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# IN PRESS

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## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Student and staff talent was on show at the end of term as all involved made the Christmas Concert one to remember.

There was classical music, festive favourites, modern dance and even a performance by Queen at the second annual CBA Christmas Concert.

During the two hour show the packed audience of CBA families were kept thoroughly entertained by the combination of dance and music.

Principal Andrew Campbell said: "It has been another great show, and there has clearly been a huge amount of work

from staff and students to make such a great event."

The Concert was put together by Francia Dickinson, Clive Wears and Daryl Handy.

Parents in Partnership and the Year 10/11 Hospitality Group provided refreshments during the interval and PIP also raised £300 with a raffle.

## EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Corby Business Academy has added another coveted award to its recent collection: the Bronze Every Child Matters Quality Mark.

The award is part of the Government's Every Child Matters agenda and the five principles of the agenda are: **Be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well-being.**

The award follows the recent Platinum and Gold Awards for the Academy Senate and also the accolade of being named

in the top three safest schools in the country by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust.

Principal Dr Andrew Campbell said: I am delighted that CBA has been accredited with the Every Child Matters Quality Mark.

"There is an enormous amount of hard work required to meet the demanding standards for this award and it is simply outstanding that we have been able to do so within eighteen months of opening."

Teacher Kirsty Farrar oversaw the award process which saw

students, parents, governors and staff contribute to meet the ECM standards.

She said: "The assessor recognised the emphasis we have on achievement at every level here at CBA and he said it was very clear to him that as a collective the Academy staff were doing all they could to make sure every child reaches their full potential."



## FROM THE EDITOR

As I write this editorial the snow is falling outside the window, and the students are climbing off the buses and into the Academy for the last day of what has been an exciting term.

As always, this term has been packed full of activity and was rounded off fantastically with a superb Christmas Concert (view our picture spread on page 11).

Continuing on the Christmas theme, students and staff have shown tremendous generosity this term with their support of the Operation Christmas Child programme.

Their charitable efforts will mean that more than 400 children in developing countries will this year open a Christmas gift. (page 14)

This edition also brings you news of our first trip to Uganda – turn to page 10 to find out all about the week long trip.

So please enjoy reading this over the festive holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed for a busy Term 3.

**Sarah Ashby**  
Vice Principal – PNS



Corby Business Academy

# LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“On behalf of all the staff and students at CBA, please accept our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.”



## Dear Parent/Carer,

As usual, this edition of In Press is full of news and student events. As I write, Weldon Primary School students are rehearsing their Christmas Show in our main theatre, CBA students are preparing for their Christmas lunch and others are rehearsing for our Christmas showcase this Wednesday evening. These festive events follow the hugely successful joint carol concert with Brooke Weston Academy, which we held at St Brendan's Church in Corby. It was a wonderful event and I was so proud to

see students from both schools working in harmony – literally!

Last week I was delighted to learn that CBA had been awarded the Every Child Matters Quality Mark. This award recognises our work to ensure all our students are given the very best opportunities to develop and progress and learn the skills they will need to meet the demands of the adult world beyond school.

As part of our ongoing drive to raise standards in everything we do, I recently wrote to all parents and carers reminding

everyone that CBA is committed to excellent attendance and appearance.

I would be very grateful for your continued support on both these fronts as we strive to be the very best we can at all times.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and students at CBA, please accept our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

One thing is for sure, for all of us if who work or study at CBA, 2010 is going to be busy!

*Andrew Campbell*

## NEW HEADBOY AND HEADGIRL APPOINTED

*New headboy Chris Usher (second left) and headgirl Sarah Hurley with Richard White and Ksenija Nazarova.*

After making their cases before the Student Senate and a senior management panel the Academy's new Headboy and Headgirl were selected in Term 2.

Year 12 students Chris Usher and Sarah Hurley were awarded the honour after an intensive two-stage interview.

Their deputies in the role will be fellow Year 12 students Ksenija Nazarova and Richard White.

Chris, who is studying Business, Public Services and AS History and hopes to become a History teacher, said he was hoping to give an academic lead to the younger students.

He said: "I want to help the younger students with their learning and act as a good role model to all."

Sarah said: "I see my role as Headgirl as being about giving the students a voice.

"I was a member of the Senate last year and so realise what power the student body has and how it can make changes within the Academy.

"I saw the hard work the Headboy and Headgirl put into the role last year and want to emulate them and make sure I make the most of this opportunity."



The pair take over from their predecessors Jordon Joseph and Jacqueline Tsiga, who were CBA's first ever Head Boy and Head Girl.

## SENATE ACTIVITIES

The Student Senate has enlisted the services of a local politician to lobby for improved transport links to the Academy.

County Councillor John McGhee has agreed to help the Senate put together a proposal to present to the county authority – which allocates the funding for school transport.

At present Sixth Form students pay for transport to the Academy – although the bus service is free for all students in other year groups.

The Student Senate is also keen to have improved services to the area during the evenings, to make parents evenings and concerts easier to get to for those parents without access to their own transport.

Sixth Form Senate Chairperson, Connor Wilson said: "We have invited Cllr McGhee to our next Senate meeting and we are hoping that he can help and give us access to the councillors who will make the decisions."

The Senate met with Councillor McGhee at a mock council meeting hosted by Corby Borough Council.

A Senate representative from each year group attended the event at the council chamber in Grosvenor House, and joined with contemporaries from the other secondary schools in Corby to discuss issues important to young people.

They put their concerns to Council Leader Pat Fawcett, who was joined on the panel by Mayor Cllr Mary Butcher and the council's Chief Executive Chris Mallender, as well as Cllr John McGhee.

Items that were raised included the lack of recreational facilities for young people in Corby and the job opportunities available.

Senate members were also presented with their official plaques to mark the achievement of their Gold and Platinum awards given by the county council.

The plaques now take pride of place outside the Academy Theatre.



*Senate members receive the plaque from Glenys Cox from Northants County Council.*



## Corby Business Academy

## Key Dates

IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION

## 2010 TERM 3

January 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Training Day (Staff only)
January 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Start of Term 3
January 14 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Post 16 Opportunities Evening – (5.00pm & 6.00pm)
January 16 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Year 6 New Intake Assessment Day
January 20 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Year 9 Parents Evening 5.00pm – 7.00pm
January 25 <sup>th</sup> Monday	PIP Meeting – 6.30pm – 8.00pm
February 5 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Joint Concert – Corby Male Voice Choir & CBA
February 12 <sup>th</sup> Friday	End of Term 3
February 12 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ski Trip



## NEW RECEPTIONIST

A new friendly face has joined the CBA reception team. Jeanine McCabe became a member of the team in Term 2. Elaine Russell has now moved into a new role within the student care and guidance team.

## ACTIVE KIT

During the winter months students are still required to wear appropriate Academy kit to Active lessons. This does not include tops with stripes on, coloured gloves, socks, etc.

Students should make sure they are fully prepared for their lessons, whether they are inside or outside.

If students have a note and are not participating in the Active lesson, they will still be required to remain with their group. If they are outside, then it would be advisable to bring suitable outdoor clothing to keep warm.

Amy Harris – Active Director



## POLICIES REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents are reminded that a copy of all Academy Policies is available on the Corby Business Academy website [www.corbybusinessacademy.org](http://www.corbybusinessacademy.org)

It is a requirement that educational establishments draw parent's attention to the use of exclusion and in particular the use of Permanent Exclusion as outlined in document STU/15 Student Exclusions.

Extract from STU/15: Decisions to permanently exclude a student will only be taken in response to serious breaches of the Academy's policy on Behaviour and Discipline and/or if the decision for the student to remain would seriously harm the education or welfare of another student.



## EXAMINATION TIMETABLE: JANUARY SERIES 2010

Date	Subject Code	Subject	Start	Finish	Time Allowed
1/11/2010	6663	Core Mathematics Unit C1	9:00	10:30	1hr 30m
1/11/2010	6664	Core Mathematics Unit C2	9:00	10:30	1hr 30m
1/12/2010	F211	Biology: Cells, Exchange & Transport	9:00	10:00	1hr
1/13/2010	G481	Physics: Mechanics	9:00	10:00	1hr
1/13/2010	6683	Statistics Unit S1	13:00	14:30	1hr 30m
1/14/2010	F321	Chemistry: Atoms, Bonds and Groups	9:00	10:00	1hr
1/14/2010	B621/1/2	Science B: Unit 1 F/H	9:00	10:00	1hr
1/14/2010	F248	Applied Business: Strategic Decision Making	9:00	11:00	2hrs
1/14/2010	G720	Travel & Tourism	9:00	11:00	2hrs
1/15/2010	6689	Decision Mathematics Unit D1	13:00	14:30	1hr 30m
1/15/2010	6677	Mechanics Unit M1	13:00	14:30	1hr 30m
18/01/2010	A212/1/2	Science A: Unit 2 F/H	9:00	9:40	40m
1/18/2010	LITB1	As English Literature B	13:00	15:00	2hrs
1/20/2010	B623/1/2	Additional Science B: Unit 1 F/H	9:00	10:00	1hr
1/20/2010	G728	Travel & Tourism: Tourism Development(A2)	9:00	11:00	2hrs
1/20/2010	6665	Core Mathematics Unit C3	13:00	14:30	1hr 30m
1/25/2010	F214	Biology: Communication, Homeostatis & Energy	13:00	14:00	1hr



## ATTENDANCE IS UP

Congratulations are in order, as despite a number of students who have had seasonal illness, attendance is up by 1% on this time last year to 92%.

Steve Ellis – Vice Principal Student Care and Guidance

# BUSINESS LINKS & ENTERPRISE



## SUCCESSFUL MENTOR PROJECT STARTS FOR SECOND YEAR

The mentor project started during Term 2 with a training session at CBA for the RS mentors.

After the session the mentors were given a tour round the Academy and met the students they will be working with over tea and cakes.

The mentors who all very kindly volunteered to give up their valuable time to do this have now been paired up with the students and will start the mentoring process shortly.

The students, who are all studying Business, will be going over to the RS site to find

out how the business works and will have the fantastic opportunity to spend a day shadowing their mentors and finding out how all the theory they are studying fits in to the day to day life of a business.

The mentors will then support the students throughout the crucial years of 10 and 11 and be on hand to offer guidance and advice.

Gillian Roberts, who is a work experience coordinator for RS and is one of the mentors, said: "The mentors are here to provide

the students with impartial support and encouragement and the ability to match their academic understanding of business skills with real-life practical advice.

"RS is extremely honoured to be given the chance to help and support the students and trust that they will benefit from our business experience"

**Nicky Harrison** – BHE Teacher



## MOVING ON UP CONFERENCE

Students of Alex Allan's Sixth Form class joined forces with other secondary schools at the Kettering Leisure Village to attend the Moving on Up Conference, organised by Aimhigher Northamptonshire. Many leading employers and training providers offered valuable career information to students to help progress into higher education and the world of work, including NHS, Waitrose, The Army, The Royal Navy, Kettering Borough Council, Northamptonshire University and many more.

Highlights of the conference were the workshops where students were given an insight into:

- NHS entry level qualifications
- Self promotion to include CV and interview techniques
- Unlocking entrepreneurial potential
- Volunteering
- Recruitment and training

**Meacha** - I thought the conference was very educational and informative. I learned about how to write a CV and produce a business plan.

**Connor** - I thought that the trip to the Kettering Conference Centre was really informative, and I enjoyed being in a group where I could represent CBA. It was well worth the time and I hope more students get the opportunity to go.

**Hayley** - Going to the conference was the trip of a life time as I collected good information that will influence my career choices. Many aspects of the course interested me, especially how to write an appropriate CV.

**Catherine** – I really enjoyed this educational trip as I learned about what makes a good CV which hopefully will increase my work opportunities. I have also gathered more information about further education at college/university.



## HAMPTON AT HILTON WELCOMES TRAVEL AND TOURISM STUDENTS

As a Travel and Tourism group of students we had the opportunity to visit the new Hampton by Hilton hotel in Corby.

The Hampton is a brand new concept of budget hotel and is only one of two in the country. It prides itself on 100 per cent guaranteed satisfaction and we could see why. The staff greeted us as we went in and made us feel important. We were welcomed by Martin Hall, the manager, who gave us a presentation about their customer service policies.

This was followed by a tour of the hotel bedrooms and facilities. After our visit a few students mentioned how colourful and sophisticated it was and said if they had a choice this is where they would stay in Corby.

The visit was extremely valuable and we learned a lot about the hospitality industry.

**Christina Mangin** – Sixth Form student



# ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)



## CAROLS IN THE COMMUNITY

The choir and concert band have been in fine festive tune this Christmas as they have been performing in the community.

On December 4th the Concert Band toured some primary schools in Corby and played Yuletide numbers, as well as teaching the younger pupils some basic musical skills on a range of instruments.

On Wednesday December 9th, in the

first event of its kind, the CBA choir and Concert Band joined forces with their contemporaries from sister school Brooke Weston and held a Carol Concert at St Brendan's Catholic Church in Beanfield Avenue Corby.

The students played to a packed church and the event was so successful that it is set to become an annual event.



*Myles Peters and Kevin Ogwang help a primary pupil from Studfall Junior School.*

## JAPANESE DRUMMING IS A HIT

Key Stage 3 students tried some Japanese Taiko drumming in their music lessons during Term 2.

Taiko drumming is an energetic art form which involves big arm movements as well as shouting and the opportunity to try it out has been enjoyed by many students.

Teamwork is an important element of this drumming, as it involves the whole class not only drumming together but also moving in synchronisation; many classes rose to the challenge and achieved excellent class performances of a piece called "Shimabayashi".

Two recordings, one from Year 7 and one from Year 8, will be available to listen to through the Academy website.

**Felicity Cornish** – Music Teacher



## WEAVING IN AN ENTERPRISING WAY

It was a case of learning from traditional arts and crafts to create some items for the modern world in Cath Davies textiles class.

As part of an enterprise project, students were tasked with making ipod cases and purses, but rather than using modern techniques they went back to basics and revived old fashioned methods of weaving.

The weaving boards were created by using CAD technology and then different coloured wool was woven to create the finished products.



## D&T GROUP "IN TIME" FOR CHRISTMAS

It was quite a challenge that this Design Group were set for the ten weeks they spent in Product Design at the beginning of this school year.

Initially they were given the brief to design and make a clock which they did with great success but in a time that was not anticipated.

With immense enthusiasm they beavered away producing both a mobile phone stand and a small jewellery box in the time they had left.

Well done to them all for the amount of effort they put in during this time.

**Chris Lane** – AMID Teacher



## ABORIGINAL ART

Aboriginal art was the inspiration for Year 7 students in their art class.

The students were asked to carry out some homework to find out more about the cultural background to the indigenous Australian art and then reproduced their own drawings focusing on colour and pattern.



## MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ( MAIT)

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Plans are being drawn up for the Duke of Edinburgh expedition. The MAIT department is running the prestigious awards scheme and 15 Sixth Form students are undertaking the award.

A practice expedition will run around Easter with the four day expedition lined up for May.

During the winter months the students have been concentrating on the theory side of the scheme and are keen to get into the more practical side of things.

Since it began in 1956, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has been dedicated to the personal development of young people from all backgrounds. With the widest reach of any UK youth charity, 275,000 young people (30,000 are from disadvantaged backgrounds) undertake inspiring DofE programmes to achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards every year.



Duke of Edinburgh students  
Jordon Joseph and Richard White

Year 10 students Aiden O'Grady, Carmen Dobos and Steven McBride will be entering the competition.



### ANIMATION COMPETITION BECKONS

During Term 3 Year 10 students studying for their OCR National ICT qualification will be mastering the art of animation.

The students in Karl Lomax's class will be learning all about the Flash programme and will then be entering their creations into a national schools competition.

The Animation 10 opens on January 11th and if the students' entries are shortlisted they will be heading to the prize-giving in Salford, Manchester in July.

Year 10 student Steven McBride, who is a member of the Session 3 web development group, said: "I am looking forward to mastering the art of Flash."

Animation09

MANCHESTER  
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Leah Findlay and Julia Komor  
have enjoyed using IT to help  
with Maths.

### EXCELLING IN MATHS

Year 8 students have been mixing Maths and ICT to work out some equations.

The students used a manual method to work out the sums before using popular IT programme Excel to help with the conundrums.

The students learnt how to input the formulas in to the spreadsheets and then used a process of trial and error to find the right answers.

Student Julia Komor said: "Once you have learnt the process it is quite easy. It was interesting to do the maths manually before using the computer as a maths aid."



# COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

## FRENCH DICTIONARY CHALLENGE

Key Stage 3 students have been working on their ability to use a bilingual dictionary in French lessons this week. This resulted in a practical session during which students were asked to solve cryptic clues in order to find famous pop groups or singers. Here is your chance to have a go. How many pop singers / groups can you identify in the following list? You may only use a dictionary... Answers need to be handed in to Miss Bennett. There will be a prize for the most correct answers.

1. bretagne genou lances
2. viande pain
3. le qui mer as
4. meme difference
5. esperance
6. radio tete
7. génial herbe
8. vert jour
9. la voiture stylo larmes
10. abeille sur dire



## BECOMING JOURNALISTS

In French lessons Year 10 students have been studying newspaper articles and were tasked with writing their own story.

Here is an extract from a report by student Charlotte Bean:

Calais, France the place of refugees living in the Jungle has been the sight of sheer devastation during the last few weeks as the refugees seeking safe, secure homes have been left fending for themselves under bridges and in the filthiest areas of the deep, dark suburbs of France.

A refugee seeks the safety and stability of an English job, a house and a life worth living.

The Jungle offered a place to survive, a place to live and a place to prepare for their dreams of Britain ahead.

Children are among the unfortunate ones left with no security now the Jungle has closed. Heart wrenching stories of 7- 18 years olds left parentless and broken under bridges praying for their ride to England to arrive. One particular story has touched the

hearts of many, that of 12 year-old Ismail from Afghanistan.

We journeyed to the ends of Calais to track this young man down. Ismail has allowed us a access to his diary entry.

So much destruction has entered this young boy's life and a main inspiration was his little brother, who sadly was lost along the way. Here is how Ismail describes the loss of his brother. *"Shock and despair would be running through my parents head if they knew their 9 yr old son had been snatched and enclosed in like a dog being taken to the pound."*

Ismail found comfort and support in the jungle and sees it as a home away from home. "Normally a jungle is a place of danger and lion and fire bright tigers ferociously trying to eat away at you and yet for a long time it was the safest I had ever been."



## A BUZZ WITH SPELLING

Year 7 have this term been demonstrating their fantastic spelling skills in Library Spelling Bees. All Year 7 students took part in the Bees during English lessons and the standard of their spelling was very impressive. Spot prizes were available to win throughout the events and the last student standing in every Bee also won a prize. The 50 students who performed most impressively will now be invited to compete for a place on the CBA Spelling team which will represent us at national competitions next year.

**Amy McKay** - Librarian

## LAKE DISTRICT INSPIRES WRITING

Mrs Duggan's Year 7 English class have been working on using ambitious, descriptive vocabulary in their writing. Have a look at what they produced after looking at photographs taken in the Lake District.

Foamy puddle blue rapids gush past. The beige bark coats the trees with a warm blanket, making them look old. The occasional muddy rock juts up, spitting up the grey water. The rusty red tundra lines the bank. Jungle green leaves spread out like an umbrella.

**Harrison Tomkins**

Crisp coconut coloured leaves lay on top of the green grass. An odd golden leaf lay on its own. Wet chocolate coloured leaves take over the rest, as bits of grass poke through them. The veins going through the leaves are like lightning going through a cement grey sky.

**Emily Laughton-Hulatt**

The forest floor is a marshy green with chocolatey, sherbet lemon and dusty grey leaves sitting lightly on the top of it. The beige mud is the foundation of all of this. The veins on the leaves are plum coloured. The lonely golden syrup leaf is buried all alone under the rest of the leaves.

**Connor Graham**

The salad green leaves look small and delicate. Some leaves are a Columbian coffee colour while others are mustard yellow. The grass is jungle green with odd creamy banana speckles. The leaves are shrivelled and dried out, but the leaves still have their biscuit, rich colours. The veins of the leaves are long and thin.

**Taila Miller**



# BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)



## YEAR 7 UGANDA FUNDRAISER

Year 7 took on a fundraising challenge and managed to raise an incredible £1,500 for The Discovery Centre in Uganda.

Over the past couple of terms all Year 7 form groups have devised and carried out sponsored schemes which saw students swimming, running and even washing cars to help the cause.

Nigel Holt's form, wanted to test itself by doing a fancy dress sponsored run around the Astroturf. Rain stopped play after 30 minutes and in that time Sydney Kwambana, Dylan Moffat and Ellen Brown managed to run over 20 laps, with everyone managing at least five laps. In total £115 was raised.

Helen Featherstone's form opted for the challenge of a sponsored swim. Those who had not yet seen it were wowed by new Corby East Midlands International Pool which was really helpful in setting up the event.

Joe Folan and Alex Lawless steamed ahead

with 50 lengths each and Beth McQuillan bravely swam a length for the very first time. Every single student swam as well as they could and there were many pink faces when they emerged from the pool. In total a fantastic £411 was raised.

Alex Allan's class raised £550 with a cross country run. She said: "Two Year 7 boys, Alexander Cotter and Kristien Warren, from my form need to be celebrated for their outstanding Cross Country Run, of 12 laps equivalent to 4 miles in 40 minutes. Excellent achievement, motivated to support children in Uganda, as part of their BHE, Enterprise."

7Y and 7M took part in a car wash and raised £40.

And there will be more events to come with a planned run around neighbours and CBA Business Link Rockingham Motor Speedway.

**Dan Arnold** - Director of Business

## MINISTER ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Corby MP Phil Hope and Natural England's Sue Buckenham made a visit to the Academy to support the teaching map reading in schools.

The visit saw local Ordnance Survey (OS) Explorer maps provided to our Year 7 students as part of OS's nationwide Free Maps for 11 Year Olds scheme.

In addition to complimenting teaching about geography and the environment, the initiative is designed to encourage children and their families to get out and about and explore their local area.

Phil Hope MP said: "I am pleased that Ordnance Survey and Natural England are continuing to provide 11 year olds with free maps of their local environment and an 'Easy Peasy' guide to map reading. I'm sure it and their lessons on map reading will give them the confidence to begin to explore the beautiful country side we are so fortunate to have on our door step."

Sue Buckenham commented: "Maps are a great way for children to learn about the natural environment. Not only can they open up a new world by showing hidden gems in a local area, but they give children the chance to explore what's there - whether it's a national park or a wildlife site."

## TEAMBUILDING ACTIVITIES

This term our Year 10 students have been studying teamwork skills as part of their Btec Public Services Diploma. This has meant numerous teambuilding activities, particularly raftbuilding at Rutland water and running an assault course at Stanwick lakes near Raunds.

The students working in three sections have learnt how to plan, prepare and then execute their plans in order to achieve a difficult goal. This has meant getting muddy, wet and cold. Despite this, all of them rose to the challenge and pulled out all the stops to work together and get the job done.

The motto of this course is 'train hard, work easy' and the students are certainly finding this out. All 25 students in the group are giving 100 per cent and have already demonstrated a huge improvement in team and leadership skills.

**Tony Segalini** - Course Leader



## CASTING BACK TO WORLD WAR ONE

This term in Humanities, Year 7 students have been studying conflict. One of the areas they have looked at is World War 1 and the conditions soldiers endured in the trenches. My class looked at the different problems faced by soldiers in the trenches and the steps they took to overcome them. One of the problems soldiers faced was trench foot. Their feet began to swell and

blister and they were left with open wounds and often lost toes.

To get a better idea of what happened to soldier's feet the students created trench foot with Modroc (Plaster of Paris). Plaster casts of feet were taken and then moulded and painted to give a better idea of what trench foot would have looked like.

**Kim Asher** - Humanities Teacher





# PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)



## YEAR 13 BASKETBALL TEAM

The Year 13 are the top of the Corby and Kettering Basketball league again.

An awesome team performance by all helped maintain our dominance over the local schools. We won four out of five games with an average of 28 points in very short games.

I was impressed with how the experienced players improved on their team play and how some less experienced players shined in new situations for them.

**John Atkinson** - Coach



*Members of the science class with their inventions.*

## FUN WITH SCIENCE

Year 7 took to Science Teacher Jeanette Power's homework challenge with gusto.

The students were tasked with creating some games using circuits and the students surpassed themselves with some wonderful creations.

The students had to devise the concepts themselves and then supply the materials.

Jodie Young made a Morse Code machine. She said: "It has been really enjoyable and not felt like homework at all!"



## WILLIAM TELL STYLE EXPERIMENT

The Science department created makeshift air cannons from plastic buckets and carried out a William Tell style experiment.

24 students volunteered to be "shot" with the air cannons. Staff aimed at cups on the students' heads and had time limits to see how many cups they could knock off with the smoke from the cannon. Miss Eagleson, was the best shot, managing to shoot all 12 cups in round one with a 60 second time limit and all 12 cups in round two with a 30 second time limit.

Director of Science Elaine Ponton said: "The point of the experiment was to introduce variables and assess students' evaluative skills. We investigated whether size and shape was important in air cannons and used the smoke to show the pulse of air being fired."

The film of this experiment can be seen on our website in the video gallery.



## SWIMMING INTRODUCED TO THE TIMETABLE

Year 7 students will be hitting the water in Term 3 as swimming lessons begin, the new Corby International Pool is the venue for the lessons which will take place on Friday's on a rota basis.

The aim is to advance the skills of competent swimmers and teach those who cannot swim the vital skill.

Students will be expected to bring a swimming costume, goggles and towels with them. The letter regarding the details of this session has been sent to the parent and carers.



# UGANDA

## FIRST VISIT TO THE DISCOVERY CENTRE

Two Sixth Form students and teaching staff travelled more than 4,000 miles to establish links between the Academy and an education centre in Uganda.

Students Ross Hay and Jordon Joseph, along with BHE teachers Kirsty Farrar and Dan Arnold attended a three-day conference at the Discovery Centre close to Lake Victoria in Uganda during the half term break.

And the visit to the African continent proved to be the experience of a lifetime.

The Discovery centre is an residential resource which was set up in 1994 in response to the AIDS situation in the country.

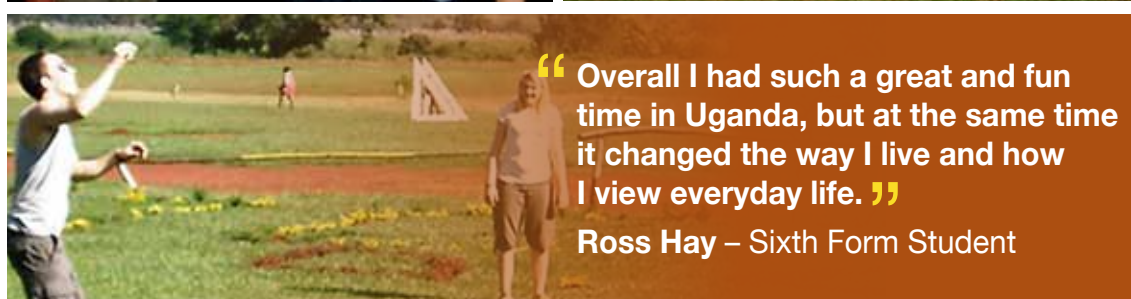
It is run in partnership with the Northamptonshire based Christian charity Adventure Projects Trust and Youth With A Mission Uganda.

It serves the schools in the surrounding villages and also provides recreational and sporting opportunities for those children who do not have the privilege of an education.

The conference involved the CBA students and staff, along with the students from two other Northamptonshire secondary schools (Sponne School Technology College and William Parker School) and students from Uganda.

Topics discussed included global citizenship, conflict resolution and health care.

The CBA contingent also visited a series of schools for orphans, which had been set up by a local charity.



**“ Overall I had such a great and fun time in Uganda, but at the same time it changed the way I live and how I view everyday life. ”**

**Ross Hay – Sixth Form Student**





Photographs taken by Stephen Chandler.



# SIXTH FORM



## YOUNG PARTNERS AWARD 2009

Sixth Form students Dale and Carl Page attended a special awards ceremony which recognised the achievements of voluntary organisations.

The brothers are members of Northamptonshire Voluntary Youth Action and assist in voluntary projects across the region.

At the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services awards held in London on December 5th, the NVYA were named in the top three voluntary groups in the Midlands and South West.

Dale said: "When you think about how many organisations work with young people and we were selected to be in the top three, it is amazing."

"It was a great joy seeing what other young people are doing all over England."

"We also spoke to some great young people and had discussions about how young people are represented in the media nowadays."



Headboy Chris Usher helps put up the decorations.

## CHRISTMAS COMES TO CBA

This year the Sixth Form Forum has brought a festive feeling to the Academy.

The 20ft Christmas tree finally stands with sparkling baubles and bright lights to add the festive feeling that is Christmas! Jade Macleod who is part of the Academy Forum, said: "This was an exciting opportunity to make sure the younger children of CBA get into the Christmas spirit and ensure that they participate in other festive activities."

Also in all Faculties, teachers are all getting competitive to see who will have the best Faculty Christmas tree, each year group have been working hard in the Faculties to make sure they're decorations stand out from the rest. As the last term of the year comes to a close, CBA is looking brighter than ever.

**Ben Young** – Sixth Form Student

## READER LEADERS

The Reader Leader scheme started officially this term and is proving to be a great success. The townwide literacy initiative Corby Reads organised reading tutor training for 15 Sixth Formers last term and they have now been partnered up with 15 KS3 students.

The pairs meet twice a week during tutor time and enjoy a whole host of reading based activities. The Sixth Formers involved have been great at enthusing their partners and organising literacy based activities to keep things interesting

– one student has even published her own book based on her partner's favourite things.

The KS3 students have been fantastic at getting involved and are full of praise for the scheme. The pairs will continue to read together next term, resulting in the Sixth Formers earning national accreditations for their work and the KS3 students improving their literacy skills.

**Amy McKay** – Librarian



Jade Macleod with her reading partner Henry Brady.

## UNIVERSITY HERE WE COME

Year 13 have been trawling the internet and visiting Universities up and down the country.

The decision about which courses and which universities to apply to has now focused the students on their current studies. Students have been applying for a wide range of subjects from nursing to accountancy.

To support the decision making process a Finance presentation was given to the students and their parents. This was an opportunity to look at the financial support available. If anyone requires further help please contact me at any time.

**Avril Bartley-Smith** – Vice Principal Sixth Form

## POST 16 OPPORTUNITIES 2010

All Year 11 students and parents are invited to an information evening on Thursday, January 14th at Corby Business Academy about the opportunities available post 16. There will be a presentation at 5 pm and 6pm followed by an opportunity to talk to Directors of subjects about the courses that are available and where the courses might lead in the future. Important decisions now need to be made about the progression routes students may follow, informed decisions have to be made and this evening will help make that process easier.



# LIBRARY

## CURIOSITY KITS GO AHEAD

The Curiosity Kit scheme which was mentioned in last term's In Press is all set to be rolled out to Year 7 students in all Corby secondary schools and CBA students are very much involved in implementing the scheme.

Curiosity Kits are bags of books and artefacts that are designed to inspire reading for pleasure and encourage reading in the home. Corby Reads has recently placed Curiosity Kits in local primary schools for Year 5 and 6 students, but will widen the scheme to include Year 7 students in 2010.

On December 7th I had the great pleasure of escorting the Year 7 Curiosity Kit working party to Learning Resources for Education, where they chose the 100 books that the Kits will be based around. Once the books had been selected they then decided what toy/game/artefact best complimented them.

**Amy McKay** - Librarian



## CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

The Library has been a buzz this December as students from all years have battled it out to win prizes in our Advent competition. A huge advent calendar depicting characters from the Twilight Saga has been on display and every morning a new character has asked a question. Students have been challenged with answering the book based question everyday and keeping track of their answers. A small prize has been awarded to a student with the correct answer daily and a host of larger prizes will be awarded to students who have got all answers correct at the end of term. I'll let you know next term who wins what.

**Amy McKay** - Librarian

## STOCKING FILLERS

Regularly reading for pleasure as a child is considered by many to be a great way of improving your adult life-chances. Why not encourage your child to read for pleasure by including a book in their Christmas stocking this year? The following are suggestions of popular books that would fit nicely in most stockings, all are available at discounted prices from local supermarkets.

**Guinness World Records 2010** – an annual favourite of girls and boys. Full of weird and wonderful facts, it's perfect for keen and reluctant readers!

**Saturday Night Peter** – Peter Kay's second autobiography tells all about his days as a standup comic. Absolutely hilarious, this will be welcomed by male and female KS4 students.

**Hetty Feather** – Jacqueline Wilson's latest offering will be popular with many KS3 girls and is a great alternative to James Bond on Boxing Day.



## YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Just before the Christmas holidays Father Christmas paid a much anticipated visit to the Library to deliver Year 7's Christmas presents. Every year we organise a free book for all Year 7 students through the charity Booked Up and give the books as Christmas presents. The selection of books on offer is always fantastic and these included favourites such as Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Percy Jackson. An array of

activities will be offered in the Library to compliment the books next term, such as a swap box and reading logs.

Special thanks to the three wonderful Sixth Form elves, Sinead Montgomery, Francesca Reid and Christina Mangin, who wrapped all 200 of the books!

**Amy McKay** - Librarian



*Roisin Curran with her present.*



## TEDDIES READ TOO!

I'm sure the concept of a readathon to raise money for charity is a familiar concept to many of you, but this term the Library held a readathon with a difference to raise money for Children in Need. Staff members were asked to bring their teddy bears in to take part in a readathon, students were then challenged to guess who owned which bear by looking at the book the bear was reading. Some of them were very easy to guess (The Demon Headmaster), but others needed much more consideration (Al Capone Does My Shorts). Students paid 50p to play and all fully correct entries received a prize.

**Amy McKay** - Librarian

## KIDS' LIT QUIZ

Eight students from Year 7 and 8 visited Roade School in Northampton at the end of November to represent CBA at this year's Kids' Lit Quiz. The Kids' Lit Quiz is an international competition involving thousands of students from around the globe, who compete to show their vast knowledge of children's books.

The CBA teams this year were the Corby Book Addicts (Emese Toth, Tina Ogwang, Naeem Ahmed and Leah Findlay) and Corby Big Brain Academy (Connor Parsons, Jordan Jarman, Charlotte Boyd, Shannon Davidson). All the students involved performed fantastically and are already in training for next year's competition.

**Amy McKay** - Librarian





# FOCUS ON YEAR 8

## THE FIRST TWO TERMS OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

As the festive season is upon us I take time to reflect on the first two terms of this academic year. I must say it has been a hectic start to the new Year 8 with lots of activities and events being conducted throughout the school. It has been great to meet all new faces and in only a short time put names to new faces. It has also been great to get to know many new parents.

In particular I would like to acknowledge the work that has gone into the Human Utopia workshops, otherwise known as the Hero's program, and the effort that Year 8 has put in. The workshop itself was inspiring and I was very pleased and proud of everyone who participated on the day which made the day a great success. It is to your credit that it was such a success and without your positive involvement the day could have been wasted, it was not. Well done to everyone. Those of you who have now moved onto the next phase of the program should embrace this element with the same positive attitude that you showed at the initial workshop.

The Monday Session 3 badminton club has now started to attract more and more numbers each week and it is great to see so many of my Year 8 group attending. Please continue to come on Monday's and try and encourage your friends to come along.

Also if any parents would like to start a family badminton club please get in touch and I will see what I can organise in the New Year, even a Saturday morning.

**Steve Wedgwood** - Year 8 Pastoral Support Officer



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A staggering total of 413 Christmas boxes have been donated by students to the Operation Child Appeal.

This means that thanks to the efforts of CBA students in Years 7 to 9, more than 400 young people in Liberia, will now be opening a Christmas gift.

Over Term 2 students brought in empty shoe boxes, gifts and money (to cover postage costs) and the year groups were locked in some healthy competition to see who could package the most boxes.

Staff and students stayed behind during Session 3 to gift wrap the boxes and fill each one with gifts.

And Sixth Form students collected more than £200 from students to go towards the postage costs.

BHE Vice Principal Lorraine Smith who organised the Academy's involvement in the Christmas charity event, said: "The response from students, their parents and staff has been overwhelming. "We really did not think we would be able to get together so many boxes and I would like to thank everyone for their huge generosity.

"Our donation will mean a great deal to lots of children this Christmas."

The boxes were collected by Barclaycard staff who donated their time to the Samaritan's Purse charity.

Each year the Christian charity send hundreds of thousands of shoe boxes filled with gifts to needy children in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Africa. For many the gift will be the only present they receive during their childhood.

To find out more about the work of Samaritans Purse visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)





# SPECIAL PROJECTS

## SAFEST SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Corby Business Academy has been confirmed as one of the top three safest schools in the country.

Former headboy Jordon Joseph and headgirl Jacqueline Tsiga accompanied Vice Principals Avril Bartley-Smith and Sarah Ashby to the gala evening held by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust at the Hilton Tower Bridge Hotel in London.

The event made official that the Academy is one of the safest schools in the country. The Academy was designed with safety in mind. Its wide corridors and glass walls ensure students are visible at all times and the building also has individual toilets rather than the more traditional toilet blocks, which can become a venue for bullying.

An electronic smart card system is used which acts as an automatic register and also prevents unauthorised persons entering the building and there is a network of CCTV cameras across the site to maximise security.

Other safety features include creating a cashless society - students put funds onto their smart cards to pay for lunch - and the Academy provides two late buses at 5pm and another at 5.30pm so

students have a safe mode of transport home every day.

And as part of the Safer Schools Partnership, the Academy works with a Police Community Support Officer officer who visits regularly and works with students and staff.

Jordon and Jacqueline met founder of the trust and father of Suzy Lamplugh, Paul Lamplugh at the awards ceremony (all three are pictured left).

The Trust was set up in 1986 following the disappearance of estate agent Suzy and works to promote personal safety.

Principal Andrew Campbell said: "When you consider that there are 3,500 secondary schools in the country, it is a huge accolade to be recognised as in the top three safest. The honour is testament to the design of the building and also the work that goes on within the Academy to promote safety."

Jenny Fawson, Director of Personal Safety at the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, said: "The safety of students and staff is clearly taken seriously at Corby Business Academy and the judges were particularly impressed by the use of design to minimize the risk of incidents".



Jordon Joseph and Jacqueline Tsiga with Paul Lamplugh.



## DRUGS AWARENESS DRAMA

Year 7 students were educated on the dangers of drugs with a hard-hitting play.

The Buzzed drama was performed to all Year 7 students on Friday, December 4th and was followed by a workshop led by CBA's Police Community Support Officer Alex Franklin.

The drama is the centre piece of the county council's drugs awareness programme and has been seen by thousands of secondary school across the county.

The drama tells the story of a ten year old school girl, who looks into the future and witnesses her own death from drug abuse at the age of 22. The play shows how after being introduced to cannabis she

then moves onto harder drugs and eventually her life is ended by her addiction.

Following the drama, the students were divided into groups and talked through some of the issues raised. PSO Alex Franklin said: "The drama is powerful and aims to have a real impact for young people."

"Its aim is to educate students in a realistic way how drug use can destroy lives. Following the play we held a workshop and talked through issues that were raised and answered any questions from students."

The PSO is aiming to bring the play back to CBA and have a performance for parents. This follows on from feedback at last month's Parents Safety Evening.



## BRONZE FOR CHLOE

Year 7 student Chloe Iliff has come third in the U13 Corby and Kettering Cross Country Championships.

The keen runner, who is a member of Corby Athletics Club, will now go forward to represent the Corby and Kettering area in the County Cross Country Championships in January.

Chloe, who trains with the middle distance group, will be putting in the training to try

and emulate her success at the country event.

She said: "I have been a member of the athletics club for about a year, and I really enjoy the training."

"It was great to come third and I like to think I am quite competitive."

Chloe was presented with a certificate during the Year 7 assembly.



## PNS GARDEN SALE

An assortment of plants, cakes and jams raised £100 for the PNS garden.

Students Ara-Jade Cursons, Arran Baker and Kyle Stratford manned the stall and sold the goods to students and staff who were looking for Christmas gifts.



## AIM HIGHER LAUNCH

A group of Year 9 students have been given their first introduction to an exciting programme which will help them realise their educational and career dreams.

The Aimhigher event was launched by Sixth Form Vice Principal Avril Bartley-Smith, who gave a talk to a selected group of students in the small theatre this morning.

In total 36 Year 9 CBA students have been selected by the local education authority to be part of the Aim Higher programme, which is linked to all county schools. As part of the programme, students will be invited to events held at the University of Northampton and will take part in careers sessions and revision workshops.

**Mrs Bartley-Smith** told the students: "This is an opportunity for you to have an introduction to higher education at an early age, and become aware of the possibilities out there.

"Research shows that students who go on to higher education are twice as likely to gain employment and the programme will provide a great insight into university life."

The students who enter the programme will be able to continue with it throughout Years 10 and 11 and have the opportunity to attend a summer school.

**Ellie Moore**, said: "I had not considered going to university before, but after the talk I have decided it is something I would like to do."

**aimhigher**



Some of the heroes with their primary school mentees.

## STUDENTS ON A HEROES JOURNEY

A programme about aspirations and the issues that affect young people has proved to be an emotional but rewarding journey.

Hard hitting issues such as bullying, self belief and image have been looked at and tackled by the Heroes Journey project which has been in the Academy during Term 2 – working with students across the Years.

And following on from the first workshop students have put themselves forward as heroes and will then mentor younger students.

The Year 8 group were joined by a number of students from the CBA Sixth Form as well as sister school Kettering Science Academy.

As part of this the older students took on the role of heroes, and acted as mentors within the series of tasks that made up the day. Year 8 student Barbara Silva, said: "The morning session was very emotional and I think it brought the whole year group together. Friends who may have fallen out in the past have already said sorry to each other so it has been a really worthwhile experience.

Heroes Journey is a programme created by the personal development company Human Utopia. It tackles the issue of how poor communication can have a negative impact on relationships and aims to empower young

person to become enterprising by developing personal, social and commercial life skills which enhance their life chances.

Founder member Carlo said: "Human Utopia is about transforming cultures. We go into schools and make staff and students think about who they are at the moment and the barriers they may face, but then to really think about aspirations.

"The feedback we have had has been incredible, and so we have had an impact that hopefully will go on to last."

The programme will be running throughout Term 3 so the next edition of In Press will bring some more developments.

### A HEROES EXPERIENCE

Year 9 student Samia Aktar is one of the heroes.

She said: "Becoming a hero has really helped with my confidence and means that I can assert myself more and as a result I have made new friends.

"I am a mentor for the Session 3 Cooking Club and really enjoy helping the younger students. I have really enjoyed by heroes experience and it has really helped me personally."

## PROUD GRANDMOTHER SHOWS OFF MEDAL

The World Championship silver medal of Britain's most famous gymnast was brought into the Academy.

The prestigious medal won by Corby gymnast Daniel Keatings was shown to students by his grandmother Liz Keatings, who works in the site services department.

And hopefully the top gymnast will be making an appearance at the Academy in the coming months, to give a demonstration.

Daniel won the medal in October, making him the only British person to ever win a medal in the All Around section of the World Championships.

His grandmother said: "I was at the 02 arena in London when he won Silver and it was just fantastic. Daniel,

did not expect to do well, so it was a huge delight to us all. I am just so proud of him."

She added: "He is talented, but the recent results are all down to training – he trains eight hours a day, six days a week and is competing all throughout the year."

He is now arguably Great Britain's top male gymnast and has his sights firmly set on the 2012 Olympics in London.

Liz said of her oldest grandson: "He has been involved and competing in the sport since he was five and has always won medals.



## RISK ASSESSMENT INTERNAL AUDIT

Year 9 students studying BTEC, Health and Safety in The Workplace were given an opportunity to support the regular Health and Safety risk assessment of CBA, which is carried out on a quarterly basis by the Premises Manager, Alain Stubbs.

As part of the students coursework, they not only gained an insight into how to identify hazards and associated risk, but assisted the Academy on their quarterly audit. This resulted in a thorough investigation to maintain high level responsibility and encouragement of students to be aware of health and safety in their learning environment in alignment with the Health and Safety Work Act 1974.

**Alexandra Allan** - Business Studies Teacher







## PARENTS' SAFETY EVENING

CBA's first ever safety information evening for parents has received positive feedback. All of the parents and carers who attended the event were extremely pleased with the content of the sessions.

The event had been organised as a follow on from information sessions about online safety, and other issues such as underage drinking and solvent abuse, that have been talked about with students during assemblies and tutor time.

Vice Principal of Student Care and Guidance Steve Ellis said: "We decided to hold the event as we realised it was important to back up the information we have been giving to students, with some information for our students' parents and carers.

"Many parents may have concerns about the safety of their children while using the computer for social networking at home and so we wanted to give them some useful advice and tips on how they can help make their children's internet use safer."

Northants Police, Northants Fire Service volatile substance abuse charity Solve IT were present at the information session and a talk was given about a new safety device that has been added to the CBA website.

We have installed an icon on our home page (next to the email button), which will allow students to report online abuse and illicit activity to CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).

## PLANS FOR KITCHEN GARDEN

A funding bid is being put in to the Big Lottery programme to help make the dream of a new kitchen garden a reality.

UNIT teacher Nikki Clark is leading the bid for the Local Food open grant programme which is being coordinated by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) as an award partner of the Big Lottery Fund.

Nikki said: "We want to establish a kitchen garden within the school grounds which is primarily accessible for young people with a wide range of physical and learning difficulties. "The garden will also enable other student groups in the school to gain practical gardening skills as well as be a resource to invite local community groups, particularly groups of people with special needs."

The garden area will include an accessible greenhouse, raised

beds, small fruit orchard, a seating area, and chickens and a chicken run.

The garden will be designed to be fully accessible for students with a range of disabilities and will be an educational resource where students will learn and actively take part in where their food comes from and how it is produced.

The garden will be the basis for an after school club and will be particularly useful during the 'summer school' club that hosts activities for special needs children when most other schools are closed.

As the garden 'grows' further enterprise opportunities will develop to enable the garden to be self sustaining. These will include selling a range of produce from eggs to young vegetable plants as well as fruit and vegetables.

## FAITH IN SCHOOL'S DAY

On Tuesday, December 1st, CBA played host to a Year 11 orientated faith workshop day.

Representatives from a variety of faiths including Judaism, Buddhism, Paganism and Christianity came in to present and give ideas about their faiths to groups of Year 11 students in BHE.

The students were asked to listen, quiz and make any notes they wished on the faith and ask as in depth questions as possible. They were also given a set of exam style questions to go through and complete as the day went on.

All of the faith speakers were external except myself who talked about Paganism.

I enjoyed the day and the challenge of making the presentation. Some questions that people asked were thoughtful and constructive and I tried to return insightful answers."

Now Vice Principal of BHE, Lorraine Smith, and myself are looking to hold more events in the hope of spreading faith and community awareness around the Academy, and to explore how different people follow what they believe in.

**Luke Wardle** – Sixth Form student



## SPORTS DAY AT KETTERING LEISURE VILLAGE

16 students from the Unit went along to KLV on December 8th to participate in sports activities as part of Disability Day.

Wheelchair basketball, table cricket and badminton were on the schedule and the students enjoyed being introduced to the new sports.

**Phil Woolley** – PNS Teacher

## YEAR 11 YEARBOOK

A team of Year 11 students are putting together a yearbook to capture the memories of their GCSE year at CBA.

The students are working with a professional company to create the 50 page book which will be available in June.

The committee – which consists of Emma Jordon, Sophie Walsh, Kalya Wilson, Jack Warrior, Lily Taitia, Jake Bettles and Nebojsa Augustinov and Dajana Vucenovic – are now planning the pages and will spend the next few months gathering as many memories and photographs to make sure the yearbook is a great read.

Student Kalya Wilson, said: "We wanted to put together a yearbook, as it will be a great keepsake and in years to come will be a wonderful reminder of our team here at CBA.

"It is going to involve a lot of work from the committee and we hope that all Year 11 students support us in putting together a yearbook of great quality."

The book will include photos of all students and forms, prom pictures, memory pages and a whole Year 11 picture.

There will also be an awards page which all Year 11 students will be asked to participate in



best Most Athletic and Funniest Student.

The yearbook is priced at £14. If any students have photos they would like to be included in the yearbook please pass onto a member of the team or Year 11 PSO Caroline Border.



# SESSION 3

## DANCE CLUB PROVES MOST POPULAR

A dance revolution is sweeping the Academy as more than 30 students are attending the weekly dance club.

Dance coach Daryl Handy has been astounded by the interest in Key Stage 3 club which takes place on Wednesdays from 3.45pm to 5.30pm.

She said: "Right from the start of Term 1 we have had a huge number of students come along and each week we have a consistent number of 30 or more students.

"A lot of the students dance outside of school s they already have an interest in dance and are exploring it further here at the Academy."

The Session 3 club specialises in modern dance and following their performance in the Christmas Concert the students are now working on some new routines.

Year 10 and Year 11 students who are taking their Dance Leadership qualifications are also helping lead some of the sessions.

Just like the Dance Club the qualification has proved hugely popular, with 30 plus Key Stage 4 students involved.

Mrs Handy said: "The dance department is becoming very strong as we have lots of talented students with a keen interest in dance.

"The students were great in the Christmas Show and I look forward to seeing further progress."



The Dance Club members.



## DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB SNAPS INTO ACTION

The Digital Photography Club is now up and running and welcomed students Abbie Brine, Shannon Davidson, Elli McCloud, and Aaron Baker who are all keen to learn about the art of taking good photos.

We have just started using the CBA cameras and are exploring the various settings to see what happens. We have taken pictures of each other to create our own club badges so when people stop us in the Academy we can show our identity badges. We have had a lot of curious students wanting to join in and ask what we are doing..

There is so much to see when you open your eyes and cameras help you capture so many interesting things.

Why not pop along during Session 3 on Mondays in MAIT ML7.

**Sally Knibbs** – DPC Leader



Photographs taken by students.

## HAVE YOU GOT THE XFACTOR?

### Are you interested in auditioning for a forthcoming talent show?

Whether you are a singer, a dancer, musician, magician or an actor we want to see your talent.

The auditions will be held in the dance studio with Mrs Dickinson, Laura Mickley and Lauren Angeri on Tuesday, 12th January between 4pm and 5pm.

If you manage to impress the judges you will be performing in CBA's got The X Factor show, on 30th March, 2010. If you are interested in auditioning or need

further information, please see Mrs Dickinson, Kelsey Carter or Chrissie Moore. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Chrissie Moore & Kelsey Carter** –X Factor Marketing and Publicity Directors Year 11



## NETBALL CLUBS

Year 7 and 8 girls are reminded that training takes place during Session 3 on Tuesdays. Fixtures start after the Christmas break so it is vital that students attend.





## CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY SESSION 3 ACTIVITIES

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
<b>MONDAY</b>				
AMID	CBA Choir	AU4	3.45 - 4.45	Adrian Taylor/ Clive Wears
PNS	"Badminton/Table Tennis - all years boys and girls open to primaries"	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Steve Wedgewood
PNS	Netball (12/13)	Netball Courts	3.30 - 4.45	Kim Asher
PNS	Volleyball	Sports Hall	3.30 - 4.45	James Aston
PNS	Hockey(all years)	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam
MAIT	Digital Photography Club	MAIT	3.30 - 4.45	Sally Knibbs
MAIT	Bike, Skateboard, Inline skates and Helmet - cost £4.00	Based at Adrenaline Alley	3.30 - 5.30	Susan Tilley
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
AMID	Junior Concert Band	AU4	3.45 - 4.45	Pam Carter
AMID	Junior Band / Steel Band	AU6	3.45 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	KS 3 Textile/Craft Club	AU11	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis
AMID	KS3 Design	AMID	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	KS 3 Licence to Cook	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
AMID	KS 3 Art Club - Room AL8	AL8	3.45 - 4.45	Jackie Brown
PNS	Basketball Boys - (Years 11/12)	Sports Hall	3.30 - 5.45	John Atkinson
PNS	Dance (KS4/5)	Dance Studio	3.30 - 5.45	Francia Dickenson
PNS	Football (Year 9)	Astro	3.30 - 5.45	Phil Woolley
PNS	Cricket (Year 7)	Field	3.30 - 5.45	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Animal / Garden Club - alternate weeks - all years	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
MAIT	Year 13 ICT Coursework Catch Up	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	Kam Zaman
MAIT	Target Group Maths	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	Gerri Rowe
COMMS	Health and Social catch up KS4	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
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
AMID	Brass Band	AU6	3.45 - 4.45	John Hudson
AMID	Rock Club Beginners / able players	AU4	3.15 - 5.00	David'ONeil
PNS	Fitness /Rowing (all years)	PU4	3.30 - 4.45	Mark Allen
PNS	Dance (KS3)	Sports Hall	3.30 - 5.45	Daryl Handy
PNS	Judo (all years) *	Sports Hall	4.00 - 6.00	Laurence Kenyon
COMMS	GCSE English Coursework Support	COMMS	3.45 - 4.45	Caroline Barrett
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>THURSDAY</b>				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.45 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	Samba Club	AU2	3.45 - 4.45	John Sharpe
AMID	KS3 Enterprise Projects	AMID	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	KS 4 Catch-up Sessions	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	KS 4 Art Catch-up Sessions	AU1	3.45 - 5.00	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	KS 4 Child Development Catch-up Sessions	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Cath Davis
AMID	KS 3/4 Food/Hospitality Catch-up Sessions	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
AMID	KS 4 RM Craft Club	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Chris Lane
COMMS	GCSE English Coursework Support	COMMS	3.45 - 4.45	Caroline Barrett
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Viv Gilbert
MAIT	Year 11 ICT Coursework Catch Up	ML7	3.45 - 5.00	Kam Zaman/ Karl Lomax
PNS	Football Girls - (all years)	Astro	3.30 - 5.45	Mark Allen
PNS	Football Boys - (Year 7/ 8)	Astro	3.30 - 5.45	Andy Duncan
PNS	KS4 Girls Boxercise	Sports Hall	3.30 - 5.45	Phil Woolley
BHE	Film Club	Small Theatre	3.40- 5.30	Ian Nicol
BHE	Court Rehearsals	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Kirsty Farrar
LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	LIBRARY	3.45 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>FRIDAY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACADEMY CLOSSES AT 3.30PM</b>				
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 4.00	Amy McKay

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

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





## Parents in Partnership

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### THE CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

After much in house festive rivalry the PNS department lifted the title after some strict judging by Parents and Partnership. The Faculty takes the title from COMMS who won last year.

Lyn Wilson from PIP said: "We decided make the PNS faculty the winners as they have colour coded the tree and it had been decorated with a very personal touch – featuring pictures of staff and students."

PNS Vice Principal Sarah Ashby said: "We thought we were perpetually going to get second after last year's experiences. The students have worked incredibly hard after school with our staff particularly Ms Eagleson and Ms Varley to get the tree ready in time. We hope everyone enjoys it as much as we did making it."



## CBA CENTRAL

A new personalised information technology service is being launched in the New Year.

CBA Central will go live in Term 3 and will add a new dimension to the information channels here at the Academy.

The new feature will give students information relevant to their year group and there will also be a separate area for staff.

After consultation with students it has been decided that the desktop will display information such as lunch times, daily menus, bus time tables and the relevant news of the day.

Other exciting features will allow students to book their late buses through the computer network and there will also be an online voting system so that students can have their say on important issues.

Vice Principal Sarah Ashby said: "This is a very exciting development to our information system as it is

cutting edge use of communication systems - which will also reduce the number of emails sent around (especially for staff).

"It will be an extension of the information that we display on our website, but it will be more immediate, so when students log into the computer network they will be presented with information that is relevant to them that day.

"For example, it can be used by staff to post details of coursework deadlines, or important events unusual to the normal timetable."

Year 10 student Morium Atker, who was involved with the consultation and proposed the idea for the online late bus booking system, said:

"It will be great to be able to log onto our computer and see all the relevant information for the day ahead."



## "e-mail your thoughts"

To keep our newsletter as fresh and up-to-date as possible we rely on the contributions from staff, students, parents, local business and our local community.

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