar said: "The number of graduates we had is a reflection of how vibrant our Session Three is. Because so many students wanted to graduate, they had to try new things. It's helped to raise aspirations and self-esteem and given them a goal to aim for."

Those who picked up silver awards after dedicating an impressive 65 hours to Session Three activities were Emily Carroll, Jessica Dick, Marcell Peters, Tom Woodward, Danielle Mackness and Ellie Mae Moore.

Some of the accredited Session Three clubs include Animal Club, Animation Club, Battle of the Books and Allotment Club. Principal Andrew Campbell said: "The fact that so many of our students have graduated is a testament to the thriving community we have at Corby Business Academy and shows how students are broadening their horizons and feeling the benefits of success."

LIFE-LONG LEARNING FOR STAFF

Staff at CBA take furthering their education just as seriously as they do for their students – and several have been sitting exams to prove it.

Anne Brothwell, who works in the inclusion unit, achieved a life-long ambition when she graduated at Ely Cathedral in June after achieving a BA (Hons) in Humanities.

She has spent the last five years juggling work with study after taking up the course through the Open University.

Mrs Brothwell said: "It was something I'd always wanted to do but never got round to it. It was hard at times but I would encourage anyone who wants to get a degree to go for it."

A number of staff joined students sitting GCSEs this summer and had the same nervous wait for the results to be announced.

Among them was Sally Knibbs, who is a cover supervisor in the inclusion unit and a High Level Teaching Assistant.

She took GCSE English Language because without it, she cannot get a place on the Graduate Teacher Programme.

Miss Knibbs said: "I was desperate to be a teacher and I had to sit it to progress with my career. It was nerve-wracking sitting the exam and I'd only just finished when they said 'pens down'."

"It does help you to empathise with students." Bob Mulholland, who works in the inclusion unit, decided to sit GCSE Spanish after picking up some of the language when he lived there for a number of years.

He said: "I didn't have to start from scratch but it made me realise how much slang I'd picked up."

Other staff taking various different exams include Helen Boothby, Beata Bykowska, and Ann Ingram.

Anne Brothwell



Sally Knibbs



Bob Mulholland

VISITORS TO CBA



APPRENTICE STAR LINKS UP WITH CBA

A businesswoman who impressed Alan Sugar during her appearance on *The Apprentice* will soon be sharing her expertise with CBA students.

Claire Young was nicknamed *The Rottweiler* when she took part in the popular television show in 2008.

She later went on to set up and then sell her own company and she now works for the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, working across 15 different government groups.

Ms Young was the keynote speaker at CBA's Annual Achievement Awards at the end of Term 6 and she will be making a return to the Academy in September to offer advice to students.

Diploma students will be setting up a shop in the town and Ms Young – whose background is in sales and marketing – will be their business mentor to help them get the project off the ground. She said more schools need to establish links with

business-minded people, saying:

"Teachers need to have relationships with external businesses because you can be enterprising in any sort of job."

Ms Young said that any student from any background has the ability to succeed if they push themselves.

She said: "My advice is that you have to be proactive – a magic fairy won't just drop a job or career into your lap. You have to think big.

"Offer to work for free to get some work experience and make sure you find out the manager's name. It's the small things that show you have made the extra effort.

"If you want to be a hairdresser, think about setting up your own business, or travelling the world doing catwalk shows.

"There's a whole world out there."

ACADEMY SPONSOR PAYS A VISIT

The Student Senate discussed their contributions to life at CBA when one of the Academy's sponsors paid a visit.

George Weston, from the Weston Foundation which is one of the joint sponsors of the Academy, met with students on Friday, June 11th.

He had a tour round the Academy, accompanied by Executive Principal Peter Simpson, and talked to staff and students.

Mr Weston had lunch with the Senate, who told him how they have been involved in the development of their Academy and some of the changes they have helped to bring about.

He showed a keen interest in progress of the Academy's cricket team, along with the links which have been forged with students in Uganda.

Vice Principal Sarah Ashby said: "It was a good opportunity for our Senate to celebrate with Mr Weston some of their achievements, including gaining the Platinum School Councils Award and how they have been mentoring other schools and colleges to enable their students to have a voice."



YOUNG MP CHAIRS MEETING WITH LOUISE BAGSHAWE

A young MP got some pointers in politics when Corby MP Louise Bagshawe met with students.

Megan Sherlock, who has just finished Year 11, was recently elected to represent the young people of Kettering and Corby.

To help the Academy's Senate gain an insight into political life, Megan invited Ms Bagshawe in to spend time with the group and answer their questions.

Megan explained to Ms Bagshawe what she hopes to achieve in her role, which includes trying to improve the image of young people in the media.

Ms Bagshawe urged her to encourage more young people to vote, telling her: "I'm in a room with very politically-engaged young people and we need to find a way to make more young people in Corby like these students at Corby Business Academy."

Megan and the Senate put a series of questions to Ms Bagshawe, including what inspired her to become a politician, what affect the budget cuts will have on the future for young people and what she thinks of the coalition between the Conservative Party and the Liberal Democrats.

When the Senate asked Ms Bagshawe what changes she will make for Corby, she said: "I want to get more and better jobs into Corby and schools like Corby Business Academy are a big part of that. We need a skilled, motivated workforce and Corby Business Academy is turning out these kind of students."



CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY SESSION 4 ACTIVITIES

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
MONDAY				
AMID	CBA Choir/Summer Show Rehearsals	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Adrian Taylor/Clive Wears/Felicity Cornish
AMID	Drumming (with a difference)	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Clive Wears
PNS	Racquets - all Years (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.45	Steve Wedgewood
PNS	Cricket (Year 7 & 8 Beginners) (CU)	Field	4.00 - 5.00	Jordon Joseph
PNS	GCSE Core Science (every 2nd week)	PNS	3.45 - 5.00	Elaine Ponton
PNS	Dance Year 7	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.00	Francia Dickinson
PNS	KS4 Girls Sports Night	Various	3.45 - 5.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	Recreational Football	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	James Aston
BHE	Young Chamber Committee Meeting (every 2nd week) (CU)	BHE	3.30 - 5.00	Alex Allen
LIBRARY	Inside A Dog Club	Library	3.40 - 4.50	Amy MacKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy MacKay
TUESDAY				
AMID	Junior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Sound of Steel (Steel Pan Band)	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Clive Wears
AMID	Key Stage 3 Textile/Craft Club	AU11	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis/Ena Fry
AMID	Key Stage 3 Design	AL6	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	Key Stage 3 Licence to Cook (CU)	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
AMID	Key Stage 3 Art Club - Room AL8 (CU)	AL8	3.45 - 4.45	Jackie Brown
INCLUSION	Kitchen Garden Club (open to all)	Garden	3.45 - 5.00	Nikki Clark
PNS	AS Physics / AS Biology Workshop	PNS	3.45 - 5.00	Elaine Ponton/Zoe Bird
PNS	Chemistry AS Workshop	PU3	3.45 - 4.45	Stephen Chandler
PNS	Basketball	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.45	James Ashton/John Atkinson
PNS	Squash	Kettering	4.00 - 5.00	Steve Wedgewood
PNS	Dance	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Year 7 & 8 Rugby	Rugby Pitch	3.45 - 4.45	Tony Segalini/Peter May
PNS	Netball Club - all Years	Courts	3.30 - 5.45	Amy Harris
PNS	Animal/Garden Club/Winter months Astronomy - alternate weeks - all Years (CU)	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
MAIT	Golf (Terms 1 & 6) (CU)	Field	4.00 - 5.00	Paul Wilson
MAIT	Year 13 ICT Coursework Catch Up	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	Kam Zaman
MAIT	Target Group Maths	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	MAIT - Staff
COMMS	Health and Social Catch-up Key Stage 4	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Kim Asher
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Viv Gilbert
BHE	GCSE Sociology	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Kirsty Farrar
BHE	Extended Project Qualification - Year 11 & G&T	BHE	3.30 - 5.00	Kirsty Farrar/Claire Howsam
LIBRARY	Y Not Club (CU)	Library	3.45 - 4.45	Amy MacKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy MacKay
WEDNESDAY				
AMID	Brass Band	AU6	3.00 - 4.00	John Hudson
AMID	Rock Club/Technology Club	AU6 Practice Rooms	3.00 - 4.30	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Key Stage 3 Art Club Manga Mania (CU)	AU1	3.15 - 4.45	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	Music Technology Club	Amid	3.00 - 4.30	Felicity Cornish
PNS	Dance (Key Stage 3)	Dance Studio	3.30 - 5.45	Daryl Handy
PNS	Dodgeball	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.45	Andy Duncan
PNS	Judo (all years) *	Sports Hall	4.00 - 6.00	Laurence Kenyon
PNS	Cricket (Year 7 & 8 girls beginners) (CU)	Field	3.30 - 5.45	External Coach
PNS	1st Team Cricket Training Night	Field	3.30 - 5.00	Jordon Joseph
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy MacKay
THURSDAY				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	Key Stage 3 Enterprise Projects	AMID	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	KS 4 Catch-up Sessions	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	Key Stage 3/4 Art Club	AU1	3.45 - 5.00	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	Key Stage 4 Child Development Catch-up Sessions	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Cath Davis
AMID	Key Stage 3/4 Food/Hospitality Catch-up Sessions	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Viv Gilbert
COMMS	Drama Club (CU)	Drama Studio	3.45 - 4.45	Vicky Clements
COMMS	Spanish Club	To be confirmed	3.45 - 4.45	Candie Boni
MAIT	Year 11 ICT Coursework Catch-Up	ML7	3.45 - 5.00	Kam Zaman/ Karl Lomax
MAIT	Maths Challenge	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Marrion Freeman/Heather Thomson
PNS	KS3 Girls Football	Football Pitch	3.30 - 5.45	Steve Wedgewood
PNS	Cricket	Sports Hall	4.45 - 5.45	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Mixed Hockey	Astro	3.45 - 5.45	Maxwell Sam
PNS	Girls Rugby	Rugby Pitch	3.45 - 5.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	Fitness Club	B&M	3.45 - 5.45	James Aston
PNS	Key Stage 4 & Key Stage 5 Basketball	Sports Hall	3.30 - 4.45	David Joseph
BHE	Mock Trial Key Stage 3 (CU)	BHE	4.00 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	LIBRARY	3.45 - 5.00	Amy MacKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy MacKay
FRIDAY For all students school closes at 3.30pm				
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 4.00	Amy MacKay

* Judo: there is a cost incurred for this activity.

Parents/Carer(s) please note the above CBA After School Activity Timetables for the relevant Faculties. The late buses are available Monday Tuesday and Thursday at 5.45pm and on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 5.00pm. If your child wishes to attend any of the activities above or requires the late bus please ensure they book a place at Student Reception. NO LATE BUSES FRIDAY

SENATE RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM PARLIAMENT

The Speaker of the House of Commons has given CBA's Senate a seal of approval.

The Academy entered the Speaker's School Council Award, which was set up by Speaker John Bercow MP to recognise the most inspiring and engaging achievements of school councils across the UK.

Following the Academy's Platinum Northamptonshire Schools Council Award last year, Kirsty Farrar, Head of Raising Aspirations, decided to submit a bid for the government award.

The application gave details of the Senate's contributions and improvements to school life, including its charity work, involvement in green issues and other efforts.

The Academy received the top Platinum award for its school council last September, after the inspector commented that the Senate was a "shining example" of a school council.



CORBY-WIDE OPERATION WILL FOCUS ON YOUNG DRINKERS

An operation across Corby this summer will see a crackdown on under-age drinking.

The police, Corby Borough Council and health professionals will be working together to engage young people found drinking in public places in the town.

Operation StaySafe will see young people who are found to be drunk taken home to a parent by officers.

Follow up visits will be made to parents to discuss ensuring their child's safety.

Parents can expect to see patrols across Corby throughout the summer.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Another year and another collection of successes, achievements and commendations to add to our growing collection. Once again I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who have made our success possible; Andrew Campbell, his teaching and support staff, the students, the parents and guardians, and not forgetting us Governors.

Sitting here reviewing copies of the newsletters from the entire year I am actually beaming with pride – I feel like a proud parent. One area I am particularly proud of is the mentoring scheme being organised by, among others, Kirsty Farrar. Kirsty has identified students who would benefit from additional support from an external mentor. Mentors work with an individual student and offer advice and guidance through Year 10 and Year 11, often via email and even text. I immediately signed up to this scheme along with my business partner, Steve Tucker, and was paired up with Paige McIlhatton, who will be starting Year 11 in September. She has just spent the day with me for work experience and I'm really looking forward

to working with her throughout her time at CBA.

The way I see it, for the sake of just 10 or 15 hours of my time throughout a school year, I could potentially help to transform the life of a student. Anyone who would like to mentor a student should contact Kirsty Farrar for more details. Another area I'd like to touch on is work experience. This time last year, Amy Fox who was in Year 11 received the award my company had sponsored at the CBA Annual Achievement Awards. Afterwards, Amy and I spoke in more detail and she asked for a couple of weeks' worth of work experience over the summer. She obviously impressed me because 12 months on she is a permanent employee, has completed two college courses in Business and Customer Management and has established herself as an invaluable asset within the organisation. She has gone from being a general Trainee Administrator to a fully-fledged Sales and Marketing Assistant. The moral of the story? If you work hard, prove your commitment and do your best, you can achieve far more than you could ever have

expected. Amy is a credit to CBA and firmly believes that the standards she was encouraged to adopt with respect to herself and her work have enabled her to achieve the success she has. Now to the future. I am, as always, excited about the opportunities the new year will bring. Myself and the other Governors will be working even more closely with the faculties and are keen to interact more closely with students, staff and parents/guardians. I wish Andrew, his staff and the students a successful new academic year and will personally be doing everything possible to ensure an exciting, enjoyable and successful third year together.

Kerry James



“listening to your views”

We hope you have enjoyed this issue of In Press.

We are always keen to hear the views of parents and as a result of feedback, we have made the decision to revert back to the previous popular format of the CBA magazine. If you have any comments or suggestions email Vice Principal Sarah Ashby on

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