

Corby Business Academy

Corby Business Academy Newsletter

Spring 2021

A message from Mr Underwood

To our community,

Firstly, and most importantly, I hope this newsletter finds our community safe and well.

National school closures throughout the last calendar year have been a challenge in our society for many reasons. This newsletter is an opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements in the most challenging of circumstances.

Attending remote lessons, completing assignments and maintaining a passion for education have undoubtedly been impressive facets over a sustained period of time from students, teachers and parents or carers. We are immensely proud of our partnership with you and appreciate everyone's attitudes and efforts.

As you will see, our students have still managed to accomplish many additional personal and community spirited triumphs. This is important to me, as the holistic development of all students is something we take pride in.

Please enjoy the fantastic news stories across all year groups in the Academy and join us in acknowledging their successes.

With the brilliant news that students will soon be back with in the building, we hope this communication again reinforces our spirit and quality – as well as serves as a timely reminder of the Corby Business Academy community ethos.



Simon Underwood—Associate Principal

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Underwood'.

Mr S. Underwood

Associate Principal

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Accessing your emails

Go to www.outlook.com

Click 'sign in'

Enter your email address. Your email is the year you joined the school (see table) followed by your first name and last name with dots in between.

For example John Smith in Year 8 would be 19.john.smith@corbybusinessacademy.org

Your password is your school password.

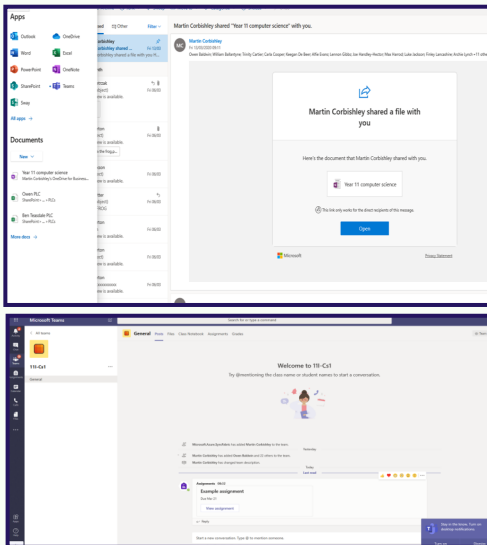


Year group	Number at start of email
7	20
8	19
9	18
10	17
11	16
12	15
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Accessing Teams

1. Log in to your emails
2. Click on the app menu in the top left hand corner and choose teams.
3. Click on a group and complete the assignments set by your teacher.

Download the 'Teams' app for your phone and you can receive notifications when an assignment has been set.




ONLINE LEARNING

GCSE Pod

- <https://www.gcsepod.com/>
- Account set up by you
- If you can't remember your log in details they can be reset by email or by a teacher in school.



Hegarty Maths

- <https://hegartymaths.com/>
- Log in by searching for the school and then entering your personal details.
- If you are having problems logging in – see your maths teacher

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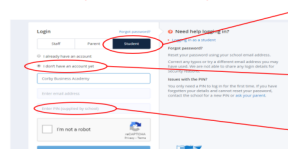
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- Password: student ID number

Apps available:

- PIXL maths
- PIXL timetable
- PIXL Lit
- PIXL geography
- PIXL history

All PIXL apps now use the same log in details

Show My Homework (Satchel One)



Students go to www.satchelone.com and select login as a student.

Logging in for the first time they will need to select 'I don't have an account yet'.

Students can then enter the PIN provided for them.



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Year 9 VIRTUAL OPTIONS EVENING

A reminder that an online **Parents' Evening** will take place on **3rd March**. Details of how to access this will be shared soon.

After this event, the Year 9 options process will begin. We were due to have our Options Evening on 15th March but this will no longer be taking place. Instead, on **15th March** our **Virtual Options Evening** will go live. You will be able to watch videos presented by each of the Subject Leaders, download the Options Information Booklet and also find out about the process of picking the options for Year 10. More details about this exciting event will become available soon. If you have any concerns or questions before then you may contact Mr Franklin who will be overseeing the process: ralph.franklin@corbybusinessacademy.org

Well-being Mentor Sessions

On Mondays, Mrs Barstow runs a small mentoring session for Year 8 students who would like to have a bit of extra support with things like mindfulness, well-being and coping strategies. These sessions are optional and students are welcome to be added to the group – please get in touch if you feel that you would benefit.



Natasha Barstow
Head of Year 8



National Storytelling Week

Before half term, the English team celebrated National Storytelling Week by launching a writing competition. The task was for students to use a traditional fairy tale and add a twist to it! Mrs McLellan is very pleased to announce that Year 8 student David Kepli's competition entry was fantastic and has been selected as the winning piece for his Year Group. He has been awarded with a £10 amazon gift voucher and this will be put in the post soon!

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Celebrations



Live Lesson Top Attenders! KEY STAGE 3

Year 7

Summer Androsiuk
Zoe Bayliss
Marley-Ann Blakeston
Arturas Bogdanovic
James Burke
Riley Chapman
Ben Cooper
Eve Maria Davidson
Millie Davis
Samuel Dowey
Isabella Fletcher
Tyler Foster
Kulika Gallagher
Curtis Gibson
Poppy Hall
Ruby Hammond
Oliver Harrison
Erin Hope
Dylan Jewell
Daiton-Lee Jones
Gabriela Koszelny
Poppy-Mae Lasek
Jenna Lomax
Aedyn Lovell-Moore
Nikita Maminska
Hallie McCourt
Joseph McNicol
Nicolas Milan
Oscar Sadler
Kaycie Smith
Ryan Smith
Connor Stanion
Reuben Thacker
Kian Tilson
Isla Toner
Toby Wright

Year 8

May Aston
Joshua Aveyard
Charlie Beard
Katie Blow
Hannah Boaden
Edgar Bogdanovic
Michal Bona
Alexa Brownlee
Alexis Bullock
Emma Burke
Rianna Chanian
Olivier Cholewka
Keira Corby
Emma Crysell
Imogen Cunningham
Harmony Degnan
Ayden Duncan
Harriet Dunn
Aidy Ford
Jayden Francois
Natalie Gibson
Ron Gray
Lacey Gribben
Grace Hadley
Alfie Harrod
Alex Hughes
Elisha Hunt
Amelia Ignaczak
Natalia Ignaczak
Mia Jarvis
Lola Johnsen
Ellis Kennedy
Evie Kennedy
David Kepli
Arabella Kiff
Dominyka Kolesinskaite
Paige Lovell
Aleksija Lukic
Dominika Mamczarz
Olivia Masterson
Mia McCrossan
Rachel Miller

Mia Mulheron
Julia Nycz
Evie O'Connor
Luke Porter
Natalia Puchala
Jarred Rawlins
Lewis Rose
Annelies Siddre
Jasmine Sinclair
Nikola Sliwinska
Georgia Storey
Kayla Townsend
Cameron Trotter
Octavian-Andre Verescu
Owen Walters
Millie Wood

Year 9

Rajshi Akbari
Lemuela Balogun-Williams
Alex Barber
Esmee Barnwell
Amy Bayliss
Alice Brabbs
Ollie Braybrook
Weronika Burek
Hanna Burska
Grady Butler
Courtney Buxton
David Campbell
Maria Chaudhury
Peter Davies
Emily Draycott
Marko Dugic
Jake Dunnill
Kieran Ebbs
Cassie Forsdike
Reegan Fox
Evan Grant-Mcmillan
Mitchell Hackley
Darius Harja
Hannah King
Angelo Koszelny
Jakub Kowal
Martyna Kwasny
Ben Lattimore
Euan Layton-Matthews
Alexandra Manojlovic
Ewan McCaffrey
Abigail McNicol
Denisa Mitrica
Skye Moore
Bradley Paul
Toby Reeve
Cody Reid
Jack Sharp
Zoe Stone
Eniko Szilagyi
Charlie Turner
Daniel Varna
Olivia Webb
Summer Williamson
Annabelle Woodward
Riley Young



Live Lesson Top Attenders! KEY STAGE 4

Year 10

Freya Alexander	Vanessa Piskor
Darcey Allen	Ellis Priedkalns
Kian Bright	Ricards Puciks
Katelyn Caulfield	Eleanor-Paige Rennie
Emily Cleary	Zoe Rymarz
Megan Clements	Tom Scott
Katie Connelly	Niall Shackleton
Ellie Cooper	Wiktorja Sikorska
Eve Darroch	Beth Small
Ciara Dilley	Lucy Stone
Elena Donnachie	Jennifer Storey
Elizabeth Douglas-Whittaker	Phoebe Tucker
Mikaela Dunnill	Fletcher Wallace
Caitlin Eastwood	Summer May Watson
Freya Evans	Dominic Wilson
Charlotte Flynn	Bethany Wishart
Amelia Ford	Alfie Wooton
Reece Forsdike	Imogen York
Mark Gergelyfy	
Lewis Gibbs	
Harvey Griffiths	
Ella Hadley	
Samuel Haigh	
Robert Hartley	
Lucy Hill	
Sophie Inglis	
Wiktorja Jaworska	
Sarah Keable	
Lewis Kennedy	
Aleksandra Lisenko	
Marko Mitrovic	
Kree-Anna Morrissey	
Holly Moscow	
Callum Murphy	
Dumitru Pavlic	
Libby Pimm	
Holly Piper	

Year 11

Faith Alade	Sean Pulley
Meigen Asbrey	Caitlin Smith
Holly Asher	Vincent Spencer
Bethan Barnwell	Charlotte Thorp
Rachael Beezer	Eden Trotter
Joshua Bogle	James Turner
Patricia Bolfa	Kiezer Upfold
Sophia Burke	Elena Vukosavljevic
Morley Burton	Jessica Walker
Marvin Camara	Shanen Watson
Caitlyn Chinyanga	Oliver West
Diana Ciobanu	Jack Willan
Alice Collier	Christopher Wood
Aoife Collins	Daniel Zelinsky
Stephen Crawshaw	
Ellie Dunne	
Madison Ennis	
Charlotte Gayne	
Luka Jorgic	
Hilgard Kwambana	
Grace Long	
Gracie Mayell	
Molly McCabe	
Connor McKean	
Leyton McMillan	
Adel Mester	
Paul Middleton	
James Miller	
Connie Murray	
Taya O'Connor	
Vladimir Orlanschi	
Anabel Pillen	
Shannon Price	





A Published Author!

Year 8

We were delighted to hear the news that one of our Year 8 students, Joe Diaz-Osborne, has been chosen to have one of his written works selected to be published.

Joe entered a 100 word competition called 'Unsolved-UK Fiction' which was run by www.youngwriters.co.uk

Joe is now currently writing a new novel and has already completed 50,000 words of this!

We are all really looking forward to reading this when it is finished.

Well done Joe. Below is his winning entry and we will share the link to the book when it is published.



The Art of Mystery

Beneath the empty, jewelry case lay a man; throat slit, pockets outturned, no murder weapon in sight. The detective scanned his assistant – Ramona's blank notepad.

She growled frustratedly. 'No fingerprints, witnesses, suspects; nothing!'

The detective closed the investigation and headed home. Hanging his hat on a hook, he pulled it and revealed an annex concealed behind a bookshelf. Opening the box inside, he uncovered diamonds lying beside a blood-soaked dagger.

However, Ramona never went home. Instead, she lay on the floor next to the man whose death she had been investigating. Throat slit, pockets outturned, no murder weapon in sight.

UNIT students working from home

A message from our UNIT Student leaders

This term has been an odd one for us all. Some of us have been at school and some of us have been learning from home.

We have enjoyed the work, life skills, creative and enrichment activities. Our favourite activity has been well-being Wednesday, when we see our class via TEAMS.

We are looking forward to returning to school soon.

Stay safe,

Unit, Student leaders.



Life Skills Lotto

Students have been enjoying 'Life Skills Lotto'. This is where a set of challenges are presented and students choose which challenge to complete each day.

WOW Moment

Sam Sherwin is accessing his Dragon Dictate aid.

This tool allows Sam to work, with greater independence across the curriculum.



I am working on my Dragon have been frustrating but I am getting there with some help.

Dragon Dictate is a dictation that helps people like me who can't write. I have been practising my dictation. It is starting to recognise some of my words.

I am happy with it even though we can still improve more.

UNIT students working from home

Snow Day

Students also enjoyed the snow day. This was used to create some wonderful pieces of writing.



Snow day

I woke up to an extremely cold frosty morning. The snow starts to fall like a snow blizzard. Making everything turn white at a touch. With the sun glistening off the snow.

By the afternoon everywhere was covered by what looks like thick layer of white clouds on the ground children outside having a time of their lives building snow people and bringing everyone together but staying 2 metres apart.

By Jamie Beattie

UNIT Sixth Form Students

Our very own Sixth Form run Young Enterprise Business; Happy Days enters 3 competitions across the year. On 4th December they won the Best Logo competition. Well done

Competition	Deadline Date	Update
Best Logo	4 th December 2020	2 nd Place
Best Advert	5 th February 2021	Submitted Entry
Best Presentation	14 th May 2021	Watch this space.

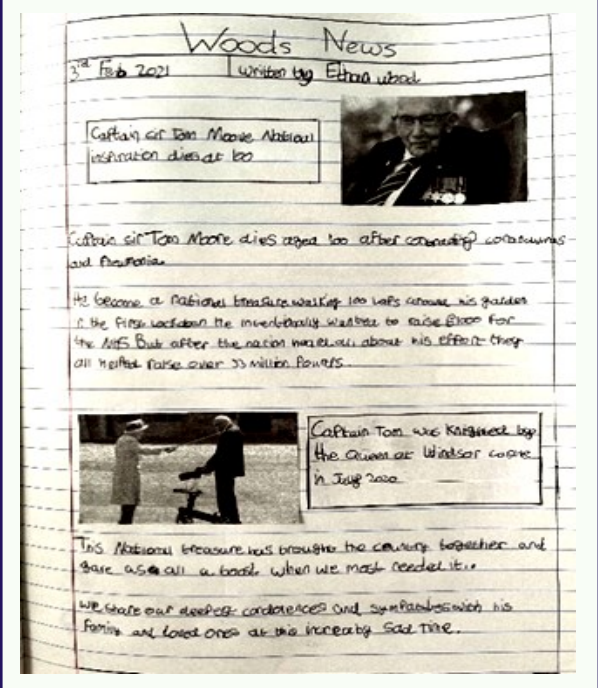
Dillon, Sophie, Liam and Michal took part in creating an advert for their Young Enterprise company; Happy Days. Students made their advert virtually, coordinated by Miss Clark and with the help of parents. This advert has now been entered into a national competition run by Young Enterprise.

Well done everyone, the video was amazing.



UNIT students working from home

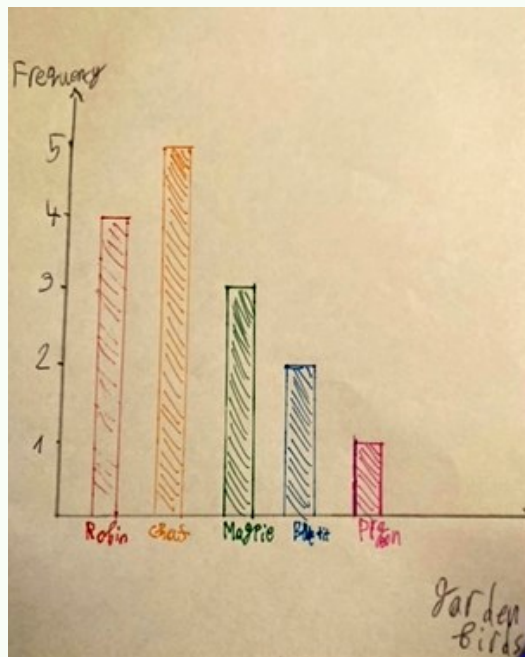
Ethan Wood Year 7



Issac Odia Year 9



Stefan Poole-Vuijvic Year 9



Our students have been producing lots of excellent work at home this term.

Log Off and Learn Day

Students both at home and in-school had a day of screen-free activities.

Year 7



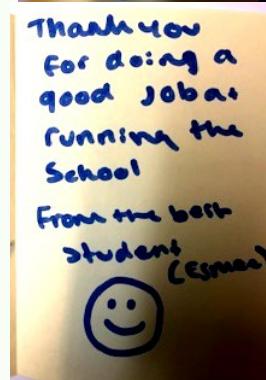
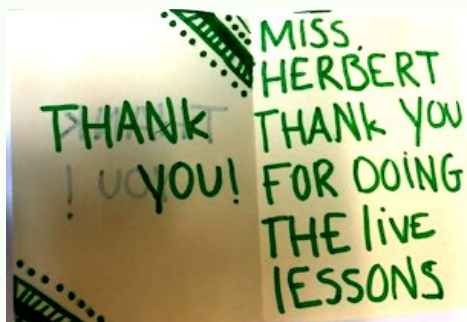
Year 8



Year 9



Students took time during *Log Off and Learn Day* to consider gratitude for the staff that had helped them during the lockdown period:



This term in the Sixth Form:

Our new *Senior Student Leadership* team has recently been elected.

We will formally announce the whole team very soon.

For now, we would like to congratulate our new Head Girl and Boy:



Tayla Kelly - Head Girl



Sullivan Rymarz - Head Boy

Notices:

- Year 12 - keep an eye out for summer school opportunities e.g Pathway to Bath, The Sutton Trust, Realising Opportunities via Nottingham University
- Year 13 - National Apprenticeship Week (8th - 12th Feb) was packed with plenty of useful information and featured a number of companies who are recruiting

Upcoming important dates:

- Year 13 - Student Finance should be open in early March for students planning on starting university this September. The deadline for application has not been published yet, but is usually in May
- Virtual work experience for Year 12 will be taking place later in the year

Achievements/celebrations:

- Lennon Gibb - commitment and engagement with remote learning
- Raivo Pudniks - making the team smile and being awesome in live lessons
- Aaron Buckmaster - sharing thoughts and ideas in tutor time and for his enthusiasm during lockdown
- Demi Paul - being proactive in researching for her future plans to progress to university
- Joe Shirlaw - full commitment and engagement in his remote lessons and independent study

CBA CREATIVE

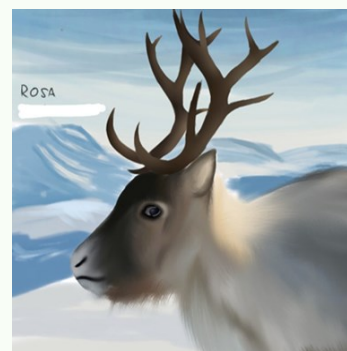


Welcome

to the very first edition of the CBA Creative KS3 Newsletter bringing you a round up of news from our Creative hub in AMID where all the magic happens.

This has been a challenging year for both students and staff as terms one and two saw us adjusting to our 'new normal' but despite restricted access to equipment and creative spaces we have not let that stop us! We have a newly adapted 'Covid Curriculum' which allows opportunities for all students to continue to develop their creativity and artistic skills and we can't wait to give you a sneak peak at what has been going on in our classrooms since September.

In December, we launched our very first CBA Creative Christmas Card Competition which has proved popular amongst students across the school, particularly with Key Stage 3. We were so overwhelmed by the 65 arty entries that we received and judging was fiercely debated. After much deliberation we eventually narrowed it down to 10 Finalists whose work has been featured on our Instagram grid. The three final winners of the competition were Rosa, (Year 7) for her digital reindeer painting, Alisha (Year 7) for her midnight sky painting and Brooklyn (Year 9) for his digital Christmas card design.



You can view all of these finalist's work and much more on the CBA Creative Instagram account which continues to be well received by students, staff and the wider community alike. If you don't already please give us a follow on our handle @CBA_Creative.

At the beginning of January we were lucky enough to welcome a new member of our team, Joanne Bradbury. Joanne has been teaching KS3 Art alongside her cover supervisor role and has been invaluable asset to our team. Despite the current challenging circumstances Joanne has thoroughly embraced our creative approach and has been so impressed by the amazing submissions from her classes during lockdown below are a few words from Mrs Bradbury.

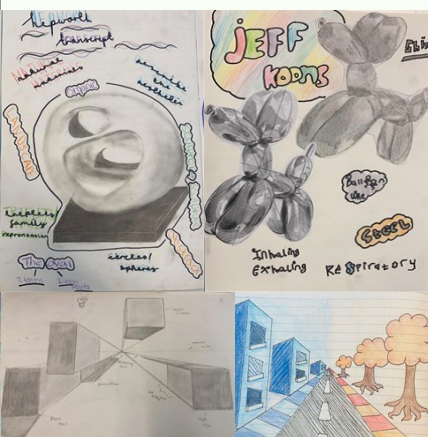


"Having joined CBA at the beginning of January as a Cover Supervisor, I would just like to thank you all for making me feel so welcome! Being new to education, especially in these unprecedented times, it was very daunting, but you've all been really friendly and I'm really enjoying getting to know you all. I really appreciate all your efforts in getting your assignments in on time, to such a great quality and love seeing all your work. I can't wait to meet you all in person, hopefully, very soon."



Year 7 TERMS 1 & 2

How wonderful it is to welcome a new cohort to join CBA Creative for the first time. We always enjoy welcoming Year 7 and find it interesting to see how much learning in art they have experienced at Primary schools as this often really varies depending on the setting. We began Art in September with our famous 'Build a Drawing' module where students learn how to build a drawing from scratch, alongside their teacher step by step. Since then, we have been exploring the formal elements of art ensuring a balance of knowledge and skills is delivered through our 'Covid Curriculum'. After the October break we looked at space and negative space by creating Notan collages which you can see pictured left and we also learned about continuous line drawing, left hand drawing and two handed drawing which was a particular favourite.



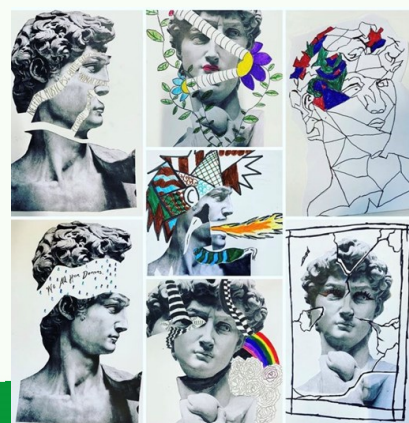
Year 8

have continued to build on last year's Art learning and began the year by studying the artist Jeff Koons and recreating a tonal transcript of his famous 'Balloon Dog' sculpture. They have focused on practicing the grid method to ensure they can create accurate shapes and proportions and also the application of a range of tones to give their drawings 'form' which means to make them appear 3D. They consolidated their learning by moving on to recreate the work of Hepworth and drawing her

sculptures before moving on to a new perspective module this term which also links to their graphics module in DT. By linking our learning across the creative subjects, the student are really beginning to master these drawing skills. We are so proud of the progress they are making.

Year 9

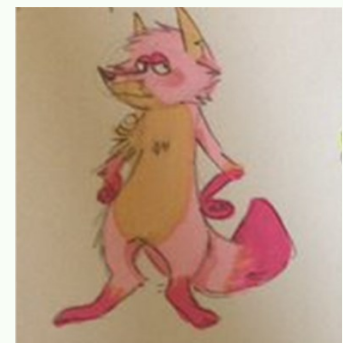
have been working on an Art project named 'Impact' where they studied the statue of David and then learned about how to make new art from old. They created their own parodies of David using collage and mixed media and this was a really popular activity with a huge variety of fun personal outcomes. Some of our high flyers also developed tonal studies of David which was a really challenging task so well done to everyone who had a go at that. Year 9 are now working on a Typography project so you can look forward to seeing that which will be featured in next term's newsletter.





YEAR 7 LOCKDOWN LEARNING

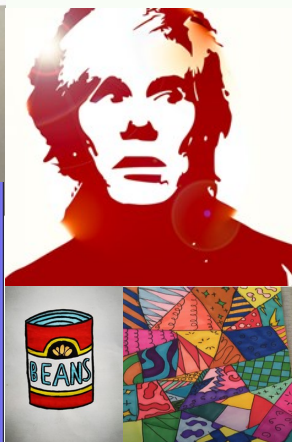
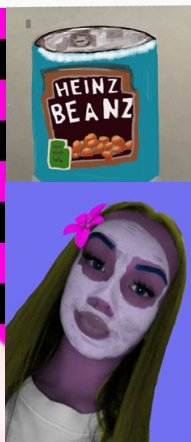
Year 7 have embarked on a sculptural journey during their Art lockdown learning which commenced with contextual research about the great Picasso and his use of paper. They then moved on to create their own paper sculptures inspired by natural forms. Following this we explore the Bas-relief technique and created cardboard sculptures inspired by architecture. These were built and refined over a series of weeks and the final stage of refinement was to decorate the sculpture using coffee instead of paint as it is a readily available resource for home learning.



Year 7 have impressed us so much with their dedication to producing high quality work during lockdown. The standard has remained superb throughout as you can see by the submissions pictured on this page. Many students have been going above and beyond, exceeding our expectations with their creative responses to the assignments they have been set. In Graphics students have been following look at the Illustrator and Artist Jon Burgerman. Which is the artist of choice used for the creative extra curricular activities.

Students have been busy creating personal responses by transforming everyday objects and their favourite animals into graphic cartoon style characters. This has been thoroughly enjoyed by students who have all come up with unique fun designs. A big well done to Year 7 for your lockdown Learning success story.





YEAR 8 LOCKDOWN LEARNING

Year 8's lockdown learning module commenced with a focus on the POP Art movement. We began by looking at the artist Julian Opie, well known for his famous Blur Album cover from the 1990s. We worked on reproducing key features of his work such as bold lines and flat colour and the students each produced their own Opie style self portrait as a response. Following this, we began looking at more self portraiture and we moved on to study the work of one of the all time greats.



Andy Warhol. Well known for his iconic portraits of celebrities, Warhol used a combination of bold, flat colours and simple lines to create his work. We learned how to use the digital photo-editing platform PhotoPea which is a great alternative to Photoshop. Students used PhotoPea to edit their selfies in to the style of Warhol by adding splashes of vibrant colour. We also created digital drawings of everyday objects such as a tin of beans and we were wowed by some of the skilful outcomes which were submitted.



In Graphics, students have been studying the work of Hattie Stewart and Charles De Muth. Year 8 really have pulled it out of the bag with their responses. Again, standards have been exceptional and selecting images to share with you was tough but you can see just a small sample of Year 8's great work below. The final two weeks have seen the students develop a personal response to these artists and showcase their creativity and we can't wait to see them.

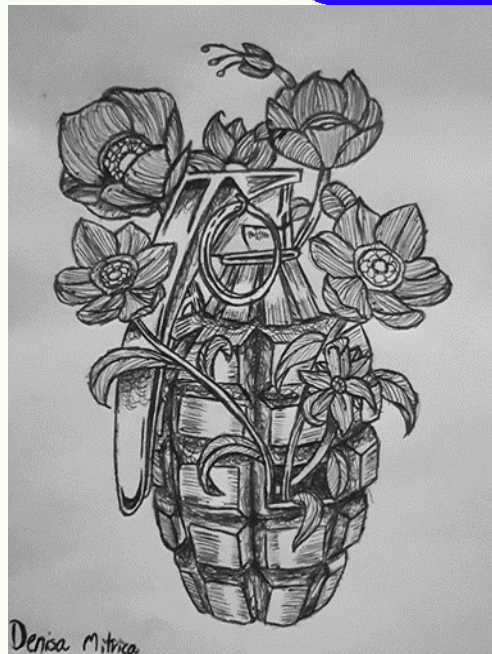


YEAR 9

In Year 9 we have begun a new Art project titled War and Conflict which has been an exploration of disharmony in a variety of contexts. Whilst some students have related this to famous historic events such as World War I others have looked at the idea of smaller scale, every day conflict. This project has seen lots of exciting experimentation with a range of media. From tonal pencil studies to biro drawings and coffee painting, Year 9 have embraced the challenge of stepping outside of their comfort zones and trying something new.

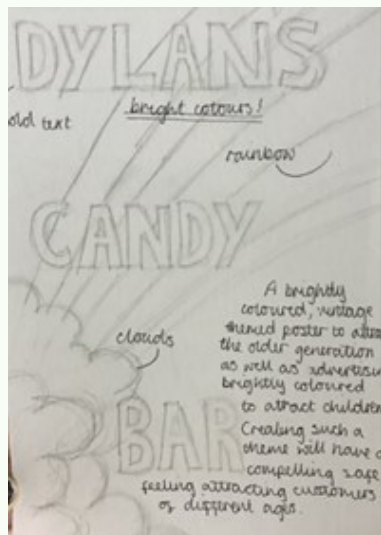


One of the challenges that has come to light whilst lockdown learning is sourcing materials. Our students have not let this get in their way with many creating digital collages instead of physical ones using apps such as *Pics Art* and *Photopea* and also using diluted coffee granules as an alternative to paint. We hope you will agree that these innovative approaches adopted by Year 9 have led to some beautiful outcomes of which we are extremely proud.



In Graphics, Year 9 have been learning about Dylan's Candy Bar which is a large American sweet store in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago & Miami Beach. They have focussed their learning on advertisement, promotion and marketing. Students have analysed Point of Sale stands, designed their own stand, as well as analysing Posters- their compositions, layout and promotion.

They are now in their final week of creating their own poster which is designed to advertise the brand Dylan's Candy Bar. We look forward to seeing the results.



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Active



Lockdown League

Students and staff were logging their activities for this great national event.

We entered the final against Friars Academy, Maplefields Academy and Isebrook SEN College. Overall we finished as the best mainstream school in the county which is an amazing achievement. Well done everyone.

Log Off and Learn Day

On Log Off and Learn Day students participated in activities with limited screen time. They conducted 5 minute active sessions throughout the day.

The PE team look forward to hearing how well students got on in the challenges we have set.

Online Attendance

The best average attendance at PE lessons this term has been the following:

1st Year 7 2nd Year 9

3rd Year 8 4th Year 10

5th Year 11



Recognition Wall

Georgie W

Y7

Courtney K

Y7

Sergejs N

Y8

Peter D

Y9

Niall S

Y10

Ashleigh W

Y11

BEST PERFORMANCE IN ACTIVE LESSONS

Lockdown League



Log Off and Learn



Attendance



Activity- Before/After School



Recognition



Brooke Weston Trust



Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Amy Harris

Safeguarding News:

LGBTQ+ History Month

Throughout the month of February students have been learning about the history of LGBTQ+ in their Year Groups. Learning about some inspirational stories and LGBTQ+ role models that have led change to our modern society of inclusion diversity and celebrating their achievements when met with challenging difficulties.

National Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9th February

On Tuesday 9th February, Corby Business Academy promoted 'Safer Internet Day 2021' with the global theme of 'An Internet we trust: Exploring reliability in the online world'.

Students covered the importance of identifying how to stay safe online and being able to identify fact from fiction. All information was shared through virtual tutor times and within their Year Group 'Team'. Due to the current situation, being safe online is extremely important. To provide our students with the tools and knowledge, we have listed a few key points that they should follow to ensure they are kept safe. For further information and helpful tips to support parents/carers and students please go to:

Corby Business Academy's Safeguarding Webpage: <https://www.corbybusinessacademy.org/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=645>

National online safety website: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

New Student Support Officer – Mrs Tamara Bartlett

We are thrilled to introduce Mrs Bartlett who will be joining the Student Care Team in March as the Student Support Officer for Key stage 4 & 5.

"Hi, I'm Mrs Bartlett, the new Student Support Officer at Corby Business Academy.

In my new role, I am excited to promote positive attitudes towards the students' education and support the students to commit, believe and achieve.

I have worked with young people who needed encouragement to develop independency skills, to attend school or college and to have the ambition to work towards life goals. I believe the training and skills I have learnt will make me effective in this role and allow me to make a difference.

I am looking forward to becoming part of the Student Care Team to help encourage, guide and support all students through their academic years.

I look forward to meeting you all on your return back to school."



Useful tips to surviving remote learning:

Stretch - good for your body, relaxes muscles and good when you have been sitting at a computer.

Smile - just for yourself, laugh watch some funny you tube clips, read something funny.

Be positive - find one thing each day that you feel good/proud of.

Music - listen to some favourite music, sing and dance.

Do something new - learn a new language, hula hoop, take up baking.

Reach out to friends/family - text, facetime or phone to keep those social connections

Relax - Curl up on the sofa with popcorn and watch a favourite film.

Exercise - go for a walk and really look at nature, spot how many different plants/trees/birds you see.

Breathe - just stop everything and sit quietly and concentrate on your breathing filling your lungs.

Think - of a favourite place and imagine the sights, sounds, smells, is it warm/cold etc.

Cry - if you need to cry have a cry it is the bodies way of relieving stress and letting out those pent-up emotions.

Tell us what works for you it may help someone else find a way to relax and feel better.

Recommended Reading List

