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# IN PRESS

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## CBA STUDENT SENATE OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED AS THE COUNTY'S BEST

**Corby Business Academy has achieved a county first. It has been awarded the Platinum Northamptonshire Schools Council Award.**

Just one week after achieving the Gold standard, inspector Glenys Cox decided to decorate the Academy with the top honour.

The award is a spectacular achievement, as no other school in the county has reached the Platinum standard and only a handful of schools have a Gold Award.

The inspector said: "The Platinum award is given to the school's that meet the gold standard and then demonstrate their workings within the community and with external agencies.

**"The Academy Senate is a shining example of an excellent school council and I have been impressed with the all that I have seen."**

The Senate was formed last Autumn and has already been instrumental in making changes to policy and procedure.

Principal Dr Andrew Campbell said: "This is an excellent achievement and a first for Northamptonshire. It is yet more proof that CBA is totally committed to the needs of all its students and shows just what can be done when staff and students really work together."

Senate member Kevin Karuga-Ogwang said: "The Senate gives students a bigger voice within the Academy and I have really enjoyed

seeing our recommendations become part of Academy policy."

Vice Principal Sarah Ashby, who chairs the Senate said: "Our students drive the agenda, they have become very good at deciding themselves what the priorities are for change and finding ways to persuade staff and other students to support their ideas. I look forward to working with this year's Forums and Senate once the elections have been completed in October."

The Academy will be presented with the official award in January. Students will also have an input into a plaque which will be presented to the Academy by Glenys Cox.

This year the Senate minutes will be available to view on the CBA website under the Student Life section.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to this year's first In Press.

For Year 7 students and parents this may be the first time you will have read our termly magazine, so I hope you will find this of great interest.

Once again the pages are crammed full of all the interesting activities that our students have been involved in during this term.

Special mention must go to the activities during Local Democracy Week, which saw students get involved in many democracy themed events and the Academy was also visited by important local councillors (read all about the week on page 14).

You will also read about our new Student Senate. Elections took place this term and we now have a new group of student representatives who are eager to match the achievements of 08/09 Senate.

**Sarah Ashby**  
Vice Principal – PNS

## CELEBRATING GCSE RESULTS

The Academy has proved it is well on track after its first year, as almost 50 per cent of students gained five GCSE A\* to C.

This was a 20% increase on the pass rate of the Academy's predecessor Corby Community College and demonstrates the successful transition made by students.

The results were testament to the hard work and dedication put in by students and staff during the Academy's first academic year.

**Principal Dr Andrew Campbell said:**

"As a collective the students have put in a very strong performance in the first year and we have laid the foundations for continued success.

"We have had very good results from a number of students, many of whom will stay with us and continue their academic studies in our Sixth Form."



# LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“As you can see from the wide range of stories and articles in this latest edition of In Press, life at CBA has continued at the same fast pace as last year.”



I am delighted that this edition of In Press gets the year off to such a positive start by celebrating the excellent work of our student Senate.

The only way any school can develop is by working in partnership with its students and parents. To be the first school in the county to receive the Platinum Award for Student Council is truly wonderful and provides clear proof that CBA is well on the way to building a very strong community, where the voices of students are listened to and respected at all times.

In recognition of our achievement and as part of Local Democracy Week it was a pleasure to host a visit from Andrew Grant, Northampton County Council Portfolio holder for Children and Young People's Services on Friday, October 16th and the councillor was immensely impressed with

what he saw of our young people.

The penultimate week of term saw us host our annual Admissions Open Week which was a great success.

In total more than 750 people visited CBA to see the style of education we offer and the opportunities that are available to everyone who attends our school. As always, students were at the heart of the event taking on duties as tour guides and answering questions from parents. My thanks to everyone who helped make this busy week such a success.

As you can see from the wide range of stories and articles in this latest edition of In Press, life at CBA has continued at the same fast pace as last year and I look forward to welcoming you to some of our Christmas events later in the year.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and carers that CBA is committed to high attendance for every student. From the start of next term we will be launching a drive to improve attendance even further and the parents of any student whose attendance falls below 95% will receive a letter alerting them to our concerns.

Should there then be a failure to improve attendance, the Academy will be inviting parents in to school for a meeting with a senior member of staff and your son/daughter's PSO. We very much value your support in helping everyone at CBA to achieve and be the very best that they can.

*Andrew Campbell*

## SENATE REWARDED WITH A PLAQUE



The 08/09 Senate were rewarded for their great achievements with a plaque.

The names of the 12 Senate members will now go down in Academy history as the plaque is to take pride of place outside the PNS Faculty.

Presenting the plaque Principal Andrew Campbell said: "This is to thank you all for the fantastic work you have done in helping create the school.

"When we opened the Academy there were certain challenges but you played a huge part in the Academy becoming what it is today.

"It is incredible to think what we have achieved in the first year."



## SENATE FOR THE 09/10

After weeks of election fever the new Senate for the 09/10 year has been elected. Students got to know the working of the democratic process as they first put themselves forward to be their tutor group Forum reps, having to put together a manifesto. After a vote by their classmates the Forum reps then had to write a letter to say why they would like to join the Senate and what qualities they could bring to the school council.

The student now have the task of representing the ideas of their Year Group and building on the great start made by their predecessors.

**The Senate representatives for each year are:**

**Year 7:** Amy Moore and Joe Folan / **Year 8:** Julia Komor and Josh Cresswell

**Year 9:** Charlie Prentice and Hannah Warren / **Year 10:** Nicole Parsons

and Steven McBride / **Year 11:** Jack Warrior and Kalya Wilson

**Sixth Form:** Connor Wilson and Danny Welsh



## Corby Business Academy

# Key Dates

IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION**2009 / 2010 TERM 2**

<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Uganda Visit
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Start of Term 2 - All students and staff</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Plant a Tree Day
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Global Entrepreneurship Week
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Photos
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Year 11 & 13 Consultation Week
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 11 & 13 Parents Evening 5pm to 7pm
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Junior Concert Band Tour
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Clothes Show Trip
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Concert / Pantomime
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Term 2 Ends</b>



## DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME

We are currently putting in place the Disability Equality Scheme for the Academy. The duty requires schools to:

- Promote equality of opportunity between disabled people and other people
- Eliminate discrimination that is unlawful under the Disability Discrimination Act
- Eliminate harassment of disabled people that is related to their disability
- Promote positive attitudes towards disabled people
- Encourage participation by disabled people in public life
- Take steps to meet disabled people's needs, even if this requires more favourable treatment

As part of our planning and consideration of these issues we would like to involve students and parents. We will be sending an invitation to all parents who may have an interest in these matters to attend a presentation at the Academy and we hope, from this, to set up a focus group which will meet three times a year to oversee the development of the scheme.

Please look out for your invitation as we hope that as many people as possible will attend.

**Carol Rubinstein**



## EXTRA LATE BUS

Due to the high demand for students staying to do Session 3 activities there will be provided from the start of Term 2 an additional late bus at 5pm.

This means that on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays there will be two buses at 5pm and a final bus at 5.45pm.

The current route of the 5pm bus will be split into bus A and bus B, so that the journey time is shortened.

Students must also remember that they have to book a place on the bus at the start of each day.

On Wednesdays there will be one late bus at 5pm and no 5.45pm service.

On Friday there is not a 5pm or 5.45pm service with the last bus leaving at the end of the Academy day at 3.30pm.

**The stops on the late bus A are:** Weldon Londis, Station Road garage, Elizabeth Street (near Police station), Gainsborough Road (near Lidl), Gainsborough Road/Blake Road bus stop, Sower Leys bus stop, Harpers Brook, Oakley Road (Morrisons bus stop), Danesholme Road bus stop, Colyers Avenue, Gainsborough Road/Greenhill Rise, Greenhill Rise (shops), Beanfield Avenue (Shops),

**The stops on late bus B are:** Kwik Fit Old Village, Rockingham Road/Pen Green Centre, Rockingham Road/White Post Court, Willowbrook Road (water tower), Kingsthorpe/Pytchley shops, Kingsthorpe Avenue/Abigdon Park, Cottingham Road/Richmond Road.

## 2010 CALENDAR ALMOST READY

The 2010 Calendar is in the process of being designed by the Inclusion Unit staff and students.

The photos, which will show students involved in a range of activities both in and out in the local community, are being selected before being sent off to the printers.

It will also feature a business sponsor each month including RS Components, Weetabix and Adrenaline Alley.

This year the calendar will also feature details of term dates. They will be on sale during Term 2.

## KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH **ACADEMY NEWS**

A new feature has been added to the Academy website to make sure you hear about all our news when it happens.

We have added an RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed application to our website so that students, parents and local businesses and community contacts can be keep up-to-date with all that is happening within the Academy.

Through the website you can subscribe to the news feed so that whenever a new article is

added onto the website an email will arrive in your inbox to let you know.

All you have to do to receive the new feed is click onto the RSS box – on many computer systems this is the orange box on the menu toolbar . You will be asked if you want to subscribe, check the tick box and the news will then appear in your RSS feeds box in your inbox.

[www.corbybusinessacademy.org](http://www.corbybusinessacademy.org)

## RSS FEEDS



# BUSINESS LINKS & ENTERPRISE

## TRY SOMETHING NEW TODAY

### Sainsbury's

Students were given an insight into the retailing world when Sainsbury's Team Leader Vicky Davis paid a visit to a Sixth Form lesson.

The aim was for the students, who are studying their GCSE BTEC First Certificate in Retail, to identify and understand the key features of different retail services and how they operate.

Everything from supply chain management, merchandising, promotion, the latest technology, customer service and careers was discussed.

CBA students and staff would like to thank Sainsbury's for their support.

**Alexandra Allan** - BHE Teacher



Sixth Form students with Vicky Davis from Sainsbury's and teacher Alexandra Allan

## STUDENTS TO CREATE WEBSITE FOR BUSINESS GROUP

Students have been asked to design and create a website for Corby Business Group.

IT Teacher Karl Lomax is leading the Session 3 activity to create a modern website for Corby's leading business group.

Three Key Stage 3 and two Key Stage 4 students will be involved in the project.

At the end of Term 1 CBG member Ika Casta, came into the Academy to give the web brief to students.

She said: "We need a new website to promote the group and its activities and we thought it would be a great idea to work in partnership with the CBA students to come up with a design and then go on to build it."



"We look forward to seeing their ideas."

As part of the project a new logo for the group will also be created.

The design will start during Term 2 and the website will go live in the new year.

Mr Lomax said: "At CBA we are giving students the opportunity to learn web development skills, lead in web projects and apply these skills to real world situations."

## MENTORING RETURNS FOR A SECOND YEAR

This will be the second year that Corby Business Academy will be running its business mentoring program in conjunction with RS components

This year about ten Year 10 students will be offered the opportunity of working closely with a member of staff from the worldwide organisation.

Students will gain an insight into various aspects of the business including the opportunity to shadow their mentors for the day. Approximately five Year 12 students who were mentored last year will continue to work with their mentors.

Junior Grant who was mentored last year, said "it was a very worthwhile experience and one that I am glad will be continuing into the Sixth Form."

**Dan Arnold** – Director of Business

# INTERNATIONAL LINKS

## LINK TRIP TO UGANDA

As you read this article a team of Sixth Formers and BHE Teachers will be preparing to take part in CBAs first ever international link trip to Uganda.

Teachers Kirsty Farrar and Dan Arnold, along with students Jordon Joseph and Ross Hay, will head to the Discovery Centre in the African country on October 28th as part of a project to build links between the Academy and the centre.

The Centre, which is a unique residential facility on over 20 acres of ground close to Lake Victoria in Junja, Uganda, was set up in 1994 years ago as a response to the dire situation in regard to AIDS in the country at that time.

The project is run in partnership with UK registered charity Adventure Projects Trust and YWAM (Youth With A Mission), Uganda.

Before leaving Ross said: "It will just be amazing to see what Africa is like. "This is really an experience of a lifetime and it will be incredible to learn about the different culture."

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

The team have undertaken various fundraising efforts to get together the £4,000 needed to pay for the visit.

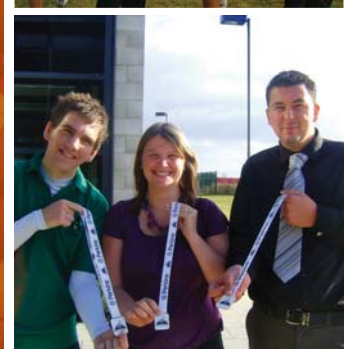
In October the team took part in the Great East Half Marathon in Peterborough. After a heroic

effort all the team crossed the finish line, bringing in hundreds of pounds in sponsorship for their cause.

A race night was also held at Great Oakley Cricket Club.

Miss Farrar said: "This will be a fantastic opportunity for the students. It will be a cultural experience which you just cannot emulate in the classroom and the students will also help us set up the links with the centre."

**"This time it is Sixth Form students who are visiting but next year it may be a different year group and we are looking forward to see how the international link develops."**





# PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

## FUN IN SCIENCE

Science in the PNS Faculty has been full of variety this term. Year 7 got to grips with a Bunsen burner during their induction training and there have also been some chemical gardens created in the labs.

Rocks have also been heated as part of a look at construction materials and students have been collecting insects as part of their studies.

As this picture montage taken by Science Teacher Stephen Chandler shows, Science is never boring!



## THE WINNER OF A YEAR 7 COMPETITION

Shola McGregor's 7kgs vegetable beat some stiff competition to win the title of the CBA's first ever pumpkin competition which was launched in July.

After a donation of some seeds for the allotment it was decided to challenge the Year 7s to employ their green fingers and take the seedlings home to nurture them.

Shola has won cinema tickets for a film of her choice for herself and her family.

Runners up were Chloe Bowden with a 5 Kg pumpkin who wins a £10 book voucher and Jack Farren with a 0.9 Kg pumpkin who wins a £5 book voucher.

Nathan Brooks who grew a butternut squash (because high demand for entry meant we ran out of pumpkin plants) also wins a £5 book voucher.



## SPORTS LEADERSHIP AWARDS

- NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ACADEMY

The national qualifications are being taught in the PNS department and will give students a basic grounding to go onto other coaching qualifications.

Sixth Form A Level students are doing the Level 2 Sports Leadership Award.

Phil Woolley, who is teaching the course said: "The course gives the students a grounding in general sports leadership and from that the students can go on to specialize in a particular area, for example football.

"After gaining this qualification the students will be able to coach small sports groups."

Daryl Handy is also coaching students towards the Level 1 Dance Leadership Award.





# COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

## TURNING PAGES AT TUTOR TIME

A new reading initiative has started across Key Stage 3 this term.

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will now spend the majority of their tutor time with their head in a book as part of the new Eyes Down Initiative.

Three times a week students will spend 15 minutes a day during tutor time reading a book of their choice which they can bring from home or take from the CBA library shelves.

Vice Principal of Communications, Janet Duggan, said: "Eyes Down has been introduced to complement the curriculum as literacy skills are vital to all subjects.

"We want to encourage students to read for pleasure and it will also break down the barriers to learning that poor literacy skills can impose."

Year 8 student Nicole Bean (pictured left) picked up Ruby Parker: Musical Star by Rowan Coleman.

The avid reader said: "I really enjoy reading and always have a book on the go. I think Eyes Down is a great scheme and it is nice to be able to have peace and quiet during tutor time so that we can enjoy a book."

The scheme ties in with Accelerated Reader, an online assessment resource that helps determine a student's level of reading and suggest appropriate reading material.

As part of the scheme students take part in an online quiz after they have finished each book which will monitor their progress and suggest new targets.

In line with this, all of the books within the CBA library have been colour coded so that students can assess a book at the right level.



Jack Parkinson and Jordan England pick a book from the reading trolley.



Nicole Bean and her favourite book.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Year 7 students in Caroline Barratt's English class were given the task of writing an autobiographical piece and bringing a character from their lives to life.

After much deliberation and many wonderful articles, In Press editor Sarah Ashby chose pieces written by Paige Johnston and Dannii Calvert to appear in print.



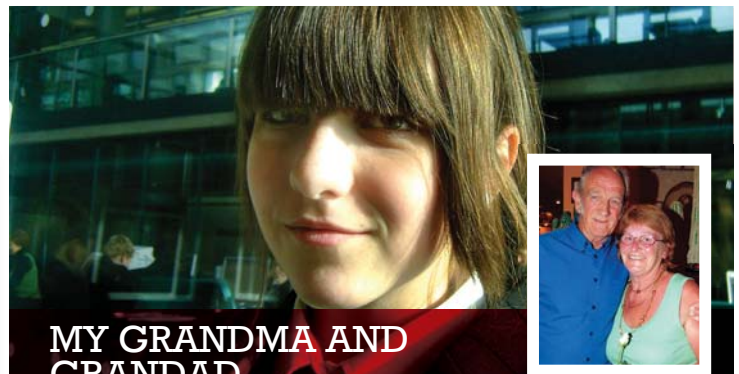
### MY GRANDAD DAVID CROOKS BY PAIGE JOHNSTON

I always thought he was ridiculous, my grandad Dave. Well he's not exactly my grandad since my Nan married him after her marriage to my real grandad, but even before I knew this I still called him Dave. Although back then it was Dade, since I couldn't pronounce my Vs properly.

Although he was generous, he was kind of scary looking as his false teeth made him look like a vampire. He was also very strong and had a great sense of humour. I remember that when I was little I would ask him: "Dade, have you played dolf today?" Then him and my Nan would irritate me by saying loads of Ds.

For my eighth birthday I had the most hilarious sleepover. Dave was there and I remember he has his teeth in 'vampire mode' and chased us up the stairs. They all screamed but I laughed so hard I couldn't stop.

Once in the morning when I woke up he was strolling around the house with a ginger wig on. He looked like a demented male Annie, but then the most awful thing happened – he started singing! It was unbelievable but so funny. Not a way I wanted to spend my Sunday morning.



### MY GRANDMA AND GRANDAD BY DANNII CALVERT

I've always rejoiced in spending time with my grandma and grandad, because it's so much fun! They spoil me like they're never going to see me again. I love staying over at their house because there are no rules. My grandma is 54 and totally mad! My grandad is 65 and moans non stop.

When I stay over, my grandad always prepares a colossal fry up for me, which includes a fried egg, baked beans, canned tomatoes, sausages, bacon, hash browns, fried mushrooms and fried toast. It's SO unhealthy, but delicious.

Usually when I sleep over at their house, me and my grandma play on Foxy Bingo and then she goes to bed at around eleven and me and my grandad watch a film. In the morning I get dressed really late and my grandma lets me choose what she wears and do her make up.

We nearly always go shopping when I'm there, either for food or clothes. I love food shopping with them because we buy a feast of treats, full of chocolate muffins, flapjacks, cookies, corner yoghurts, popcorn, Oreos, Super Noodles, hot chocolate - practically everything the shop sells.

**I would not change my grandma and grandad in any way, they are great the way they are.**

# ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

## A SPLASH OF COLOUR TO EDUCATION PROJECT

Art students from Corby Business Academy have helped transform Anglian Water's new Education Centre into a colourful haven.

The centre based at the Corby Wastewater Treatment Works in Weldon Road, is a new education centre for students from schools in Corby and beyond to visit and discover the importance of water conservation.

Paying homage to the theme, the outside of the centre has been decorated by Corby artist Lise Griffiths with a mural depicting wildlife in the changing seasons.

CBA Art students Carl and Dale Page, Viktorija Janoviciute and Head of Art Jacqui Brown joined the artist in the creative work along with other volunteers.

They gave up many hours over the summer break to help transform the outside of the centre.

Carl, who along with his brother is a member of the Youth Action Team, which promotes volunteering among

young people said: "It was great to be able to do something artistic and we are proud that the centre will be there for many years to come."

**Dale said: "Volunteering is great as you get to meet new people, learn new skills and also help the community."**

Collette Nicholls, of Anglian Water, said: "Climate change is one of the biggest challenges that we face and it's important that the next generation understand the need to conserve water where we can and how we have to appreciate the sewer and the part we can all play in helping it to do its job.

"Yes, these are big themes and big messages, but it's all delivered in a way to inspire our young visitors – and they can even check into the stag beetle hotel and have an ugly bug ball in our wildlife garden!

"We are grateful for the help volunteers from Corby Business Academy gave this summer to make the education centre look stunning."



## GETTING CREATIVE WITH RUBBISH

Unwanted foil wrappers are wanted for a textiles recycling projects.

Cath Davis will be using the wrappers with her Year 7 and Year 8 students, who with the help of the sewing machine will be transforming them into useable items such as wash bags.

Mrs Davis needs as many wrappers as possible so instead of throwing them in the bin please take them along to her room in the AMID Faculty.

## GCSE MUSIC

This September has seen the start of the new GCSE Music course with over 16 students opting onto the course. The course is divided into four elements with 30 per cent concentrating on performing, 30 per cent on composing; 25 per cent on listening and 15 per cent on creative tasks.

The students are enjoying this new course and I am looking forward to students achieving good grades.

**Clive Wears** – Director of Music

## REHEARSALS

The Concert band is putting in the rehearsal hours for two public performances in December.

The band will be performing a tour of primary schools on Friday, December 4 and the Christmas Concert is being staged on Wednesday, December 16th.

Times and more information to follow in Term 2.



## TECHNOLOGY AT KEY STAGE 3

We are delighted with our facilities at CBA in Industrial Design and have planned some exciting projects and experiences for students. The students at Key Stage 3 will have experiences in Food, Product Design, Resistant Materials and Textiles and will be able to bring home all completed work. In order to maintain our quality projects there will be a charge depending on each project to cover some of the costs of ingredients and materials. This is to be paid when the project is completed, monies to be paid to the Technician

in the Faculty at the time of the lesson..

When students participate in Food Technology they are charged £1 per dish and also reminded to bring a container to take their food home in and on some occasion a baking dish. We will of course give students a weeks notice when bringing dishes from home. All food dishes/practical are designed to fit into the family meals.

**Cath Davis** - Director of Industrial Design.



# MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)



Julia Marques-Pike sits in a race car.

## MATHS STARS MEET RACING STARS

High flying Maths students were rewarded for exam success with a behind the scenes tour of a prestigious racing series.

CBA business link Rockingham Motor Speedway invited 15 Year 10 students along to the British Touring car Championships in Term 1 to meet the big name racing drivers.

The students, who have been in the Maths fast lane, having achieved their GCSEs two years early this summer, met TEAM RAC driver and HiQ MSA British Touring Car Championship leader Colin Turkington as he prepared for the title showdown.

Colin and teammate Stephen Jelley signed autographs and answered questions as the Year 10 completed their whistle-stop tour of the circuit with a visit to the Team RAC BMW garage as they prepped the cars for the big race.

The students also visited Racing Silverline, TH Motorsports and Team Boulevard where they met some of the unsung heroes who work behind the scenes to keep the drivers and their cars on track throughout the season.

MAIT Vice Principal, Tony Segalini, said: "This was an absolutely fantastic experience. Despite the busy work schedule of their race weekend, the drivers and teams displayed a very impressive attitude in taking time out for our group.

"For the girls it was great for them to see that not every team is all-male with some female crew members in senior positions. Above all, the students have met some excellent role models and I'm sure will be inspired by what they have seen and learnt today."

Rockingham Director Charlotte Orton, said: "We have been working very closely with Corby Business Academy since the school opened, so we were delighted to be able to invite some of the students to come along as our special guests.

"The students can see the circuit from their school and can often hear the different activity on track, but this is probably the first visit to Rockingham for some of the children and hopefully the behind-the-scenes tour has provided them with a memorable day.

"We believe in making motorsport accessible to everyone and by helping to organise visits like these, it is the perfect opportunity to introduce the next generation to motor racing and hopefully pick up some new fans on the way."

## JUNK FOOD SAMPLED

Year 7 students designed their own questionnaires around the hypothesis, 'Do young people like junk food more than adults?' This hypothesis was tested by conducting a survey during lunch time in the Academy restaurant.

A sample of 30 students and 30 staff were surveyed. It was confirmed that young people do like junk food more than adults.

**"The survey was a success and there was some good research work for our Year 7 in MAIT."**

Maxwell Sam - Maths Teacher



The students survey hungry staff and students.



# BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)



## DIGGING FOR VICTORY

A taste of life during World War Two is being experienced by GCSE History students who have set up their own allotment to recreate the Dig For Victory campaign.

Just like millions of Britons during the 1939-1945 war, the students are growing their own vegetables in a bid to understand what life was like in Britain seventy years ago.

The Dig For Victory campaign was introduced by the government during the war in response to a food shortage. People were expected to turn their lawns and flower beds into allotments in a bid to feed their families and their neighbours.

Kirsty Farrar, who teaches the GCSE History class, said: "The Home Front is a GCSE module this year, so we thought it would be a good idea

for the students to keep their own allotment so that they could get a feel for what life was like during the war years.

"As we established an allotment last year behind the PNS Faculty it seemed like the perfect idea."

A variety of winter vegetables will be planted and the students will take ownership of looking after and nurturing their crop.

Lauren Stratford, who is part of the history group said: "I think its a great idea and I have really enjoyed it so far.

"I think it will make it easier to relate to the subject as we will have a better understanding of what life was like for those who were in Britain during the war."



## RAF DAY

The RAF were invited into the Academy to put the BTEC Uniformed Public Services group through its paces.

Flight Lieutenants Mal Gavin and Sergeant Del Penman spent the day with the students, leading outdoor teamwork sessions and giving a talk about the military service.

The Academy is the only secondary school in the county to offer the BTEC Uniformed Public Services course, which has once again proved popular with 23 students enrolled.

The course gives an introduction to the uniformed public services and is perfect for students who are considering a career within the police or fire service or any of the military services.

After the day's events Flight Lieutenant Mal Gavin, who is in charge of RAF outreach services for the East Midlands area said: "We had great interest from the students and at the Q & A session 80 per cent of the students asked careers based questions.

"There are more than sixty jobs within the RAF, from pilot to chef and from doctor to driver."

Tony Segalini, who runs the course said: "It was pleasing to have the RAF in for the day and the students enjoyed the activities.

"Throughout the course we will give the students an introduction to all of the various public services and there will also be the opportunity to go on teamwork and skills based trips to places such as Rutland Water and further afield."

## VOTE FOR IT! DEMOCRACY AT CBA

Year 7 students have been sampling what it's like to create their own political parties and run their own general elections in Citizenship. Having agreed that democracy is a far better system of government than a country ruled by a dictator or a monarch, students soon got to work on their political manifestos and candidates' speeches.

Convincing and eye catching posters were designed as well as rosettes and party logos. The manifesto promises ranged from more police on the streets to global governance to bring about ever lasting peace in the world.

Everyone was given a chance to vote for the best candidate using ballot papers and a ballot box, with some students taking on the role of official counters and the Returning Officer who announced the overall winner.

To extend their learning even further, students compared the UK system of First Past the Post with the French system of non proportional representation and were split on opinion as to whose electoral system was fairer – but what it did allow us to do was us to practise the little French we knew!

**Samantha Stacey**  
– BHE Teacher



## NEW STAFF MEMBER'S EXPERIENCE

My first three weeks at CBA have been a excellent. I feel lucky to be in the BHE department where my colleagues are extremely welcoming, supportive and fun to be with. My Year 7 tutees are wonderful and I am slowly getting to know their quirky characters and sense of humours. It is so lovely to teach students with a positive attitude to work and who are determined to do well. I love the glass walls in every classroom – it makes the Academy feel very open and spacious and I enjoy being able to look out and see the buzz of activity going on around me. All in all, my start at CBA couldn't have been a better one.

**Samantha Stacey** – BHE Teacher





# SIXTH FORM

## COMMUNITY WORK PAYS OFF

The community work of a CBA Sixth Form student has boosted the fundraising pot of a CBA international project.

Dzeneta Vainauskaite spent many days during the summer break helping run a community charity shop in Corby town centre.

The scheme was set up by environmental regeneration charity Groundwork Northants to help young people contribute to the community and also learn the business skills involved in running a retail outlet.

Along with 20 other young people Dzeneta ran the shop, getting involved with everything from stock control, to customer service and security.

She also took an active role in advertising the project, designing and handing out flyers, promoting the store and appealing for donations of unwanted goods to sell.

At the end of the project the best worker was allowed to decide where the £1,000 earned funds would go and after winning the accolade Dzeneta decided to donate £500 to CBA's Uganda trip.

The trip will see BHE teachers Kirsty Farrar and Dan Arnold along with two Sixth Form students Ross Hay and Jordon Joseph, travel to the African country to attend a Sixth Form conference and visit a residential education centre. (Read the article on Page 4 for more details).

Dzeneta, who has been involved with volunteering and community work in

Corby since she and moved to the country three years ago, said: "It feels great to be able to donate the money to the Uganda trip.

"I had entered the competition to go to Uganda, but even though I did not win I still wanted to be able to contribute.

"I worked as hard as I could during the summer to win the title of best worker as I really wanted to be able to donate the funds."



## VOLUNTARY TALK

The Sixth Form was visited by Northamptonshire Voluntary Youth Action this term.

Youth Volunteer Advisor Jolene Watson came in to talk to students about the opportunities open to them within the local voluntary sector. She will be returning in Term 2 to link in with parts of the Year 12 enrichment programme.

Sixth Form student Gabriella Tarrant said: "I had not heard of the organisation before so it was interesting to find out about what they do.

"I will be considering doing some voluntary work in the future."

Stephanie Tinto, Gabriella Tarrant and Aidan McDonald look through material from NVYA.



## ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

A- Level English students went to the theatre to watch a hard hitting play as part of their enrichment programme.

Sixth Formers Ben Young and Jade Macleod organised the trip to Stamford Theatre to see Ken Kesey's One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest.

Jade said: "Having never heard or watched the play or film before, I thought this play was very good but it was also quite weird. It was very dark in some places as it was set in a mental institution in 1960s America.

"The main character MacMurphy, is a fighter and gambler character, who swaggers into the hospital, excites the other patients and challenges the Head nurse.

"But while MacMurphy puts on this façade, this soon turns into a grim struggle with the authority and his own free will which ends with a shocking death."

Jade Macleod with the play programme.



## PEAK TRIP

The Peak District was the destination for students from the BTEC Public Services course.

The camping expeditions saw the students take part in a two day hill walk during which they had to follow the route cards timings and so there was no time to waste.

**Sixth Form student Lisa Wallace who attended said:**  
"The trip was not as strenuous as I thought it would be and we all had great fun."

## INSPIRED ABOUT WORK SKILLS

The Inspire education company visited CBA to support the students in the new Work Skills qualification which all, Year 12 students are following.

Students learnt how to maximise their learning and increase their memory capacity with a number of different techniques.

They also developed their understanding of Mind maps, note taking and summarising documents.

All are skills which they will need to use throughout their Level 3 studies and when they go onto university.

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





# LIBRARY



Winners of the Limerick competition.

## NATIONAL POETRY DAY

The Library was buzzing with the sounds of rhyming couplets and witty verses for the 100th National Poetry Day on October 8th. Students from all years were involved in a limerick competition, timed tongue twister and poetry recitals.

Year 7 student Dylan Cottell, who has performed at literary festivals, read *The Eagle* by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

He said: "I like to read poetry aloud so I have really enjoyed the library events."

Erin Anderson won the tongue-twister competition after giving a word-perfect

performance of a pre-selected rhyme in only 7.59secs.

Dr Campbell judged over 40 entries in the limerick competition and decided that the following group effort by Corey York, Kerrieanne Leach, Jamielee Molloy, Chelsea Long, Ashlee Bester, Anthony McHugh and Aiden Lea from Year 7 was the best:

**Mr Price has cute mice, that eat yummy yellow rice. He has a piranha that eats a banana, but he prefers hot chilli spice.**

**Amy McKay** - Librarian

## A CURIOUS LOT

CBA students have this term been acting as spokespeople for their Corby peers. The town wide initiative, Corby Reads, is considering funding Curiosity Kits in all Corby secondary schools and visited the Library to discuss the idea with CBA students.

Curiosity Kits are bags of books and artefacts that are designed to inspire reading for pleasure; they are currently used with Year 5 and 6 students. If the scheme goes ahead it will be given a more mature twist for Key Stage 3 students.

The students involved were full of enthusiasm for the scheme and eager to share their fantastic ideas. They have all agreed to form a working party to introduce the scheme in other schools later in the year.

**Amy McKay** - Librarian



Last year's quiz team



## KIDS' LIT QUIZ HEATS

Heats are already underway to find teams to represent CBA at this year's Kids' Lit Quiz.

The Kids' Lit Quiz is an annual international literature competition that aims to motivate children and young people to read for pleasure.

Teams of four students work together to answer wide-ranging literary questions. The winning team from each region competes in the national final. Winning national teams then go on to compete internationally.

**Amy McKay** - Librarian

## SHOPPING FOR NEW STOCK

We have the fantastic job of shopping for new library books. All staff and students have been invited to make requests/ suggestions for books the Library should stock and, where possible, these are provided. This term the shops came to us when a publisher kindly agreed to leave a large selection of books for staff and students to look at and decide what should be bought. As a developing library, books are being added to our stock all the time (over 4000 in the last 12 months); any stock suggestions from staff, students or parents are always welcome.

**Amy McKay** - Librarian



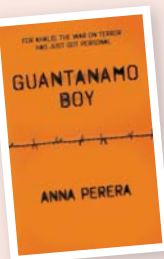
## THIS TERM'S RECOMMENDED READ

### Guantanamo Boy by Anna Perera

An important, terrifying book that will challenge what you think you know and pull you into a nightmare. When innocent British teenager Khalid is abducted whilst on holiday in Pakistan, his hopes and dreams for the future quickly disappear. Despite his only offence being playing online computer games, he is held without charge and brutally tortured, unsure if he will ever see freedom or his family again.

Although a work of fiction, the setting of this novel is hideously real and will stay with the reader long after the last page.

**Amy McKay** - Librarian



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## TIMES BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

Many thanks to everybody who collected Times Books for Schools vouchers for us last year. We were able to claim over 30 new library books through your generosity. The voucher is running again this year; vouchers can be found in the Times 2 supplement during the week and News Review supplement at weekends. All donations gratefully received.



# SPECIAL PROJECTS

## MICHAEL'S STRIKE IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE COUNTY TEAM

Year 7 Student Michael Beck has been playing Ten Pin Bowling for the Northants Team.

The sporty student took part in a county match at the Nuneaton Lakeside Super Bowl during Term 1 and has other matches lined up.

Michael, who first picked up a bowling ball aged six, said: "I love bowling so I am really proud to have been picked to play for the county."

The former Weldon Primary School

student practices twice a week and also plays socially with friends and family.

He said: "I first became interested in bowling after watching it on Sky. I then went along to Kettering Rock and Bowl and quickly became quite good.

"I feel real joy when I get a strike and usually manage to get a few during a match."

The student's best ever strike tally has been a five bagger – that's five strikes in a row.



## CATCH OF THE DAY

Students got handy with a rod and some bait at a fishing event at Castle Ashby.

The day was organized by the Masonic Trout and Salmon Fishing Charity and students from the inclusion unit did not go home empty handed.

Tammy and her caster Graham (pictured) caught the largest catch of the day and Felix Wood and his caster Noala had an impressive haul, with 14 perch ending up in their net.

All students who participated received a certificate and Matthew Bell, William Black and Felix Wood also received a medal.



## GROW YOUR OWN

An appeal was launched during Term 1 to help the CBA allotment flourish.

CBA called on parents and members of the community to collect the Let's Grow vouchers from supermarket Morrisons.

The vouchers can be turned into gardening equipment and the deadline to collect vouchers is November 1.

Science Teacher Neil Price, who helps run the fortnightly garden club, said: "We are appealing for parents to donate their vouchers to us.

"A greenhouse is our ultimate goal. It will be a real boost to the allotment and mean that we can grow many more varieties and students can also learn about a new gardening method."

The vouchers are awarded with any sale of over £10 in the store.

There is a collection box in the main reception for vouchers to be posted.

Since it was started last year the allotment has grown into an established feature of CBA.

Much of the produce that was grown by the green fingered students and staff made its way to the school canteen and a fruit and vegetable sale raised £80 which has gone towards purchasing more seeds.

The Gardening Club meets on alternate Tuesdays from 3.45pm. New members are always welcomed and the club is keen to see new Year 7 students get involved.



Neil Price gets the voucher collecting started.

## Aimhigher

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

The Aimhigher event was launched and 36 Year 9 CBA students have been selected by the local education authority to be part of the programme, which is linked to all county schools.

The programme's mission is to make young people in Year 9 to 13 aware of the opportunities that are open to them and help introduce them to higher education.

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.

Sixth Form Vice Principal Avril 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."







## WATER ACTIVITIES AT RUTLAND WATER

My day at Rutland Water started when I went kayaking and my legs, arms and back really hurt. Then we made rafts with wood, barrels and rope. It was good but I fell into the water about fifteen times. After this we went on the speed boat called the Avon. Lastly, we jumped off the pontoon and did some swimming. In all it was a good day and we learned about reservoirs and how important they are for water provision and wildlife conservation.

Felix Wood – Year 9 Student



Nicole Bean and Harrison McAleese with Kathryn Brown, Area Fundraiser for the NSPCC and Childline and Enterprise Teacher Helen Featherstone.

## NSPCC HELPED BY CBA STUDENTS

Students in a Year 8 class raised £160 for the NSPCC and Childline as part of an Enterprise Challenge to organise a fundraising activity for a charity. The money was raised by selling merchandise supplied by the charity such as badges, pens and wristbands.



## SAILING AWARD

The Sailing Season finished on a high when Anthony McGavigan 10H achieved his RYA Sailability Certificate of Achievement Bronze Award. Antony is pictured here collecting his award from the Principal.

Nicole Vuckovic, Rachel Eadie and Erin Anderson after the run.



## FANCY DRESS RUN

As part of their Enterprise building skills Year 7 students organised a fancy dress charity run. The students from Alex Allan's BHE class ran laps of the Academy playing field to raise money for the Sixth Form Uganda Trip (see page 4 for more details). The students ran many laps and the total figure they raised has still to be counted. Student Erin Anderson said: "Every time I felt tired I thought of the young people in Uganda and how difficult life is for them."



Agata



Janice

## SOLVE IT COUNSELLOR TALKS TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE STUDENTS

Nick Dwyer, a Solve IT counsellor came to talk to the Year 11 Health and Social Care class about solvent use and abuse.

He explained to us what solvents are and gave detailed information about all the effects of aerosols, gases and glues.

Everyone was interested in the information and some people were able to relate back to their everyday lives and their own experiences. It was very hard hitting. He taught us how to be more careful when using solvents and use them for the right purposes.

The information given in talk made us all think and realise that solvents are very dangerous and deadly used in the wrong way.

If you need any information about solvent abuse it can be found at [www.solveitonline.co.uk](http://www.solveitonline.co.uk)

Janice Tsiga and Agata Trigo - Year 11 Students



## YEAR 6 OPEN WEEK

Parents and potential students were welcomed into the Academy during Term 1 for the Year 6 Open Week.

More than 750 people visited the Academy for the information sessions, talks and tours that were given by staff and students.

Principal Dr Andrew Campbell said: "It has been wonderful to see so many parents and Year 6 students from all the primary schools in the area. The level of interest in what we are doing at CBA continues to grow.

"With that kind of support from our local community there is no doubt that our school is going from strength to strength".

Milford and Tina Small from Gretton came along with their son Archie to have a look around.

Mrs Small said: "This is the first time we have been to the school and it is very impressive. The building has a business like feel and it is extremely well presented.

"We are considering two secondary schools for Archie but our first impressions of the Academy have been very good."

Parents have until November 2 to complete their common preference form and return it to the local authority.

An assessment day for prospective students will be held at the Academy on Saturday, January 16th 2010.



## INSTRUMENT AMNESTY

Anyone with unwanted instruments is asked to donate them to David O'Neil's Instrument Amnesty.

The teaching assistant is collecting in any neglected instruments and then will recycle them and find a new owner within the student body.

So far a few guitars have been donated and a piano – which have all found new homes. So please search out your unwanted items and pass them on to Mr O'Neill.

## DEMOCRACY WEEK

Corby Business Academy welcomed an older student through its doors during Local Democracy Week as a county councillor went back to school.

County Councillor Andrew Grant, who as a cabinet member has responsibility for Children and Young People, attended lessons as part of the nationwide Take Your Councillor to School programme.

The initiative was part of the Local Democracy Week events and aims to promote the role of the councillor and introduce students to the workings of local authorities.

The councillor spent time within each of the Academy's faculties and spent time talking to students and teachers.

Cllr Grant said: "Secondary schools were definitely not like this when I was at school – the Academy makes you want to come back to school.

"The facilities here are just amazing and are really state of the art."

Citizenship teacher Kirsty Farrar said: "We wanted to invite the Cllr Grant into the school as we have taken a very active role in Local Democracy Week.

"We have held a question and answer session with students and representatives from the local authority, and Corby Council also held its Corby Question Time here.

"We have also had various visits from the mayor who has talked about our students playing an active part in the community, which is very important to us here."

The LDW campaign was created in 1998 by the Local Government Association to increase understanding of what happens in a council and reduce barriers between government and young people.



Cllr Grant visits a lesson.



Year 10 Forum Meeting.



Corby Council staff came to give a talk.



A unanimous vote.



# FOCUS ON YEAR 7

## MEET THE PARENTS

New parents and students were given a warm welcome during Term 1 at the Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening.

There was an impressive turnout of parents and carers at the event held on September 16th.

An official introduction to the Academy from Principal Andrew Campbell was followed by a tour of the BHE Faculty (which is the home base of the Year 7 group) and parents then met with their child's tutor.

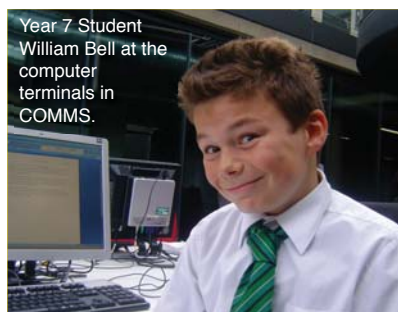
BHE Vice Principal Lorraine Smith said: "The evening started with an introduction in the small theatre and the parents were

told about the brilliant start the Year 7s have made and how very impressed we are with their manners and demeanour.

"Parents then met with the tutors and were able to ask any questions they had about the Academy.

"The feedback was great – we have even heard from one parent who said their child has been enjoying coming to CBA so much that they even wanted to wear their uniform on Saturday."

The event was supported by the Parents in Partnership organisation which provided the teas and coffees.



Year 7 Student William Bell at the computer terminals in COMMS.



Dylan Cottell and Year 7 friends perform his spooky Halloween poem.

## WHAT A START

Year 7 students are based in BHE. Their tutors asked them to comment on their first few weeks at CBA. All of the comments have been positive. Students especially like the independence they have, and the responsibility they have to take for their behaviour and their learning. They feel grown-up because they have their own timetable and choose their own meals. They like their physical surroundings, recognising how tidy the building is.

Here are some comments from students:

"This school is awesome I love it" Oskar Farley-McFadyen

"My first two weeks at CBA have been great. The teachers have been great so far. I have enjoyed CBA so much that I actually want to go to school." Nicole Vuckovic

"I'm enjoying the lessons especially BHE & PNS." Tyler Robertson

"I love this school. It's a great place to meet nice people and what's good about CBA is that it's for lots of different people." Olivia Robertson-Styles

"I think it's going great. It's really fun and I've met some great friends. There's a great way of teaching with the teachers actually interact with the students, you're not just given a book and pen to write some stuff down. The teachers are also very nice and the food is great too. I wouldn't change a thing about the school." Thomas Geohegan

"The school's pretty good considering how scared most of us were. The teachers and after school facilities are great.

I've been to the dance club and I've been to the library." Evan McIntyre

"I'm finding the school really exciting. I love all the lessons and teachers. The library is really good as well it has loads of books which I like." Jessica Sawford

"I love this school and looking forward to the rest of my time here. My favourite class is Enterprise." Katie Milligan

"I understand why some people think that this is the best school in Corby. It is always packed with fun, and you never have a moment when you're bored." Emese Toth

**Lorraine Smith**  
– BHE Vice Principal

## YEAR 7 INDUCTIONS

Year 7 all enjoyed very full library inductions this term. An array of activities was on offer to help familiarise them with the workings of the Library; including a treasure hunt and games of Blankety Blank.

Students were given a booklet of activities to work their way through during the term, these included tasks that explain how library resources are organised and where to find

them. Those students who completed the booklet were entered into a competition to win tickets to the cinema for themselves and a friend. Lucky Megan Bowden won and is looking forward to taking her friend, Kimberley Hetherington, to see Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs during the holidays.

**Amy McKay** - Librarian

Winner Megan Bowden and her friend Kim Hetherington.



## GOOD BEGINNINGS FOR YEAR 7

What a fantastic start to life at Corby Business Academy for Year 7. They are such an enthusiastic bunch and enjoy learning, I really love all of the positive comments I get about them from staff who look forward to teaching Year 7 each week.

I have been into some amazing Active lessons and been so impressed by the standard of work. Year 7 have also thrown themselves whole heartedly into the fundraising for the trip to Uganda and produced some great ideas. I really enjoyed meeting so many parents

at the meet the tutor evening, it was lovely to see so many there supporting their children and I look forward to working closely with you this year to ensure the continued success for all of our Year 7 students.

Have a good week off, enjoy your Halloween celebrations (not at the expense of others though) and I will see you all refreshed after the break.

**Donna Lapsley** – Year 7 Pastoral Support Officer





# SESSION 3

## COOKING UP A STORM

A new Session 3 cookery club is proving popular with students.

Licence To Cook started this term and 25 Year 8 and Year 9 students are now staying after the Academy day on Tuesdays to whip up some tasty meals.

The class is taken by Food Technology Teacher Doreen Dicks, who said: "The club is about trying to build on the skills that students are acquiring during lesson time.

"The emphasis is on healthy eating and each week we alternate between a sweet and a savoury dish.

"But we try to make it a social event as well, as preparing and eating food is a good way to develop social skills and cooking should be enjoyed."

Recipes on the menu so far have been spaghetti bolognese and rhubarb crumble.

A cookbook supplied by the DCSF and endorsed by TV chef Phil Vickery is used by the students for recipe ideas.

Mrs Dicks said: "The students are more aware of food and cooking because they tend to watch the chefs on TV.

"I have noticed over the last ten years that young people are more aware of food and I think that is because of the number of cookery programmes on TV."

The Session 3 club will be running all year, although because of the interest it may be split into two, with a new intake later in the year.

The Session 3 club costs £1, which pays for the food items.

To find out more students can speak to Mrs Dicks in the AMID Faculty.



## CRICKET CLUB PROVES A SUCCESS AND LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

Who would have thought that cricket club would have been so successful. One year on, we are still running straight and the number of students attending rising every week. The cricket club started back on 8th December 2008 with a total of eleven members, now at the end of our first cricket session we have two full strength cricket teams (U13).

Over the next couple of months the team will be having winter practise seasons to work on new aspects of the game, fitness drills and enhancing on existing skills, so they are ready for the start of the new season in March 2010.

I'm extremely proud of every member of the team, for the hard work and effort that they put into every training session and match.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be introducing girls cricket teams. We will be implementing these teams in stages; first up is the Year 7, which started training in September. Just a couple of training sessions in, I'm very impressed with the enthusiasm and the standard of talented students I have at my disposal.

### Cricket Awards 2009:

**Player of the year:** Callum Cresswell

**Most improved cricketers:**

Chris Plampton, James Wilson and Tyler Brown

**Top run scorer:** Matthew Boyd

**Bowler of the year:** Joshua Cresswell

Article by **Jordon Joseph** - Cricket Coach / Head Boy



Under 13 Cricket Team members.



## HOCKEY

Hockey coaching is now taking place during Session 3.

MAIT Teacher Maxwell Sam is taking the sessions, which are open to all years. Interested students should just turn up for training on the Astroturf on Mondays during Session 3.





# NEW SCIENCE CLUB GETS OFF TO AN EXPLOSIVE START

Xplode literally started with a bang in week one as students investigated what happens when Mentos are added to Diet Coke.

After a few moments of careful consideration we lined up our bottles of Coke and added the Mentos. The result was a fantastic fountain of bubbles. Our second week saw us making volcanoes out of household chemicals. There was only really one question to answer... How can we make this explosion bigger?

**Stephen Chandler - PNS Teacher**



# PET CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Pet Club has had some new additions this Term 1. The pair of Roborovski hamsters have produced some babies, with students taking home their offspring to look after as pets.

Neil Price who runs the Pet Club said: "When I bought the two hamsters I was told they were both male, but they soon started mating. Since the start of this term they have had ten babies and I expect there will be many more."

"They make great first pets as owning a hamster can teach young people about animal care and also how to handle pets."

The Roborovski hamster is indigenous to the Gobi desert and parts of northern China, where they can live up to 2m underground.

The Pet Club, which meets in Mr Price's lab in PL8, has a whole host of interesting and exotic creatures and mammals, from albino frogs, to stick insects, a piranha and giant African snails.

Anyone interested in joining the pet club should attend on Tuesdays from 4pm to 4.30pm.



The modern language learners. Spanish assistant Abigail is holding the flag.

# LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE

Language classes have started in Session 3. Students and staff can learn Spanish, French and German in the sessions being held by French Teacher Sophie Becret.

The classes are intended as an initiation into the European languages, but students can also study to GCSE level.

Miss Becret said: "The lessons are informal and we welcome anyone from beginners, to those who have a good understanding of the language."

"Everyone will learn to their own level

from beginner to GCSE or fluent French conversation and the emphasis is on enjoying discovering a new language.

She added: "Having an additional language can be a great asset as it can come in useful when traveling or if you want to live and work in a foreign country."

French is taught on Tuesdays, German on Wednesdays and Spanish on Thursdays.

For more information about attending any of the classes contact Miss Becret in the COMMS Faculty.



# THE YOUNGEST SPANISH ASSISTANT EVER!

Abigail Buckland, Year 7, has been leading our Spanish Session 3 on Thursdays since September.

Having lived in Xixona, Spain, for a few years, she is a fluent Spanish speaker and is now sharing her knowledge of the language for the delight of older students and members of staff who enjoy a weekly initiation of Spanish.

Gracias chica!

**Sophie Becret**

- Modern Foreign Languages Teacher





The Book Addicts

## ADDICTED TO READING

Meetings of Corby Book Addicts have been even louder and busier than normal this term. We started the year perfecting our reviewing skills by writing book reviews on the wide selection of books students read over the summer. These reviews have been added to the Library Catalogue, which will soon be available online via the Academy website.

We then held a spectacular Roald Dahl Day celebration with quizzes, really revolting rhyme writing and chocolate cakes delivered direct from Willy Wonka's factory. Year 7 Alpha group had started the festivities with a celebratory quiz and indulgent Willy Wonka chocolate tasting earlier in the day.

Roald Dahl's books remain a favourite of many readers, regardless of age, so the opportunity to celebrate his fantastic work on a national scale once a year is something we all look forward to.

We are now busy every week, furiously writing to our favourite authors with the intention of setting up a CBAs author autograph book.

All students are welcome to join CBAs which is held every Thursday during Session 3 in the Library.

**Amy McKay** - Librarian



## TASTER SESSIONS

Laurence Kenyon, who runs the CBA Session 3 Judo came in to show Year 7 and Year 8 students the basics of the sport.

The Session 3 club take place on Wednesday from 3.50pm to 4.50pm and is open to all years.

There is a £15 charge for the first term and the costs includes a brand new judo suit.



The football team

Player of all Tournaments:  
Oskar McFayden

## EVENTFUL SEASON FOR YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL

The Year 7 Boys Football team has completed its first outdoor season and the team has fared well in most tournaments.

Across four tournaments and 12 matches, the newly established team secured four wins, four draws and four losses - a respectable start to the team's CBA career.

During the season Ben Vinsen, Sydney Kwambana, Oskar McFayden and Daniel Bottrill, Joe Forlan, Roy Grant and William Bell all picked up Man of the Match accolades and Oskar McFayden was named of the Player of all Tournaments.



## BADMINTON CLUB WANTS TO BECOME A SMASH HIT

A Session 3 Badminton club is looking for new members so that students can battle it out on the court with other schools.

Students of all abilities are being encouraged to take part in the Badminton club.

PSO Steve Wedgewood, who is a qualified Badminton coach, is taking the sessions, so all students who take part will be guaranteed some expert tuition.

Mr Wedgewood said: "Badminton is a great sport and students who come along will have some fun.

"I am encouraging all abilities to come along and

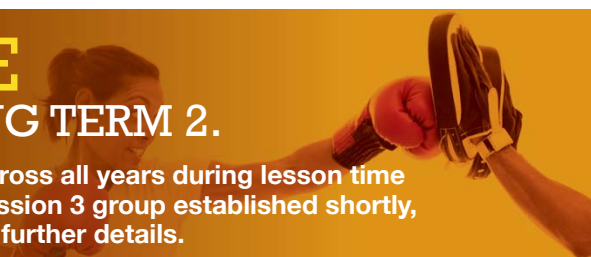
The plan is to take part in an inter schools competition, and students from all years can get involved.

The Session 3 club takes place on Mondays from 3.45pm to 5.30pm.

For more information students can talk to Mr Wedgewood.

## BOXERCISE WILL START DURING TERM 2.

There will be taster sessions across all years during lesson time and it is likely there will be a Session 3 group established shortly, keep looking at our website for further details.





## CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
<b>MONDAY</b>				
AMID	CBA Choir	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	Adrian Taylor/ Clive Wears
PNS	"Badminton/Table Tennis - all years boys and girls open to primaries	Sports Hall	4.00 -	Steve Wedgewood
PNS	Athletics (all years)	Sports Hall	3.30 - 5.45	Mark Allen
PNS	A-Level Dance (Invitation Only)	PL5	3.45 - 4.45	Francia Dickenson
PNS	Cricket (Years 7/8)	Field	3.30 - 5.45	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Football (Years 7/8)	Astro	3.30 - 5.45	Mike Henry
PNS	Football (KS4)	Astro	3.30 - 5.45	Phill Woolley
PNS	Netball (Years 12/13)	Netball Courts	3.30 - 4.45	Kim Asher
PNS	A Level Chemistry (Invitation Only)	PU3	3.30 - 4.45	Stephen Chandler
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	AU6	3.45 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	KS3 Textile/Craft Club	AU11	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis
AMID	KS3 Design	AMID Faculty	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	KS3 Licence to Cook	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
AMID	KS3 Art Club - Room AL8	AL8	3.45 - 4.45	Jackie Brown
AMID	Steel Band	AU6	3.40 - 4.45	Clive Wears
PNS	Basketball Boys - (Years 9/10)	Sports Hall	3.30 - 5.45	James Aston
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	Netball (all years)	Netball Courts	3.45 - 4.45	Amy Harris
PNS	Football (Year 9)	Astro	3.30 - 5.45	Mike Henry
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	Geri Rowe
COMMS	Health and Social catch up KS4	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Kim Asher
BHE	GCSE Sociology	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Kirsty Farrar
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
AMID	Brass Band	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	John Hudson
AMID	Rock Club	Beginners / able players	3.15 - 5.00	David'ONeil
PNS	A-Level Dance (Invitation Only)	PL5	3.45 - 4.45	Francia Dickenson
PNS	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	KS4 Catch-up Sessions	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	KS4 Art Catch-up Sessions	AU1	3.45 - 5.00	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	KS4 Child Development Catch-up Sessions	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Cath Davis
AMID	KS4 RM Craft Club	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Chris Lane
COMMS	GCSE English Coursework Support	COMMS	3.45 - 4.45	Caroline Barrett
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 8)	Astro	3.30 - 5.45	Andy Duncan
PNS	Rugby (Years 10/11/12)	Field	3.30 - 5.45	Tony Segalini
PNS	Basketball - (Years 7 and 8)	Sports Hall	3.30 - 5.45	David Joseph
PNS	Rugby (Year 7)	Field	3.30 - 5.00	Nigel Holt
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 SCHOOL 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

towards a common goal

The PiP have expanded their numbers this new term. Many new parents came to the meeting in October. The dates for all this years meetings can be found on the web site.

We appreciate that many parents cannot make the meeting times, however please get in touch with us if you would like to support any activities that the PiP get involved with. Already they have supported both the Year 7 and 6th Form information evenings.

Raising funds for students activities is one of the major roles of the PiP. There will be a quiz evening in November in which parents, carers and members of staff can come and battle their wits against each other. Details of the quiz night will be on our website first week of term 2.

## MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING

An impressive sum of £139.58 was students from Nikki Clark and Kim Kennemer's classes took part in the Macmillan charity's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Coffee and homemade biscuits were sold to staff, students, family and friends during the fundraiser.



## FACILITIES FOR HIRE

A new staff member has been appointed to look after the Academy's first class sports facilities.

Howard Roberts started in his role earlier this term and will be in charge of all bookings for the Academy's business and leisure facilities.

Mr Roberts, who has been involved with sports all his life, having played rugby for Kibworth and currently holding the position of chairman of Desborough Cricket Club is looking forward to the demanding role.

He said: "We have excellent facilities here at the Academy and it is certainly one of the premier venues in the Corby and Weldon area.

"We already have had a good amount of interest from clubs and organizations, many of whom have been attracted by the top quality of the amenities.

"What we would like to attract now is a rugby club as we have a

great rugby pitch available and the sports hall would be ideal for a local basketball club.

"If any clubs or organizations would like to have a look around the facilities they can contact me and make an appointment and I would be happy to show them around."

Clubs that currently use the Academy's facilities include Weldon United Football Team, Hellenic Fisher FC and Corby Netball Club.

The sporting facilities available are: a full sized astro-turf pitch; two full sized football/rugby pitches; four netball courts and six tennis courts and a large indoor sports hall.

Business facilities available include a modern furnished boardroom and annexe, a large 630 seat theatre and a smaller 99 seat theatre and the use of classrooms, which are equipped with interactive white boards and overhead projectors are also available for hire.

### TIMINGS FOR THE FACILITIES HIRE:

6pm to 9pm from Monday to Friday and from 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

### BOOK ONLINE:

[www.corbybusinessacademy.org/Community](http://www.corbybusinessacademy.org/Community) and then follow the instructions.

All prices are also included on the website.

**BY PHONE:** on 01536 303120

**or by emailing** Mr Roberts on [HRoberts@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:HRoberts@corbybusinessacademy.org)



## "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.

Please continue to let us know about everything that is taking place within the Academy and send details to the editor at

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