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FLYING HIGH: HUGE IMPROVEMENTS IN GCSE RESULTS

Corby Business Academy is rapidly becoming one of the most improved schools in the country following a steep rise in the number of students achieving top grades in their GCSEs.

The drive to improve standards and help every student achieve their potential is paying off, with more than 60% of last year's Year 11 cohort achieving five A* to C grades. It represents a significant increase of more than 20% compared to the best-ever results at the Academy's predecessor school.

There has also been a big rise in the number of students achieving five A* to C grades including maths and English, from 21% last year to 36% this summer.

The year group taking its exams this summer was the first to study for two full years at the Academy.

Their success and the rapid progress that CBA is making have given the Academy an excellent foundation on which build and continue to raise students' aspirations.

In addition, CBA's attendance figures are now better than the national average, highlighting the Academy's efforts to ensure that children from all backgrounds succeed.

The future looks bright for CBA and Principal Andrew Campbell said:

"We are delighted by the good improvements in our overall GCSE results along with very encouraging performances in English and mathematics which shows CBA is well on track to meet targets set by the government for all schools in 2011.

"On top of these positive Year 11 results it is important to point out Year 9 students performed very well this year and we have also celebrated our first cohort of Year 13 students securing their places at university. Added to these achievements, the Academy's attendance figures have now surpassed the national average.

"So whichever way you look at it, this has been a very good second year for what is still a new school with many challenges to face."

Read more about our GCSE success stories on page 4.



FROM THE EDITOR

We got off to a flying start in Term 1 and it looks like it's going to be another exciting year here at CBA. Elections for the Forums were very well supported (page 12) and we look forward to student input into the Academy's development in the coming year.

Language Week celebrations (page 7) gave students an understanding of languages spoken around the world and the creation of the new Spanish Club adds to our growing programme of after-school activities.

We were proud to see so many of our students shortlisted in a county awards scheme (pages 13 and 14) and we celebrate more individual achievements this term (page 6 and 12).

We're looking forward to another busy and fulfilling year and bringing you even more good news in the coming terms.

Sarah Ashby
Vice Principal – PNS

GREAT INNINGS FOR CRICKET CLUB IN FIRST SEASON

CBA's Under-13 Cricket Team, set up by a former student, has gone from strength to strength this season, with a cup final win and an award nomination under its belt.

The team was established less than two years ago by former Sixth Former Jordon Joseph, who has stayed on at CBA to continue training the cricketers, as well as studying for a foundation degree.

The team beat Bishop Stopford School in the Cuthell Cup Final and won an impressive amount of games in its first full season.

It was also nominated for Team of the Year in Northamptonshire's Children and Young People's Partnership awards. Jordon scooped a Corby Sports Award for his dedication to the team's development and he was also nominated in two categories in the Children and Young People's Partnership awards. His ambition is to establish CBA's reputation for cricket and if this season's efforts are anything to go by, he is not far off.

Read more about CBA's cricket stars on page 14.



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“I am committed to the view that schools can only be successful when they work in full partnership with parents.”



The summer seems long ago as I write this letter, but the memory of a job well done last year remains. Of course, we are not getting complacent and every day strive restlessly to improve CBA further, but it is right to pause for a moment to celebrate exceeding the government's target for the number of Year 11 students achieving five GCSEs including English and maths. This is a clear sign that CBA is a rapidly improving school.

It is also important to remember with pride the other major milestone CBA passed this year by sending its first group of students away to university – our thoughts and best wishes are with them as they embark on the next phase of their academic careers. So, as 2010-11 is now well underway, all of our sights are firmly set on yet another big step forward in performance in every year group by August 2011 and the signs are already looking positive that we can achieve this.

Speaking of challenges and raised ambitions, at the time of writing we have just completed this year's target setting exercise for Years 8, 9 and 11 to ensure every student is striving to achieve their very best and is on track to do so. Targets for Year 7 and Year 10 will be set early in term 2 using the outcomes from the

first academic reports of the year. At present we are focussing especially on the progress of students in Year 9 prior to them deciding on their academic options for Key Stage 4. The first of a series of information events for parents and students will be held later this year, but in the meantime parents of Year 9 students wishing an early discussion of CBA's curriculum offer in 2011-12 are very welcome to contact Vice Principal John Henrys.

I am delighted to report that new Year 7 students have settled in to life at CBA quickly and smoothly. I am particularly pleased to say how well most have adapted to our adult and 'friendly but businesslike' way of doing things both in lessons and around the school. As always, our students are certainly the best ambassadors we could possibly wish for and my thanks go to all those students, especially the sixth form, who were involved in hosting the very many visitors we had throughout our Year 6 open week in early October. The signs are extremely promising that we will have a full intake in September 2011.

In order to help us continue the improvements CBA has clearly made over its first two years, we are now seeking to appoint a further parent governor. If you would be interested in

finding out more about being a governor at CBA, please contact Karen Byrne to make an appointment for a discussion with me about the role.

I am committed to the view that schools can only be successful when they work in full partnership with parents and it is in that spirit that spirit of partnership that I would like to remind all parents it is CBA policy for all students to strive for an attendance record of 97% or better. We will be determined and thorough in seeking to enforce this policy and I should emphasise that requests for holiday absence will not normally be granted except in exceptional circumstances.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that we have revised the reporting calendar for this year, reducing the number of reports from six to four. The first of these academic reports will be sent home before the end of the first week of next term.

Best wishes for the holiday and thank you for your continuing support.

Andrew Campbell

Andrew Campbell

BROOKE WESTON PARTNERSHIP BLOOMS

Staff across the three academies in the Brooke Weston Partnership will be working closely together to provide the highest standard of learning for students.

This idea of sharing expertise was the theme of the first annual cross-academy reception held last month by Executive Principal Peter Simpson.

Teachers and staff from CBA, Kettering Science Academy and Brooke Weston Academy were invited to the event at CBA to share ideas on how faculties could link up.

The reception also marked a celebration of a year of success and improvement, including the best-ever GCSE results at each academy.

Mr Simpson said that across the Partnership, there is expertise in every area and that closer working would benefit students even more.

He told staff: "We start this year from a terrific position – excellent results, a two-year build project at KSA – and we hope to see a really strong development of this partnership.

"Within this partnership, the expertise exists in almost any facet of education – the first place we should look to for advice is ourselves."



NEW SENATE APPOINTED

CBA's Senate for 2010/11 is now in place after students wrote impressive applications to secure their places.

Each member had to first be voted on to their year group Forum by their peers.

They then had to write an application to the member of staff overseeing their Forum, outlining why they wanted to get involved with the Senate and what they hoped to achieve.

The 14 members are now in place with the first meeting due to be held on October 21st.

The Senate members are:

Year 7 - Eve Pavitt and Cameron Murray

Year 8 - Chloe Iliff and Shannon Butler

Year 9 - Joshua Cresswell and Georgia Bainbridge

Year 10 - Luke Reilly and Chloe Hill

Year 11 - Joana Fernandes and Fraser Gillan

Sixth Form - Sinead Montgomery, Richard White, Ivo Silva and Karolina Zalewska

Read more about the Senate and Forum elections on page 12.

SENATE DATES 2010/11:

Thursday, October 21st, **Thursday, November 25th**

Thursday, February 3rd, **Thursday, March 24th**

Thursday, May 12th, **Thursday, June 30th**

Corby Business Academy

Key Dates


 IMPORTANT
INFORMATION

2010 TERM 1

Friday 22nd October	End of Term
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TERM 2

Monday 1st November	Start of Term 2 - All students
Wednesday 10th November	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening – 5pm to 7pm
Monday 22nd November	Parents in Partnership meeting – 6.30pm
Wednesday 24th November	Year 11 Parents' Evening – 5pm to 7pm
Friday 17th December	End of Term 2

2011 TERM 3

Tuesday 4th January	Start of Term 3
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ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM FOR PARENTS

Parents will be able to stay up-to-date with their child's progress with the development of an online reporting system.

The Academy is looking to trial the new system, which will give parents access to the electronic record we hold of home details and parental contacts, along with current academic information such as reports and current attendance.

Any parents who are interested in joining the trial should email

Sarah Ashby at

SASHby@corbybusinessacademy.org

POLICIES REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CARERS

Parents are reminded that a copy of all Academy Policies is available on the Corby Business Academy website, www.corbybusinessacademy.org.

It is a requirement that educational establishments draw parents' attention to the use of exclusion and in particular the use of permanent exclusion as outlined in document STU/15 Student Exclusions printed below:

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

Tony Segalini – Vice Principal of Student Care and Guidance

BUS PASSES

Please note that bus passes are now charged at £5. Lost passes are now £10.

PARENTS' EMAIL ADDRESSES

Parents and carers have been asked to provide CBA with an up-to-date email address so we can keep families informed of information that they have requested to receive via email.

Please email rhenderson@corbybusinessacademy.org with your email address if you have not already done so or to give details of any updated email addresses.

EXAM TIMETABLE

An exam timetable for the coming academic year has now been added to our website so parents and students can check the dates and times of exams.

To view the timetable visit www.corbybusinessacademy.org and click on Exams under the Calendar section.

STAYING SAFE

ONLINE

CBA has published details of how parents can keep their children safe online following advice from the UK's national child protection agency.

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) has issued some guidance to coincide with the start of the new school year, with a Back to School Parents' Letter.

The agency offers advice on how to speak to your child about how they use the internet and how they can stay safe online.

It also advises on steps parents can take to ensure safety on social network sites like Facebook.

To view CEOP's Back to School Parents' Letter, visit www.corbybusinessacademy.org.



BEING AT THE RIGHT TIME AT THE RIGHT PLACE

Parents are advised that there should be no holidays in school time. If an absence is absolutely essential this should be requested in writing to Dr Campbell at least two weeks in advance and this will be considered on the circumstances given. Years 10 and 11 would not be permitted holidays as this is an important time and full attendance is necessary – please note that 97% attendance is the target this year for all students.

RESULTS

GCSE SUCCESS

Months of studying and revision paid off for last year's Year 11 students, whose results marked a huge improvement in GCSE success at CBA.

This summer's top achievers included Nenyasha Mukumbuzi, Jack Warrior, Karolina Zalewska, Max Champion, Christina Moore and Jonathon Smith who all achieved 14 or more GCSE or equivalent A* to C grades.

Jack achieved an A in Maths, five Bs, one C, a Merit in Art BTEC and a Distinction Star in Public Services BTEC.

He went on to study rugby full-time at Moulton College after he was selected for the East Midlands under-16 rugby squad.

Jack said: "I'm really happy. I'm most pleased with my English result because I wasn't sure how I'd done after the exam."

Karolina, who could not speak any English when she arrived from Poland in Year 8, was delighted with her A in Maths, three Bs, three Cs, a Merit in Art BTEC and two

Distinctions in Health and Social Care and Child Development.

She said: "I was worried about my results but now I'm very, very happy. I'm planning to stay on for Sixth Form to take Maths, Further Maths, Biology and Chemistry."

Nenyasha said she was over the moon with her A in History, along with another A in English, four Bs, one C and a Distinction Star in Business BTEC.

As a business academy, CBA was especially pleased with excellent results from students taking work-related subjects.

Sixty two students successfully passed Business BTEC, securing a 100% pass rate, including 20 distinction stars grades (equivalent to an A* at GCSE) and a further 36 A and B grades.



STUDENTS STUDY FOR EXTRA GCSE IN THEIR OWN TIME

Three students who completed an additional GCSE in their spare time notched up two A*'s and an A between them.

Charlotte Bean, James Fyvie and Catherine Grant, who are now in Year 11, studied for the Sociology GCSE short course during Session 4 last year.

Catherine and Charlotte achieved an A* each and James was awarded an A.

Now the trio are going on to study for a BTEC Level 3 extended project qualification, which is equivalent to an A Level.

Five other students in the group are also going on to finish the course this coming summer.

BUSINESS SPECIALISM BEARS FRUIT ON SIXTH FORM RESULTS DAY

CBA has proved it is flourishing as a centre for Business and Enterprise after a large number of Year 13 students gained vital qualifications in specialist work-related subjects this year.

The additional support and help given through the Academy's specialism subjects of Business, Travel and Tourism and ICT has resulted in 100% success in these subject areas.

Avril Bartley-Smith, Vice Principal for Sixth Form, said: "I am especially pleased with the results for those students who arrived four years ago unable to speak English. Ernestas Bacevicius and Agnieszka Naturalna are off to study Advertising and Media Studies, with another student, Dzeneta Vainauskaite, going on to study International Business and Marketing."

Jade Marshall will be studying Biomedical Science at Essex University after achieving a B in Business and Cs in AS Chemistry, Biology and Maths.

She said: "I'm glad to have got into university and I'm really happy with my results."



BUSY OPEN WEEK AT CBA



A flurry of parents and children visited CBA during our Open Week for Year 6, with families keen to find out more about the opportunities on offer here.

Tours by staff and Sixth Formers and a presentation by Principal Andrew Campbell were held throughout the week and parents were impressed by the work ethos at the Academy.

Dr Campbell told them: "From the day students join us in Year 7 we want to encourage each one of them to think of themselves as young adults and to take on responsibility. We want

them to become more independent and seize every opportunity.

"School is for rolling up your sleeves and getting stuck in. This is a fantastic school and it's getting better every day."

Families looked around each Faculty and were shown the cutting-edge facilities and technology available to students to assist their learning.

Parent Dave Tolchard was impressed with what he saw, saying: "I like the lay-out and how new it is. When you visit other schools, they seem a bit more old-fashioned.

I think a new and modern environment like this is conducive to learning, and it's more open."

Those wishing to apply to CBA must complete two forms.

The first is the Local Authority Common Preference Form, which must be returned to the Authority by **November 1st 2010**.

The second is the Brooke Weston Partnership application form which must be returned to Wendy Crookston at Brooke Weston by **Friday November 5th 2010**.

For more details on admissions and to download the forms visit www.corbybusinessacademy.org



MENTORS HELP YEAR 7 ADJUST TO ACADEMY LIFE

A group of Year 10 mentors has been helping Year 7 students find their feet at their new school.

They were on hand to answer questions and show their form around the Academy and they will be a point of contact during the coming year.

The group of volunteers had to undergo training to become a mentor and they are also in the process of setting up a new Session 4 club for the new intake.

The mentors are all graduates from the Children's University scheme, in which students have to dedicate a certain number of hours to extra-curricular activities.

The ten mentors are Josh Farr, Jorja Dawson, Ellie Mae Moore, Jessica Mullen, Curtis Thorpe, Emillie Hopkins, Abigail Wardle, Shannon Maynard Phillips, Charlie Prentice and Sophie Cunningham.

YEAR 7 REPORT

Year 7 students have settled into senior school life really well and they are a lovely year group.

I encourage students and their families to contact us if they have any concerns, especially in the first few weeks as most problems are easily sorted. Part of my role is to ensure the smooth transition from primary to secondary.

It is a big step for students and their parents but I am very impressed with the way this Year 7 intake have immersed themselves into life at the Academy.

Let's keep up the good work by making sure we always look our best, try our hardest, keep our attendance as high as possible and the lines of communication open.

Donna Lapsley

Pastoral Support Officer for Year 7



LIFE AT CBA

We spoke to some new Year 7 students and asked them - what do you like best about your new school?



Jake Cleary:

"The lessons are more challenging and you get to use more equipment like Bunsen burners."



Louise Graham:

"They treat you like adults. It's also easy to find your way around."



Sean Tomkins:

"The dinners and making new friends."



Shannon Smith:

"The trust, because the teachers trust that you'll back in time for lessons. You're given more responsibility."

COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)



A CELEBRATION OF LANGUAGES

Students investigated other languages as part of a week-long project to mark European Day of Languages on September 26th. It started with an assembly for Key Stage 3 students, when seven members of staff introduced themselves in different languages including Japanese, Polish, Greek and Dutch. Classes spent time in the library researching their allocated language and country.

In addition, a languages quiz was run by the library and each class took part in a Who Wants to Be a Millionaire quiz about languages.

Language Teacher Karen Turney said: "This was a celebration of all the different languages in the world and the importance of learning languages, particularly for business."



NEW SPANISH CLUB

Students can now learn another language at a new Spanish Club in Session 4.

It was set up by French and Spanish Teacher Candie Boni and meets in BL5 every Thursday from 3.45pm to 4.45pm.

Those who have been attending range from Year 7 to Year 11, including four students who are preparing for GCSE Spanish this year.

MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)

MATHS CLUB + STUDENTS = LEARNING FUN

For students who enjoy getting stuck into problem-solving and puzzles, the Session 4 Maths Club could be right up their street.

The group, which meets in MU7 in MAIT at 3.45pm on Tuesdays, offers students the chance to apply their skills in new ways and extend how they use maths.



MAD-FOR-MATHS STUDENTS ARE WORLD CHALLENGERS

A maths class buzzed with excitement when students reached 32nd position in an international online maths challenge.

Maths Teacher Maxwell Sam uses the Mathletics website to help students enjoy the subject more through games and activities.

Mathletics is used by 3 million students and 7,000 schools worldwide and classes and students across the world are constantly competing to get the most points and move up the role of honour.

Last month, Mr Sam's Year 8 class were furiously doing their calculations and cheering each other on to improve their ranking.

The Mathletes' efforts paid off when they reached 32nd position in the World Top 50 Classes and 11th in the UK Top 50 Classes on September 30th.

It follows another student's success - Barbara Silva from Year 9 - who made it into the UK Top 100 Students.

Mr Sam said: "This is the best achievement by one of my classes so far. It's great to see them get so excited about maths."

Mr Sam's class hit 32nd position in the World Top 50 Classes on the Mathletics website



PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

YOUNG DANCERS LEAD THE WAY

A pilot project at CBA has seen 30 students gain a nationally-recognised Dance Leadership Award. The group were selected to take part in the programme, which leads to a qualification to enable students to lead small dance classes under supervision.

The students, who were in Year 10 when they completed the course last year, had to study different aspects including classroom behaviour, communication skills, planning a lesson and leadership skills. Their studies culminated with each student teaching dance to a group of Year 7s.

There was a 100% pass rate and Dance Coach Daryl Handy, who led the course, said: "Not only does it give them empathy for their teachers, but some of them are now so much more confident.

"They might never have thought of themselves as leaders or dance teachers but they proved that self discipline and belief leads to achievement and success."

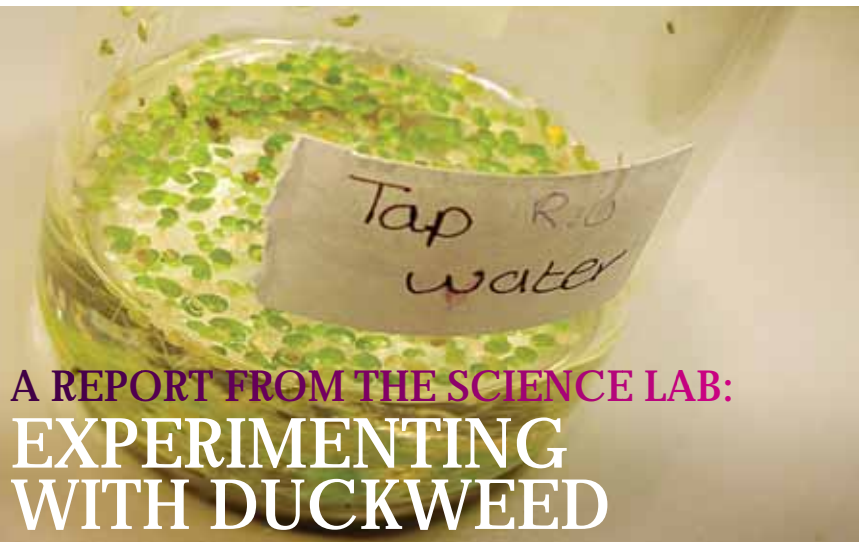


CBA-GROWN PRODUCE NOW SERVED IN RESTAURANT

The freshest, tastiest fruit and vegetables are now served up in the restaurant – thanks to the efforts of the CBA Gardening Club.

So far, boxes of cabbage, beans, tomatoes, potatoes, strawberries and beetroot have been handed over by Club member Aaron Baker, who checks the garden each morning to see what could be used in the restaurant that day.

Aaron, from Year 9, said: "You can really tell the difference between our vegetables and ones from a supermarket."



A REPORT FROM THE SCIENCE LAB: EXPERIMENTING WITH DUCKWEED

Duckweed is a plant that floats on ponds. We put some liquids into three different beakers - fresh water, weak salt solution and strong salt solution - and put some duckweed into each beaker. After four days, we checked the state of the duckweed. Most of the plants in the fresh water were healthy and bright green. In the weak salt solution we noticed that the plants weren't completely healthy, however, most of the plants were still alive. In the strong salt solution, all of the plants were dead or dying. To conclude, the duckweed survives best in fresh water, which is what ponds contain. Therefore that is why they live in ponds and lakes, not the open sea.

By Polina Kurotskina and Kyle English 7R

– Jeanette Power's class



PROFILE ON A NEW MEMBER OF STAFF: SHARON BIALACKI

Position: I teach science and chemistry A Level

Where did you work previously?

I have been teaching for 17 years, most recently at Uppingham School for seven years and one year at Northampton School for Girls.

What do you love about science?

When you realise a connection between two ideas that you hadn't considered before.

Interests outside the Academy:

I am the training officer for 1101 Squadron Kettering Air Cadets which provides fantastic opportunities such as camps to Cyprus. I even got an invite to go with cadets to Ghana and I look forward to accepting when my children (aged four and two) are a bit older.

ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)



MYSTERY ENTERPRISE PROJECT SPARKS STUDENTS' IMAGINATION

A group from Year 9, who have either reached or passed their target grades for Key Stage 3, have been put in a class together with Mr Mitchell to take part in special Enterprise project. As far as we know, it's the first group of its kind in the area.

The project will be great fun. So far we have voted for the Managing Director of the group, Jack Blakey. He has chosen people to take on other important jobs like Finance, Head of Graphic Design, Head of Planning and Head of Advertising. So far the whole class is enjoying

it and it seems really real. Mr Mitchell says we have a real budget work within.

The catch is that we don't actually know what we're making yet.

All the areas of Enterprise are needed, because we are going to run like a real business. The people in our group all have exceptional skills at what they are doing, like art, maths, computer design, social skills and speaking to large audiences, so hopefully, we'll be fine.

Jack Blakey, the Managing Director, says, "Personally, I am very excited about the whole project. We've been told it's the first of its kind in Corby. I hope we can all come together to make it a success. I just can't wait to find out the rest of the details, and I'm sure the rest of the class are feeling the same way."

-Katherine Qualey and Jessica Dick
Year 9



Wednesday 20th October 7.30pm
Corby Business Academy Theatre

SPECIAL GUEST AT CONCERT

The head pianist for the Royal Ballet was the special guest at a concert by the Corby Business Academy Concert Band and Choir.

The Autumn Leaves concert featured Robert Clark from the Royal Opera House.

Born in Kettering, Robert was awarded a place at the Royal College of Music and later worked as a freelance pianist in venues across the world before taking on the role with the Royal Ballet.

CBA's Director of Music, Clive Wears, said: "It's fabulous to have someone like Robert performing here – it gives students something to aspire to."



A CREATIVE START FOR YEAR 10 ART STUDENTS

Year 10 Art students working with Mrs Brown have made a good start to their creative career.

So far they have concentrated on two dimensional mark-making and honing their visual communication skills. The work they are producing is for the first project of the BTEC Extended Certificate Level 2.

Year 10 Art and Design students are working towards an Art and Design Diploma that will eventually give them the equivalent GCSE qualification of four As, Bs or Cs.

Well done all you Year 10 budding artists and designers.

Jacqui Brown - Director of Art.



PROFILE ON A NEW MEMBER OF STAFF: SAM FYNAN

Position: DT Teacher, specialising in product design

What did you do before joining CBA?

I worked at Wollaston School and before that I was at Roade School after gaining a degree in fashion textile.

What do you hope to achieve at CBA?

I would like to enthuse and inspire students to think more creatively as that can be the most difficult part.

Highlight so far?

Getting to know the students. I'm also looking forward to starting a craft club in Session 4.

What do you enjoy doing outside of CBA?

I like knitting when I have the time.

BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)



'APPRENTICE' STAR SHARES HER EXPERTISE WITH DIPLOMA STUDENTS

CBA has drafted in a finalist in the popular television show The Apprentice to develop students' understanding of business.

A new Diploma in Business, Administration and Finance has been introduced at the Academy to give students the grounding to go onto further education or employment.

So far, one of the highlights of the Year 12 course has been a talk on international business by Claire Young, who reached the final of Alan Sugar's BBC show.

The new diploma, which has been three years in the making, is a collaborative course being run at CBA and Lodge Park Technology College.

Students will take part in a number of activities based on the world of work to offer them a unique learning experience.

At the start of term, the group spent three days taking part in induction challenges aimed at improving their enterprise skills, including team-building activities with the RAF and problem-solving activities with CBA's Business Faculty.

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE LIFE AS A WWII PILOT

A flight simulator gave students an insight into the life of a pilot during World War Two.

To mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, a flight simulator landed at CBA so students could experience what it was like to fly a Messerschmitt.

Assistant Vice Principal Kirsty Farrar said: "The students loved the simulator and many came back at the end of the day to have another go, as did staff.

"Chris, who brought the equipment in, said he will be back after he has built his spitfire simulator.

"It helped to inform students about World War Two and the important role that aeroplanes played and it brought history to life."

Mrs Farrar's Year 9 class were also given a talk on life in Corby during the war by visitor Mrs Gower.

She brought in artefacts from the war including bomb shelter instructions.

Mrs Farrar said: "Students asked really interesting questions and even found out there was a prisoner of war camp in Corby."



Henry on his bike: Photo courtesy of Photowright and Northampton and Lamport Railway

HENRY'S WAR MEMORABILIA

A student is proving to be a valuable resource in his history lessons thanks to his large collection of wartime memorabilia.

Henry Brady, who is a military history enthusiast, recently brought medic packs, uniforms and a German drinks bottle from World War Two to his class.

Henry, who is in Year 9, was first introduced to military history by his step-grandad and now the two of them attend about six historical events a year, including re-enactments.

He has also amassed an impressive collection of military items, including bullets, helmets and

shoes from the two World Wars.

Henry said: "We celebrate what people did in the war and we remember the men who were lost.

"I first got interested in military history when I was about five – I think it was the aeroplanes that captured my interest.

"We have been learning about World War Two in lesson and there are still things I don't know."

His collection, which he stores at his house of his relatives', has provided students with a unique opportunity to get their hands on historical artefacts.

REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST

Learning lessons from history will be the theme of student visits to the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre in Nottinghamshire in the coming months. Year 9 and Year 11 will both be paying a visit to the memorial centre, which examines the dangers of divided communities and discrimination. Students will also hear a talk from a Holocaust survivor.

Assistant Vice Principal Kirsty Farrar said: "It's important to hear these people talk about their experiences because they won't be around forever.

"It's always had a huge impact on every student I have taken – it sticks with them for life because it's such a powerful place to visit. You can't get that with a text book."



SPECIAL PROJECTS

FRIENDS OF THE CBA KITCHEN GARDEN

An appeal to set up a Friends of CBA Kitchen Garden group led to more than 50 people signing up. Special Needs Teacher Nikki Clark invited staff, students and families to join the group, which will help to fund future projects in the new garden.

The Friends will get discounts on homemade cakes made by students, garden produce and eggs.

The money raised by this year's subscription will pay for a special gate to allow wheelchair access into the chicken run.

Miss Clark organised an open garden evening for the Friends on Tuesday, September 28th to mark the formation of the group.

She said: "We are trying to encourage everyone to use the garden so it is accessible to all."

During the summer a group of staff volunteered their time on a Saturday to help put up a greenhouse in the garden.



CHARITY FUNDRAISERS

Students in Nikki Clark's class raised £140 when they took part in Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. They went shopping for ingredients, baked a batch of cakes and hosted the event for students and staff on Friday, September 24th.

ROALD DAHL DAY

As part of their Year 7 curriculum, students have been looking at biographical and autobiographical texts. 7HB and 7HC are currently studying Roald Dahl's autobiography, *Boy – Tales of Childhood*. Miss Asher's class have been working hard writing the biographies of their new classmates. They have also created life-size drawings of each other to help them produce some fantastic descriptive writing.

To commemorate the inspirational writer's work 7HB and 7HC took part in a Dahl Day celebration. Librarian Amy McKay hosted a fabulous Dahl quiz and students enjoyed delicious cakes inspired by Dahl's 'Revoltin' Recipes'.

Kim Asher - Teacher



SIXTH FORM

MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR SIXTH FORM

Year 11 students are completing a future plans questionnaire which will inform us about their career interests and aspirations and the subjects they are interested in taking.

Our curriculum develops to meet the needs of students and more subjects will be developed next year.

External applications to our Sixth Form are welcome.

Avril Bartley-Smith – Vice Principal for Sixth Form

INSPIRING TALK

Year 12 students were given study tips to help develop their learning skills as they progress through the Sixth Form.

A presenter from Inspire Education – which is part of the Aim Higher programme – paid a visit to the Academy to help students understand how they learn and how to remember facts.

Year 12 student Dajana Vucenovic said: "I really enjoyed the Inspire Education talk, it gave me a different perspective on things and I learned different ways of revising."



Sixth Form Senate members

SIXTH FORM SENATE

The Year 12 and 13 members of the Senate are looking forward to bringing their year group's views to the table.

The students who were appointed in are Sinead Montgomery and Richard White from Year 13 and Ivo Silva and Karolina Zalewska from Year 12.

Sinead said one of the things they want to look at is extra support for Year 12 students who want to re-take their maths GCSE.

Ivo said: "I want to help out in the community and get everyone's views. It's a good opportunity to have our say and get the Sixth Form involved in more things."

Karolina said they would also look at how the Academy can attract students from other schools to its Sixth Form.

LIBRARY



EXTREME READ CHALLENGE

Ever tried reading a book while trampolining, swimming or riding a unicycle?

Students at CBA have been doing just that after the Library set an Extreme Reading challenge for the new Year 7s during the summer holidays. The idea – which has helped to promote reading for pleasure – was for students to take photographs of themselves reading in extreme locations. Jack Webb attempted a quick read while on the shoulders of someone riding a unicycle, while Georgia MacKenzie was snapped reading in the Saatchi Gallery. Bethany Carey had her nose in a book while riding a pony and Emma Potter tried to keep the pages dry as she read in a swimming pool. Hasnaath Zaman tried to stay focused as he read while jumping on a trampoline.



STAR STUDENTS VISIT PUBLISHERS

Three CBA students were guests of Corby MP Louise Bagshawe on a recent trip to London.

As a reward for their achievements the students were invited by Ms Bagshawe, who is also an author, to visit Headline Publishing.

Students were met by the Headline team and were talked through the process of getting a book from an idea in someone's head to the finished article on a shelf.

Emily Carroll, Megan Hogg and Harrison Tomkins chatted with the editor as well as design and marketing staff.

Ms Bagshawe talked to the students about the pitfalls and rewards of being a writer.

The students were taken for lunch by Ms Bagshawe where they discussed local issues and how delicious the pizza and ice creams were. It was a really interesting visit and the students got a lot from it. Louise Bagshawe was a great host and we really appreciated her taking the time to meet with us.

Bernie Smith – Assistant Librarian



DR WHO AUTHOR INSPIRES STUDENTS

Year 7s were treated to an out-of-this-world visit this term, when Dr Who author Justin Richards paid a visit. Justin has written over 50 novels for children and young people, including the highly acclaimed Invisible Detectives series, as well as official Dr Who novels for the BBC.

Justin talked about life as an author, his new book Demon Storm and the process of "painting with words". Declan Waters described the visit as "wicked" and is one of many students now working his way through Justin's back catalogue.

Amy McKay - Librarian



Henry Brady, Klaudijus Janovic, Sean Langan and John Johnston.

POETS WHO DO KNOW IT

The Library was abuzz with the rhythmic sounds of future Wordsworths and Shelleys this term as we celebrated National Poetry Day. Students were challenged to take part in a variety of poetic activities, including recitals, limerick writing and speedy tongue-twister competitions. Callum Cresswell proved he has CBA's twistiest tongue and Bradley Thompson wrote the following gardening club-inspired poem:

*There once was a small chap
called Aaron,
Who grew veg from a plot that
was barren,
The harder he tried,
The louder he cried,
Coz he couldn't grow marrows
like Darren!*

EXCITING TIMES FOR CORBY READERS

The long anticipated Corby Cube will open to the public on November 2nd.

The Cube will be home to a revolutionary new type of library for teens, which many CBA students have been involved with planning for months. As a thank you for their help and commitment these students are looking forward to getting a sneaky peek at the building before it officially opens. If you are intending to visit the new library you are recommended to join the (free) service as soon as possible.



ACADEMY NEWS

GIVING STUDENTS A VOICE: ELECTION TIME

The votes have been cast and counted and now each year group Forum is in place. Students who have been voted to represent their peers have signed the CBA Student Voice constitution. By signing, they have agreed to represent the views of their fellow students in a fair and unbiased manner; to act as role models for their year group; and to communicate to their

constituents at all times. Two members from each Forum have also been appointed onto the Academy's Senate after writing applications to staff. Changes brought about by the Senate since CBA opened include getting a water fountain in the restaurant, making moves towards getting a public bus service to the Academy and acquiring cross trainers for the Fitness Studio.

They have also organised charity events, interviewed prospective staff, met MPs and other VIPs, hosted events and advised other schools on how to run their Student Voice. Year 11 Senate member Joana Fernandes said: "I think being in the Senate will give me more responsibility. I want young people to look up to me and I want to make this school proud of me."

YEAR 7 STUDENT GETS TOP GRADE IN SPANISH GCSE

Abigail Buckland has a special reason to celebrate achieving an A* grade in GCSE Spanish – she took the exam four years early.

Abigail was in Year 7 when teachers at CBA suggested that she sat the exam, which is usually taken by 16-year-olds, because she and her family had spent the previous two years living in a Spanish village.

Abigail's family returned to England so her brother Daniel could take his GCSEs at CBA and he also picked up an A* in GCSE Spanish last summer.

Abigail said: "I was really shocked - I never thought I would get an A*."

"The reading exam was the hardest and I was quite nervous when I was in the room. "Sometimes the most difficult thing is getting the pronunciation right."

Principal Andrew Campbell said: "We are delighted with Abigail's achievement. She is an inspiration to other students here at CBA."



Some of the new staff at CBA

NEW STAFF

This term there are a few new faces at CBA. Among them is Candie Boni, a French Teacher originally from Lyon in France who has also worked as an interpreter. Also new to the Academy is Maths Teacher William Gourlay, who worked previously in the Pupil Referral Unit in Corby. Another member of staff from further afield is Maths Teacher Kristen Waanvik, who is from Glasgow, Montana in the U.S. Welcome to all new staff – we look forward to getting to know you in the coming months.

STUDENTS PAY TRIBUTE TO FIREFIGHTERS KILLED IN ACTION

Three CBA students were invited to the national Firefighters Memorial Parade after taking part in a Young Firefighters programme. Sophie Robinson, Michael Foley and Naomi Ward attended the service of remembrance and wreath-laying at the Church of St Bartholomew in London last month to honour firefighters who have lost their lives throughout the history of the fire service.

The trio, along with students from The Kingswood School and Tresham College, were representing the Young Firefighters scheme in Northamptonshire. The group stood in a guard of honour and joined the parade as it made its way from the church to the Cenotaph, where the names of those who have recently lost their lives were read out.



ACADEMY NEWS

GREEN-FINGERED STUDENT PICKS UP COUNTY AWARD

Elizabeth Smith won an award for Outstanding Contribution to the Environment after being short-listed in the Northamptonshire Children and Young People's Partnership awards this month.

Elizabeth, from Year 10, was nominated because of the dedication she has shown to the CBA Gardening Club.

Head of Aspirations Kirsty Farrar said: "We're so proud of Elizabeth and it's a great achievement to be selected from all of Northamptonshire for this award.

"She attends the club every single week and puts in so much effort – hopefully this award will inspire other students to get involved with the garden."

The awards, which are a celebration of the talent and contribution of young people in the county, were held at Sywell Aerodrome on October 14th.

Other students to be nominated for their efforts included Thomas Woodward, who was in the running for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts.

He was shortlisted thanks to the host of artwork he has produced for the library and classrooms, above and beyond his schoolwork.

Also shortlisted was CBA's Under-13 Cricket Team, which was nominated for Team of the Year, and former Sixth Form student Jordon Joseph, who was shortlisted for both the volunteering and contributions to the community awards.



CBA SUPPORTS WOODLAND PROJECT

CBA students got involved with a project to bring an area of woodland back to life.

The students were invited to join Corby Borough Council's Community Coppice at Hazel and Thoroughsale Woods as part of a programme aimed at regenerating the area. The students - Charlie Prentice, Hannah Moore, Josh Cresswell, Julia Komor, Amy Moore, Aaron Baker and Ellie Macleod - joined Corby's Deputy Mayor John McGhee, the Forestry Commission and Sir Lyonel Tollemache from the Royal Forestry Society.

Ian Dudley, from forestry management consultants Lockhart Garratt, said: "Taking part in a project like this helps their environmental awareness and gives them an understanding of 15 acres of woodland that is on their doorstep."



WEEK OF ACTION

CBA is holding a week of action next month when students will be given a variety of advice and information, from alcohol awareness to activities in their local area. The programme, which starts on Monday, November 1st, will see different agencies coming together, including the Fire Service who will talk about their role and Police Community Support Officers who will speak to students about any problems in the area where they live. On the last day the police will be promoting Immobilise, a mobile phone registering scheme.

DODGEBALL CLUB'S GROWING NUMBERS

A new club set up this year – dodgeball - is thriving, with more than 50 students turning up for practice. The group, which is run by Andy Duncan, meets on a Wednesday afternoon in Session 4 and has attracted a lot of interest.

FOOTBALL TEAM GETS OFF TO FLYING START IN COMPETITION

The Year 8 football team got off to a winning start in the English schools' national competition with a 5-1 win over Huxlow Science College.

The team will now go into the draw for round three of the competition.

The goal scorers were Billy Frohmaier, Daniel Bottrill, Ryan Linnell, Danny Draper and Sydney Kwambana and Daniel Bottrill was voted Man of the Match.



Daniel Bottrill

FOCUS ON CRICKET

CRICKET SEASON ROUND UP

The Under-13 Cricket Team won an impressive 12 out of 14 matches in its full season.

The highlight was being crowned winners of the Cuthell Cup, in which 38 teams competed. Another triumphant moment for Coach Jordon Joseph was the team's trouncing of Kingsbrook School – CBA notched up 140 for 6 with Kingsbrook 10 all out.

The team also finished second in the east division of the Fred Trueman league.

Jordon said: "The Cuthell Cup win was amazing. It was the first time that some of the players had won anything for cricket so it was an emotional day for all of us."

Jordon organised an awards celebration evening for his team in July, which included nine special prizes for individual achievement.

In addition, two players - Ethan and Jamie Delargy – were selected to play for Northamptonshire's under-13 team after being spotted by scouts.



CRICKET STARS 2009-10

Batsman of the Year: Ethan Delargy

Bowler of the Year: Jamie Delargy

Fielder of the Year: Devon Reilly

Most Committed Player of the Year: Jack Moir

Most Improved Player of the Year: Callum Cresswell

Most Valuable Player of the Year: Oskar Farley-Mcfadyen

Players' Player of the Year: Callum Cresswell

Coaches' Player of the Year: Lewis Wortley

CBA SUCCESS STORIES: JORDON JOSEPH

He was Head Boy, a member of the Senate and picked up the Corby Borough Council award for Community at CBA's 2010 Achievement Awards.

On top of that Jordon Joseph has been nominated for a handful of external awards this year.

But one of his biggest achievements was setting up CBA's first cricket team when he was a sixth former and leading it to success.

Now a Sports Technician at CBA three days a week, Jordon is also studying for a coaching degree. Here we find out more about what motivates Jordon as one of CBA's shining stars.

Why did you get involved with the cricket team?

I got into cricket when I was about 13 but there

wasn't a cricket club when I was at Corby Community College. As I got older, I thought we should have one so I mentioned it to Phil Woolley [CBA's School Sports Co-ordinator]. He said I should have a go at coaching the team.

How did you get things started?

I completed a Level 1 cricket coaching course in September 2008 and then set the team up at CBA in December that year. We played three games in the first year but I wanted to do more so we set up the under 13 team and entered as many competitions as we could.

What do you enjoy about coaching the team?

I have loved it ever since I started doing it. It's been great seeing people who have never played

before going on to play for their district. You do think to yourself, 'I did that.'

What made you want to stay on at CBA as a coach and sports technician?

I had started it so I didn't want to go anywhere. I've been getting help from Northamptonshire Cricket Club and I've got a three-year plan with them. After that, they want to make CBA a Centre of Excellence for the region.

How has CBA helped you achieve?

There are so many different opportunities here. I tell every student that if they're offered something they're interested in doing to grab that opportunity.

JORDON SCOOPS CORBY AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERING

Jordon can add another accolade to his growing list of achievements after he was named Volunteer of the Year in the 2010 Corby Sports Awards.

He was crowned winner thanks to his tireless commitment to developing CBA's Under-13 Cricket Team, dedicating hours of his free time to training and securing funding.

CBA's Director of Sport, Amy Harris, nominated Jordon and she said: "Congratulations to Jordon for this award - he thoroughly deserves it for the commitment he has shown to our

cricket team. He has put in so many hours of his free time training the boys and helping them to achieve.

"Jordon is an asset to both CBA and Corby."

It wasn't the first award Jordon was nominated for this term – he was also shortlisted for the two categories in the Children and Young People's Partnership's awards, for Contributions to the Community and the Volunteer award."

"I want to thank the boys for the hard work over the last two years which led to me getting this award."



CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY SESSION 4 ACTIVITIES

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
MONDAY				
AMID	CBA Vocalize	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Adrian Taylor/Clive Wears/Felicity Cornish
AMID	Drumming (with a difference)	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Clive Wears
PNS	Racquets- all years (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.45	Steve Wedgewood
PNS	Cricket (Year 7 & 8 Beginners) (CU)	Field	4.00 - 5.00	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Dance Year 7	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.00	Francia Dickinson
PNS	KS4 Girls Sports Night	Various	3.45 - 5.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	Year 7&9 Football Training (CU)	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	James Aston
LIBRARY	Y Not Club (CU)	Library	3.45 - 4.45	Amy MacKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy MacKay
TUESDAY				
AMID	Junior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	Glee Club	AU2	4.00 - 4.45	Felicity Cornish
AMID	KS 3 Textile/Craft Club	AU11	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis/Ena Fry
AMID	KS3 Design	AL6	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	KS 3 Licence to Cook (CU)	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
AMID	KS 3 Art Club - Room AL8 (CU)	AL8	3.45 - 4.45	Jackie Brown
Inclusion	Kitchen Garden Club (open to all)	Unit Garden	3.45 - 5.00	Nikki Clark
PNS	AS Physics / AS Biology	PNS	3.45 - 5.00	Elaine Ponton/Zoe Bird
PNS	Basketball (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.45	James Ashton/John Atkinson
PNS	Year 10 - 13 Dance	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Year 7 & 8 Rugby (CU)	Rugby Pitch	3.45 - 5.45	Tony Segalini/Peter May
PNS	Netball club - all years (CU)	Courts	3.45 - 4.45	Amy Harris
MAIT	Year 13 ICT Coursework Catch Up	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	Kam Zaman
MAIT	Target Group Maths	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	MAIT - Staff
MAIT	Key Stage 3 Maths Puzzle Club	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	MAIT - Staff
COMMS	Health and Social catch up KS4	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Kim Asher
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Viv Gilbert
BHE	Young Chamber Committee Meeting (every 2nd week) (CU)	BHE	3.30 - 5.00	Alex Allen
BHE	GCSE Sociology	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Kirsty Farrar
BHE	Extended Project Qualification - Year 11 & G&T	BHE	3.30 - 5.00	Kirsty Farrar/Claire Howsam
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy MacKay
WEDNESDAY				
AMID	Brass Band	AU6	3.00 - 4.00	John Hudson
AMID	String Ensemble	AU2	3.00 - 4.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Music Technology Club	Amid	3.00 - 4.30	Elizabeth Hopkins
PNS	Dance (KS3)	Dance Studio	3.30 - 5.45	Daryl Handy
PNS	Dodgeball	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Daryl Handy
PNS	Judo (all years) *	Sports Hall	4.00 - 6.00	Laurence Kenyon
PNS	Cricket (year 7 & 8 girls beginners) (CU)	Field	3.30 - 5.45	External Coach
PNS	1st Team Cricket Training Night	Field	3.30 - 5.00	Jordon Joseph
PNS	AS Physics / AS Biology	PNS	3.45 - 5.00	Jordon Joseph
LIBRARY	Key Stage 3 Manga Mania (CU)	Library	3.15 - 4.45	Amy MacKay
THURSDAY				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	KS3 Enterprise Projects	AMID	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	KS 4 Catch-up Sessions	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	KS3/4 Art Club	AU1	3.45 - 5.00	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	KS 4 Child Development Catch-up Sessions	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Cath Davis
AMID	KS 3/4 Food/Hospitality Catch-up Sessions	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Viv Gilbert
COMMS	Drama Club (CU)	Drama Studio	3.45 - 4.45	Vicky Clements
COMMS	Spanish Club (CU)	BL5	3.45 - 4.45	Candie Boni
MAIT	Year 11 ICT Coursework Catch Up	ML7	3.45 - 5.00	Kam Zaman/ Karl Lomax
MAIT	Maths Challenge (CU)	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Marrion Freeman/Heather Thomson
MAIT	Year 12/13 Maths module revision and support	MAIT	3.45 - 5.00	Marrion Freeman/Heather Thomson
PNS	Animal / Garden Club / Winter months Astronomy - alternate weeks - all years (CU)	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
PNS	Cricket (CU)	Field	4.45 - 5.45	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Rugby Year 7 & 8 (CU)	Rugby Pitch	3.30 - 5.45	Steve Wedgewood
PNS	Mixed Hockey (CU)	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Football Training (CU)	Astro	3.45 - 5.45	Maxwell Sam
PNS	Fitness Club	Fitness Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	KS4 & KS5 Basketball	Sports Hall	3.30 - 4.45	James Aston
BHE	Mystery History Club - Key Stage 3	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Sam Stacey
LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	LIBRARY	3.45 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy MacKay
FRIDAY For all students school closes at 3.30pm				
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 3.30	Amy McKay

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

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



New governor Ian Hill is shown around CBA by Chair of Governors Kerry James and members of the Senate

FORMER INSPECTOR JOINS GOVERNING BODY

A former schools' inspector has joined CBA's board of governors, bringing a wealth of knowledge and expertise with him.

The recruitment of Ian Hill will be a huge asset to the Academy, with a background that includes the role of senior inspector in England for the inspection of Modern Foreign Languages (MFL).

Ian has a long track record of advising schools, teacher training institutions, authorities and government in strategies for improvement, especially in the area of MFL.

After a successful career as a teacher, local authority adviser and university teacher trainer, Ian was appointed one of Her Majesty's Inspectors in 1990.

In this role, he inspected MFL provision in schools across England as well as leading whole school inspections.

Ian, who lives in Northamptonshire, said: "I am delighted to be joining the governing body of Corby Business Academy and look forward to using my experience to help the Academy continue to improve outcomes for students."

Principal Andrew Campbell said: "We are very fortunate to have someone of Ian's calibre and reputation joining the governing body of CBA. "His extensive experience as one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools and his commitment to driving up standards will be of great benefit to us."



Parents in Partnership
towards a common goal

What is PIP?

PIP is a group of parents who have been working together since the Academy opened. Our aim has been to find ways to support the education and experiences of students in the Academy.

All parents/carers of children attending the Academy are welcomed to join Parents in Partnership.

How can you help?

We have identified the following ways in which we can be of help to the Academy:

Holding fundraising events

Volunteering time to help with classes or Session 4 activities

Providing refreshments at parents' evenings and school events

Committee:

After two years as Chair of PIP, I have stepped down and Holly Toseland has taken the role of Chair. We are currently recruiting for parents with expertise in fundraising and hospitality to lead in these areas.

This year, one of our main objectives is to source funding to support our music department. If you are interested in joining PIP email: Sashby@corbybusinessacademy.org

Sharon Ogwang

Outgoing PIP Chair

MEETING STUDENTS' LEARNING NEEDS

CBA's curriculum is being reviewed to make sure we offer students courses that are right for them and continue to challenge them.

The subjects on offer to the current Year 10 are already being reviewed ahead of this year's Year 9 moving into Key Stage 4.

There is likely to be an increase in the number of traditional academic qualifications such as GCSEs which will run alongside vocational subjects in order to meet the needs of the year group.

Students will also be encouraged to start thinking about their options earlier.

John Henrys, Curriculum Vice Principal, said: "We are constantly looking at the courses we offer to make sure we have the flexibility of both traditional GCSEs and vocational qualifications – every department will have something for every student."

ANOTHER WAY TO GET INVOLVED AT CBA

Our Parents' Forum provides the opportunity for parents and carers to discuss issues which impact on the development of the Academy. All parents and carers are automatically members of the forum and are welcome to attend the termly meetings.

Meeting start at 6pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 15th / Wednesday, February 16th / Wednesday, March 16th / Wednesday, June 15th



"listening to your views"

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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