CBA students have been commissioned by the Imperial War Museum to put together a film for a high profile project. The museum has selected CBA as one of two schools to take part in the high profile Build A Truce project after reading some of our students’ philosophical debates about war on the blog section of our social media site Radiowaves. Between now and September students from the Gifted and Talented cohort will devise a concept for the film and then record and edit it to a professional standard.

The finished film will be shown at the Imperial War Museums in London and Manchester alongside a film on the same subject made by the museum’s own staff team.

Teacher Claire Howsam who runs the Radiowaves project said: “This is just a huge honour for the Academy and the students involved. We were approached after our debates were spotted by the museum’s staff – which just shows how successful our Radiowaves site has become.”

The students have opened up the project to other students by posting a debate question on the Radiowaves main website – which is used by 3,000 schools worldwide. They will also make a visit to the Imperial War Museum in London and meet with staff for advice. Collaborating with the students will be the Imperial War Museum’s Project Coordinator Catherine Roberts and Lucy Neale, Project Director at Digital Me – a not-for-profit organisation that helps bring technology and social media to schools.

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the annual Student Edition of In Press. We have had a great time working as a team to bring you all the news from the Academy and hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting things that have taken place this term.

It is a packed issue with items such as the Gifted and Talented Saturday workshop, forthcoming student concerts and performances (p6 and p16), and our new Lego and Magic Clubs. In this issue we also say farewell to In Press’ usual editor Vice Principal Sarah Ashby (p11).

As we go to press, the Year 11 Prom Committee have just reported a very successful Year 7 disco (page 16), and the Uganda Team managed to raise over £100 with their Valentines project (page 13).

Enjoy reading!
The pace that things move in the Academy never fails to amaze me and this term has been no exception. With Term 3 being so short I truly feel that students and staff have managed to fit eight weeks working into just five weeks.

There have been a large number of students across Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 sitting examinations and making the most of every opportunity to revise in the run up. The level of commitment that students are showing is a reflection of the increasing understanding they are showing to the importance of their qualifications.

We have had many success stories this term including a group of Year 9 students that sat the first part of their Mathematics GCSE examination before Christmas and had confirmation this term that they had achieved A* and A grades. This is a result of the effort and hard work they showed in preparing for the exam.

It is difficult to summarise the range of activities taking place across the Academy, however, students volunteering as part of a wood coppicing scheme; students involved in the Young Enterprise scheme developing businesses and students walking around the building doing magic tricks as a result of a Session 4 magic club, are just some of the activities on offer.

Students continue to engage well with Session 4 activities and have worked well with the new bus booking system ‘CBA Central’. We have continued to develop our Gifted and Talented provision across the Academy and the live link-up to the Leicester Space centre on Saturday 4th February went very well with over 60 students and 10 staff in attendance. The atmosphere in the building was electric with everyone in agreement that it was a challenging but enjoyable way to spend a Saturday.

Finally it would be amiss of me not to mention the links that Claire Howsam and her Radiowaves students have made with the Imperial War Museum. The message about the good work that takes place in CBA is really starting to have an impact, with more people than ever keen to work with our students.

Term 4 will bring about a new set of challenges for Year 8 students choosing their options and Year 11 students sitting their next set of examinations.

I look forward to further developments across the Academy throughout next term and hope that all students continue to make the most of the opportunities that are afforded to them.

John Henrys
Acting Principal
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 4

Mon Feb 20th  Open to Students and Staff
Mon Feb 20th  Public Consultation Week
Wed Feb 22nd  Parents' Consultation Group – 6pm
Wed Feb 29th  Year 8 Options Evening – 5pm-7pm
Sat March 3rd  Don’t Stop Believing Concert at the Core (3pm and 7pm)
Mon March 5th  Parents in Partnership Meeting – 6.30pm-7.30pm
Wed March 14th  Eisteddfod
Sun March 18th  National Festival of Youth heats
Wed March 21st  Year 12/13 Parents’ Evening – 5pm-7pm
Fri March 30th  End of Term 4

2012 TERM 5

Mon April 16th  Training Day
Tue April 17th  Open to Students and Staff

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION

In this edition of In Press you will find a copy of our public consultation document. We are asking all parents/carers to give us feedback on the various aspects of the Academy.

Your views are very important to us and do make a difference, so if you could please fill the form in and ask your child to hand it in to student reception at the start of Term 4 we would be grateful.

PARENTS CONSULTATION GROUP MEETING

The next Parent Consultation Group will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd and will feature a visit from education consultant Chris Elliott who is developing our student Virtual Learning Environment.

We hope that as many parents as possible will attend to feed into the discussion about the VLE. Our last meeting about plans for our website saw a great input from parents and we are hoping for the same again.

We ask parents to please note that this is a one item agenda and any other issues will be discussed at the next meeting on May 9th. Anyone who wishes to attend can express their interest on email to Kirsty Farrar on kfarrar@corbybusinessacademy.org or can just attend on the evening. The meeting starts at 6pm.

REMEMBER ABOUT SESSION 4 ONLINE BOOKING

In Term 2 we commenced our online bus booking system which has been very successful.

We would just like to remind students that if they stay for Session 4 they MUST log on to CBA Central and book themselves into an activity even if they will not be using the bus to return home.

We use this system as a register to record which students are in the Academy so it is very important that all students sign in.

Robbie Henderson – Office Manager

AWARD NOMINEES

Some CBA students have been nominated for the Children and Young Peoples Celebrations and Awards.

Sixth Form students Charlotte Bean, Chrissie Moore, Myles Peters, Year 11 student Luke Rielly and members of the DSP Kitchen Club will be attending the Northampton County Council’s awards event which is being held at Wicksteed Park on Wednesday, February 15th.

We would like to wish all students good luck and will bring you a full report in the next edition of In Press.

Charlotte Bean  Chrissie Moore  Myles Peters  Luke Rielly
A group of students who sat their GCSE exam module two years early have gained top grades. Joshua Champion, William Bell and Andreas Milan gained an A* grade and Alex Cotter, Beth McQuillan, Benjamin Warner, Alexandra Lawless and Beth Fennell were awarded As. This is the first group of students who have been entered early for GCSE exams— as part of the change to our curriculum which has seen Key Stage 3 shortened to two years.

Eight out of the 55 students who were entered achieved an A or above grade in the Algebra based exam— which equates to 15 per cent of early entrants. They will sit the next module in the spring and the final installment next year. The students could then have the option to sit other maths based exams.

All of the students are in Maths Teacher Paul Wilson's class. The teacher started looking at the GCSE work with them at the end of Year 8. Student William Bell said: “I think we have done so well partly because of ourselves but also because we have a good teacher.”

Acting Principal John Henrys said: “The decision to move to a two year Key Stage 3 Curriculum was taken in order to allow students to progress at a rate that suited their learning and increased the flexibility in choices they were able to make in Years 9 to 11. “The success we are starting to see shows that students are taking advantage of the learning opportunities that are being afforded to them and through hard work and dedication to their studies the results are starting to show.”

A number of students sat a high level Maths test. The UK Mathematics Trust’s Intermediate Mathematical Challenge was held on February 2nd and a number of CBA students joined contemporaries from across the country in sitting the test. The paper consisted of 25 questions which had to be answered in an hour under normal exam conditions. The selected students prepared during Session 4 for the exam which tested the knowledge they have accumulated during lesson time and ask them to apply it to different situations. The UK Mathematics Trust runs a series of challenges to encourage students’ interest in the subject and develop their skills. A group of Year 8 and 9 students will also be selected to take part in the Team Mathematical Challenge, which takes place in April. The test is a team event and will take place in Northampton.

The MAIT Faculty has been joined by two new members of staff. Shaun Steel and Tom Lawrence both teach Maths and worked together at a Kettering secondary school before joining our Maths staff team. Shaun, who worked as a Sales Director before training to teach, said: “I have found everybody really welcoming and the department is good to work in as there is a nice mix of ages.”

Acting Director of Maths David Joseph said: “We are delighted to welcome Shaun and Tom to the Department, they are already making an impact.”

Year 7, 8 and 9 classes have been performing very well in their tests. Maths teacher Maxwell Sam said: “They are performing above and beyond their target levels, the Year 7 classes are very competitive.” They are following the Routines for Learning very well and are very positive and confident in what they do. Some of the students are reaching Extended levels and could be heading for As in GCSE.”

Reporters Matthew Ford and Ben Hogg.
Charlotte Bean is carrying out work experience in Lisa Dawson’s English Class. She said: “Since becoming a Sixth Former I have been committed to giving something back to CBA – the school that helped me achieve 16 GCSE’S, 8 of which were A*’s. I see voluntary work as an amazing opportunity and I have been able to achieve this through work experience in English with Miss Dawson. Every Thursday and Monday in my free periods I help out in her Year 9 and 10 classes. I have been able to relate my experiences of completing the English GCSE and use my knowledge to guide the students in their controlled assessments and particularly individual speaking and listening presentations. She added: “The experience has also given me an insight into the world of teaching, which is one of the professions I am considering entering.”

Recently Math’s teacher Maxwell Sam’s Year 8 class won the accelerated readers for Term 3. And don’t think by a hair, no, they were by far the best form in the running. The form in second was beaten by the winners by a staggering 0.50 points. The way the points are tallied is the form that produces the most passed tests on average per student. The average for a form is approximately 0.20-0.60, but Mr Sam’s form went above and beyond with a massive 3.38!

Reporters – Matthew Ford and Ben Hogg

Every Year 7 student tapped into their Gothic sensibilities this term. The students were asked to devise a Gothic tale and also create a gothic theatrical scene inside a shoebox. Teacher Simon Smith said: “The students really enjoyed the task and we have had some fantastic creations.”

The student team involved with our Imperial War project (see page 1) are looking for students to bring them stories about the theme of war. They would like students to post their personal stories – perhaps told from parents and grandparents – onto the site. This will help give them inspiration for the film, whose theme is Building a Truce.

**ACCELERATED READER JANUARY RESULTS**

- 226 quizzes passed by KS3 students
- 5,766,541 words read by KS3 students
- Top Form – 8MASA
- Top Year Group – Year 7
- 15 students earned certificates
- 13 students earned prizes
Design Teacher Samantha Fynan is delighted with the terrific response to the Session 4 GCSE Textiles course. Key Stage 4 students have jumped at the chance to study for an additional qualification in their own time. Miss Fynan said: “I am so pleased that the course has gone down so well. It really shows how keen students at the Academy are to enhance their skills and are prepared to put the hard work in to achieve this.” So why has this Textiles course really taken off?

It is ideal for students who have a flair for design and are interested in learning about fashion design, different fabrics, how textile products and furnishings are developed and enjoy doing research. Anyone studying this subject will also build up a wide range of both technical and creative textile skills. GCSE Textiles provides a great learning environment and is fun, exciting and interesting.

Reporter – Chloe Burton

MUSIC STUDENTS PREPARE FOR TWO COMPETITIONS

It is going to be an extremely busy Spring for our Concert Band as it seeks to retain its local Eisteddfod title and win a place in a prestigious music festival. The Eisteddfod is taking place this year on Wednesday, March 14th and at the Salvation Army Building in Kettering and the Senior Concert Band will be joined by the Woodwind Ensemble and the Senior Brass Ensemble in the local competition. The three music groups will also be competing for the first time in the regional heats of the National Festival of Youth. The heats take place on Sunday, March 18th at the Northampton School for Boys and if they win through they will perform at the final in the Symphony Hall in Birmingham.

CBA’s Director of Music Olive Wears said: “The standard of the Festival is extremely high and is a compliment to the students have made it to this level in a relatively short time.” At the heats the students will be performing a selection which may include Ballad for Benny and the Celtic Ritual. A letter with more information has been sent home to parents.

Students used the work of Matise as inspiration for an art projects. Year 7 students in Jacqui Brown’s art class started off by looking at the work of the master and were then tasked with using his work to explore pattern. After doing some observational shell drawings they were then asked to style their drawing into a graphic shape and form a repetitive design.

Amy Skelton said: “I have really enjoyed it and I especially liked the pattern and using different colours.”

PUTTING THE GOODNESS INTO FLAPJACKS

Year 7 Students in Cath Davis’ Food Design lessons were tasked with creating some new recipes for healthy flapjacks. The students let their creative juices flow and came up with a number of tasty treats, using ingredients such as blueberries, bananas and cranberries.
Two Sixth Form students and Mrs Farrar are taking a trip to Poland to visit Auschwitz. A Level History student’s Steven Forsyth and Charlotte Bean have been selected to go to the infamous concentration camp after putting in writing the reasons why they should go. The visit has been organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust whose aim is to educate people about the horrors of the Holocaust and the important lessons that can be learned from it. Steven said: “I wanted to go as Mrs Farrar said that it is something that should be experienced by everyone and I think it is important to go. “It will be a really thought provoking experience.” Charlotte said: “We are studying Germany and World War Two as part of our A Level and so this experience will be invaluable. “By taking part we will become student ambassadors for the Holocaust Educational Trust and make sure that we communicate to our peers.” It is estimated that almost six million Jews were persecuted and murdered by the Nazis during World War II. The deaths totalled almost two thirds of the Jewish population living in Europe. There were about 1,200 camps in total and Auschwitz was the largest of all with millions of Jewish people gassed in its terror chambers. On January 27, 1945, Auschwitz was liberated by Soviet troops, a day commemorated around the world as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

12 aspiring students are taking part in an exciting opportunity to act as the members of a magistrates court in the national mock magistrates trial competition. The students will be taking part in two heats; one defending against another school and one taking on the prosecutor role. The Year 8 and 9 students are taking on roles such as lawyers, magistrates, witnesses, legal advisors and ushers. History teacher Sam Stacey, who is leading the project, said: “I think this will inspire the students to succeed and it could encourage them to go into the world of law”. The students are all really excited and Kyle English said: “I think it will help develop my confidence of speaking in public.” The first of these heats will take place on Saturday 3rd March at Northampton Magistrates Court.

Year 9 student Amy Moore took an assembly this term and told students about an horrific episode of WWII. The Year 9 student put together the Powerpoint presentation as part of her GCSE History lesson on WWII and teacher Kirsty Farrar was so impressed that she asked Amy to present her work to other CBA students. Amy spoke about the Nazi massacre in the French town of Oradour-Sur-Glane in which 642 people were murdered. She chose the topic after visiting the memorial during a family holiday. She said: “Because I had been to Oradour-Sur-Glane I knew about the full horror of what happened and I wanted to share the story with other students so that it kept their memory alive.”

Year 12 and 13 were put through their paces by some serving army personnel this term. The three hour session was undertaken by Business students and the enterprise activity was aimed at developing communication, teamwork and problem solving skills.
PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

PREPARATIONS FOR YEAR 7 TALENT SHOW

Btec dance students are staging their own talent show for Year 7 students. Auditions have taken place this week and the selected students will perform in front of the entire year group on March 30th. A panel of judges (with guest staff members) will mark the entrants out of ten and prizes will be given to the students who finish in the top three. The Year 11 students have organised the show as part of their coursework. Each student has been given a role and the students have to take care of everything from coaching to publicity, directing and stage production. Dance teacher Francia Dickinson said: “This will be a large task for the students, but they have already made a great start. “Along the way they will pick up new business and enterprise skills as they will have to manage every aspect.” The students will be marked on how well they perform within their individual roles.

THE NEW ACTIVE TEACHER

The Active department has a new member of staff, Liam Feely (who is providing maternity cover for Natasha Dunstone) was interviewed by Reporter Eve Pavitt:

How are you finding your time at CBA?
“Students are good to teach and show that they want to learn.”

What do you enjoy the most about CBA?
“I enjoy the fact that I get to teach lots of students, I am able to teach what I enjoy which are sports that I used to play.”

Do you think that CBA offers a wide range of Session 4 activities and do you think they are positive?
“CBA has a good variety of Session 4 clubs, however I think there is always room for more and would welcome suggestions from students.”

THE NEW CURRICULUM OF LEARNING FOR ACTIVE

As of this year the Active department has brought in a new curriculum of learning in lessons. The new curriculum includes Outdoor Adventure Activities which is all about coordination skills and team building; fitness which is about making us aware of our wellbeing and Dance which helps us with our creative side. These are the pathways into the courses that the Active department provides: Btec Public services, Sport, Dance and GCSE PE and give students a better understanding of topics learnt at an earlier age.

The Active department implemented the changes after consulting with students as part of a review.

Head of Active Amy Harris said: “We think it is a great way forward for the Active department, as it gives students who don’t really like traditional sports, to engage in sport and they might just start to see active is fun and not all about competitiveness.”

NEW CURRICULUM OF LEARNING FOR ACTIVE

Year 8 Reporter – Eve Pavitt

GCSE REVISION SESSIONS

The Science team is doing all it can to help students taking their GCSEs. Science staff are coordinating revision sessions to make sure students have all the support they need in the lead up to their exams. All of the teachers have specialist subjects, for example Miss Dankmeyer specialises in chemistry, so if there was a student struggling with a particular aspect they would seek out the relevant science staff.

Year 8 Reporter – Eve Pavitt

Ellie-Mae Moore and Jessica Mullan

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As part of the Peer mentor scheme all Year 12 students are attached to a tutor group. They help the tutor by doing one to one reading sessions, talking to students and helping out with class activities. Lily Taitia who has helped a Year 10 tutor group said: “Being a Peer Mentor whilst in Sixth Form allows me to stay in contact with the younger years. As a Sixth Former you rarely get to see the students as we all have different timetables. “Being a mentor allows you to interact with the youngsters and get to know them at a better level whilst also helping guide them in future choices and decisions as you yourself has gone through them.”

Year 9 student Charlotte Green has said that she has enjoyed getting to know some of the Sixth Formers, and has had guidance from them with regards to her own future career aspirations.

Reporter – Bianca Ursu

The Sixth Form enterprise company has unveiled its’ product line. After wide market research Mbrace has decided to sell a series of manufactured products including acrylic photo frames, spinning tops and limited edition LED badges. The venture is part of the Young Enterprise programme, which encourages students to find out more about business by setting up their own company. Mbrace (which is made up of nine students) will run every aspect of the company from production to finance, marketing to sales. In order to raise funds to start the company the team have had to sell shares in the company and have gained support from fellow students, friends and staff members. Managing Director Arron Smith said: “After considering a number of products we have settled on a final selection. “We are making them ourselves and have given out products an extra edge by becoming personalised.”

The company showcased their products at an event at RS components. At this first promotional event the team exhibited their wares alongside other Young Enterprise companies from across the area. Trade fairs will also take place across the region. These will be in Milton Keynes on February 19th, Leicester Trade Fair on March 4th and an area final on March 5th at Wicksteed Park.

On Wednesday 18th January, a group of Sixth Formers attended a play in The Core called ‘No Place To Live’. This play was based around late teenagers, who do not have jobs and do not attend school or college. Its aim was to educate teenagers about the consequences of not taking control of or responsibility for their lives. All the Sixth Formers thoroughly enjoyed the play, and at the end there was a debate involving the entire audience. Sixth Former Ivo Silva said: “The play was a great experience, really educating and very enjoyable.

Reporter – Tara Leggett (below)

Sixth Form students were given information about career choices with a performance workshop about the NHS. Head of Sixth Form Avril Bartley-Smith said: “The message of the play was that there are a number of career options available within the NHS – not just those of doctor and nurse.”

Reporter – Tara Leggett
CARNEGIE JUDGE WHITTLERS DOWN THE SHORTLIST

CBA Librarian Amy McKay took her place on the prestigious Carnegie judging panel for an intensive two days of discussion to select the nation’s best children’s book.

Amy joined 11 other librarians from across the country to rate the 107 books on the CILIP Carnegie and Greenaway 2012 long list.

Amy, who was reading for three months solidly before the judging said: “It was just the best experience. “It was really intense and there were some heated discussions, but I am happy with the books on the shortlist.”

Amy will now have to keep the selected books under her hat until they are officially announced in March.

The judges then meet again to decide upon a winner for the two awards.

Amy will also be a judge on next year’s panel.

She said: “Despite it being a lot of hard work to read the books, I really enjoyed the judging process and cannot wait to start it all again.

Amy has involved CBA students in the judging process and has been joined in her marathon read by students in the Corby Book Addict and Key Stage 4 book clubs.

The librarian will also be doing a cross continent video link discussion with Ugandan students that she met when she visited on a CBA trip in October.

PERFECT DISPLAY

Stunning displays in a stunning location is a great way to sum up just what you can see in the CBA library.

There is a real cross section of information and material on display right from CBA’s recent trip to Uganda to Top Gear, famous chefs and Mr Nobody from the Mr Men™ books.

The displays not only look good visually but they are there to act as a starting point to get you interested in different subjects.

Librarian Amy McKay and Library Assistant Bernie Smith are responsible for putting displays together. Bernie explained: “Together Amy and I think of the ideas and turn them into the display.”

Amy and Bernie hope that the displays will encourage CBA students, teachers and visitors to think about the subjects raised and make them feel inspired, interested and informed.

They want the displays to work for everyone, so they want to hear from you and if you have some feedback about the displays – good or bad – please hand your comments in at the library desk.

Reporter – Chloe Burton

MAKING SELECTIONS FOR THE LIBRARY SHELVES

Students were given free rein to help stock the CBA library shelves on a visit to a local independent book shop.

A group of students joined Librarian Amy McKay on the visit to Quinns bookshop in Market Harborough on Thursday, January 19th and had fun choosing new reads for the library.

Librarian Amy McKay said: “It was nice to be able to support a local bookshop and the students had a great time.”

ENTRY TIME FOR CHESS TOURNAMENT

The annual Chess Tournament is being held in Term 4.

Students are being asked to make a move and sign up for the contest, which will take place during Session 4 on Wednesdays.

Will anybody be able to beat our reigning champion Year 8 student Owen Robinson, who also holds the county title?
Students were given the mission of saving a Caribbean island from natural disaster when they teamed up with the National Space Centre for an exciting Saturday workshop.

Operation Montserrat was staged at CBA on Saturday, February 3rd and 60 students from the Gifted and Talented Programme took part in the virtual event.

The pressure was on as the students were put into emergency response teams and asked to work with genuine data to make sure the inhabitants of Montserrat were guided to safety as a hurricane hit the island and a volcano threatened to erupt.

A wide variety of skills were required of the students as they played their parts within the various response teams.

Some of the tasks the students were asked to do during the three hour workshop included quick fire maths, speedy research into volcanic materials, plotting geographical data and maintaining a live news feed on our student social media site Radiowaves.

Year 9 student Eloise Robertson who was in the evacuation team said: “I have really enjoyed it and just wish that these events took place every weekend.”

Assistant Vice Principal Kirsty Farrar said: “It was inspiring to see so many of our students working with calmness and precision in such a stressful environment. They proved that they have amazing skills in dealing with very difficult situations. I was so proud of them.”

This was the second Saturday workshop we have hosted for Gifted and Talented students.
Students watched a hard hitting drama about the dangers of teenage alcohol abuse. Members of Corby’s Shout! youth theatre group performed their new drama to our Year 10 and Year 11 students. The drama, which will be shown to all Key Stage 4 students in Corby, was commissioned by the Safer Schools Partnership.

Director Paula Boulton said: “Shout was set up to give young people a voice. All of our productions are issued based and deal with real life experiences of young people. We do our research before we devise the play and everything is true to life.” Casting is currently taking place and if any CBA students want to get involved with the Shout! they can call Ms Boulton on 0789 2489163.

Shout! meets every Tuesday from 6.30pm to 9.30pm at the Labour Club in Stuart Road, Corby.

Sixth Form Students from our DSP provision have set up their own company selling cookery themed products. Under the Young Enterprise Team Programme the group of seven students have formed Happy Hands.

The Team programme inspires students with special educational and support needs to work together as they set up and run their own real company. As part of the programme the students have to sell shares to pull together investment and then pay dividends if a profit is made. The products on line so far are colourful tea towels and re-usable shopping bags. Vintage tea cup candles will be available soon. Student Ellie Scopes is the Managing Director of Happy Hands and the rest of the team are Fern Hall, Jessica Dewer, Anthony McGavigan, Matthew Cluff, Tammy Rennie and Tommy Allen.

The company is to be advised by two employees from RS Components who will come in once a term to help advise on any business matters that may arise. Events will be for sale at Enterprise events held at CBA during March and June.

A CBA student has been recognised at a high profile awards ceremony for young carers.

Year 8 student Kelsey Fordyce was nominated by her mum Lisa for the Northampton Carers Awards.

At prestigious ceremony at Rushton Hall on January 25th, Kelsey received a high commendation for the care she gives to her four-year-old sister Lexie, who has quadriplegic cerebral palsy and is unable to walk. Mrs Fordyce, Corby, said: “Kelsey is dedicated to her sister and helps every day with Lexie’s care needs – feeding, bathing, carrying. The list is endless and she never complains. “She is so dedicated to helping with Lexie’s exercises. She makes me proud every day.”

She has been instrumental in a fundraising campaign to raise £40,000 to send her sister to America for revolutionary treatment. Since May a massive £30,000 has been raised by friends of the family and the Corby community.

Kelsey said: “I have helped with the posters and have labelled up collection tins. “We have been overwhelmed by the support from people who have raised money to hopefully help Lexie receive treatment.”

CBA students are helping to restore ancient Corby woodlands by supporting a local community project.

Fourteen Students on the BTEC Level 1 Vocational Diploma have joined forces with the volunteers from the Friends of Thoroughsale and Hazelwood to carry out coppicing duties in two of Corby’s oldest woods. The tree thinning is a vital job for the future health of the woodland as it encourages light to reach the ground which promotes the growth of woodland plants and habitats for insects. The harvest will be used to make walking sticks and provide organic material to support hedges.

The students have become involved as part of their ‘Community Action’ unit which requires them to discover more about community projects locally. They have worked alongside the Friends of volunteers who have taught them ancient coppicing techniques, as well as how to work as part of a team.

So far the groups have braved the elements to clear an area of woodland by the Boating Lake and have experienced great satisfaction from the project. Teacher Kim Isaksen said: “The group have got so much from the project already. Cutting down trees and removing large quantities of wood is very manual work and despite cold windy conditions students have been motivated by the difference they are making to the woodland area.”
**ACADEMY NEWS**

**KARTING A GO-GO**

Two Go Karting teams from CBA competed against other county schools on Thursday 2nd Feb when they took part in the British Schools Karting Championships. The KS4 team consisted of Jesse Moffatt, Joseph Samuels-Hammond and Jessica Dick, whilst the KS3 team members were Shae Pearce, Kimberley Samuels-Hammond and William Bell. A fantastic time was had by all with plenty of bumps, bangs and scrapes along the way. It was a testament to our Academy that we had the only teams with female members, whose grit and determination easily matched that of the boys. I am immensely proud of our students who competed against seasoned karting teams with good humour and determination. Well done. 

*Design Teacher – David Mitchell*

**NEW UGANDA TEAM SELECTED**

The latest CBA team to support our Ugandan education link has been chosen. The fundraising team comprising of Sixth Form student Klaudia Chalubinska, Year 11 students Ellie-Mae Moore and Amber Garret and teacher Kim Isaksen will spend the next eight months raising money to support the visit to the Jinja International Youth Meeting (JIYM) in October. Ellie and Klaudia will this year make the trip where they will have the opportunity to participate in the conference which links UK and African students. Mrs Isaksen said: “This will be a life changing opportunity for the team who will experience a whole new culture and way of life.” The team hope to build further links with the Discovery Centre (which was set up in 1994 by a Northamptonshire charity) and provides young people in Uganda with educational, recreational and sporting opportunities that they would otherwise not have access to. Mrs Isaksen said: “The 2012 team hope to raise money to support the work being done at the Discovery Centre to enable less fortunate young people have access to the type of education we take for granted.”

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**FAIRTRADE IN ACTION**

Year 8 Enterprise students have planned their own learning around the theme of Fair Trade. Lessons have been a hive of activity with ideas ranging from visits to local primary schools to raise awareness of Fair Trade, a campaign for Fair Trade products (tea, coffee, fruit and chocolate) to be sold in the restaurant, visits from guest speakers to talk about the importance of Fair Trade products, school assemblies and possible taste testing events. Most of the students are keen to see Fair Trade products sold in CBA’s tuck shop and are designing their own questionnaires, surveys and petitions to use as a basis of a possible campaign in the future. Citizenship Teacher, Sam Stacey, has been overwhelmed with the eagerness and enthusiasm of all students who care passionately about their role as global citizens. She said “The level of independent enquiry and effective participation has been staggering; the students have set themselves challenging but achievable goals upon which they can measure their own success at the end of the topic.” Keep up to date by reading comments and write ups on Radiowaves.

*Sam Stacey – History Teacher*

**CHARITY SKY DIVE**

Sixth Form student Michael Wynn is doing a skydive for the Neuro Foundation to help raise funds and awareness of the condition. Michael, who himself has the genetic condition Neurofibromatosis will be doing the tandem jump along with other fundraisers at Sibson Airfield near Peterborough on April 7th. The student said he is excited about the jump. He said: “I think it will be great fun and I am not nervous about it. “I want to raise awareness about the condition, as it is not as rare as you think.”

The disorder affects the skin and the nervous system. To find out more visit www.nfauk.org

*The Neuro Foundation*
SESSION 4

MAGIC CLUB HAS BEEN CONJURED UP

The Academy is full of magic and mystery as members of our new exciting Session 4 club have been practicing their tricks. Magic Club started this term and a select group of Year 10 students are now meeting every Tuesday during Session 4 to get to grips with the secret art.

The 20-week course is led by professional magician Chris Congreave. Librarian Amy McKay, who organises the club, said: “It is already proving a great success. Students involved have been busy practising the two tricks they’ve already learnt and are eager for more – especially cutting people in half, but that’s maybe a while off yet.”

CARDIO WORKOUT AT FITNESS CLUB

The CBA in-house gym has become a hive of activity as the venue of a new Session 4 club. The Fitness Club started in September and has already gained a regular number of student attendees.

The club teaches students fitness basics and staff member Jordon Joseph is on hand to help students learn about the gym equipment and can also provide them with a training schedule.

Equipment includes free weights, exercise bikes and rowing machines.

Mr Joseph said: “The club has proven to be popular with students across all years.”

“It is a great way of gaining a fitness level and maintaining it.”

The club runs during Session 4 on Mondays.

LEGO CLUB

Are you bonkers about building? Do you go crazy for construction? Do you have a love of Lego? Well look no further…the Lego Club gets together every Monday in the library between 3.40pm and 5pm and students from all years are welcome.

The first cool creation Lego Clubbers are working on is a massive model of the magical Hogwarts Castle.

This will be followed by reproducing a remote control digger.

Lego Club has a lot to offer and it’s fantastic fun, so leg it over to the Library and get building!

Reporter – Chloe Burton

HOGWARTS SCIENCE CLUB

Hogwarts Science Club is attracting many students who like to have fun with experiments.

The Session 4 club (which is held on alternate Tuesdays) has been putting the spark into Science experiments.

Teacher Sarah Dankmeyer said: “The experiments usually follow on from what we have looked at in lesson and give it a different dimension.”

Right: Year 9 student Ben Vinsen

Nicholas Galway is one of the students in Magic Club

Year 9 students Will Bell and Josh Champion with some of the Lego
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CBA STUDENTS TAKE PART IN TOWN-WIDE MUSIC CONCERT

CBA will be joining other Corby schools to put on a music concert for the Mayor’s charity. Our student choir Vocalise will be taking to the stage at the Core Theatre on Saturday, March 3rd for the Don’t Stop Believing Concert. In keeping with the Glee flavour to the show the students will be singing a number of hits that have appeared in the TV show. During the show opener there will be solo performances from Eloise Robertson and Danielle Ewen.

Mayor Gail McDade said: “During my time as Mayor I have tried to put on a range of events that are fun and different and I am definitely excited about this show.”

Proceeds of the show will go to the Mayor’s chosen charities – The Teenager Cancer Trust, Beanfield Special Needs and the Bobath Centre for children with Cerebral Palsy.

There will be two shows, with a performance at 3pm and another at 7pm.

Tickets cost £4.50 and for to book call the ticket office on 01536 470470.

MARKING INTERNET SAFETY DAY

All students got involved with thinking about Internet Safety when we held debates to mark Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, February 7th.

All tutor classes held discussions around the topic and used our Radiowaves site to record their opinions.

They were asked what their moral compass would do in certain internet based situations (such as uploading pictures or engaging in conversation with people they had not personally met). They were also tasked with thinking about how they could advise their contemporaries and family about how to keep safe on the internet.

The students will have additional internet safety training from the Northamptonshire Local Area Safety Board the first week back in Term 4.

Achievement Awards

This term’s recognised achievers were Thomas Keeney (Year 7), Abby Reilly (Year 8) Andreas Milan (Year 9), Harrison McAleese (Year 10) and Alex Campbell (Year 11).

The students were rewarded with iPods for high achievement in all of their subjects.

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