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STUDENTS MEET THE PRIME MINISTER

Two Year 9 students travelled to 10 Downing Street for an audience with the Prime Minister David Cameron. William Bell and Harry Tompkins also grilled Liberal Democrat Leader Nick Clegg and Labour Leader Ed Milliband as part of the BBC School Report project, which Corby Business Academy has been involved in for the past few months.

Along with ten other students from schools across the country, the Year 9 students took the Prime Minister and the other party leaders to task on issues of concern to young people.

Will said: "It was a great experience, although it was quite nerve wracking. "It has changed my opinion about politicians and I do now have a lot of respect for what the Prime Minister does as it is a very stressful job and involves a huge amount of responsibility."

Harry, who posed questions to all three leaders about unemployment rates and immigration said: "I feel quite privileged as we got to do things that many people will never experience.

"Inside 10 Downing Street was incredible, there were some really impressive paintings and furniture inside."

After a one-day training workshop at BBC Television Centre in London on Wednesday, March 7th, the students undertook a full day of interviews on Thursday, March 8th.

Led by English and Media Teacher Claire Howsam students have undergone journalistic training and put together last term's school magazine.

Miss Howsam said: "The BBC School Report has been a fantastic project for our students. It has taught them news values and encouraged them to engage in current affairs. "To be chosen to take part in the Leader Interviews is a great

honour and we are very proud of the way William and Harry have represented CBA."

Acting Principal John Henrys said: "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet the Prime Minister and put to him the issues facing young people in today's society.

"Over the past few months there have been a number of successful projects that have raised the profile of media and communication across the Academy.

"This has come to the attention of media professionals and we hope that following this event there will be further opportunities within this field for our students."

Turn to the centre pages (p10-11) for more pictures of the Westminster trip and read more about the School Report project on p12.



FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to this latest edition of In Press.

These 20 pages celebrate what has been a really fantastic term at Corby Business Academy and we bring you numerous success stories – both academic and personal.

The Prime Minister interview by two Year 9 students is one of the biggest things to have happened in CBA's four year history and we hope you enjoy reading the students' personal accounts on Pages 10 and 11.

Turn to pages 15 and 16 to read about our students who are having success at county level at sport.

This term we also once again won a number of titles at the Eisteddfod, and celebrated success at the annual dance show (p4).

We hope you enjoy reading this issue and sharing our delighted in the continued success within our Academy.

Kirsty Farrar
Senior Assistant Principal



Corby Business Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parent/Carer

It is not often that once in a life time opportunities come up, however for two students opportunities arose that none of us could have imagined. William Bell and Harry Tomkins were given the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister at Number 10 as well as interview the Liberal Democrat Leader Nick Clegg and Labour Leader Ed Milliband. This was a fantastic opportunity that both boys thoroughly enjoyed, representing the school in the best way possible.

There have been further public representations from students at CBA this term with the successful Brooke Weston Partnership dance show and the Spelling Bee regional languages competition. All students showed high levels of skill and knowledge at both events, ensuring that the reputation of the Academy goes from strength to strength.

Our musicians once again competed at the Kettering and District Eisteddfod where a number of groups had successes, recognising the hard work that has gone in to growing music within the Academy. Our sporting stars continue to have both team and individual successes with the Year 9 netball team going from strength to strength this term. Our continued partnership with Northamptonshire County cricket continues to grow, with an increasing number of students accessing the high quality coaching that is on offer at the Academy. Erica Turner in Year 9 has gone on to play county cricket as a result of the training that she has received by the CBA cricket coaches.

There has been so much going on this term it would be easy to forget the hard work that is going on throughout the day to ensure

that the CBA students are achieving their full potential. We have now had a number of GCSE examination results for students in Year 9, 10 and 11 and many students are well on their way to achieving a very good set of examination results.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Year 11 students the best of luck over the next few months as we move towards the summer examination season and thank both staff and students for all of the hard work they have put in this term. Have a very happy Easter.

John Henrys
Acting Principal

SPORT RELIEF FUNDRAISER

Our students joined the massive national effort and managed to raise a fantastic £1725 for Sport Relief. Led by Sixth Form student Chrissie Moore our Charity Committee pulled out all the stops with a paid for Mufti day, sales of official merchandise and a raffle of some impressive sponsored prizes.

Year 10 student Bradley Thompson managed to secure the star prize of a one off sport relief themed chocolate cake – provided by Uppingham cake maker Nicola Denbeigh.

Mrs Denbeigh, who owns Little Cakes, said: “I was happy to help as I was so impressed with Bradley’s email and his appeal for help.”

Assistant Vice Principal Kirsty Farrar said: “The students did a fantastic job and managed to find some fantastic prizes from local businesses.

“They should be really proud of themselves.”

The charity committee would like to thank the following companies for donations: Rutland Water, Rock ‘N’ Bowl and Laser Tag.

Bradley Thompson with Little Cakes’ Nicola Denbeigh



Corby Business Academy

Key Dates



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

2012 TERM 5	
Mon April 16th	Training Day
Tue April 17th	Open to Students and Staff
Wed April 25th	Year 9 Parents' Evening – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Mon April 30th	Parents in Partnership Meeting – 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Wed May 9th	Parent Consultation Group
Wed May 16th	Year 10 Parents' Evening – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Fri June 1st	End of Term 5
Mon Jun 11th	Open to Students and Staff

MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATIONS

Week 1						
Day	Date	Code	Name	Level	Start	Time allowed
Mon	14/5/2012	B354	Music: Listening	GCSE	9:00	1hr 30m
Mon	14/5/2012	46551H	French: Listening	GCSE	13:30	45m
Mon	14/5/2012	46551F	French: Listening	GCSE	13:30	35m
Tues	15/5/2012	6H101D	History - Unit 1: Historical Themes in Breadth	GCE	9:00	1hr 20m
Tues	15/5/2012	A161	Biology A: Modules B1, B2, B3 (F/H)	GCSE	9:00	1hr
Tues	15/5/2012	A211	Science A Unit 1: Modules B1, C1, P1 (F/H)	GCSE	9:00	40m
Tues	15/5/2012	PLSH1	Polish - Unit 1: Written	GCE	13:00	2hrs 30m
Tues	15/5/2012	G322	Media Studies: Key Media Concepts (TV Drama)	GCE	13:00	2hrs
Tues	15/5/2012	F321	Chemistry A: Atoms, Bonds and Groups	GCE	13:00	1hr
Wed	16/5/2012	6663	Core Mathematics (C1)	GCE	9:00	1hr 30m
Wed	16/5/2012	6677	Mechanics (M1)	GCE	9:00	1hr 30m
Wed	16/5/2012	A342B	Citizenship SC: Identity, Democracy and Justice	GCSE	9:00	1hr
Wed	16/5/2012	LITB1	English Literature B	GCE	13:00	2hrs
Thur	17/5/2012	G481	Physics A: Mechanics	GCE	9:00	1hr
Thur	17/5/2012	46552H	French: Reading	GCSE	9:00	50m
Thur	17/5/2012	46552F	French: Reading	GCSE	9:00	30m
Fri	18/5/2012	6683	Statistics (S1)	GCE	9:00	1hr 30m
Fri	18/5/2012	6689	Decision Mathematics (D1)	GCE	9:00	1hr 30m
Fri	18/5/2012	46851	Polish: Listening	GCSE	13:30	50m
Week 2						
Mon	21/5/2012	A182	Physics A: Modules P4, P5, P6 (F/H)	GCSE	9:00	1hr
Mon	21/5/2012	A215	Add. Science A - Unit 1: Modules B4, C4, P4 (F/H)	GCSE	9:00	40m
Mon	21/5/2012	6MU03	Music - Unit 3: Developing Musical Understanding	GCE	13:00	2hrs
Mon	21/5/2012	46951H	Spanish: Listening	GCSE	13:30	45m
Mon	21/5/2012	46951F	Spanish: Listening	GCSE	13:30	35m
Tues	22/5/2012	6H102E	History: Britain in the Later 20th Century	GCE	13:30	1hr 20m
Wed	23/5/2012	PSYA1	Psychology A: Cognitive/Developmental Psychology & Research Methods	GCE	9:00	1hr 30m
Wed	23/5/2012	F322	Chemistry A: Chains, Energy and Resources	GCE	13:30	1hr 45m
Wed	23/5/2012	A834	Portuguese: Writing	GCSE	13:30	1hr
Thur	24/5/2012	6664	Core Mathematics (C2)	GCE	9:00	1hr 30m
Thur	24/5/2012	6684	Statistics S2	GCE	9:00	1hr 30m
Thur	24/5/2012	A214	Science A - Unit 4: Ideas in Context (F/H)	GCSE	9:00	45m
Fri	25/5/2012	46852	Polish: Reading	GCSE	9:00	1hr
Fr	25/5/2012	46854	Polish: Writing	GCSE	9:00	1hr
Fri	25/5/2012	G482	Physics A: Electrons, Waves and Photons	GCE	13:30	1hr 45m
Fri	25/5/2012	46952F	Spanish: Reading	GCSE	13:30	30m
Fri	25/5/2012	46952H	Spanish: Reading	GCSE	13:30	50m
Week 3						
Mon	28/5/2012	A831	Portuguese: Listening	GCSE	9:00	50m
Mon	28/5/2012	6CN02	Chinese - Unit 2: Understanding and Written Response in Chinese	GCE	13:00	2hrs 30m
Tues	29/5/2012	4171	English - Unit 1: Reading	GCSE	9:00	1hr
Tues	29/5/2012	4172	English - Unit 2: Writing	GCSE	9:00	1hr
Tues	29/5/2012	PSYA2	Psychology A: Biological/Social Psychology and Individual Differences	GCE	13:30	1hr 30m
Tues	29/5/2012	5RU01	Russian - Unit 1: Listening and understanding in Russian	GCSE	13:30	50m
Tues	29/5/2012	5RU03	Russian - Unit 3: Reading and understanding in Russian	GCSE	13:30	55m
Wed	30/5/2012	A833	Portuguese: Reading	GCSE	9:00	1hr
Wed	30/5/2012	A218	Add. Science A - Unit 4 Ideas in Context (F/H)	GCSE	13:30	45m
Thur	31/5/2012	6678	Mechanics (M2)	GCE	9:00	1hr 30m
Fri	1/6/2012	6667	Further Mathematics FP1	GCE	9:00	1hr 30m

OPTIONS DEADLINE

A reminder to all Year 8 students that they must have decided on their Key Stage 4 options by Friday, April 20th.

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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

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

Applications should be made as far in advance of the holiday as possible and it is advisable that you speak to CBA before you book. The Academy will only agree to more than 10 school days of absence during school year in exceptional circumstances. The Academy will judge each holiday request individually, taking into consideration:

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

While absence may occasionally be granted for a holiday during term time, it is entirely the school's decision and is not a parental right.

NEW WEBSITE

Our website has been updated this term to make sure students, parents and visitors can easily find any information they require.

- Some of the new features:
- In the Contact Us section, students and parents will find access to every member of staff's email address.
 - Our new month planner makes it easier to see at a glance what activities are going on. There is the option to scroll ahead and we also have a separate term date area so that parents can check the term dates for this academic year and the 2012-13 academic year.
 - A newsletter archive has been installed with links back to every edition of In Press (This can be found under the About The Academy tab on the home page).
 - All Session 4 activities for the current term are listed under the Student Information Tab.
 - The popular Radiowaves site is available under the Student Services tab.
 - An examination timetable is listed under the Student Services tab and the rules for exams can be found under the Curriculum Tab.
 - Our Prospectuses can be downloaded from the link in the About The Academy tab
 - Please note the catering balances has been renamed Student accounts (and sits under the Student Information tab).
 - Wisepay is now under Parent information.

Please note: If you have trouble viewing the new website press Ctrl F5 on your computer/laptop. This will update the screen immediately.

PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)



ANNUAL DANCE SHOW BRINGS THE HOUSE DOWN

Our talented dance students joined with dancers from our sister academies to stage the annual partnership dance show. More than 120 dancers took to the stage for the event, which saw six performances from our own students as well as those from Kettering Science Academy and Brooke Weston Academy. They performed in front of a packed audience of peers, parents, governors

and the three Principals. Dance Teacher Francia Dickinson, who helped the students with their performances said: "The dance show went really well. The three schools all fitted in with and supported one another. "We took part in six pieces and the standard of work was really high. There was a real mix of talents and styles including Jazz pieces from Year 11; the Junior and Senior Dance

companies performed to Adele's *Rolling in the Deep* and Maroon 5's *Moves Like Jagger*, there were contemporary pieces from our Year 8 Dance Club who performed to *Jar of Hearts*, Year 9 and 10 students danced to Take That's *The Flood* and Rhianna's *Russian Roulette* and a there was a wonderful duet from Charlie Bell and Luke Rielly which in my opinion stole the show."

EASTER CRICKET CAMP

Our cricketers will be taking part in a CBA cricket camp over the Easter Holiday. The 60 students from Years 7 to 10 who play in our Under 13 and Under 15 teams will be fine tuning their skills before the summer season begins at the start of Term 5. Cricket Coach Jordon Joseph said: "We hope to build on our successes from last year. "Our Under 13 boys will be playing across the country and against some really first class teams." CBA now has an Under 13 Boys and Under 13 Girls team and an Under 15 boys team. Year 9 student Erica Turner has been selected for the county squad (turn to p15).



SPACE TRAVEL AGENTS

Year 8 students set themselves up as space agents this term as part of their learning about the solar system. The students in Jeanette Power's class had to produce their own travel brochure for the planets, advertising their assets to attract holidaymakers. After some tough competition the team who created the Venus brochure were crowned the winners. The students were Lewis Cross, Shar Lewis, Natasha Clements, David Tierney and Shaun McQue. The team assigned themselves roles, with some doing the independent research and others designing the brochure. Miss Power said: "This group worked so

hard and what they produced was splendid." Shar Lewis said: "I enjoyed it and it gave me an interest in the planets that I didn't have before."



JULIA ACES CHEMISTRY

Year 10 student Julia Komor scored top marks in her first GCSE Chemistry exam. The talented student also scored 91 per cent in the Biology exam which she sat at the same time. Director of Science Elaine Ponton said: "This is a fantastic achievement. In the ten plus years I have been teaching I have only known one other student to score 100 percent." As well as her timetabled courses Julia is also taking additional GCSEs in Spanish, Textiles and Polish.



MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)

ANDREAS ACHIEVES GOLD AWARD

Year 9 student Andreas Milan has achieved the highest standard in a prestigious national Maths Challenge. The talented Maths student collected the Gold Award in the UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge. The challenge is aimed at students in Year 11 and under who have a flair for the subject.

It involves answering 25 multiple-choice questions in 90 minutes and is sat in school under normal exam conditions. Only the top 40% of students nationally receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate.

Andreas said: "It was not the Maths that I found hard but the way that the questions were worded, so that

was the challenge for me. This is the first time I have sat anything like this and I really didn't expect to get the top award."

Maths Teacher Sam Anderson said: "The Maths Challenge is beneficial to students as it encourages them to look at Maths in a different way. "It is aimed at those students who are natural mathematicians and it is great to be able to offer our Gifted and Talented students the experience." Twenty Year 9 students sat the test and as well as Andreas's Gold award students Kristien Warren and Josh Champion were awarded Silver and William Bell, Matthew Hanna and Joseph Folan achieved Bronze.



ADDING VARIETY TO ASSEMBLY

Karen Owen's Year 8 form decided to give an assembly with a difference this term. The students used a game-show format to entertain their fellow students, and spent weeks before hand practicing to make sure they got it right. The format idea came from the class itself

and was compared by students Jacob Cleary and Jack Webb (or Ant and Dec). The assembly featured a Family Fortunes style gameshow, a performance by Dance students and the class was supported by their Sixth Form peer mentors.

WEBSITE READY TO LAUNCH

The website our students have developed for the Corby Learning Partnership is to launch soon. Many hours of work have gone into the website which was put together after a request by the education body.

Led by teacher Karl Lomax, student Brogan Gore-Devlin has had a lot of input into the final design.

We look forward to bringing you a link to the finished site in our next edition of In Press.



MY MATHS

Students continue to give the online learning system My Maths their seal of approval.

Used across all years the system allows teaching staff to set weekly tasks that students can work on during class time and also outside of lessons.

Teacher Peter Garratt said: "It is a great system as students know what work they have to do and can do it in their own time

as well as during class – all they need is a computer with internet access.

"The system is clever as students can also repeat tasks but it will give them a different exercise. Also all results are electronically recorded so students can see at a glance what their progress is."

Year 8 student Craig Bryden said: "I think it is a good way of learning and like that the teacher sets tasks for us to work through."

Year 8 student Craig Bryden



COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE HOSTED AT CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY



Karen Turney with one of the winners

Students battled it out in three languages at the third regional foreign language spelling bee. Corby Business Academy hosted the event which saw students from 11 schools from across the East Midlands compete to make it to July's National final in Cambridge. There were Spell Bees in German, French and Spanish and each student had one minute to spell as many words as possible in the alphabet of their chosen language. Four Year 7 students took part in the competition and put in a strong performance. Chloe Burton, Stephanie Gore-Devlin, Kathryn McQue, Ellie Moore, who made it to this stage of the competition after winning their class and then whole year competitions, all competed in French. Chloe Burton said: "I thought it was an excellent event as it helped teach us lots of new French words which I have found has already helped with my lessons."

"I would really like to have another attempt at this type of competition."

This is the third annual competition, which is run by Routes for Language – a consortium of Universities that help promote language in schools and colleges.

Sarah Schechter, a lecturer from Anglia Ruskin University, organised the regional competition. She said: "This type of event is important as we are short of linguists in this country. Our job is to enthuse young people to study language. The standard we have seen today is fantastic and already we are finding that students who have taken part in the event at Year 7 go on to do very well at Year 8."

"It gives them a great foundation to build on." The event was catered by Year 10 students from our Hospitality group. All together 250 schools from across the country took part.



A GOURMET LESSON

Year 7 French students undertook a different type of assessment this term as they put their taste buds to the test. French Teacher Candie Boni introduced Year 7 students to the food from her home country when she bought in a gourmet selection for them to taste. Students tried produce from the famous French brand "Reflets de France".

There were four types of cheese (including Camembert and Tome de Savoie) as well as rilette de porc (a type of paté) and saucisson (dried sausage). For pudding, they tasted brioche de Nanterre, confiture de lait (milk jam), confiture de caramel and quatre-quarts (a type of buttery sponge cake).

After sampling the food the students were asked to fill in

a questionnaire, rating the foods in French. Miss Boni said: "Most students found the cheeses a bit 'too strong and smelly' but they really loved the sweet things like the quatre-quarts and the spreads. "Some students even said they would ask their parents to get them some of these foods next time they go food shopping."



STUDENTS MEET BESTSELLING AUTHOR

A group of Year 7 and 8 students were excited to meet bestselling author Robert Muchamore when he visited our sister school Brooke Weston's library. The students enjoyed a 30 minute talk about Robert's career and background in which he was incredibly honest and open. They then had the chance to quiz him in a question and answer session.

An added bonus to the visit was receiving a signed copy of his first novel, *The Recruit*. Robert has written the bestselling series *Cherub* and *The Henderson Boys* books – both extremely popular for

their grit and realistic depiction of teenagers in extreme situations. Chloe Harvey, Year 8, has read all of Robert's books and described meeting him as "like a dream." Wilson Trainor, also Year 8, has not read any of Robert's books yet, but was eager to start reading his signed copy after the visit.



IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM VISIT

Gifted and Talented Students made a visit to the Imperial War Museum in London to gather footage for their forthcoming film. Last term CBA was asked by online school media site Radiowaves and the famous museum to make a film that will be shown at a special event in September. Based around the theme Build A Truce our team of students have been tasked with creating a ten minute film. They have spent many weeks researching their topic, interviewing teachers, pupils and

family members and the trip to the museum helped them gather some more material. Gifted and Talented Coordinator Claire Howsam said: "It was just fantastic to visit the museum and the students went off under their own steam, collecting footage of the fantastic artifacts as well as interviewing visitors." The students will be recorded at the end of April by BBC Radio Northampton as they work on the project. It is a huge honour to have been selected as the only school in the country to take part.



BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)

COURT ROOM DRAMA



Students took to the court room to take part in the Magistrates Mock Trial Competition. A team of 16 students from Years 8 and 9 put all their recent training into practice when they took on teams from other local schools in a court room battle at Northampton Magistrates Court on Saturday March 3rd. The competition involved students prosecuting and then defending a mock trial. As part of the event, students also took on the roles of magistrates, court ushers and court reporters. Sam Stacey, who was a solicitor before training as a teacher, mentored the students during Session 4. She said: "It was great day and we hope to participate in the competition again next year. "The students all did themselves proud. Jacek Lamback and Kyle English, who

were our prosecution lawyers, placed the defendant under a fierce and relentless cross examination. "Our defence team Eve Pavitt, Natalia Manuel, Aimee Foster and Ellie Wright, won a victory. Eve and Natalia delivered a powerful cross examination of the prosecution witnesses with Aimee and Ellie unwavering in their evidence as defendant and defence witness. "Both Aimee and Ellie knew their evidence 'inside out' and were not fazed or rumbled under cross examination. "Kimberley Samuels-Hammond enacted the role of legal advisor with an air of authority and calmness and Weronika Ruminska, court usher, knew every word and order of procedure off by heart which would have also gained us high marks."

FAIRTRADE BROADCAST

Two Year 8 students took to the Corby Radio airwaves this term to talk about Fairtrade products. Students Killian Kellier and Kyle Smith were interviewed for the lunchtime show about the importance of buying Fairtrade products and the associated benefits for farmers

and their communities in the developing world. The students (along with Lewis Cox) who are part of Samantha Stacey's class also planned their learning for the term which involved researching the issues and contacting the Radio station to line up an interview.



CLASS MOVES MONOPOLY'S GEOGRAPHY FROM LONDON TO CORBY

Maxine Hopewell's Year 9 Geography class used a popular board game to take a fresh look at the town of Corby. As part of the topic about comparing different environments students were tasked with ranking different aspects of the town and assigning them a place on the board. Year 9 student Will Bell said: "The idea arose in a Geography

lesson in which we were talking about the number of Monopoly editions and so with the majority of the students living in Corby, we decided to make our own version." In my group, we thought it would be a good idea to connect with the structure to the original board; for example, the Corby Cube would be considered a 'Dark Blue', for its use and publicity."



REVISION SESSIONS

Revision sessions are starting for GCSE History students next term. Parents will be informed with more detail in a letter that is being sent home over the holidays. Students on the A Level History course have also done well in their first year. Year 12 student James Fyvie (right) achieved an A grade

in his module on Russian History in the Twentieth Century and students Charlotte Bean, Catherine Grant and headgirl Shona McKinnon achieved high B grades. Senior Assistant Principal Mrs Kirsty Farrar said: "I am so proud of the students as they have really taken to the course and are showing great enthusiasm for the subject."



ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

CBA MUSICIANS TRIUMPH AT EISTEDDFOD AND SHINE AT A PRESTIGIOUS YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Term 4 was fantastic for the CBA bands and choir as there have been Eisteddfod triumphs and a stellar performance at the world's largest Youth Music Festival.

The CBA Senior Concert Band, Senior Brass Ensemble and choir Vocalise all picked up first place honours at the 103rd Kettering and District Eisteddfod.

It was a hat-trick for the Concert Band and a first trophy for Vocalise. The musicians were praised for their 'lively and spirited performance' and 'blemish free playing' and the choir was applauded for its vibrant rendition of Rhythm of Life from the musical Sweet Charity.

Director of Music Clive Wears said: "We now have an established musical reputation on the local scene and we are delighted to have come away once again with some top honours."

On Sunday (March 18th) the Concert Band, Senior Brass Ensemble and

Senior Woodwind Ensemble also took part in the Music For Youth Regional Music Festival.

The regional event for 11 to 18 year olds, was held at Northampton School for Boys and the CBA musical groups played alongside established county bands such as Northamptonshire County Big Band. This was the first appearance of any CBA musical group at the festival, which takes place from February to April and involves more than 50,000 young musicians.

Mr Wears said: "Considering that when we opened four years ago we only had four students playing instruments, to now have fifty students playing in a regional music festival is incredible and a real credit to them."

Feedback from the musical panel praised the concert band's colourful sound and 'a good programme from a technically secure musical ensemble.'



HOSPITALITY STUDENTS CATER FOR GUESTS

BTEC Hospitality students catered at one of our big events this term. The team of students made sure our visitors for the Regional Foreign Language Spelling Bee were treated to some tasty scones and jam. The Year 10 students took charge of every element, from dedicating responsibilities to working with our in-house chef to create the scones,

creating specialised iced Spelling Bee logos for the biscuits. As part of the event they also created feedback sheets to evaluate their success.

Teacher Samantha Fynan said: "I am very pleased with the students as they made an active contribution to the success of the event."



AMID FACULTY TRANSFORMED INTO A GALLERY

Students work adorned the AMID walls this term as the first ever CBA gallery was set up.

As part of a peer assessment the 50 art students from Years 10 and 11 exhibited their portfolio work.

Director of Art Jacqui Brown said: "As part of the curriculum students have to review artist's work and this year we thought it would be nice to review the work of their peers.

"It went really well and gave many students a confidence boost and also gave those who may be a little behind a reminder of how much they needed to do.

"It was great to see teachers from other faculties and students in younger years come in and take an interest and we were proud to show what talent we have."

The AMID faculty plan to repeat the gallery next term.



SIXTH FORM

COMMENDATION FOR ENTERPRISE COMPANY

Sixth Form students who have launched their own company have been commended at the Young Enterprise area final. The team of students from eMBRACE presented in front of important people from the local business community at an event held at Wicksteed Park in Kettering on March 5th. As part of the Young Enterprise Programme, the students have set up their own enterprise project manufacturing and selling personalised photo frames. They have been selling their wares at local trade fairs and within the Academy and have pulled in funds from selling shares in their venture. The team presented their business

strategy in front of a business panel along with teams from seven other county schools. Feedback from the judges commended their business strategy and the personalise nature of the product as well as the team structure and organisation. The panel thought eMBRACE needed to focus more on pricing. Teacher Alexandra Allan who has been helping to mentor the students said: "I was really impressed with how the students represented themselves and Corby Business Academy. "The skills they have learnt in this process will be an asset when they look for future employment." The project will run until the end of the academic year.

Alex Pereira and Robert Bosic at a trade event at Milton Keynes in February



eMBRACE's products have gone as far as Europe after being a hit at famous dog show Crufts. Director of Design Technology Cath Davis took sample products along to the show last month and the dog personalised products were a huge hit. Mrs Davis, who breeds Rhodesian Ridgebacks, said: "The students' designs were really popular and I know that a few have gone as far as Europe."



AUSCHWITZ VISIT

Sixth Form student Steven Forsyth and our Head Girl Shona McKinnon travelled to Poland with Senior Assistant Principal Kirsty Farrar. The visit was organised by the Holocaust Education Trust which works with schools and communities in the UK to educate about the contemporary relevance of the event. Shona describes in her own words the experience: On arriving in Krakow, we were taken to the area of Auschwitz and to the town of Oświęcim in which the Concentration Camp is situated. We were told that, in this town before the war, sixty percent of the population were Jewish. However on November 9th 1938 on 'The night of Broken Glass', all the Synagogues in Oświęcim were destroyed by the Nazis. We then visited Auschwitz One, where we were led round by a Polish-Jewish tour guide. It was strange to be walking in the same footsteps as the workers and prisoners who were contained, forced to work, and tortured there. We then left for Auschwitz Two or Birkenau, which was a much larger concentration camp

specifically for Jews. We were able to climb to the top of the guard tower to view the whole of the camp from above. Any photo I took would never portray how vast the space was, row upon row of huts and barracks in which thousands of Jews would be squashed into just one. We were taken to the remains of one of the many gas chambers in Birkenau, in which the Jews were tricked into thinking they were going to get a shower. They were stripped naked, shaved and taken into the chamber. Over six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust, and one and a half million of them were killed in Birkenau alone. We ended the day with a ceremony where we paused for reflection and we also listened to the Rabbi sing to us, a prayer in Hebrew: El Molei Rachamim – For Martyres of the Holocaust. We lit candles and left them along the railway, on which cattle trains full of thousands of Jewish families would enter the camp. I don't think anyone can truly understand what it is like until they visit it personally.

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR CREATIVE STUDENT

Year 13 student Lily Taitia is making sure she is prepared for her university course by doing some work experience. Lily, who has applied to Anglia Ruskin University to study Graphic Design, is currently learning the tools of the trade with Impress – the company that produce our In Press magazine. Lily is spending six weeks with the firm, which has worked with CBA since we opened four years ago. Lily said: "I am thoroughly enjoying the experience as working with professional Graphic Designers is awesome. "Before I started I thought things were going to be difficult, but the Impress staff have been really helpful and have made time available to show me the tricks of the trade as well as teaching me how the business functions. "I am learning the process from the very beginning and seeing each stage until the designed product reaches the printing area. "Thanks to Impress I am now sure that I really do want to become a Graphic Designer." Senior Designer, Tania Homewood, said, "It has been great to have Lily with us, she is happy to try out new programmes and has gotten involved in actual design jobs with the design team. I think she will benefit from working in a real design studio before starting her University course – school and work environments are very different, it will be good for her to see what designers actually do on a daily basis".



NEWSHOUNDS' PM VISIT

When we first arrived at the BBC Television Centre after a short train journey, I was taken aback at how surreal it was. I had seen this building on the television and now I was inside.

First of all we took part in a four-hour workshop where we honed our questions and interviewing skills.

On day two we went straight into a meeting to quickly re-cap questions and the running order. It was then straight from there to the Nick Clegg interview.

When Mr Clegg arrived everyone was dead silent, but then the questions started and we were too busy worrying about tripping up and getting our point across to worry about Mr Clegg in our presence. It was quite nerve racking with the camera crews on us all the time so we had to make sure we looked presentable at all times.

After the interview we went back to the meeting room and discussed the Ed Milliband interview and made some adjustments to our questions.

The interview took place at the MP offices opposite the Houses of Parliament. The security was very strict, much like an airport and they even quickly took a mug shot of us, which were very amusing. Soon he joined us and we were off again, quizzing him with relative ease. When

we got to the fun questions he revealed he liked 80's disco music, much to the obvious discontent of the questioner. After a quick lunch and recap we headed to Downing Street, for our final interview. After a lot of photos outside (and Will attempting to try to wear the policeman's hat) we entered and were shown around Ten Downing Street. It was magnificent, it looked so out of place in the middle of London and you felt transported back in time. We were then ushered into the cabinet room. This was the most surreal part of a crazy day.

You often see this room on TV and many of the country's biggest decisions are made in this room, and I was in it! Mr Cameron then entered and sat to the left of me. All confidence I had conjured up disappeared as I realised I was sitting next to the Prime Minister. We went through the questions quite quickly until Danny, a London student, started to get in a debate with The Prime minister about gangs. With Danny on my right and Mr Cameron on the left I felt like I was watching a tennis match as my head went from one to the other as they debated. After A quick photocall it was time for Mr Cameron to leave. I will never forget the experience.

Harry Tomkins

Harry interviewing Prime Minister David Cameron



The School report team outside Number 10



NEWSHOUNDS' PM VISIT



Will interviewing Liberal Democrat Leader Nick Clegg



Here's the scene; you two have been selected to interview the three party leaders, and you will get the chance to go to 10 Downing Street and the BBC studios.

How do I feel? Ecstatic, at first. But once over the fact I get to go to London for two days, stay overnight in a hotel so nice it has a television in the bathroom, I began to think – well what's so different to interviewing any other person; it's just the fact that where we were meeting them is neater and they have a distinct 'well-spoken' accent.

Anyway, I immediately say yes and with my best friend Harry and English Teacher Mr Smith, we head down to London.

After a BBC workshop on the first day, at the start of day two we were ready to go to the cabinet office to interview the first suspect; Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg.

Most people would feel honoured to sit next to him, as did I, but I suppose it's just like sitting next to anybody else and, with that, my question was asked.

We headed back to the hotel for lunch and the next planning session; this time for Ed Milliband. After lunch was finished we went to the Houses Of Parliament and Ed Milliband's office. Whilst butterflies were flooding out of me in every direction, Ed sat down and, after others asked their question(s), I asked my own. "At the moment, the Conservatives are having to make budget cuts, do you feel in any way responsible for the cuts they're having to make, because when Labour were in power, they got the country into a substantial amount of debt?"

He replied with an answer about the banks also collapsing whilst they were in power, so they had to bail them out to keep the finance of the country stable.

After the interview was over, I managed to sneak in a picture with Mr Milliband (now known as my best mate 'Ed', above).

For the final part, we got to do the 'biggie', meeting David Cameron in person at 10 Downing Street.

Everyone was talking about how nervous they were. Everyone fell silent and an isolated clap was issued.

With HUGE folds in his trousers, Mr Cameron walked in. I was first to ask a question: "Due to the cuts made by your government, my county has been affected. The number of streetlights turned on has been reduced, putting our safety in jeopardy and leaving us feeling unsafe to go out in the dark. Why do you need to make such big cuts?"

The Prime Minister replied with an answer about how the Labour Party got us into debt. I was immensely lucky to have the opportunity and I praise the idea of children interviewing important adults. I thank all the teachers who helped me ask my questions with confidence. It was an amazing time with almost no drawbacks (apart from our non-working television in the bathroom) 10 Downing Street will never be the same again.

Will Bell



NEWSHOUNDS

NEWS REPORT GOES LIVE

Our Newshound reporters were out in force for the finale of the BBC School Report Project.

After weeks of preparation, the team of 14 students were involved in a frenzy of interviews, recording and editing as part of the School Report News Day on March 15th.

Along with 1,000 schools from across the country, our students reported on the news that mattered to them. Topics included the Paralympics (with a report from our DSP unit); study options available to students; safety and this week's school bus tragedy in Belgium.

The students' reports were broadcast on the national BBC School Report web page as well as

the Radiowaves website.

Year 10 student Danielle Mackness said:

"I wanted to get involved with the project so that we could make our student voice heard.

"It has been so enjoyable and it has been great to learn how to use the media equipment.

"A highlight was the BBC master-class from political reporter Adam Fleming. He taught us how to phrase a question and how to get the best out of an interview."

Read Chloe Burton's personal account on Radiowaves:

www.radiowaves.co.uk/corbybusinessacademy



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BBC JOURNALISTS SHARE THEIR WISDOM

As part of the BBC School Report experience, our students were lucky enough to meet two celebrated BBC Reporters.

Radio 4 Reporter Andrew Bomford recorded a debate with our Newshounds team – which was aired on popular programme World at One – and the students were also given a priceless master class by former Newsround reporter Adam Fleming.

As part of the Radio 4 piece the students were recorded debating an issue important to them – safety and the turning off of some streetlights in Corby.

Students Will Bell and Harry Tomkins also became roving reporters for the day and headed out onto the streets of Corby to interview members of the local community and their views on the switch off.

Harry said: "I learnt a lot from the recording experience and by the end was really confident and keen to do the questioning."

Mr Fleming gave the students handy hints about political reporting and how to look at the important issues in a simplified way.

Year 10 student Georgina Banbridge said: "I remember Adam from his days on Newsround and I am a fan. To have met him was really great and it was an inspirational experience."



LIBRARY



MANGA MANIA AT COMIC CONVENTION

Students dressed as their favourite comic characters for a trip to one of the country's best comic conventions.

A group of 14 students joined Librarian Amy McKay and Library Assistant Bernie Smith on the trip to the Midlands Comic Convention in Telford.

Many of the students are members of our popular Session 4 Manga Mania club, and so it was an opportunity for them to meet the writers behind their favourite comics and come across new publications. Most students dressed as their favourite comic characters and took part in some Cosplay – a growing trend where fans attend events wearing the costume of

their comic heroes.

As well as the Cosplay, students also had the opportunity to meet some graphic writers and illustrators and were able to meet some TV personalities such as Warwick Davis (famous for his roles in Willow, Star Wars and Harry Potter).

Year 10 student Jess Dick said:

"It was great, and all the people looked brilliant. I felt normal there! "The stalls were brilliant, and I learned a lot of things I didn't know before. I met some people and made a few friends, too!"

Year 8 student Morgan Holt: "I had an awesome day out, I would love to go again next year.

"It was worth Cosplaying as there was so many people dressed up."

KINDLES NOW AVAILABLE

As well as 13,500+ books to choose from students can now borrow Kindles from the library. The Kindles are available for use in the Library only at present, but if demand is high enough students will soon be able to borrow them for longer. They are loaded with lots of sample chapters of popular library books and some full length novels. Their introduction is the perfect opportunity for students to explore new titles and ways of reading.

Amy McKay – Librarian

BRAIN-EATING BEGINS

Next term the library will be running a course on preparing for and surviving the zombie apocalypse. The course will end with 24 hours spent living in the woods, practicing for when civilization breaks down.

Students interested in taking part and gaining these essential survival skills should visit the library for details or email

amckay@corbybusinessacademy.org

CARNEGIE & GREENAWAY SHORTLISTS

The shortlists for the Carnegie and Greenaway medals were announced at the end of Term 4.

The Carnegie Medal is the UK's oldest and most prestigious book award for young people. The eight outstanding books on this year's shortlist have very diverse settings – ranging from contemporary England, outback Australia and wartime Siberia; to places imagined but with strong echoes of our turbulent world today.

All students will have the opportunity to shadow the awards, either in our two book clubs or during certain lessons. As an extra incentive to take part in the awards process word counts of the shortlisted books will be worth double – making earning a place at Camp Uganda even easier!



CHESS CHAMPION IS CROWNED

CBA's annual Chess Tournament ran throughout Term 4 and our champion has finally been crowned. Favourite from the start, Year 8 student Owen Robinson has once again been victorious. Owen won the tournament last year and is Under 18 Northamptonshire Chess Champion – not surprisingly he won every match. Though it did come close at times!

Harry Robinson, Year 10, took second place and Year 12 students Michael Wynn and Muraz Maudarbux third and fourth. In all 28 students took part in the tournament.



ACADEMY NEWS



STUDENTS SING TO RAISE FUNDS AT TOWN MUSIC CONCERT

Our singing students joined together with other Corby secondary schools on Saturday, March 3rd to take part in a charity musical extravaganza. The Core Theatre in Corby was packed to the rafters for the two performances to raise funds for the Mayor's charities. 29 students from our Vocalise choir took to the stage at the Glee inspired Don't Stop Believin' concert and helped raise an impressive £1,000. The Choir sang *Grenade* by Bruno Mars, *Rolling in the Deep* by Adele, *Price Tag* by Jessie J and two students also gave solo performances. Year 10 student Daniella Ewen sang Elton John's *Your Song* and Year 9 student Eloise Robertson impressed with Adele's *Hometown Glory*. The choirs on stage were also accompanied by a live band, which included CBA musicians Callum Connachie, Victoria Brooks and Robert Muir. Music Teacher Felicity Cornish said: "For many it was the first performance they have done at the Cube and they did themselves credit with a confident performance." Proceeds from the night will go to the Mayor's charities – The Teenage Cancer Trust, Beanfield Special Needs and the Bobath Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy. Mayor Gail McDade said: "It was a great night and I really want to thank all of the students who were involved."

E-SAFETY TALK

Students across all years have been taught about e-safety this term. Caroline Moore, E-Safety officer from the Local Safeguarding Children Board, gave talks to each year group, explaining the things they have to do to make sure they stay safe on-line. The officer went through various topics such as cyber bullying and internet grooming and provided students with a guide on how to protect themselves. She said: "Young people when using sites such as Facebook and other social media should only be engaging with people who they know in real life. "I also say that they should give as little personal information as possible and don't put things like email addresses or telephone numbers online." She added: "One of the biggest concerns is online bullying and I would tell anyone who has suffered from this to first of all tell a responsible adult. "They should also get a copy of what has been said and block the bully as a friend. "They can keep a log and if threats have been made then people may have grounds to contact the police." **Visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk for more information.**

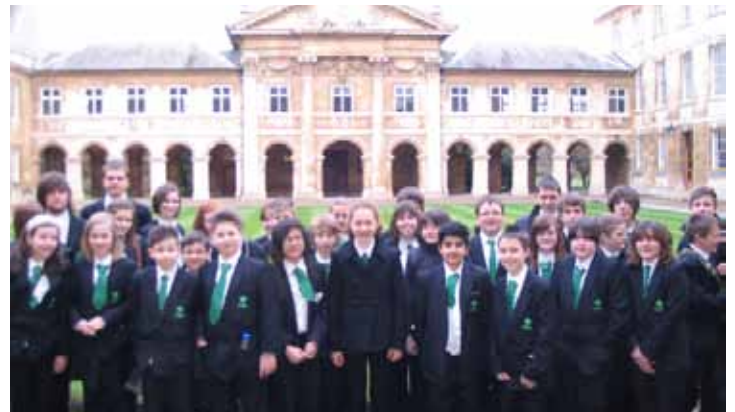


STUDENT DANCES HIS WAY TO SUCCESS

Luke Rielly has won a top accolade at a prestigious awards event. The Year 11 student won the Contribution to the Arts category at the Northamptonshire County Council's Children and Young People's Awards. Luke was recognised for his work in establishing a Session 4 Boys Dance Group. The student, who studies BTEC Dance and was nominated by Dance Teacher Francia Dickinson, said: "It was such a shock to win. It's a great honour although I did not do it for recognition but because it was something I enjoyed."



The talented dancer, who is a past winner of the CBA's Got Talent contest, set up the group to encourage more boys to take part in the art. He choreographs all the dances himself and leads all the sessions. He said: "I wanted to promote Dance as many boys may not even think about trying it. "Everyone who came along got involved and had fun." Senior Assistant Principal Kirsty Farrar said: "Luke has done extremely well to have won this award against some other strong contenders. "He is a very active student and has given his own free time to pass on his dance expertise to other students and this has resulted in his Session 4 club very well attended and managed well by Luke."



GIFTED & TALENTED STUDENTS VISIT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Students from Years 7 to 10 made a visit to the country's most famous place of learning this term. Thirty students visited Cambridge University as part of a programme to give them an insight into typical daily life at an Oxbridge College and the courses available to study. As part of the visit, the Year 9 and 10 students took part in the University's Science master class and the younger students looked at the specialisms of music, law and astronomy. Teacher Felicity Cornish, who accompanied the students on the trip with Senior Assistant Principal Kirsty Farrar, said: "The students were an absolute credit to the Academy. "Since we returned I have had an email from a lecturer to say what a wonderful group of students they were." In the afternoon all students took part in a short tour of the city – taking in famous colleges such as Kings College and the afternoon was rounded off with a tour of Emmanuel College. At the college they also had the opportunity to speak to existing Cambridge students about life at the university. Gareth De Beer said: "It was confusing at first how they organised the Colleges at Cambridge as they are spread around the city, but I enjoyed learning about it."

ACADEMY NEWS

SISTERS COMPETE IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

World Champion Irish Dancers Rebecca and Roisin Curran are preparing for this year's Championships.

The talented sisters, who train at the world famous Cary Academy of Irish Dance, are hoping to once again lift titles at the sport's biggest event which is taking place in Belfast in April.

Year 7 student Rebecca is part of the Under 13 girls Figure Team and also the Under 13s Ceilidh and elder sister Roisin (Year 9) is part of the Under 16s Girls Figure Team.

The girls have been training hard since September, travelling to Birmingham (where the dance academy is based) up to three times a week and practising most evenings at home. Roisin said: "We have been training really hard and so I hope we can do well again this year.

"We are both world champions and are hoping to repeat the success we had in 2010".

Rebecca, said: "Being part of a group of 16 is a pressure but we have done lots of training so hopefully we will win again."



CALL TO STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL DECISION MAKING

Key Stage 3 students are being encouraged to get involved with a committee that represents the views of young people.

Year 10 student Georgina Bainbridge and Year 11 Adam Wilson are encouraging students from Year 7 to 9 to attend the Local Area Board meetings that regularly take place in Corby.

Run by the Northamptonshire Children and Young People's Partnerships (CYPP) Participation Team the forum is a means of young people having an input into the running of the local community.

The police, fire service, health service, education service, and borough councils make up the Children and Young Persons Participation Board

(which funds the CYPP) and the young people give their views to the adult representatives, who use these views to inform the decision making.

Adam, who has been involved with the local area board for the past four years, said: "It is a great way of having your voice heard.

"We have been involved in a number of different projects and have been consulted on important issues such as the county council's new website and other websites for Young People."

Georgina said: "Last year we met with NHS representatives and our opinions have now had a direct impact on how doctors deal with younger people."



Any students who want to find out more can do so from their local Form Representative or the Senate members for their year.



STUDENT TRAINED BY CBA CRICKET COACH IS SELECTED BY COUNTY SQUAD

Erica Turner has been selected as wicket keeper for the Northants County squad. Erica, who is a product of the CBA cricket system, was scouted at an under 15 tournament earlier this month and will now be travelling the country as part of the Northamptonshire team.

The Year 9 student, who also plays county level netball and is an accomplished footballer, said she enjoys the sport because of the team nature of it.

She said: "I like the team element of the game and have found that the secret to it for me is to just constantly watch the ball."

Cricket Coach Jordon Joseph, who started up a cricket team when he was Head Boy and now is a staff member in charge of developing cricket, said the achievement is huge. He said: "Erica is a product of CBA cricket. This shows that students who join our cricket squad can come before the attention of local scouts and make it to county level.

"To make it to county level so quickly is a massive achievement and the role of wicket keeper is a very difficult one as it requires quick reactions and total concentration throughout the entire game."

KITCHEN GARDEN OPEN EVENT

This year's first Kitchen Garden Open Event took place this term.

The visitors had the chance to buy some produce as well as look at this year's crop which includes garlic, cabbage and cauliflower."

Teacher Nikki Clark said: "I would like to say a

big thank you to all those who came along to our Kitchen Garden Open Evening. It was well-attended and we raised more than £100 from the sale of our knitted rabbits. This money will help to buy products for our chickens."



ACADEMY NEWS

STUDENT SWIMS TO VICTORY AT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year 10 student Matthew Paul lifted two titles at the County Championships.

The swimmer came away with gold medals for the 100m and 200m breaststroke as well as seven other medals at the Northamptonshire Counties Swimming Championships which culminated at Corby International Pool on March 18th.

Matthew said: "I was really pleased with my performance and so glad that all my hard work paid off.

"I really enjoy the competing side of things and think it is a great sport to be involved in."

The student, who has been swimming for just three years, trains seven days a week and is a member of Northampton Swimming Club.

Twice a week he starts the day at 4am and is out of bed by 6.30am on a Sunday to make it to the pool for a training session.

To make sure he has enough energy to for the intensive trainings sessions he follows a strict carbohydrate packed diet.

Following his weekend's success Matthew is now keen to get the time needed to qualify for the national competition held in August.

After setting ten personal bests during the County Championships he is well placed to get there.

He said: "My target for this year is to reach the National Championships, and ultimately I would like to win a medal at national level."



READING CHALLENGE FOR PLACE IN CAMP

Students have less than three months to read more than a million words if they want to book their place on a summer camp.

Following its massive success last year, Camp Uganda is returning for a second season and more than 85 students have already signed up to the read-fest challenge. Launched on World Book Day on March 1st students have to read 1,017,000 words to secure their place on the overnight camp in June.

The event is part of Corby Business Academy's fundraising efforts for our annual Sixth Form trip to the Discovery Centre

in Uganda. Last year the visiting team established a library during their visit and this year's team want to add to the shelves.

So far teacher Kim Isaksen and students Klaudia Chalubinska, Ellie May Moore and Amber Garratt have managed to raise £1400. Miss Isaksen said: "Our aim is £5000 so that we can buy more books to add to their library. To promote the reading challenge Library Assistant Bernie Smith set up camp outside the restaurant.

For every 250 words students read, they will be awarded one mile on the 4068 mile journey to Uganda.



VINTAGE SALES

The Happy Hands company unveiled their new product at the Easter Sale.

The company, which has been formed by students within the DSP, tapped into the trend for all things retro and produced some vintage tea cup scented candles.

Happy Hands members were responsible for every aspect of the product – from sourcing the cups to creating, dying and scenting the candles.

The candles were priced at £6 and under and went down a storm at the sale.

Right:
Ellie Scopes
helped man
the stall.



NETBALL SUCCESS

The CBA Year 8 netball team have been crowned the best Year 8 team in Corby and Kettering.

After an undefeated season, the team beat Kettering Buccleuch Academy 11-4 and then triumphed over Bishop Stopford School by 10 goals to five in the final.

This follows last year's success when they lifted the title as Year 7 players.

Teacher Amy Harris said: "The girls have done so well. To go undefeated is just great and we

will hopefully retain the title next year."

It has been a great year for netball. The Year 7 team and the Year 9 team have also had a good season winning many matches.

Miss Harris said: "A big thank you to Juanita Robertson, who is the team mini bus driver and has been a massive support for all the teams and a thank you to all the parents/carers who have given up their time to come and pick the students up after matches."

ACADEMY NEWS

TEACHER'S RUNNING CHALLENGE FOR UGANDA

English teacher Louise Cory is taking part in a 10k race to help raise funds to buy books for a Ugandan Library. Mrs Cory, who took up running in January and trains with Corby Athletics Club, is taking on the running challenge in aid of this year's trip to the Discovery Centre in Uganda. She will run the Leicester Big 10km in Abbey Park over the Easter break.

Students Klaudia Chalubinska and Ellie-Mae Moore are attending an education conference with teacher Kim Isaksen in October and the team want

to buy more books to supplement the shelves of the library that last year's team established.

Mrs Cory said: "This started as a personal challenge to lose weight and get fit. I joined the CAC Beginners Group in January and I struggled to run for more than a few minutes without needing to stop to catch my breath. "The commitment to raise sponsorship for The Discovery Centre has kept me focused and on track with my training. Mrs Cory will be joined by Year 11 student Amber Garratt on the run.



AUSTRIAN SKI TRIP

Forty students took to the slopes during the February half term break as part of the CBA annual Ski Trip.

Auffach in Austria was the destination for the students who took part in a week of winter sport along with teachers Dan Arnold and Maxine Hopewell.

Head girl Shona McKinnon said: "It was a lot of fun, falling over and watching others do the same. But it was also hard work, lugging the equipment up and down the place – I came back with muscles I didn't even know I had.

"But everything is so worth it once you're at the top of the mountain. Skiing down a slope gave me the biggest adrenaline rush. "I've had so many laughs and memories made, so all I can say is that I thoroughly recommend the trip to students next year."

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR SPORTY STUDENTS

Active Teacher Phil Woolley is helping a group of Year 10 students complete their Leadership Academy training.

The students will be key players in the Northamptonshire Games 2012 – a Government-funded county-wide schools event which aims to promote sport in this Olympic year.

The students have already undergone one day of training at our sister school Brooke Weston Academy and have another two to go before the finale event.

As part of the Games students from the

various School Sport Partnership areas will compete against other schools within their area to book their place in the final.

Sports included in the games are Hockey, Table Tennis, Gymnastics, Netball and indoor rowing.

Mr Woolley said: "The students had to apply for their place in the Academy and it is a great opportunity for them.

"It will help them learn a number of sport leadership skills which will be invaluable if they wish to proceed into coaching or teaching Physical Education within schools."



SESSION 4

STUDENTS HIT THE TARGET

A six-week Archery Club has been run by Corby Archers this term.

Qualified coaches from the Corby based club have been teaching students the basics of the sport.

Coach Chaz Wilson said: "We started with the safety elements of the sport and we have taught the students how to use a bare bow and a bow with a sight.

"They are now hitting the target from 18 metres. A couple of the students who have come along have been exceptional." Year 10 student Kieran Durnan is a recent member of the Corby Archers Club and has attended the sessions at CBA. He said: "I think it's a great sport. I have really enjoyed it and am going to try and get my own equipment soon."



CAN YOU WIN THE ELITE COMPANY BADGE?

Elite Company is returning to Corby Business Academy in Term 5.

Membership to the physical army-style course has been extended to students in Year 9 and above.

Vice Principal Tony Segalini who runs the Session 4 club said: "Only seven candidates achieved the standard in the winter cadre out of 26 starters. The motto is No Pain No Gain."

Why not have a go and get fighting fit in the process.

The six week course clubs starts on Thursday 19th April and will be followed by endurance tests to win the coveted Elite Company badge.



BRICK BY BRICK

Lego club started in Term 4 and many students have signed up.

Run by Librarian Amy McKay the club takes place every Monday in Session 4.

There is a huge amount of Lego to choose from and students have been making some great freestyle creations as well as completing some impressive kit builds.



UP IN THE AIR

Trampolining Club is attracting a large number of students.

The students are trained by Trampolining coach Amy Harris and are being taught new jumps each week.

Year 7 student Ellie Campbell has been attending since September.

She said: "I really enjoy it. We have been taught how to use the trampoline safely and I have learnt how to do the swivel hips jump.

"It's a great way to keep fit."

The club takes place on Thursdays Session 4.

CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY – SESSION 4 ACTIVITIES

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
MONDAY				
AMID	Senior Brass Ensemble	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Garry Fountain
AMID	CBA Vocalize (CU)	AU6	3.30 - 4.30	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	GCSE Textiles	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	Sam Fynan
BHE	AS Level Polish	BHE	3.45 - 5.45	Beata Bykowska
PNS	Year 8 Dance Club (CU)	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.30	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Rounders Club (all Years)	Sports Hall	3.30 - 4.45	Amy Harris/Daryl Handy
PNS	Free Running	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Liam Feely
MAIT	Maths Challenge (G&T)	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Marion Freeman
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.45 - 5.00	Sue Holmes
LIBRARY	Lego Club	Library	3.30 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
TUESDAY				
AMID	Junior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.30	Clive Wears
AMID	Senior Woodwind	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Pam Carter
AMID	Art & Design Catch Up – KS4	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell/Jacqui Brown
AMID	Health & Social Care/Hospitality/CCLD – KS4	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis
AMID	Btec Catch Up	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Fynan
AMID	Skills Making Activity (Years 8 & 9)	AMID	3.30 - 5.00	John Barr
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.45 - 5.00	Sue Holmes
INCLUSION	Kitchen Garden Club (open to all) (CU)	DL1 & KITCHEN GARDEN	3.30 - 4.45	Nikki Clark
PNS	Junior Dance Company	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Chrissie Moore
PNS	Basketball Club – KS4 (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.30	James Aston
PNS	Senior Dance Company (CU)	Theatre	3.45 - 5.30	Francia Dickinson
MAIT	Web Design (open to all)	ML6	4.00 - 5.00	Karl Lomax
MAIT	ICT Coursework Catch Up	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	ICT Staff
MAIT	Target Group Maths	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	MAIT Staff
MAIT	Further Maths AS	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Peter Garratt
MAIT	A Level Catch Up – Year 12	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam
BHE	Humanities Drop in Club	BU5	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
BHE	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Alex Allan
LIBRARY	Magic Club (by invitation only) – Year 10	Library	3.30 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
WEDNESDAY				
AMID	String Ensemble (CU)	AU2	3.00 - 4.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	GCSE Support Session	AU6	4.00 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
PNS	Dance Club – Year 7 (CU)	Dance Studio	3.15 - 4.45	Daryl Handy
PNS	Girls Cricket	Sports Hall	3.15 - 4.45	Jordon Joseph
COMMS	Imperial War Museum/Media Working Group	CL4	3.45 - 5.00	Claire Howsam
LIBRARY	Manga Mania – KS3 (CU)	Library	3.15 - 4.45	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
THURSDAY				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	Electronics Club – KS3	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	Catch-up Sessions – KS4	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	Art Club – KS3/4/5	AU1	3.45 - 5.45	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	Btec Catch Up	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Fynan
AMID	Keyboard Club	AU2	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Food Enterprise Club	AL7	3.45 - 5.30	Cath Davis
COMMS	Film Club (every other week)	Small Lecture Theatre	3.45 - 5.45	Lou Cory
COMMS	GCSE Media Studies – Year 11	CL4	3.45 - 5.00	Claire Howsam
COMMS	Revision Sessions – Year 11	COMMS	3.45 - 5.00	Lou Cory
INCLUSION	Boccia (open to all)	MAIN THEATRE	3.30 - 4.45	Nikki Clark
MAIT	ICT Drop In – All Years	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	ICT Staff
MAIT	Maths module revision and support – Year 12/13	MAIT	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Anderson
MAIT	Further Maths AS	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Peter Garratt
MAIT	A Level Catch Up – Year 12	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam
PNS	Science Club "Hogwarts" (every other week)	PNS	4.00 - 5.00	Sarah Dankmeyer
PNS	Animal/Garden Club/Winter months Astronomy – all Years (CU) (every other week)	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
PNS	U13 & U15 Cricket Training (CU)	Sports Hall/Astro	4.00 - 5.35	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Tennis Club (all Years)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Amy Harris
PNS	Softball Club (all Years)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Liam Feely/Phil Woolley/James Aston
BHE	GCSE French / Spanish Support Sessions	BU3	3.45 - 4.45	Karen Turney/Candie Boni
BHE	French Club & Spelling Bee – Year 7/8	BU1	3.45 - 4.45	Karen Mayes
BHE	Travel & Tourism Catch Up – KS4	BHE	3.30 - 5.45	Helen Featherstone/Peter May
BHE	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
BHE	AS Level Polish	BHE	3.45 - 5.45	Beata Bykowska
BHE	Humanities Drop in Club	BU5	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
BHE	Elite Company	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Tony Segalini
LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	LIBRARY	3.45 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
FRIDAY For all students school closes at 3.30pm				
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 4.00	Amy McKay

Parents/Carer(s) please note the above CBA After School Activity Timetables for the relevant Faculties. The late buses are available Monday Tuesday and Thursday at 5.45pm and on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 5.00pm. If your child wishes to attend any of the activities above or requires the late bus please ensure they book a place at Student Reception.

NO LATE BUSES FRIDAY

PARENTS CONSULTATION GROUP

Our next Parent Consultation Group is taking place on May 9th. This is an open agenda meeting and we would like parents to let us know the issues that they wish to discuss. The Parents Consultation Group is a crucial part of the Academy and informs

how we operate and improve and so we would like to see as many of our parents as possible attend. If anyone has an item for the agenda please email Senior Assistant Principal Kirsty Farrar on kfarrar@corbybusinessacademy.org The meeting takes place from 6pm.

STUDENTS ATTEND CAREERS FAIR

This term our Year 10 students attended the Corby Careers fair at the Rockingham Forest Hotel. Sponsored by the Corby Learning Partnership; the aim was to help students become aware of the opportunities available to them within the workplace.

Our students participated in the Employable You workshop run by Inspire2Exceed, and also had the opportunity to speak to representatives from companies such as Atkins Engineering, Roquette, Tayto, Lockhart Garratt and RS Components. Sixth Form student David Seregi (pictured) was one of the students who helped out at the event.

He said: "It was a great learning experience and I was very pleased to be involved."



REWARDS

Three students have this term been given rewards for their continued enthusiasm to work and learning. Sam Oliver (Key Stage 3), Danielle Mackness

(Key Stage 4) and Nicole Parsons (Key Stage 5) were presented with either a flip camera or ipod.



EASTER THEMED VISIT

A timely trip to Cadbury World rounded off a great term for Caren Brown's students. The students were able to sample a number of the famous confectioner's products and reported back that it was a fantastic trip.



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RECOGNITION FOR RADIOWAVES

Corby Business Academy has given Champion status for Radiowaves, an online schools media channel. The honour is given to just a select number of schools and means the CBA Radiowaves community may be asked to cover key events, will have early access to new features and could have a case study about our own site featured on the national site. Media Teacher Claire Howsam, who runs the CBA Radiowaves site, put the online social network forward for Champion Status. The site has become an integral part of school life, used by the students to showcase multi-media work; by staff to provide students with extracurricular learning activities; by school reporters to give coverage of local events and to record extra events run as part of the Gifted and Talented Programme. Miss Howsam said the site has also become a key tool in the Philosophy For Children debates that are part of the school curriculum: "Using Radiowaves to house the Academies P4C debates has been a major success", she said. "Using the stories and blogs to respond to key questions has meant that students can take the discussion beyond their classroom and year group to discuss these issues in more detail." There are 324 members of the site and to find out more visit our Radiowaves channel under the Student Information tab on our website.



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