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it's all about our students and their future...

CBA'S GOT THE X FACTOR

THE TALENTS OF OUR STUDENTS WERE CELEBRATED THIS TERM WITH THE FIRST EVER CBA'S GOT THE X FACTOR COMPETITION.

Organised by the Year 11 BTEC Dance students, the evening saw ten acts take to the stage to battle it out to lift the trophy and walk away with the X Factor accolade. After a tense audience vote and critique by the panel of judges Year 9 students Luke Rielly and Mary Carroll were crowned the winners.

The pair, who choreographed their own routine - which showcased a range of modern styles of dance - were delighted to win the trophy.

Luke said: "It was really great to have won as we did put in a huge amount of work and practice to get the routine just right."

The X Factor was put together by the students, as part of their exam assessments. The group of students organised everything from the auditions, to the marketing, and the production on the night.

Year 7 student Cherise Seymour, who sang 'I Just Can't Get Enough' was placed second and Marlon Van Eden was placed third.

The full list of students and staff who competed were: Year 8 student Tina Ogowang who sang Stupid in Love; Ellie Moore who danced to Bad Boys; Actively Scientific (PNS teachers Stephen Chandler and Phil Woolley) who composed their own song We Are Sure You Will Recognise This Tune; Year 7 student Emma Viner who danced to The Fairy With The Broke Wing; Tony Segalini and John Atkinson who performed a sketch from Blackadder Goes Forth; Year 7 student Cherise Seymour who sang I Just Can't Get Enough; Year 9 student Jesse Moffat who sang I Haven't Met You Yet; Year 9 students Luke Rielly and Mary Carroll with Street Dance and Year 11 student Marlon Van Eden with Dance: Body Pop.

SUCCESS



Video clips of all of the performances are available in the media section of our website.

AWARD



ANOTHER AWARD FOR CBA

CBA has been granted its Healthy Schools Award by Northamptonshire County Council. The Academy has met the exacting standards set out by the local authority and is officially doing everything it can to make sure students have the best support when it comes to their social and health development.

The criteria for the national award looks at a whole school approach which concentrates on the key areas of healthy eating; physical activity; personal, social and health education and emotional health and wellbeing. Its aim is to link good health to achievement and behaviour.

The Academy has a number of initiatives and policies to ensure the well being of students. The restaurant provides healthy food; there are many Session 3 clubs which promote physical activity and the Academy has also worked with outside agencies such as the police and the local authority to offer workshops on various topics including drugs and alcohol.

The recent school travel plan, which involved an Academy-wide consultation, was also assessed within the criteria.

Vice Principal Sarah Ashby said: "We would like to thank our Healthy Schools Advisor Caroline Yeomans who worked with us to meet the exacting criteria of the Healthy Schools Award.

"We are proud to have achieved it, as it is extremely important to us that all we encourage our students to live healthy lives and offer the support and guidance to help them do so."

WELCOME TO ANOTHER EDITION OF IN PRESS.

From song and dance to new literacy initiatives (p4) and charity challenges (p16) it has certainly been another busy and varied term at CBA.

Once again we have racked up a number of achievements, notably gaining our Healthy Schools Award (see opposite) and we are very proud to boast a World Champion Dancer in our student cohort. (Turn to the back page to read about Year 7 student Roisin Curran's fantastic achievement).

We have also given our newsletter a fresh clean look.

I hope that you enjoy this edition and hope it provides a welcome break for our exam students who will no doubt be spending much of this school holiday with their head in their revision books.

Sarah Ashby
Vice Principal - PNS



Corby Business Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“WELL, WHERE DO I START?
THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH TO
CELEBRATE THIS TERM,
IT IS A TRICKY ONE. ”



Do I celebrate CBA's attendance statistics now being better than the national average? Or should I mention us gaining the Healthy Schools Award? Do I congratulate all those who staged and took part in our X Factor show? Or should the headline be the Year 7 French trip? Or maybe the Year 10 work experience fortnight? What about the appointment of a new vice principal to lead on curriculum development? Or the new DSP kitchen garden project? How about the brilliant efforts of all those in Key Stage 3 who will be graduating from the children's university in the summer? And of course there was the fantastic triumph of Roisin Curran who is now a World Champion Irish dancer.

All of these are excellent examples of the way everyone at CBA is striving to improve themselves and our school. However, if I had to pick one highlight of this term, it would have to be the highly successful CBA Literacy Workshop which saw over 180 parents join with teaching and library staff to learn more about how they can support their child's learning at home. The future of our school depends on building strong partnerships with parents and this is the latest example of ways in which we can work together to ensure every student at CBA is supported and challenged to do their very best.

On the theme of doing one's best, we are now beginning this year's examination season in earnest. I would like to finish by wishing the very best of luck to every student who is

taking examinations here at CBA. As we all know, the next few years remain a challenge for CBA as we strive to equal and then surpass national standards for external examination performance. Nevertheless, you can see from my dilemma at the start of this editorial, the story here is an extremely positive one and all of the indicators are pointing towards us becoming a highly successful school in due course. I know how hard students and staff have worked this year and I am sure their efforts will be well rewarded.

Best wishes

Andrew Campbell

NIKKI AND JACK

NOMINATED FOR LOCAL
EDUCATION AWARDS.



TWO MEMBERS OF THE CBA COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN
SHORTLISTED FOR LOCAL EDUCATION AWARDS.

Special Needs Teacher Nikki Clark and Year 11 student Jack Warrior are in the running for prizes in the Evening Telegraph's annual education awards.

Nikki, who has been teaching for 11 years, has been nominated in the Unsung Hero category.

She was put forward by assistant Librarian Bernie Smith and Comms Vice Principal Janet Duggan.

She said: "I was a bit shocked when I heard I had been nominated. I love my job and really enjoy it, so it's nice that other staff thought to nominate me."

Bernie said: "This wonderful lady deserves to be recognised for the total devotion to the students in her care.

"She always puts the needs of the children first, creating a stimulating environment where they are engaged in their learning environment and where they can thrive and prosper."

Nikki's many achievements include recently securing funding from the Big Lottery

for a kitchen garden, which will allow our students to grow their own food and look after chickens.

Jack, is up for the Pupil of the Year award.

The rugby star plays for the East Midlands and is involved with the Leicester Tigers, he also is an A Grade student and CBA chess champion.

Aspirations Manager Kirsty Farrar who nominated Jack said: "Jack is a great student who always gives 100 per cent. He is a proactive member of the Senate and does his best to ensure students at the Academy have a voice and that it is heard."

Nikki's category will be decided by a public vote so we will be posting details on the website when the voting procedure is released by the newspaper.

Jack's award will be decided by a panel of judges.

We hope to bring you news of their success in our next edition.

SENATE UPDATE

THIS TERM HAS BEEN ANOTHER
BUSY ONE FOR OUR ACADEMY
SENATE, WITH SENATE
REPRESENTATIVES BRINGING
FORWARD MANY IDEAS AND
REQUESTS FROM THEIR YEAR GROUP.

One idea, that was first introduced by the Senate last year, is now coming to fruition. Benches are to be installed in the outside area behind the restaurant.

These will be accessible to students at lunchtime for relaxing, with expectations that the students behave responsibly.

Senate Chairman Connor Wilson said: "We are pleased that an idea from the Senate has now gone through and we hope that students do make sure they use the benches and outside space respectfully."

The Senate also discussed ways in which it can spend the remainder of its financial budget. Ideas were improved gym facilities and equipment for a new computer based Session 3 club. This issue will now go down to the individual forums and a decision will be made shortly.

CBA's PCSO Alex Franklin also attended the Senate meeting and spoke of plans to bring in more safety workshops to the Academy, as well as plans to start a CSI type session 3. Details will be posted onto the website (www.corbybusinessacademy.org) as soon as they are confirmed.

Corby Business Academy

KEY DATES

IMPORTANT
INFORMATION

2010 TERM 6

Monday 7th June	Start of Term 6
Wednesday 9th June	Year 7 Parents' Evening 5pm - 7pm
Wednesday 9th June	Year 9 trip to Cadbury World
Tuesday 15th June	BTEC National Hill Walking Expedition
Wednesday 16th June	Music for a Summer's Evening
Monday 28th June	PIP meeting 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday 30th June	Year 8 Parents' Evening 5pm - 7pm
Monday 5th - 9th July	Year 8/9 French Trip
Monday 5th - 9th July	Year 10 - BTEC First Diploma Trip
Tuesday 6th July	Year 6 Parents' Evening 5.30pm
Friday 9th July	Year 6 Transition Day
Tuesday 13th July	Celebration Evening
Wednesday 21st July	Music and Dance Through Time - Summer Show
Friday 16th July	Prom Evening - Year 11 Students
Friday 23rd July	End of Term 6
Thursday 19th August	GCE Results (Morning)
Tuesday, 24th August	GCSE Results (Morning)
September 2010	
Wednesday 1st September	Training Day - Staff Only
Thursday 2nd September	Start of Term 1 - All students

LITERACY WORKSHOP
FOR PARENTS

A Literacy workshop series for Year 6 and Year 7 parents started in Term 5 and proved extremely popular.

More than 180 parents attended the first event on Tuesday, 11th May, which was aimed at helping parents support their child study while at home.

The second literacy event was led by Sue Dixon from Corby Reads on Wednesday, 19th May and again approximately 200 people attended.

The workshops were set up in response to feedback from parents in a recent questionnaire. CBA teaching staff gave the benefits of their teaching expertise and took a series of master classes.

CBA Aspiration Manager Kirsty Farrar said: "We had received feedback from parents who said they wanted to become more involved in their child's learning.

"The workshops were focused on giving the parents tips and teaching them new

techniques about how they can help their child study at home.

"As part of this they took part in a questionnaire to work out what kind of learner they were, which will help them when they are working with their child."

The event was also a great opportunity for the Year 6 students who are coming to the Academy in September to meet some staff and get a feel for CBA life.

The feedback from parents was that they are now keen to come to a similar numeracy based event.

As part of the event parents have been asked to take part in an Extreme Read event - which will form an exhibition in September.

Mrs Farrar said: "As a bit of fun we have asked parents that during the summer holidays they take a picture of themselves reading in an unusual place. This could be anywhere from at the top of a mountain to while riding a bike."

EXAM SEASON

EXAM SEASON IS UPON US AND STUDENTS ARE NO DOUBT SPENDING THIS HOLIDAY UNDERTAKING THEIR FINAL REVISION TASKS BEFORE THEY SEE THEIR TWO YEARS OF HARD WORK REALISED IN THE EXAM HALL.

There are various skills needed to be able to revise in a way that will lead to exam success and the BBC provide a useful guide at

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/studentlife/revisionandskills/

A full timetable of the exam dates is available on our website under the calendar section, and we have printed the exams for the first week of Term 6 from June 7th to 11th below.

Tony Segalini - Vice Principal MAIT

FINAL EXAMINATIONS
TIMETABLE:

MAY/JUNE SERIES 2010

DATE	SUBJECT	START	FINISH
6/7/2010	AS Chemistry: Chains, Energy and Resources	9:00	10:45
6/7/2010	Mathematics Paper 1F (non-calc.)	13:30	15:00
6/7/2010	Mathematics Paper 3H (non-calc.)	13:30	15:15
6/8/2010	English Paper 1 Foundation/Higher	9:00	11:00
6/8/2010	Biology: Molecules, Biodiversity, Food & Health	9:00	10:45
6/8/2010	English Literature B1	13:00	15:00
6/9/2010	History A paper 1	9:00	11:00
6/9/2010	AS Physics: Electrons, Waves and Photons	9:00	10:45
6/9/2010	GCE Core Mathematics Unit C2	13:30	15:00
6/9/2010	Additional Science B: Unit 2 Foundation/Higher	13:30	14:30
6/10/2010	French Listening (foundation)	9:00	9:35
6/10/2010	French Listening (higher)	9:00	9:45
6/10/2010	English Paper 2 Foundation/Higher	13:00	15:00
6/10/2010	GCE History: Responding to change 20C	13:00	14:20
6/11/2010	Mathematics Paper 2F (calculator)	9:00	10:30
6/11/2010	Mathematics Paper 4H (calculator)	9:00	10:45
6/11/2010	GCE Maths: Mechanics M2	9:00	10:30

SUPPORTING
LEARNING

We have introduced a new information section on our website so that parents can be aware of what their children are studying.

Following a request from our Parent's Forum we have set up a Supporting Learning page on our website (www.corbybusinessacademy.org) which can be found under the tab for the individual Faculties.

Here each term we will post details of what is students across all years are studying.

STRINGS AND PIANO RECITAL

The CBA summer recital series started off with a flourish as the pianists and violinists gave a series of accomplished performances to a group of parents and to each other. This was the first time a recital has been run for piano and strings and it was a valuable experience for all involved, especially the pianists who normally play alone. There were some excellent performances and the recital finished with a performance of James Bond by the string group.

Students who performed were Kevin Ogwang, Andreas Milan, Sereti Ogwang, Adrianna Chmielnicka, Rachel Claypole, Kyla Bite, Julia Marques-Pike, Myles Peters, Joseph Samuels-Hammond, Josie Murrie, Christina Ogwang, and Hannah Moore. Some students performed on more than one instrument, showing what a range of talent we have here at CBA.

As this goes to press, the music department are preparing for more recitals: vocal, brass and woodwind, which we expect will bring more fantastic performances from hardworking CBA students: watch this space.

Felicity Cornish - Music Teacher



MUSIC



Photos by: Stephen Chandler



YEAR 10 ART STUDENTS

Year 10 Art BTEC students have been widening their art studies by working with clay.

As part of their studies of The Face, some Year 10 Art BTEC students have been working with clay. They have researched African art particularly concentrating on African masks and have developed their work further by creating their own masks.

Jacqui Brown - Director of Art



COMING TO THE END OF THEIR STUDIES.

Year 11 Art BTEC students have been completing their final art projects. As you can see they have produced some excellent work which is the result of lots of dedication and commitment.



ART PROJECT

COMMUNICATIONS / COMMS



LITERACY CONFERENCE

STUDENTS ATTENDED A TWO DAY RESIDENTIAL AT THE FRONTIER CENTRE, IRTHLINGBOROUGH, AS PART OF THE CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY.

They spent the first day with a drama specialist, developing the ways in which they could use characters in their stories. They then stayed overnight in wooden cabins (Parent Trap style!) and students had the chance to use the sports facilities as well as a midnight feast and a game of Twister.

On the second day, students got to grips with comic book writing. They had the chance to learn about the use of captions in comics and create a story of their own lives. Once they had completed the literacy side of the residential, students (and myself) took part in a series of activities where they got to: build a zip wire bridge; live as a Peruvian family and gain trust through team work activity.

Rachel MacAllister - English Teacher

DIARY ENTRY WROTE AS CHANDRA



This morning I woke well before dawn, along with the rest of my family, I was so excited! The men of the house went off to the barbers to be ceremonially shaved, have their hair and nails trimmed and have their ears cleaned. We women had to prepare ourselves for my wedding.

By eight o'clock, an old aunt had trickled henna paste in lacy black patterns of ferns and flowers all over my hands and feet. I had to sit very still for two hours for its colour to set into a strong red. I felt like a princess!

Suddenly a crowd of about forty aunts, cousins and friends gathered at our wedding venue. The room was long, with yellow walls, a cement floor painted orange, and a curtain of blue and silver tinsel streamers looped up over the open front to make a wide archway out to the street. At the far end a picture of Ganesha, god of marriage, hung on the yellow surface. I hoped she would bless our marriage.

It was time to get married! I wondered what my groom would look like and what his personality was like.

I slipped into a traditional sari and I pinned my hair up. The sari was red and yellow and had lovely patterns on it. I felt wonderful! I wore kohl, bright lipstick and nail varnish. Painted across my forehead was a row of red and white flowers. I felt so beautiful!

As I walked into the wedding room I covered my face with my sari, as my father had told me to, and walked to my groom. All I could see of him was his red turban. What was he going to be like?

But now I know... he is so gentle and fun. When I was with him he made me smile, he had a beautiful charm. I called him 'lord' as a sign of respect. I know it is my duty to honour and obey him. I will make him proud to be my wife. My father has picked a fine man for me and I thank him. I feel so happy.

Roisin Curran - Year 7 Student



DESIGNS ON YEARBOOK

Year 10 Media student Fern Sweeney is putting her creative talents to the test to design some pages for the Year 11 Yearbook.

Fern, was put forward by her teacher Claire Howsam for the job, following a request by the Yearbook Committee for a talented student who could help put together the design for the pages.

Fern, who would like to pursue a graphic design career said: "I have really enjoyed it and it has been great to have a real design brief. "Hopefully I can use the results for my coursework."

To read more about the Yearbook turn to p12.



ZOO TRIP

BIOLOGY STUDENTS GO WILD AT LONDON ZOO

On April 27th the A-Level Biology students walked on the wild side at London Zoo. As part of the curriculum, students have been learning about evolution and natural selection. To help enhance their understanding of the topic we decided a trip to the zoo was in order so they could see evidence of evolution and natural selection first hand.

With only two and a half hours to spend at the zoo the students had their work cut out for them in order to see everything. From the Okapis to the Gorillas, from the Komodo Dragons to the Tigers, the students saw most of what the famous zoo had to offer.

Ashley Eagleson - Science Teacher



LECTURES ON SCIENCE

A University style of learning was introduced in Science this term in a bid to help students with their revision.

Year 10 students, who sat part of their GCSE exams at the end of May, were introduced to the new style of learning by PNS Vice Principal Sarah Ashby.

Ms Ashby said: "Many of our students have aspirations to go to University and so to give them a taste of this different style of learning, we decided to demonstrate a university method by taking them out of the science lab and into the small lecture theatre.

"We looked at the subjects of Biology during one lecture and focused on Physics and Chemistry during the second."

Keen Science student Zak Butler said: "I found it really challenging as you were forced to take your own notes and become more involved. It did make a change from the usual science lesson."

FROM THE GARDEN TO THE SCIENCE LAB

Produce that has been grown in the PNS garden is now being used for science experiments.

Beetroot, planted by student Arran Baker last May, was pulled from the ground this term, then cooked up by lab technician Leene and the cooking juices have been used as an indicator.

The students were able to witness the effect of hydrochloric acid on the red juices as they retained their colour. They also discovered that sodium hydroxide is an alkali as the redness was removed when mixed with the beetroot juice.

The leaves from the beetroot will be composted and then reused on the garden - nothing is wasted in PNS.



SQUASH TASTER SESSIONS

Squash Taster Sessions started at Corby Business Academy during Term 5 in preparation for a new Session 3 club. Jointly the Schools Sports Partnership and England Squash and Racketball funded the six taster session introduced students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9) to the popular racquet sport.

Pastoral Support Officer Steve Wedgwood organised the sessions and has secured £500 of funding from England Squash & Racketball for equipment.

Mr Wedgwood - who is a qualified squash coach - will be adding squash and table tennis sessions to his Monday Session 3 Badminton Club, which will now become Racquet Club.

He said: "The taster sessions introduce students to the basic forehand and backhand techniques and from there they can progress onto a more varied range of shots."

WELCOME TO NATASHA

The Active department has welcomed a new staff member this term. Natasha Dunstone joins the team from a post at a school in Surrey. She said: "I have enjoyed my first term at CBA. It has been hard work but the students are lots of fun to work with and have fantastic ability and potential."

She is keen to pass on her passion for sports to students.

She said: "All young people should get involved in some physical activity. It has a huge number of benefits - stress relief, the social side and providing a healthy active lifestyle."



**YEAR 10
WORK EXPERIENCE**

Year 10 changed from CBA uniform to workwear and swapped lesson time for working hours as they took part in two weeks of work experience.

Companies and organisations such as RS Components, Fairline Boats, Corby Borough Council, Valassis, Lakelands and Roquette kindly opened their doors to our students who were keen to put into practice the business principles they have learnt during lessons.

Year 10 Pastoral Support Officer Sandra White, who organised the placements, said: "We had a really good work experience this year, with the majority of our students taking part and many gaining a valuable insight into what the working world entails.

"It has helped some decide what career they wish to pursue and others have now been prompted to re-think."



WE HAVE HAD LOTS OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE ATTITUDE AND COMMITMENT OF OUR STUDENTS.

Mia Buric received the following reference from Fiona Phillips, from the Beauty Therapy department at Tresham College.

"Mia showed great interest in the beauty area while she was here and responded well with both staff and college learners. She also worked really hard and we hope gained some good experience."

From top:
Myles Peters at Rockingham Road Music:
Ryan McKimm carried out work experience at WH Smith and
Joanna Fernandez at the County Salon



COUNCIL WORK

Stewart Gavin spent two weeks with Corby Borough Council's Play Area and Open Space team. Supervisor Aidan Coleman said: "When on site Stewart was pleasant to all members of the public. He was able to demonstrate he could use tools in the correct manner, always turned up on time.
"I would be more than willing to work with Stewart in the future."



FRENCH TRIP

YEAR 7 ON THE CONTINENT

Year 7 students experienced a taste of the Continent as they headed across the channel for a trip to Northern France.

The five day annual trip to Le Touquet, near Boulogne, was crammed with activities as students took part in cultural visits as well as some sporting and leisure activities.

Director of Modern Foreign Languages, Hayley Bennett, who organised the trip said: "We had a really great trip. Rather than being about work, we made sure it was a fun trip for the students, although it was a great chance for them to use the French they have been learning in lessons.

"We also had fantastic weather all week so many of us managed to come back with a bit of a tan."

After a bus trip and ferry across the channel, the group arrived at the hotel and unpacked before heading off to the local beach for some games and swimming.

Tuesday's itinerary was a trip to a sea life centre followed by a picnic lunch and then some high wire activity at Forest Adventure Centre.

On Wednesday the group visited the famous caves of Naours - a third century underground city - and in the afternoon a French themed birthday party was organised for students William Bell and Shay Garscadden.

On Thursday some retail therapy was on the agenda as the group visited Berck for some shopping, which was followed by a picnic on the beach. On Friday it was time to head home, after a hypermarche stop off.



**MATHEMATICS &
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
MAIT

**CAR PARK
INVESTIGATIONS**

The car park became a means of learning for Year 9 students this term. Maths Teacher Maxwell Sam devised a lesson in which the students used the colour of staff cars to provide the information for data collection.

They were then asked to find the mode, median and range.

**DEVELOPING
A WEBSITE
FOR BUSINESS
GROUP**

CBA students have created a website for Corby Business Group.

The team of four students (Stephen McBride, Steven Forsythe, Hayden Close and Clark Usher) have put together the website with coaching and assistance from IT Teacher Karl Lomax.

The students have used content management system Joomla to develop the site, which has now gone live.

It features details of events in the Corby Business Group calendar as well as information on members.

CBG Committee member Ika Casta said: "We are hugely grateful to the CBA student web team for developing our site and we are really happy with the results.

Visit www.corbybusinessgroup.co.uk to look at the students' work and to find out more about CBG.


WEB TEAM

YEAR 7 EXAMS

The Year 7 Maths optional test paper 1 took place during Term 5.

It was the first opportunity for Year 7 students to experience exam conditions in the exam hall with external invigilators and the challenge of sitting silent for one hour.

The students behaved fantastically well and are now looking forward to their teachers marking their paper for their end of Year 7 level assessments.

Heather Thompson - Director of Maths



DISCOVERING THE WONDERS OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM

On a Tuesday morning in May, 49 Humanities students set off with their teachers to the British Museum in London. Everyone spent several enjoyable hours studying Roman and Egyptian artefacts (including some mummies).

Students had worksheets that helped them find their way around the exhibits, and learn more about the way of life for these ancient peoples. The British Museum is vast and we covered much of it, but obviously there was a lot that we did not see. Maybe there will be an opportunity to go again in the future.

The bus arrived back at CBA at 6.45 pm, with an exhausted, but content group of students.

Ian Nichol - Director of Humanities



VISIT FROM THE ARMY

Four soldiers from the famous Grenadier Guards and the areas' recruitment officer spent a day with Year 10 and 12 students, giving them an insight into army life.

Soldiers Guardsman Bradley Thomas, Guardsman Tom Hayward, Lance Corporal Lee McGovern and Lance Corporal Aaran Garratt, who have all recently served in Afghanistan, spoke to the students about their life in the armed forces and gave a balanced view of both its positive and negative sides.

Vice Principal Tony Segalini who teaches the BTEC Public Services course, said: "We invited the soldiers in as I heard the soldiers were visiting the area.

"They have been talking to the students about the recruitment criteria and also have held some training exercises."

Lance Corporal Aaran Beckett, showed the students his 14 kilo rucksack, that he and all infantry have to carry around with them while out on the field.

He said: "I joined the army six years ago when I was 16, as it a secure and rewarding career.

"What I have been telling the students we have spoken to today is that if they want to have a career in the army, they need to make sure they are fit and healthy. It is an extremely physical job and so if they want to make it easier for themselves they need to get into shape."

CADBURY WORLD VISIT

The Young Chamber met again this term and one of its ideas - a business investigation trip to Cadbury World, is set to take place.

More than 80 Year 9 students have signed up for the visit on June 9th which will look at the companies business model.

Another idea to come out of the chamber is to set up a student enterprise stationary shop. Plans are still at the very early stages, but we will bring you more news as things progress.



young
CHAMBER

ENTERPRISE RULES

In the last issue I mentioned that following a student review we were going to do some different types of activities in BHE lessons. I'd like to report on one of them. While fifty Year 7 students were visiting the British Museum on Tuesday, 18th May, the remainder of them were engaged in a morning of Enterprise activities.

We had five groups and five different sessions planned with students spending 35 minutes on each activity. Using my teacher's whistle (for the first time in ages) I was able to signal the changeover time.

One of these sessions dealt with Teamwork. The teams of students were given the name of an activity that they had to communicate to the rest of the class - without talking!

There were small prizes and certificates for the best efforts.

A great time was had by all - especially the staff.

Lorraine Smith - Vice Principal BHE



LIBRARY

VISITING AUTHORS TAKE STUDENTS INTO THEIR FANTASY WORLD

Students were treated to two readings from up and coming authors this term.

Caro King and Leander Deeney made separate visits to the Academy to read from their celebrated novels and also answer questions from our book mad students.

Caro King read from her book *Seven Sorcerers* and also signed copies of her new novel *Shadow Spell*.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "Caro King has been tipped for great things and I imagine she is at the stage JK Rowling was at 15 years ago.

"I read the first book before she came in and the story and the world she creates is great."

And author Leander Deeney, who is also starring in the new *Captain America* film, made a visit as part of his nationwide tour.

The author, whose first novel *Hazel's Phantasmagoria*, could be turned into a film by the makers of *Wallace and Gromit*, was a hit with students.

Year 7 student Alex Rayner said: "He has inspired me to write myself. I really enjoyed the ready as it was humorous and a lot of fun."

CBA Librarian Amy McKay would like to thank their publishers Quercus and Waterstones for organising the events.



HAPPY BARD-DAY WILL!

As Shakespeare is no longer able to, Corby Book Addicts celebrated his birthday for him this year. After a raucous "As You Like Hat" activity in which we made our own Shakespeare themed party hats, we enjoyed a traditional birthday party complete with party games and cake. It was a fantastic celebration and we can't wait for his 447th.

Amy McKay - Librarian

Photo: Becky Devlin, Daisy Buckingham, Emese Toth, Kelsey Summerley, Sophie-Louise Williams and Andreas Milan.



CARNEGIE SHADOWING

The year must be flying by as it's already Carnegie Shadowing time. Every year students from throughout the Academy are invited to take part in our Carnegie Shadowing scheme, which involves shadowing the national awards, taking part in a variety of activities and deciding who we think should win.

Activities we have planned include building a website, making a film, trips to other shadowing schools and a visit from one of the judges.

Students are still able to join the group in Term 6, we meet every Thursday during Session 3 in the Library.



CHESS CHAMPION 2010

After a fiercely fought competition Kristof Varga was finally crowned CBA Chess Champion 2010 this term. 28 students and staff took part in this year's tournament and demonstrated outstanding skills. Kristof had to play Mark Winkler three times before he could be announced winner as they were so easily matched, whilst Mr Duncan is still sulking having won all his matches and still only came third!

Promising players of the future include Shelby Pinkney, Samuel Thompson, Jessica Dick, Andreas Milan, Joe Folan, Matthew Hanna and Michael Wynn.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

This year's Battle of the Book has been bigger and better than ever! A whopping 44 students challenged 44 members of staff to prove their reading worth in this year's competition, which involved staff and students from every area and year of CBA. Competing students were asked to individually choose a book for them and their staff opponent to read and write twenty questions on.

Also the scarily competitive nature of some members of staff came to light - namely Mrs Power, Mrs Smith and Mrs Farrar. All competitors performed admirably, but special note goes to top scorers Mrs Lapsley, Mrs Rowe and Beth Fennel (Year 7).

After a close battle throughout, the staff team finally emerged as winners. Can the students finally beat them next year?

SPECIAL PROJECTS

BIG LOTTERY FUND GRANT FOR KITCHEN GARDEN

Work started this term on a new kitchen garden after Corby Business Academy received a £10,000 grant from the Big Lottery programme.

After submitting a detailed bid for the cash, UNIT teacher Nikki Clark is now seeing her dream of growing vegetables become a reality.

The garden, which will be located at the rear of the UNIT will include an accessible greenhouse, raised beds, small fruit orchard, a seating area, and chickens and a chicken run.

Miss Clark said: "We are delighted that the Big Lottery has decided to support us.

"The kitchen garden will primarily be accessible for young people with a wide range of physical and learning difficulties.

"The garden will also enable other student groups in the school to gain practical gardening skills as well as be a resource to invite local community groups, particularly groups of people with special needs."

The financial award is part of the Local Food open grant programme which is being coordinated by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) as an award partner of the Big Lottery Fund.

The garden will be designed to be fully accessible for students with a range of disabilities and will be an educational resource where students will learn and actively take part in where their food comes from and how it is produced.



Samantha Gibson with one of her three fish of the day



Anthony McHugh and Aiden Lea proud to receive their certificates and medal.



Dr Campbell with Oshadide Silva

FLY FISHING AT RINGSTEAD GRANGE

Pupils from CBA took part in a 'Catch the Smile' event on Thursday, May 13th at Ringstead Grange. Pupils fished 1:1 in the sunshine and most managed to catch at least one rainbow trout to be taken home for tea.

McCauley Winstanley caught the most of the day, with an impressive five fish caught.

Aiden Lea caught and landed one in the afternoon before the presentation ceremony where McCauley, Oliver Farmer, Oshadi de Silva and Aiden all received medals for their personal achievements.

Dr Campbell also joined us on the day and picked up some fly-fishing tips.

The Masonic Trout and Salmon Fishing Charity (MTSFC) is a Registered Charity and has the aim 'to bring an interactive fishing and countryside experience to people with Special Needs'.

YEARBOOK TAKING SHAPE

Students are now putting the finishing touches to their Year 11 Yearbook.

The committee has planned the book from start to finish, gathering all photos and anecdotes for the memento, which will be a great reminder of their time at CBA when they look back in years to come.

As part of the project the students have attracted sponsorship and also held a successful raffle and auction to help cover costs.

Year 11 Pastoral Support Officer Caroline Border, who has been helping the students with the project said: "I am extremely proud of all their hard work and cannot wait to read the finished book."

The book will be available for collection in July.



TRIP TO WEST LODGE RURAL CENTRE

On Monday 17th May a minibus of pupils from mine and Miss Clark's classes headed off to West Lodge Rural Lodge in Desborough.

We were informed on the way by Jordan Andrew that the place was haunted and he was right.

The first thing my class had to do was go and investigate the Witch's House via the Troll's bridge. Miss Clark's group went off to feed the baby lambs and then we all met up to see the pigs and watch the pig racing!

It wasn't long before we had volunteered ourselves to help herd the pigs.

This was followed by pond dipping which was great fun and amongst many other things Nathan Jury caught three newts. After lunch and a final look around, we visited the garden centre to buy some items for our new kitchen garden and we headed home.

Sarah Wayment - Special Needs Teacher

Miss Wayment pig herding



TJ Dewar with Wilma feeding an angora goat



Nathan Jury pond dipping

REWARDS PROGRAMME:

This term will see students rewarded for most improvement based on their report data.

The most improved student from each year group will win a mobile phone, other students will have the opportunity to win tickets to Rockingham Speedway.

These tickets have again been kindly donated by Rockingham Speedway. Winners of the prizes were announced in the Achievement Assembly for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 held during the last week of term (after In Press went to print). These assemblies give all students a chance to share in the success of fellow students within the Academy.

Next term will see students rewarded for their efforts all year based on report data and will win a Flip Camera.

Kirsty Farrar - Assistant Vice Principal

STUDENTS SET TO GRADUATE

Year 8 students Cameron McIlwain, Tom Woodward and Callum Cresswell



Students will be graduating from the Children's University on Friday, July 2nd.

More than 150 CBA students have signed up to the Children's University - an educational programme run by Northampton University which promotes extra curricular learning and activity.

Students have to complete 30 hours to receive their bronze award and at time of going to print many students were well on course; with 31 Year 7, 32 Year 8 and 42 Year 9 students already more than half way towards the target.

Activities which have been proving extremely popular have been the Manga club, Pet Club, Chess Club, Animation Club and Cricket with Kirsty Farrar said: "The Children's University has been a great success in its first year and it has been encouraging students to take part in sports and activities that previously they may not have."

The graduation ceremony will take part at the Northampton University campus in July.



HUMAN UTOPIA

THE STUDENTS HAVE RISEN TO EACH OF THE CHALLENGES WE HAVE GIVEN THEM THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAMME.

It has been another busy term for our students who have been part of the Heroes Programme.

The personal development programme, which is run by education specialists Human Utopia, has been running since the start of the Academic year and this term saw students step out of their comfort zone and deliver classes to other students.

The heroes - whose role is to act as examples to younger students - took part in a morning session where they looked at their strengths and what they had learned from the programme, they then delivered the results to other students by taking over the Maths department for an hour.

This term the Heroes also joined forces with their contemporaries from sister school Kettering Science Academy for a day-long training session.

At the end of the day the teams presented their ideas to the group.

Carlo Missirian, a former teacher and founder of Human Utopia, said: "Since we have been running the Heroes Journey here at Kettering Science Academy we have seen a lot of changes with many students.

"They have seen their self esteem grow and also their aspirations."



NEW VICE PRINCIPAL

A NEW VICE PRINCIPAL HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING CBA'S CURRICULUM TO ENSURE EVERY STUDENT REACHES THEIR POTENTIAL AS THE DIFFERENT YEAR GROUPS PROGRESS THROUGH THE SCHOOL.

John Henrys began in the new position at the start of this Term and will be in charge of making sure the CBA curriculum allows each student to achieve.

As an Academy CBA broadly follows the national curriculum in Key Stage 3, but has more freedom to introduce learning additional to that required by government guidelines.

Mr Henrys, who will also be teaching within the BHE faculty, said: "We will be re-tailoring the curriculum to ensure that every student achieves their full potential. I will be starting off looking at the current Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 curriculum, and seeing how we can build on the positive comments made by inspectors last term. The goal is to make sure that we are providing quality teaching and

learning here at the Academy that stretches, challenges and supports every learner.

Mr Henrys' next task will be developing the curriculum to ensure that as new year groups are admitted to the Academy, the curriculum develops in accordance with the talents of the younger students.

He said: "Our Key Stage 4 curriculum is appropriate for the students we have now, but in a new school each year group is very different and parents can be reassured we are responding to that. It will be my job to make sure we look at each new student individually and then plan ahead for their time in Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and the Sixth Form. The result will be a personalised curriculum for all students."

Mr Henrys comes to the role following employment as a Teaching and Learning Consultant for a Local Authority in the West Midlands where he worked with 18 schools, helping them to develop and improve their curriculum and meet government targets. Dr Campbell said: "I am truly delighted with John's appointment. He was the strongest candidate within an exceptionally strong field for this post and the competition was really tough. John is here to make sure CBA continues to develop the right opportunities for all our learners and I am very confident he will do an excellent job, we are lucky to have him here at CBA."

BUSINESS LINKS & ENTERPRISE

NEW MENTORS

"I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY AND I SEE IT AS AN HONOUR TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO A STUDENT'S LIFE."

A new mentor scheme has been launched. In addition to our successful project - in which we have teamed up with staff from RS components, who provide support and guidance for our Year 10 and Year 11 students - we have now launched a follow on scheme, which will team up successful entrepreneurs and business people with CBA students. CBA Chair of Governors Kerry James who runs Igneous Solutions (a Business Intelligence software company) and her business partner

Steve Tucker are the first two business people to sign up to the scheme, which involves spending time with a student and using their own experience to provide inspiration and drive. Here, in her own words Ms James explains why she has got involved: "I have always been a strong believer in mentoring programs but have never had the opportunity to be part of such a scheme. "Apart from the great feeling you get by doing something positive for someone else (recent

studies have shown this to be the best route to happiness and contentment in life) it is also a great way to find some potential additions to your future workforce."

Assistant Vice Principal charged with raising aspiration Kirsty Farrar said: "This will be a great scheme which will help ensure our students reach their full potential. "We are extremely grateful to Kerry and Steve for becoming involved and offering to coach and support two of our students."

SESSION 3

COORDINATING SPORTS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

It has been a busy sporting term with our School Sports Coordinator Phil Woolley making sure our students and junior feeder schools have been involved in a number of events.

At the end of April, our Year 7 students took part in the Corby Kids of Steel Triathlon, an annual event organised by Triathlon England. The event, which was staged in Corby Town Centre, involved a 1000m cycle, 500m run and then a short swim at the new Corby Pool.

We also staged an outdoor activities day at CBA in which seventy Year 7 students and a similar number of Year 6 students from Exeter and Stanion Primary schools. Activities included teambuilding games, giant skis, swamp crossing with tyres and blindfold games.

Mr Woolley said: "It was a great event which all the students really enjoyed and we hope it will now take place annually."

In May an activity day for Key Stage 4 girls took place. Twelve Year 10 girls from Prince William and twelve from CBA took part in judo, aerobics, fitness and archery, finishing with an archery competition.

Mr Woolley said: "All the girls really enjoyed the day, and many will hopefully decide to continue taking part and keeping active."



CRICKET ROUNDUP

It has been a successful year so far both on and off the field for the CBA cricket team. After much indoor training over the winter, plus an Easter training camp, the season started in late April and the team, so far, has been doing well.

Two friendly games were played as a warm up (CBA lost by 15 runs to Deborough Town and won their match against Thrapston Town by 8 wickets and 35 runs).

In the Fred Trueman Inter School League there has been one win against the Bishop Stopford School team and a defeat against Latimer School.

After an impressive game against Caroline Chisholm School in the Cuthell Cup on May 20th, the team is now into the quarter finals.

Coach Jordon Joseph said: "CBA cricket has signed a sponsorship deal with Hampton by Hilton Hotel, the money provided will go towards new cricket kit such as shirts and training equipment.

"CBA has also been provided with a £5,000 Grant from the Cricket Foundation's Chance to Shine programme. The money went towards a state of the art non-turf cricket pitch which is located between the school rugby pitch and football pitch. For a full report of all the matches visit the news section of the CBA website (www.corbybusinessacademy.org)

CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY SESSION 3 ACTIVITIES

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
MONDAY				
AMID	CBA Choir/Summer Show Rehearsals	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Adrian Taylor/Clive Wears/Felicity Cornish
AMID	Drumming (with a difference)	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Clive Wears
PNS	Badminton/Table Tennis/Squash- 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	GCSE Core Science (every 2nd week)	PNS	3.45 - 5.00	Elaine Ponton
PNS	Dance Rehearsals (by invitation)	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Rounders	Field	3.45 - 5.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	Hockey (all years)	Astro	3.45 - 5.45	Maxwell Sam
PNS	Tennis (all years)	Courts	3.45 - 5.45	Steve Wedgewood
BHE	Young Chamber Committee Meeting (every 2nd week) (CU)	BHE	3.30 - 5.00	Alex Allen
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy MacKay
TUESDAY				
AMID	Junior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Sound of Steel (Steel Pan Band)	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Clive Wears
AMID	Key Stage 3 Textile/Craft Club	AU11	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis/Ena Fry
AMID	Key Stage 3 Design	AL6	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	Key Stage 3 Licence to Cook (CU)	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
AMID	Key Stage 3 Art Club - Room AL8 (CU)	AL8	3.45 - 4.45	Jackie Brown
PNS	AS Physics / AS Biology	PNS	3.45 - 5.00	Elaine Ponton/Ashley Eagleson
PNS	Chemistry AS	PU3	3.45 - 4.45	Stephen Chandler
PNS	A2 Physical Education Revision	PU1	3.45 - 5.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	GCSE Single Science Revision B2 C2 P2	PL3	4.00 - 5.00	Sarah Ashby
PNS	Dance Rehearsals (by invitation)	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Netball club - all years	Courts	3.45 - 4.45	Amy Harris
PNS	Football (All years)	Astro	3.30 - 5.45	Phil Woolley
PNS	Animal / Garden Club - alternate weeks - all years (CU)	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
MAIT	Golf (CU)	Field	4.00 - 5.00	Paul Wilson
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
COMMS	Health and Social Catch-up Key Stage 4	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Kim Asher
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Viv Gilbert
BHE	GCSE Sociology	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Kirsty Farrar
LIBRARY	Fairytales Criminals (CU)	Library	3.45 - 4.45	Amy MacKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy MacKay
WEDNESDAY				
AMID	Brass Band	AU6	3.00 - 4.00	John Hudson
AMID	Rock Club/Technology Club	AU6 Practice Rooms	3.00 - 4.30	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Key Stage 3 Art Club Manga Mania (CU)	AU1	3.15 - 4.45	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	Music Technology Club	Amid	3.00 - 4.30	Felicity Cornish
PNS	Dance (Key Stage 3)	Sports Hall	3.30 - 5.45	Daryl Handy
PNS	Dance Rehearsals (by invitation)	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Francia Dickinson
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	Elaine Ponton/Ashley Eagleson/Neil Price
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy MacKay
THURSDAY				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	Key Stage 3 Enterprise Projects	AMID	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	KS 4 Catch-up Sessions	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	Key Stage 3/4 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	Key Stage 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
MAIT	Year 11 ICT Coursework Catch-Up	ML7	3.45 - 5.00	Kam Zaman/ Karl Lomax
MAIT	Maths Challenge	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Marrion Freeman/Heather Thomson
PNS	Key Stage 5 VS's Sixth Form Sports Night	Various	3.30 - 5.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	Cricket Match Night	Field	3.30 - 6.00	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Dance Club	Dance Studio	3.30 - 5.45	Daryl Handy
PNS	AS Physical Education Revision	PU1	3.45 - 5.45	James Aston
PNS	Dance Rehearsals (by invitation)	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Daryl Handy
BHE	Mock Trial Key Stage 3 (CU)	BHE	4.00 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	LIBRARY	3.45 - 5.00	Amy McKay
FRIDAY				
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 4.00	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



CBA DANCER LIFTS WORLD TITLE

"WHEN THE JUDGES ANNOUNCED WE WERE THE WINNERS, WE WERE SO AMAZED, AND JUST COULD NOT STOP SCREAMING."

Irish dancer Roisin Curran has lifted a World Championship Title.

The Year 7 student was part of the under 13s figure team that was named best in the world at the 40th Irish Dance World Championships in Glasgow.

The student, who travels hundreds of miles a week to train at the Carey Academy in Birmingham, competed with her team against five other finalists to gain the title, which is the most sought after in the Irish Dance World.

She said: "When we were doing the five minute dance we knew that we were in with a chance as there were huge cheers from the crowd."

Roisin has been dancing since the age of three, first training with the Costello School of Dance before moving to the Birmingham based Academy.

She trains three days a week in Birmingham and also practices most evenings at home.

She said: "I love everything about Irish Dancing, from the practicing to the competitions and the costumes.

"I must also say that I would not be the dancer I am if it was not for Kerry McClymont, who has supported me for many years."

CAMPAIGN



BERNIE GETS ON HER BIKE

A campaign to get our Library Assistant to take up a new two-wheeled hobby has been successful. Principal Dr Andrew Campbell launched the Get Bernie on Her Bike appeal, after the library assistant was allowing her now new bike to gather dust.

After a petition in the library gathered 100 signatures, Bernie - who was bought the bike by her husband for her birthday - put foot to the peddle and has been off on her first shaky ride.

She said: "This is the first bike I have owned and so I was not even sure that I could ride a bike.

"The other Sunday I went for my first cycle with my husband, and I was not as bad as I thought, although we did attract a gang of local children, who cycled along with us for encouragement."

As part of the campaign Bernie will now be saddling up and will be doing ten laps of the CBA car park at the start of Term 6.



STAFF HIKE FOR CHARITY

A CBA staff team took on another Three Peaks Charity Challenge over May Bank Holiday weekend.

The team tackled the three Yorkshire peaks of Pen Y Ghent, Wernside and Ingleborough and managed the feat in under 12 hours.

Tony Segalini led the troops who altogether raised £1,250 for Help For Heroes.

E-MAIL YOUR THOUGHTS

To keep our newsletter as fresh and up-to-date as possible we rely on the contributions from staff, students, parents, local business and our local community. This edition we have given our newsletter a new look. Please let us know what you think and please continue to let us know about everything that is taking place within the Academy and send details to the editor at

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