CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATES TREBLE IN NUMBERS

An after-school programme introduced to raise aspirations, improve motivation and develop skills will see record numbers of students 'graduating' from the scheme this summer.

The Academy was the first school in Northamptonshire to sign up to the Children's University, which encourages students to take part in after-school activities.

Depending on how many hours they complete, students can graduate with bronze, silver or gold awards.

This summer, 238 students from CBA will graduate at a ceremony at the University of Northampton. The figure is almost treble that of last year's cohort and the highest in the county.

CBA's enthusiasm for the Children's University has also resulted in students being asked to host the ceremony this year.

The Academy has 50 accredited after-school clubs with new ones including Glee Club, woodcarving and the Read Your Way to Uganda project.

Assistant Vice Principal Kirsty Farrar said: "The number of students graduating is a great testament to the after-school learning activities at CBA and shows that staff respond to what students want.

"More students now know about the Children's University and want to be part of it."

Nikki Taylor, who runs the Children's University programme for Northamptonshire County Council, said: "CBA has used the programme innovatively to develop and enhance learning opportunities for the students.

"CBA has become an important partner leading the way in the growth of Children's University in Corby."



Tom Woodward – the first student in Northamptonshire to achieve Gold

FROM THE EDITOR

This term has flown by and it's been a busy few weeks here at CBA.

We have also had several visitors to CBA, including a professional drama group (page 3) and an organisation which shared memory tricks with GCSE students (page 6). Once again we've had individual student success, from cricketers (page 4) to dedicated volunteers (page 6). Year 11 and Year 13 are now completing their portfolios and are revising hard for their GCSE/GCE examinations. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them good luck. All the hard work, well-planned preparation and revision will bring just rewards when you return to CBA to pick up your results from Dr Campbell in August.

Sarah Ashby Vice Principal – PNS



Corby Business Academy

WHAT STUDENTS THOUGHT

"What I like about the Children's University scheme is the wide range of clubs you can earn points for and the excitement that you feel when you find out you have graduated. I think that the Children's University helps children think that if they can graduate for it, then they can achieve a lot more."

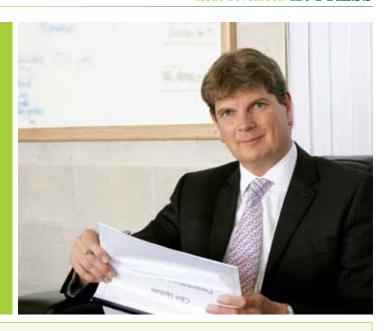
Chloe Harvey - Graduate

"Last year we graduated from the Children's University. We had a great time. We had all worked hard doing different after-school activities like Pet Club to gain our hours. This year we are going for our silver award. The best part this time was looking after the Academy's chickens – we've had to clean them out, collect the eggs, feed them and then hand out the eggs."

Nathan Jury - Graduate

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"I am sure you will all join me in wishing the very best of luck to all CBA students who are sitting examinations during the next two months. >>



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this early summer edition of In Press. The last issue was produced by our excellent student journalists and was a very high quality publication indeed and it certainly is a hard act to follow. This latest magazine contains a typically broad spectrum of CBA life from individual sporting success to a myriad of student activities which have been pursued as part of our Children's University programme.

Of course I shouldn't forget to mention the memory championships either!

I would also like to record my thanks and best wishes to Vernon Ingold as he leaves CBA to begin his very well-deserved retirement. Vernon has been an excellent colleague and he will be much missed.

Finally, I am sure you will all join me in wishing the very best of luck to all CBA students

who are sitting examinations during the next two months. CBA is a rapidly improving school with a bright future and I look forward to celebrating the outcomes of these examinations with everyone later this year.

Andrew Campbell

MUSIC FOR STAGE & SCREEN

A range of ensembles will perform music from shows and films at CBA's summer concert.

Parents have been invited to the event on Wednesday, June 15th, which will feature the award-winning Concert Band, the String Ensemble, the Senior Brass Ensemble, the Woodwind Ensemble, the choir and numerous soloists.

The concert starts at 7.30pm - tickets

are free and will be available from student reception.





The Parents in Partnership (PIP) group is always looking for new members.

It meets once a month on a Monday at 6.30pm at CBA.

The dates of PIP's forthcoming meetings are: Monday 6th June 2011 / Monday 11th July 2011

If you are interested in joining PIP email

PIP@corbybusinessacademy.org.

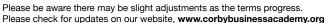
PIP recently held a craft sale in Corby town centre, raising

more than £600 for CBA - thanks to all families and businesses who supported the event.

Some of CBA's musicians provided music for the event.







2011 TERM 6				
Mon June 6th	Start of Term 6			
Mon June 6th	Parents in Partnership Meeting – 6.30pm – 8.00pm			
Mon June 13th	Dance To Educate – 4 Days – F Dickinson			
Fri June 17th	Annual Corby Schools Carnegie Shadowing – A McKay			
Sun June 19th	French Trip – 5 Days – K Turney			
Tue June 21st	Children's University Celebration – K Farrar			
Mon 20th - Fri 24th June - Enterprise Activities Week				
Fri July 1st	Training Day			
Mon July 4th	Training Day			
Wed July 6th	CBA Concert Band Tour to Holland – 5 Days – C Wears			
Wed July 6th	Year 6 Parents Meeting			
Mon July 11th	Parents in Partnership Meeting – 6.30pm – 8.00pm			
Tue July 12th	CBA Annual Achievements Awards Evening			
Fri July 15th	Year 6 Transfer Day			
Tue July 19th	Garden Open Evening – N Clark			
Wed July 20th	Here and Now Summer Dance Show			
Fri July 22nd	End of Term 6			

MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)

NEW MEMBER OF STAFF FOR MAIT

This term MAIT has welcomed a new member of staff - Mathematics Teacher Stephanie Jarmolkiewicz.

Mrs Jarmolkiewicz has taught the subject for several years, mostly in schools in the West Midlands and Birmingham before moving to another school in Northamptonshire.

Outside of work, Mrs Jarmolkiewicz enjoys spending time relaxing with her family and travelling to destinations both at home and abroad.



OUTDOOR MATHS

Year 8 used CBA's building as a basis for calculations for some real-life examples of Maths.

Students studied the boundary fence around the Astro Turf pitch to work out the gradient or slope.

They looked at the wedges supporting the fence and calculated the gradient by

counting the vertical squares in the mesh and dividing it by the horizontal squares. Maths Teacher Maxwell Sam said: "The lesson was about how gradient/slope is used in our everyday lives. Students saw that gradient is not just drawing straight lines in their books but found out how meaningful y=mx+c is to them.'



COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)



A NIGHT ON THE TILES

A creative writing theatre company ran a drama workshop for Year 9 students to demonstrate how stories can be brought to life.

The Pen-ultimate Theatre Company showed students the art of storytelling and physical theatre.

The group later went to watch Pen-ultimate's performance of A Night on the Tiles at Corby's Cube Theatre that evening.

Drama Teacher Vicky Clements said: "It showed them how to represent things physically - it gave them an appreciation of drama and it got them excited about it.'

LIBRARY

ENERGETIC AUTHOR GETS STUDENTS THINKING ABOUT HISTORY

A children's author who questions what the world would be like if the course of history had been different proved to be inspirational when he visited CBA.

Alex Scarrow, who writes the popular Time Riders series, spoke to Year 7s about how even small events in history had such a big effect on our lives now.

Librarian Amy McKay said: "The students were completely entranced. Alex was a really excitable speaker and he was really good fun."



BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)

RAISING AWARENESS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

STOP THE TRAFFIK,

Year 10 and 11 students learned about the victims of human trafficking as part of a human rights topic.

Two police officers from Northamptonshire's Force Intelligence Bureau spoke to students about this growing international problem. The group learned about the organisation

Stop The Traffik and what the definition of human trafficking is.

Citizenship Teacher Samantha Stacey said: "Some of them weren't aware that human trafficking even goes on and they were shocked at what they heard.

"They didn't realise that people were still

enslaved, not just in the UK but also closer to home

"They learnt that many people who have beer trafficked are dependent on drugs because they've been forced into having a habit."

Mrs Stacey said she is hoping to launch a campaign around Stop The Traffik next year.

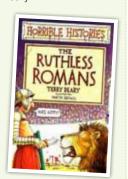
THE RUTHLESS ROMANS

This term Year 7 students visited the Broadway Theatre in Peterborough to see Horrible Histories: The Ruthless Romans. It is a play from the very popular series of Horrible Histories books by Terry Deary.

The play is based around the Romans invading Britain and trying to build a new road over Ethel the peasant's farm. When she objects, Ethel is then taught by soldiers of the Roman army about Roman history, and then she teaches them a thing or two about British history.

The afternoon spent at the theatre was a most enjoyable time and everyone returned home having had a good and fun afternoon out and at the same time learning a bit more about those 'horrible Romans'.

Ian Nichol - History Teacher





PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

NETBALL TEAM HITS THE GROUND RUNNING

The Year 7 netball team was crowned winner of the Kettering and Corby district following a run of success. The players, who have been playing together since February, won the Corby and Kettering District League B. They reached the final against League A winners, Southfields, and beat them 19-10. The team was also runner-up in a district tournament and went on to a county competition. Hannah Gibbons has even been selected to try out for the county team.



NEW PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL

Sixth Formers will have the chance to study psychology with the start of a new A Level course in September. The course topics include aggression, relationships, phobias, schizophrenia and eating behaviours.

Tania Hambly, who did her degree in psychology and biology, is leading the course and she said: "One of the main aims of the course is to help students understand why people do things. It can help with lots of different career choices, from nursing and sports science, to working in the police."



ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)



GO KARTING EXPERIENCE

A group of Year 9 students were invited to attend a karting championship organised by Formula Kart Stars (FKS) at the 3 Sisters race circuit near Wigan.

The group were welcomed on to the circuit by the MD of FKS, Carolynn Hoy, who gave them a behind the scenes tour of the Championship. They were introduced to members of the Fusion Race team and had chance to enter their race set up area to question both drivers and mechanics.

The tour also included meeting race

officials, entering the paddock area before the start of races and being on the 'start grid' at the start of the race.

A great time was had by all. Experiencing at first hand the organisation of such events has given the students lots to think about and be enthused by.

The visit was part of a real-life go-karting project which the group is currently taking part in at CBA.

David Mitchell - AMID Teacher

ENTERPRISE PROJECT LAUNCHED IN AMID

dash

Form groups in AMID have teamed up to design, produce and sell items such as jewellery, t-shirts and key rings to fundraise for a breast cancer charity.

Students have appointed roles similar to those in a company, including managers, a marketing team and a production team.

The Faculty was inspired to help after hearing that a teacher's wife had been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Sam Fyman and Cath Davis' forms have been working together while Jacqui Brown and David Mitchell's forms have joined forces. Students have been spending tutor time

coming up with designs for products that are due to go on sale after half term.

The logo and name of the project is Dash to symbolise the hyphen after a person's year of birth (e.g. 1980 - XXXX) with the idea that fundraising activities that support charities can help to extend lives.

Art is being linked with DT by using famous artists' styles as inspiration for the products. Tendar Simango, pictured with a prototype brooch based on Charles Rennie Mackintosh's distinctive style, said: "We're doing it to help one of our teachers, to raise awareness of cancer and to try to make a change."



THE UNIT

SECOND GARDEN OPENING EVENING

Local

The development of CBA's kitchen garden impressed visitors who attended its open evening this term.

The UNIT invited students, staff and representatives from the Lottery's Local Food programme – which funded the garden – to see how work has progressed.

Special Needs Teacher Nikki Clark said: "Our students have embraced their 'outdoor classroom' and enjoy growing fruit, vegetables and caring for our chickens.

"Hopefully with the introduction of more crops and as our garden gets more established this interest will grow this year."

Chris Firth, the regional co-ordinator for Local Food, was also there and he said: "I was impressed with the facilities which have been established as part of the kitchen garden and with the obvious enthusiasm of the students."







ACADEMY NEWS



VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Two students who are members of a voluntary group have been involved in a project with a difference – the creation of a bee habitat.

Sixth Former Dale Page and Year 10 student Adam Wilson are part of Northamptonshire Voluntary Youth Action and in April, they undertook a gardening project at Abington Park in Northampton.

Dale said: "It was something different that we haven't done before. With the weather it was very challenging because it was about 25°C and we worked from 9am to 4pm."

Dale, who has been part of Voluntary Youth Action for two years, said: "You get enjoyment out of helping the community and making a difference, as well as meeting new people and doing something different."

STUDENTS VICTORIOUS IN BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Students triumphed in the hotly-contested Battle of the Books which saw them go head-to-head with staff in a reading competition.

Students were teamed up with a member of staff and they had to quiz each other once they had both read their allocated book.

The final score was 36-34 and notable successes included Christina Mangin who scored 20 out of 20 and Emily Carroll who beat PSO Donna Lapsley, known to be one of the most competitive members of staff in Battle of the Books.

Librarian Amy McKay said: "The students had been beaten twice in a row so they were determined to win this time."

MEMORY TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

Using stories to remember facts and figures was just one of the handy hints given to students at a memory workshop.

Staff from Inspire Education helped Year 9 students to develop their memories and learn tricks to aid exam success.

They discussed learning styles and demonstrated how to apply each learning style to remember facts.

Using the techniques, students learnt how to say one to ten in Cantonese in less than three minutes, by using actions to remember a story (pictured).

Felicia Field, who led the workshop, said: "You can apply most of these techniques to just about anything – in History, for example, we teach students how to match a date to an event."



A UNIQUE FORUM FOR CREATIVITY

Performers and artists will be able to showcase their work and edit other people's thanks to a special new website.

The Academy has teamed up with The Cube and The Robert Smyth School in Market Harborough and students from both schools who are part of the project can upload songs, performances, photos and other creative works to The Mighty Creatives website.

Using a password, they can then access the website and edit other students' work from their partner school, or use any of the uploaded material as a starting point for their own creations.

Year 9 students Nikki Hutcheon and Katie Cummings (pictured) were the first to sign up. Katie said: "The point is you can do anything and you might give other people some inspiration at the same time. It's also a way to show off what you can do."



NEW SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Science Teacher Zoe Bird is starting a British Sign Language Club in Term 6. It is open to Year 7s and 8s and will be held on Mondays from 4pm to 4.50pm in PL3.

CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY – SESSION 4 ACTIVITIES

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MID	Brass Ensemble	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Garry Fountain/Clive Wear
MID	CBA Vocalize	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Clive Wears/Felicity Cornis
MID	Drumming (with a difference)	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Mr Malitski
NS S	Racquets – all Years (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.45	Steve Wedgewood
NS	Dance – Year 7	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.00	Francia Dickinson
NS	British Sign Language Club - Year 7 and 8 (CU)	PL3	4.00 - 4.50	Zoe Bird
OMMS	Drama Club (CU)	Drama Studio	3.45 - 4.45	Vicky Clements
BRARY	Philosophy Club (CU)	LIBRARY	3.45 - 4.45	Amy McKay
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ИID	Junior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Clive Wears/Pamela Carte
ИID	Glee Club	AU2	4.00 - 4.45	Felicity Cornish
ИID	Textile/Craft Club – KS3	AU11	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis/Ena Fry
/IID	Design – KS3	AL2	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
MID	Licence to Cook – KS3 (CU)	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
MID	Art Club – Room AL8 – KS3 (CU)	AU1	3.45 - 4.45	Elizabeth Hopkins
CLUSION	Kitchen Garden Club (open to all) (CU)	UNIT Garden	3.45 - 5.00	Nikki Clark
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	AS Physics / AS Biology		3.45 - 5.00	
IS	Dance – Year 8	Theatre	3.45 - 5.45	Francia Dickinson
IS .	Softball (CU)	Field	3.45 - 4.45	Phill Woolley/James Asto
IS	U13's Cricket (CU)	Field	3.45 - 4.45	Jordon Joseph
IS	Rounders (CU)	Field	3.45 - 4.45	Natasha Dunstone/Amy Ha
AIT	ICT Coursework Catch Up – Year 13	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	Kam Zaman
AIT	Target Group Maths	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	MAIT – Staff
AIT	Maths Puzzle Club – KS3	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	Marion Freeman
AIT	Special Match (G&T) KS3	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam/Stan Roberts
DMMS	Health and Social Catch Up – KS4	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Kim Asher
DMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.45 - 5.00	Viv Gilbert/Sue Holmes
I E	GCSE French Support Sessions	BU3	3.45 - 4.45	Karen Turney
I E	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BU1	3.45 - 5.00	Alex Allen
BRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
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MID	String Ensemble (CU)	AU2	3.00 - 4.00	Felicity Cornish
IS	Dance – Year 9	Dance Studio	3.30 - 5.45	Daryl Handy
IS	Dodgeball	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Andy Duncan
IS	Photography Club	PNS Central Area	3.15 - 4.45	Natash Dunstone
IS	Judo – all Years*	Sports Hall	4.00 - 6.00	Laurence Kenyon
BRARY	Manga Mania (CU) – KS3	LIBRARY	3.15 - 4.45	Amy McKay
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* 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

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LETTER FROM THE

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



I would like to begin by wishing all students all the best for their examinations. I urge you all to put 100% effort in as it really is a fundamental part of your futures.

I would also like to talk about the new SHARP System that is being launched at CBA. The SHARP System – the School Help Advice Reporting Page – gives schools the chance to address issues being flagged up. It really is an innovative approach that gives students a voice to report any issues that are concerning them. Topics on the website include community and health.

Finally, I'm very much looking forward to the CBA Summer Concert on Wednesday 15th June, and urge everyone to come along if they can spare the time. It starts at 7.30pm and is free with tickets being available from Student Reception. The concerts, expertly arranged, produced and directed by Director of Music, Clive Wears, are fantastic events. It's great to see the result of such hard work on the part of Clive and the students. They rely on our support so if you can spare time, please get your ticket and come along.

So, good luck again to all students who will be sitting exams in the next few weeks. I make no apologies for repeating myself when I urge you all to keep your heads down, work hard, and make sure you give 100% effort. Trust me, it'll be worth it in the end!

Kerry James - Chair

CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

An appeal has been made for unwanted clothing to send to American families whose homes were destroyed by the recent tornado.

Sarah Wayment, who teaches in the autism base in the UNIT, is a volunteer for a charity which sends food, supplies and clothing aid across the world.

She was contacted by friends in the US who appealed for aid to help families cope with the devastation caused by the tornado in Alabama on April 27.

Anyone who has any second-hand clothing they would like to donate should email:

swayment@corbybusinessacademy.org.

INSPIRING ASSEMBLIES FROM YEAR 8

"I'm great at this" was the theme of a recent series of assemblies in which 16 talented Year 8 students took a leading role.

Despite feeling nervous, the students spoke confidently and impressed the audience with their achievements. They are all successful at a high level due to their dedication to a variety of activities including sport, music, dancing, languages, horse riding and go-karting. They are committed to several hours of practice or training each week. Some of them shared their thoughts about taking part in the assembly: "When I did the 'I'm great at this' assembly, I felt happy because I wanted to show everyone what my interest is, especially the Year 7s because they didn't even know I did Irish dancing. I

have been dancing since the age of 3

and enjoy it very much. I became an U13 figure World Champion in 2010 at the Irish Dancing World Championships in Glasgow." (Roisin Curran)

John Atkinson and Karen Turney



DEDICATED CARETAKER RETIRES AFTER YEARS OF SERVICE

Staff said a fond farewell to Vernon Ingold who retired on his 65th birthday this month. Vernon began his career as a design and technology teacher in London before moving to Corby in the late '70s.

He taught at Samuel Lloyd School and then moved to Southbrook School which then became Queen Elizabeth.

Vernon gave up teaching in 1992 and joined the site staff at Queen Elizabeth which later became Corby Community College in 2000.

Alain Stubbs, CBA's Premises and Services Director, said: "Vernon was a very practicalminded person who could easily resolve difficult issues and was always keen to repair anything that came across his way, whether mechanical or electronic. He was always hard working but hated paperwork. He particularly enjoyed fixing things which no other site staff could normally do. "We all miss Vernon, his sense of humour and his ability to repair and fix all sorts of things."



A DAY AT DUXFORD

Students spent time in an air raid shelter and tried on gas masks during a trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum.

Caren Brown's Resource Provision class enjoyed some hands-on learning about World War Two, including finding out how families would pile into Morrison shelters in their homes during air raids. Some of the group also enjoyed a day of fishing this month thanks to the Masonic Trout and Salmon Flyfishing Club.

Jake Macquarie provided this student report of the day:

"On Thursday 5th May we went fishing at Ringstead. Some of us took the fish home.

"The castor I fished with was called John. He was nice because he taught me how to fish. "My favourite part of the day was getting a certificate."



We hope you have enjoyed this issue of In Press. We are always keen to hear the views of parents.

If you have any comments or suggestions email Vice Principal Sarah Ashby on

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