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## BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT

Talented students will be taking centre stage to perform before the Queen when she visits Corby. Charlotte Chenery, Claudia Capper, (Year 7) Courtney Hope (Year 8), Sereti Ogwang, Eloise Robertson, Jodie Young, Callum Connachie, (Year 9), Kyle Murrie, Daniella Ewen, (Year 10), Andile Chiwuta and Myles Peters (Year 12) will do something that most professional performers dream of when they take part in the celebrations for the Queen and Prince Phillips visit to Corby on June 13th.

As part of the celebrations to mark the Queen's Jubilee year, the cultural leaders of the town have put together an arts based showcase of the town's talent – with much of the performances by the town's young people.

There will be a 10 minute music, dance and drama performance at the Corby Cube and then an impressive aquatic display at the Olympic Swimming Pool in George Street.

Sereti, Eloise, Jodie, Kyle and Andile will perform as part of a 26-strong youth choir after being successful this week.

Eloise said: "It makes me really happy to think I will be performing before the Queen. She has reigned

for 60 years and to be part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations is just brilliant."

Music teacher Felicity Cornish said: "We are very proud to have students involved in the performance. It is a brilliant opportunity for them and is testament to how hard they have worked at their singing."

Claudia will be part of the dance troupe, Callum, Myles and Daniella will be part of the music performance and Charlotte will be part of the aquatic event.

Staff member Debbie Reilly will also be involved as part of her role as a Brownie Leader.



## FROM THE EDITOR

It has been another busy term as you can see from the pages within this latest edition of In Press.

In this Jubilee year it is a special honour that a number of our students will perform for the Queen.

It has also been a great term for a number of individual students. Sisters Roisin and Rebecca Curran picked up medals at the Irish Dance Championships. Sixth Form student Szymon Szeliga (p6) won a bronze medal at the national kick boxing championships and Year 9 students Polly Jones and Erin Anderson were chosen to perform with a prestigious ballet company (p6).

There has been some great fundraising efforts with money raised towards our annual visit to Uganda and a donation made to the local Women's refuge (p8).

Our final Saturday workshop for Gifted and Talented students was also a great success (p2).

We hope you enjoy reading this and thanks to all staff and students who have contributed.

**Kirsty Farrar**  
Senior Assistant Principal



Corby Business Academy

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS FOR TALENTED SISTERS

Sisters Roisin and Rebecca Curran won medals at the 42nd Irish Dance World Championships.

Year 9 student Roisin (pictured front right) was crowned World Champion as part of the U16 Figure Team and Year 7 student Rebecca (pictured back left) won a silver medal in the Under 13 Figure Team and Bronze in the Under 13 Ceili.



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# LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has once again been a busy term for all of those involved with Corby Business Academy. Our third Gifted and Talented Saturday morning session was a great success with both staff and students thoroughly enjoying the activities that took place.

We have had further examination success from both the Year 11 students that sat the linear mathematics examination in February and the Year 9 students that sat the early entry modular examination. With all of the hard work that the Year 9 students put in to their examination preparation it came as no surprise that a large percentage achieved A\* and A grades. Well done to all of you.

We have had students involved in a number of projects this term including 'Jam in the Hood', Curry Boot Camp and various enterprise projects and fundraising activities for the Uganda visit. All of the students involved in these activities have represented the Academy in the best way possible,

displaying a mature and professional approach to all challenges that they have faced.

We continue to have a large number of Session 4 activities running and one that has proved very popular this term is the Elite Training where Mr Segalini takes both staff and students through a strict training regime based on the military training schedule of the Parachute Regiment. Some of our less strenuous Session 4 activities are still proving to be very popular and I would encourage all students to take up the opportunities that are offered as part of the Session 4 time in the Academy.

There are a number of students that are involved in activities and clubs outside of the Academy and these students are also achieving great success in their chosen fields. Roisin Curran is once again a World Champion in Irish Dance after winning gold in the sport's most prestigious competition while sister Rebecca won a silver medal in

the Under 13 Figure Team and Bronze in the Under 13 Ceili.

Our teaching staff have been busy this term helping Year 11 students to complete their courses and prepare for their examinations. Two staff (Louise Cory and Juanita Robertson) have even found the time to compete in a 10km race in aid of our Uganda visit. All of this goes to show the dedication and commitment that the staff show towards the students of the Academy.

As this term draws to a close I would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work. I would also like to wish all of our Year 11 students the best of luck in their examinations and hope that you all enjoy a well deserved break over the summer months ahead.

**John Henrys**  
Acting Principal

## GIFTED AND TALENTED WORKSHOP DEVELOPS ENTREPRENEURIAL TALENT

Property empires were built and innovative businesses created at a Saturday workshop for our Gifted and Talented students.

Richard Branson himself would have been given a run for his money by the talented students who showed bucket loads of business acumen at the one day workshop held at CBA on Saturday, April 28th.

The project, which was based around the popular game of Monopoly, tested the students across all areas of business and enterprise, presenting them with a series of problems to solve and manage.

The 65 students who took part were split into teams and each group was tasked with managing a Government service (such as the ministry of defence or community and culture). The efficiency savings corresponded to profit they could use to buy properties on the monopoly

board and each team was also challenged to create a business that would generate additional profit.

On top of that they were presented with a series of challenges and dilemmas throughout the day which threatened the security of their business and property empires.

Teacher Simon Smith, who devised the concept for the workshop, said: "I chose the game of monopoly as it has an economics base and is easy to adapt.

"The project asked the students to take on the skills used in the first two workshops – business and management - and then build on them.

"It was great to see the students move from the initial confusion at the start to understanding what they had to do and then coming up with some great ideas.



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](http://www.corbybusinessacademy.org)

## 2012 TERM 6

<b>Mon, June 11th</b>	<b>Open to Students and Staff</b>
<b>Tues, Jun 19th</b>	Year 12 Finance Presentation Event – 6pm
<b>Mon, Jun 25th</b>	Parents in Partnership Meeting – 6.30pm to 7.30pm
<b>Tues, Jun 26th</b>	Music for a Summer's Evening 2012 – 7pm
<b>Wed, Jun 27th</b>	Year 11 Prom – Best Western Hotel – from 7.30pm
<b>Mon, July 2nd</b>	Enterprise Week various trips, events taking place
<b>Wed, July 4th</b>	Parent Consultation Group – 6pm to 7pm
<b>Thurs, July 5th</b>	New Year 7 Parents Evening
<b>Mon, July 9th</b>	Children's University Presentation
<b>Tues, July 10th</b>	CBA Annual Awards Evening
<b>Fri, July 13th</b>	Year 6 Transition Day
<b>Fri, July 20th</b>	<b>End of Term 6</b>
<b>Thurs, Aug 16th</b>	A/AS Level Results
<b>Thurs, Aug 23rd</b>	GCSE Results
<b>Mon, Sept 3rd</b>	Staff Training Day
<b>Tues, Sept 4th</b>	<b>Start of 2012-13 Academic year - open to all students and staff</b>

## ATTENDANCE

As the last term of this academic year approaches we would like to remind students and parents how important daily attendance is. The law requires parents to ensure that their child attends the academy during every teaching day. This is essential so that all students make the necessary progress to succeed in their education. If a child does have time off, on return to the academy parents should provide the reasons for absence by letter or by emailing their child's tutor or pastoral support officer (all staff details can be accessed on the website in the 'Contact Us' section).



## MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATIONS

Week 4							
Day	Date	Code	Name	Level	Session	Start	Time allowed
Mon	11/06/12	5MB1	Maths B (Modular)- Unit 1: Calculator paper	GCSE	PM	13:30	1hr 15m
Mon	11/06/12	1MA0	Maths A-Paper 1 non calculator	GCSE	PM	13:30	1hr 45m
Wed	13/06/12	F325	Chemistry A: Equilibria, Energetics and Elements	GCE	AM	09:00	2hrs
Wed	13/06/12	5MB2	Maths B (Modular)- Unit 2: Non-Calculator paper	GCSE	AM	09:00	1hr 15m
Wed	13/06/12	1MA0	Maths A-Paper 2 calculator	GCSE	AM	09:00	1hr 45m
Thur	14/06/12	6665	Core Mathematics (C3)	GCE	AM	09:00	1hr 30m
Thur	14/06/12	48101	Media Studies- Unit 1: Investigating the Media	GCSE	PM	13:30	1hr 30m
Thur	14/06/12	5RU04	Russian Unit 4: Writing in Russian	GCSE	PM	13:30	1hr
Fri	15/06/12	G325	Media Studies: Critical Perspectives in Media	GCE	AM	09:00	2hrs
Fri	15/06/12	F215	Biology: Control, Genomes and Environment	GCE	AM	09:00	2hrs
Fri	15/06/12	5HB01A	History B- Unit 1A: Medicine and Treatment	GCSE	AM	09:00	1hr 15m
Fri	15/06/12	A171	Chemistry A: Modules C1, C2, C3 (F/H)	GCSE	PM	13:30	1hr
Fri	15/06/12	A213	Science A- Unit 3: Modules B3, C3, P3 (F/H)	GCSE	PM	13:30	40m
Week 5							
Mon	18/06/12	5ST1	Statistics: Higher tier	GCSE	PM	13:00	2hrs
Mon	18/06/12	5ST1	Statistics: Foundation tier	GCSE	PM	13:00	1hr 30m
Tues	19/06/12	5MB3	Maths B (Modular)- Unit 3H: Calculator paper	GCSE	PM	13:30	1hr 45m
Tues	19/06/12	5MB3	Maths B (Modular)- Unit 3F: Calculator paper	GCSE	PM	13:30	1hr 30m
Tues	19/06/12	F324	Chemistry A: Rings, Polymers and Analysis	GCE	PM	13:30	1hr 15m
Wed	20/06/12	LITB3	English Literature B	GCE	AM	09:00	2hrs
Wed	20/06/12	A162	Biology A: Modules B4, B5, B6 (F/H)	GCSE	AM	09:00	1hr
Wed	20/06/12	A217	Add. Science A: Unit 3 Modules B6, C6, P6 (F/H)	GCSE	AM	09:00	40m
Wed	20/06/12	5HB02C	History B - Unit 2C: Life in Germany c.1919-c.1945	GCSE	PM	13:30	1hr 15m
Thur	21/06/12	6666	Core Mathematics (C4)	GCE	PM	13:30	1hr 30m
Thur	21/06/12	6691	Statistics (S3)	GCE	PM	13:30	1hr 30m
Fri	22/06/12	F214	Biology: Communication, Homeostasis and Energy	GCE	AM	09:00	1hr 15m
Fri	22/06/12	A181	Physics A: Modules P1, P2, P3 (F/H)	GCSE	PM	13:30	1hr
Fri	22/06/12	A212	Science A- Unit 2: Modules B2, C2, P2 (F/H)	GCSE	PM	13:30	40m
Week 6							
Mon	25/06/12	A216	Add. Science A: Unit 2 Modules B5, C5, P5 (F/H)	GCSE	PM	13:30	40m

## PARENT PARKING

A number of parents are dropping off and collecting their child from outside the academy building. This is causing congestion problems and so we would remind parents to use the parent car park near to the entrance.

## PARENTS CONSULTATION GROUP

We had a great turn out for this terms' Parents Consultation Group meeting and would like to thank all of the parents who attended. The meetings – which are open to all parents and carers – are proving to be invaluable and are helping steer the academy policy development. The latest meeting looked at the academy's new My Works homework facility and it was great to receive feedback from parents. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 4th from 6pm to 7pm and we look forward to meeting some new faces as well as our regular attendees. Kirsty Farrar – Senior Assistant Principal [kfarrar@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:kfarrar@corbybusinessacademy.org)

## TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

During Enterprise Week on Wednesday, July 4th we will be running a Take Your Child to Work day. Letters will be sent home to parents of students in Years 7 to 10 to explain the process. We will need consent forms from both the parent's employer and the parent themselves.

# MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)

## EARLY ENTRY SUCCESS FOR YEAR 9 MATHS STUDENTS

14 Year 9 students have achieved A\* and A grades for their latest Maths GCSE module.

A very impressive 25 per cent of the 55 students who were entered into the exam early achieved the top grades and 90 percent of all those who sat the exam achieved a B grade and above.

Teacher Paul Wilson said: "It is another impressive result from the students. "They will now work towards the last part of their exam which they will sit during year 10."

Student Kyla Bite who achieved an A grade said: "I am pleased to have sat the exam early and did not expect to do so well."

The students who achieved A\* grades were: Andreas Milan, William Bell, Joe Folan and Roisin Curran.

Students Alex Cotter, Kyla Bite, Alex Lawless, Eleanor Adamson, Harry Tomkins, Kristien Warren, Jessica Sawford, Beth McQuillan Matthew Hannah, Josh Wilkins and Josh Champion all gained A grades.



## MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS

There has been success for Key Stage three students in the respected UK Maths Challenge events.

Five students in Years 7 and 8 gained a gold award in the Junior Mathematical Challenge and Year 7 student Matthew Ford did so well that he will now go forward to the Junior Mathematical Olympiad.

Matthew said: "It feels great to have come top in the school in the individual paper as I was not sure how I had done as the questions were quite hard."

Maths teacher Marion Freeman said: "I am extremely proud of the students' achievements. This is the first time we have entered this competition. They took the paper in exam conditions, which could have been stressful for students so early in their secondary school careers, but they took it in their stride and did us proud.

The team of four students (Alex Lawless,

Andreas Milan, Owen Robinson and Kyle English) who entered the Maths Team Challenge also came fifth, beating off many other teams from schools across Northamptonshire.

The maths challenges are run by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust and are aimed at promoting student's interest in the subject.

Year 9 student Andreas Milan also did well in the Intermediate Maths Challenge follow up Kangaroo round.

Competed in by the top entrants, he was awarded a merit.

Preparation now begins for next year's individual and team events in Maths Challenge Club on Monday during Session 4. The aim of the competitions and the club is to take the knowledge and skills learned in normal lessons and apply them to different situations to broaden the student's maths experience.



# COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

## OÙ EST PINK PANTHER?

Cartoon idol Pink Panther has helped French students with learning their verbs.

The theme to the film has now become a firm favourite with Year 7s after they learned the verb Avoir to the song.

Teacher Karen Mayes said: "It is a great way for the students to have fun with what can be a hard task.

"It has worked really well and they are all now proficient with the verb."



## MACBETH STUDENTS VISIT SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE

Students from Caren Brown's class visited Stratford as part of their studies of the famous bard.

The students who have been role playing his Scottish play toured the historic town and visited many of the playwright's old haunts.

Mrs Brown said: "The sun shone for us, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the historical and cultural experience"



# ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

## NAVY SAIL IN WITH SOME COOKING TIPS

Students were given some hot tips about how the navy keep ship shape and ready for action. On May 22nd a navy team of chefs visited the academy and gave an insight into navy diet. As part of the Fit 4 Life programme Petty Officer Skally Smith taught teams of students from across the years how to rustle up the perfect chicken curry. Altogether 90 students took part with 3 sessions taking place throughout the day. Director of Design Cath Davis who organised the visit said: "What an amazing day! Students got stuck in straight away. Skally and his assistant Larry made over 90 portions of



Chicken Curry with four different classes. "They also took part in delivering two assemblies to students about navy life with many students expressing an interest. The day was fun filled, action packed and one the students were talking about all week. "We even managed to get Mr Aston and Mr Feely cooking with the BTEC Public Service students."



## STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL BRASS BAND TITLE

Seven of our musicians lifted a national youth brass band title this term. Andile Chiwuta, David Graham, Myles Peters (all Year 12), George Brabbs, Sam Addy, James Wilson and Sereti Ogwang (all Year 10), who are members of Youth Brass 2000, played their way to victory at the National Youth Brass Band Championships held at the Royal College of Music in Manchester on Sunday, April 22nd. The musicians competed against 17 other youth bands from across the country to win the intermediate band title (for those aged under 18). All the students, who are members of the CBA Senior Concert Band and Senior Brass Ensemble, joined Youth Brass Band 2000 in September 2011, after attending auditions. They all started learning an instrument after joining the academy and being encouraged by the music teaching team. Mr Wears said: "It is a huge achievement and the band has done very well." Andile Chiwuta, who has played the Tuba for three years said: "We put in a huge amount of practice for the competition, but I did not expect us to win the title." Adjudicator Les Neish said: "There was no doubt about the winners either. They produced a wonderful programme that was so well played." Youth Brass 2000 is based in Wilbarston and has members from across Northamptonshire and Leicestershire.



## STUDENTS INSPIRED BY COUNTY'S YOUNG DESIGNERS

GCSE Textiles students were given a glimpse into what could be their own futures after attending an exhibition and fashion show put on by young designers from the University of Northampton. Samantha Fynan's creative students visited Silverstone on May 24th, to look at the degree work of the university's final year students. Miss Fynan, who runs the Session 4 club where students study the additional GCSE, said: "It was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to see where their skills could progress and be taken too, the show itself inspired them showing innovation and creativity."

"I am now very keen to see what they achieve within their practical coursework as all girls were full of enthusiasm after seeing the show."



## STUDENTS START CURRY BOOT CAMP

Three students took part in a curry boot camp where they learned the art of how to make a good spicy dish. Aaron Baker, Heather Phillips and Tyler Robertson joined other students from across the area at the boot camp which is took place to mark the 25th anniversary of Corby curry house Bombay Dynasty. They were given expert training by the restaurant's owner Mohammed Rahman and then served up their dishes to guests at a celebratory meal at the George Street restaurant. Mr Rahman, who is mayor of Corby, said: "The boot camp is our way of

promoting culture in the community. "A curry is a relatively simple dish to prepare. The clever bit is using the spices creatively to produce a really special taste."



## PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

### ERIN AND POLLY PERFORM WITH NATIONAL BALLET COMPANY

Two talented dancers performed with a national ballet company when it visited Corby as part of a UK tour. Year 9 students Erin Anderson and Polly James spent two days with the Ballet Central company after being selected from an audition held at CBA.

Along with 9 other dancers from across the area they were taught a piece by the ballet company's choreographer and then performed at the Cube on May 25th before Ballet Central's own professional dancers took to the stage.

Erin, who attends the Helen King School of Dance said: "It was a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget.

"It has given me a real insight into the life of a

professional dancer and it was tough as we were rehearsing for seven hours over two days."

Polly, who has been dancing at the Wendy Sharpe and Sharon Potter School of dance since the age of three said: "I would like to become a professional dancer and so it was a great opportunity to dance with the company. I really enjoyed it."

The girls performed a piece based on Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach.

Dancer teacher Francia Dickinson said: "This was a really special experience for the girls and one that I don't think they will forget.

"The performance at the Cube was spectacular and I am really proud of them both."



Polly (left) and Erin (right)



### TOP FEMALE CRICKETER COACHES GIRLS

England Cricketer Jenny Gunn gave our Year 7 girls a coaching session this term. The top cricketer, whose parents hail from Corby, gave the student the benefit of her expertise at the session that was attended by most students in Year 7. She was assisted by county cricket players Year 9 students Erica Turner, Jamie Delargy and Ethan Delargy. CBA Cricket Coach Jordon

Joseph said: "The masterclass was excellent and Jenny told the students about her way into the sport and how much she enjoys it."

Mr Joseph has also secured funding from Northamptonshire Cricket to pay for a cricket coach who will work with girls from Year 7, 8 and 9 until the end of the year.

The hope is to establish a girls cricket team from September.

## SIXTH FORM

### STUDENT WINS BRONZE MEDAL IN KICKBOXING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Just ten months after taking up the sport, sixth form student Szymon Szeliga has won a bronze medal at a national Kickboxing championships. The Year 13 student beat off stiff competition from fellow kickboxers around the country to come third in the over 18 (up to third grade) section of the British Chinese Kickboxing Association National Championship, which took place at Lodge Park Sports Centre on Saturday, May 19th.

Szymon, who started training with coach Alex Barrowman in August last year said: "I was really surprised with how well I did as this was my first

competition so I did not know what to expect. "I did not have much time to think about how well I was doing as there was only about five minutes between each knock out round and I beat my first three opponents."

The student, who has been offered a place at Northampton University to study IT security and computing, trains twice a week and also practices Kung Fu.

He said: "I find that with all the hard work I am putting in toward my A level exams that it is a nice way to relax and take a break from revision."



Szymon Szeliga with his medal

# BUSINESS HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)

## BUSINESS MENTOR HELPS STUDENT



Ellie Moore was helped by her business mentor to gain some work experience this term. The Year 11 student visited RS Components and talked to staff from the accounts department so she could find out more about the career.

It was organised by RS staff member Jamie Perkins who has been a Ellie's business mentor since Year 10.

Ellie, who is studying Business BTEC, said: "Jamie has been a great help and I have always been able to go to him when I have needed help with a case study. "I really enjoyed the day and found it really interesting."



## PARENTS TO GIVE TALKS ON BUSINESS

Business Teacher Alexandra Allan has set up a new initiative in which parents with a business specialism will give talks to students.

Miss Allan has linked up with a number of parents who will be offering the benefits of their experience to students to help with their business studies GCSE. Learning from the world of business not only adds knowledge, but it helps keep up to date with the latest innovative ideas and best practise.

**Anyone who would like to find out more or offer their services can contact Miss Allan by email at [AAllan@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:AAllan@corbybusinessacademy.org)**

So far Miss Allan has lined up parents with specialists knowledge in marketing, finance and sales. Miss Allan said: "We have a large number of parents who have business expertise and what better way to inspire our students than from our parent body"



## LIBRARY

### STUDENTS WELL PREPARED FOR ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

Having spent the term meeting to discuss and strategise for the inevitable Zombie apocalypse, 14 students were given the chance to put their survival skills into action this term. In scorching weather they gathered in Fermyn Woods for 24 hours of survival skill training. Activities including learning how to start and a build a fire, making a shelter, carving feather sticks and learning the basics of outdoor survival. They all behaved fantastically and had a

great time exploring the woods. Chelsea Elms said: "It was amazing, my favourite bit was making the fire." Carlton Ewen said: "My best bit was building a shelter to sleep in, it was difficulty, but really good." By Sunday lunchtime they were all exhausted, dirty, very smelly and ready to take on any invading zombies.

**Amy McKay – CBA Librarian**



Karla Downs and Stacey Stratford prepare to camp out

## CARNEGIE UPDATE

Librarian Amy McKay spent two days in London this term as part of final discussion for the Carnegie Prize judging.

Amy and the team of 11 other judges spent many hours discussing the entries and the final winners of the Carnegie Award and the Kate Greenaway Award will be unveiled on June 14.

Amy said: "It has been a really fantastic experience and has made me read a selection of books that perhaps I never would have.

"The students here have been great and have been reading alongside me."

Amy will sit on the judging panel next year aswell.



## LIBRARY OLYMPICS

During Term 6 the Library will be running a unique version of the Olympics with prizes up for grabs by individuals and form groups. Activities include Book Gymnastics, Reading Races and Literary Longjump. More information will be available from the library at the start of term 6.



## ACADEMY NEWS

### SIXTH FORM STUDENT NOMINATED FOR BUSINESS AWARD

Ellie Scopes has been nominated for a national Enterprise Award. The student from our DSP provision has been put up for the Sir John Moore's Award, which recognises the achievements of students who take part in the Young Enterprise Team Programme.

Ellie is Managing Director of Happy Hands (the enterprise company set up by our DSP sixth form students) and has been put forward by teacher Nikki Clark and RS Business Advisers Grace Holdcroft and Janet Kemm who have been giving guidance to Happy Hands. Since it was founded at the start of this year

Happy Hands has launched a number of products such as a range of tea towels and vintage tea cup candles.

As part of the Young Enterprise initiative, students learn vital business skills that will assist them when they go into employment. Mrs Holdcroft said: "Ellie has always been enthusiastic and has enjoyed updating me on the progress of her team and showing me products that they have made. The other members of the team interact really well with Ellie due to her approachable personality. She really deserves to be nominated for the Sir John Moore's Award."



### UGANDA UPDATE

Fundraising has been taking place during Term 5 for our annual trip to the Discovery Centre in Uganda.

Staff members Louise Cory and Juanita Robertson raised more than £100 after taking part in the 10k Leicester Big run.

Students Ellie-Mae Moore and Amber Garrett also organised an over 18s disco at the Grampian Club in Corby. The pair sourced many free services for the event and did everything from the organisation to promotion themselves.

The visit takes place in October. Any money raised over the £3,000 needed for travel and accommodation costs will go towards buying books for the centre's library.



### JAM IN THE HOOD PROJECT BEGINS

Six students are taking part in a crime prevention community project.

The award winning JAM in the Hood project is now in its third year and students William Walker, Shannon Davidson, Roy Grant, Bradley Thompson, Chloe Rowlett and Danielle Mackness beat off competition from more than 130 Corby young people to claim their place on the 13 week course. Run jointly by Northants Police and youth charity Groundwork Northants, the project aims to give the young people an insight into policing within the community. During the scheme they will learn all about the role of the Corby Police team with a behind the scenes look at the local police station as well as visits to the dog handling and helicopter sections.

It will be a hands on role for the students who will become part of the police's 'extended family', taking part in crime prevention events such as leaflet dropping and visiting victims of crime. Our resident Police Community Support Officer Alex Franklin, who will be involved in running the project, said: "The aim is to give young people an insight into what goes on in the community they are living in and they will become an extended part of the police family.

"It gives them a chance to work with different people, using different skills and it is an eye-opening and unique experience. Among those that did it last year four went on to the Police cadets and three went on to become Army cadets."

### CHARITY COMMITTEE DONATE TO WOMEN'S REFUGE

Funds from our charity pot have gone towards helping Corby's Womens' Refuge. After a suggestion from our PCSO Alex Franklin the committee decided to donate £50 to the centre which helps women and their families.

The money will be used to buy items for the emergency packs that are given to women when they arrive at the refuge.

Cllr Mary Butcher (who has responsibility for domestic violence) and Doreen Hunter, Resident Support Worker, came to collect the cheque from Chair of the Charity Committee Year 12 student Chrissie Moore. Mrs Hunter said: "Often the women who come to the centre arrive with just the clothes they have on the backs so these packs are a lifeline for them.

"Every penny counts and we are always looking for funding, so we are so grateful that the students have thought of us."



(From left to right) Cllr Butcher, Doreen Hunter, Chrissie Moore and Alex Franklin



(From left to right) Danielle Mackness, Bradley Thompson, William Baker, Chloe Rowlett, Shannon Davidson and Roy Grant

# ACADEMY NEWS

## BBC RADIO NORTHAMPTON COVERS STUDENTS' WAR MUSEUM FILM

Students involved in making a film for the Imperial War Museum have been recorded for a feature on BBC Radio Northampton.

Broadcaster Martin Borley came along to Corby Business Academy on Thursday, April, 26th to interview the students about the experience. He also recorded the team (who are from our Gifted and Talented cohort) editing footage they filmed on a recent trip to the war museum in central London.

The piece was aired on Tuesday, May 8th during the breakfast and afternoon show.

Mr Borley said: "I was really impressed by the students. The project has obviously given them a new insight into the horrors of war and the questions they asked resulted in some strong, thought-provoking comments."

The students have until September to create the film, which will be shown at the famous museum, alongside a film made by the venue's own staff.

The theme of the film is Building a Truce and students have interviewed family, friends and museum visitors on the subject.



Steven Moore being interviewed by Martin Borley

## ENTERPRISING STUDENTS USE SKILLS LEARNT ON COURSE TO BOOST PROM FUNDS

A pop up nail bar has raised an impressive £95 towards funds for this year's Year 11 prom. Entrepreneurial students who are on the NVQ Hair and Beauty course used the skills they have acquired over the past two years to set up their own nail bar on Tuesday, May 1st.

They offered a polish, hand massage or hand care maintenance for just £4 and students and staff were queuing out the door for their services. Students involved were Shannon Anderson, Megan Smith, Jorja Dawson, Chantelle Butler, Candy-Jo Seymour, Catherine Mckay, Paige McNeil, Mirella Plakowska, Courtney Meakins, Sophie Denton, Naomi Ward, Toni Savage and Chelsea McIntyre.

Science teacher Sally Harley was one of the customers.

She said: "I was very impressed by the initiative and the students' maturity and professionalism. I really enjoyed it and would indulge again if the opportunity was there. It was a bit of a treat."

Funds will go towards providing decoration for the prom, which is taking place at the Best Western Hotel, Corby, on June 27th from 7.30pm.



## STUDENTS MEET THEIR CRICKETING HERO

Four talented cricketers have been given a master class by one of the sport's superstars. England Bowler Graeme Swann gave students Thomas Keeney (Year 7), Jonathan Freeman, Zak MacGraw and Thomas Chenery (all Year 8) some words of wisdom during an hour long chat at end of their training school with the Marylebone Cricket Foundation.

The world class cricketer – who has been recently voted the England Team's most valuable player – was attending the programme's finale and spoke to our students who had attended for presentations.

CBA Cricket Coach Jordon Joseph said: "After watching Oundle School Sixth Formers play against a selected team from the MCC, we were invited to the pavilion to meet Graham and



Picture by Clive Chenery

he spent an hour talking with our students.

"He gave them some advice and told them all about how he got into cricket and how it was hard as he didn't have the opportunity to play school cricket.

"He also complimented what we are doing with Cricket here at CBA and was impressed with the strength of our squad and our ambitions."

The England cricketer who comes from Northamptonshire, gave each student a signed shirt and also a signed DVD.

## THOMAS WINS PLACE ON SILVERSTONE RACING MECHANICS COURSE

Year 11 student Thomas Jeffery has realised his dream and will be learning about racing mechanics in Motor Sport Valley.

The student has used the experience gained as part of his vocational motor industry qualification to gain a place on the Foundation Race Technician Pre-Apprenticeship course, being hosted at the country's most famous racing circuit.

As part of the one-year course he will be learning engineering assembly skills for all parts of a race car, and will be in prime position to pick up an apprenticeship to a professional race team. He said: "This is my passion. I just want to work in Motorsport, whether it be Formula one, Formula Three or World Rally."

The talented student currently attends

Rockingham Motor Speedway once a week and works with the local Lunar Racing Team.

The placement is part of his Institute of Motor Industry Level 2 qualification. In October, Thomas was part of a team that assisted at a Volkswagen Racing Cup event.

He said: "During the interview for the Silverstone course, the tutors were really impressed that I had practical knowledge and could already demonstrate that I had racing experience.

"I am so pleased that as part of my studies here at CBA I have had the opportunity to do this vocational qualification as I have learned a huge amount about racing mechanics, from how to look after the vehicles, to health and safety and what can happen to a race car when competing out on the circuit."



# ACADEMY NEWS

## STUDENTS TAKE PART IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS

The Year 11 Public Service students passed their Expedition unit as part of the level 2 course in Term 5. The group of 12 students started their expedition in Rockingham village and completed a 12km to their Camp at Belton in Rutland before camping overnight. The next day they walked from Wing in Rutland to Gretton. The hike was undertaken with heavy backpacks full of the necessary provisions. Teacher James Aston, who led the students on the expedition, said: "All of the students felt a massive sense of achievement when they completed the walk."



## FISHING FEVER

Students from our DSP have been having fun fishing this term. A group of students went along to Ringstead Grange on April 26th as part of a schools event organised by the Northants branch of the Masonic Trout and Salmon Fishing Charity. Teacher Nikki Clark said: "The weather lived up to its name, sunshine and showers, but this did not dampen spirits."

All students had a fantastic time once again. Paul and his fisherman Albert Junior, were the only ones from the academy to catch a trout." Student Hagen Rawson has also been getting involved with the popular sport. Here he is with a Common Carp weighing in at 18lb 7oz, which he caught with his granddad Cliff during a fishing afternoon at a lake near Fineshade woods.



Paul Blamaire displays his catch



Hagen Rawson with his carp

## DISABILITY CRICKET

Students from the DSP have enjoying learning cricket skills this term. Funding from Northants Disability Cricket has paid for some coaches to lead sessions during the term to teach the students the basics of the sport. CBA Cricket Coach Jordon Joseph said: "It has gone down really well. Hagen Rawson was spotted as a talent and asked to attend a county cricket event in Northampton."



## ELITE TRAINING SQUAD HALF WAY THROUGH REGIME

Staff and students have been testing themselves to their limits as part of the Elite Company military training scheme. More than 20 staff and students have signed up for the tough boot camp style course, which is being run during Session 4 by Vice Principal Tony Segalini.

He said: "Elite Company is a military type training regime based loosely on the Parachute regiments 'P' company, which is a tough course to prepare soldiers for parachute training and gives them that elite status. "The aim is to put volunteers through a series of extreme physical tests so that they are

challenged mentally and physically. "There will be a series of tests at the end which will include Gym tests, stretcher races and a long distance run/march." Anyone who completes the test will win the coveted Elite Company badge.



## CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY – SESSION 4 ACTIVITIES

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
<b>MONDAY</b>				
AMID	Senior Brass Ensemble	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Garry Fountain
AMID	CBA Vocalize (CU)	AU6	3.30 - 4.30	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	GCSE Textiles	AMID	3.45 - 4.45	Sam Fynan
BHE	AS Level Polish	BHE	3.45 - 5.45	Beata Bykowska
BHE	BTEC Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Akex Akkab
PNS	Dance Club (CU) – Year 8	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.30	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Rounders Club – All Years	Sports Hall	3.30 - 4.45	Amy Harris/Daryl Handy
PNS	Free Running	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Liam Feely
MAIT	Maths Challenge (G&T)	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Marion Freeman
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.45 - 5.00	Sue Holmes
LIBRARY	Lego Club	Library	3.30 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	Library	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
AMID	Junior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.30	Clive Wears
AMID	Senior Woodwind	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Pam Carter
AMID	Sound Of Steel	Theatre	3.30 - 4.30	Felicity Cornish
AMID	KS4 Art & Design Catch Up	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell/Jacqui Brown
AMID	KS4 Health & Social Care/Hospitality/CCLD	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis
AMID	BTEC Catch Up	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Fynan
AMID	Skills Making Activity – Years 8 & 9	AMID	3.30 - 5.00	John Barr
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
BHE	French Support Session – Years 7 & 8	BU1	3.45 - 4.45	Karen Mayes
BHE	BTEC Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.45 - 5.00	Sue Holmes
INCLUSION	Kitchen Garden Club (open to all) (CU)	DL1 & Kitchen Garden	3.30 - 4.45	Nikki Clark
PNS	Junior Dance Company	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Chrissie Moore
PNS	Basketball Club – KS4 (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.30	James Aston
PNS	Senior Dance Company (CU)	Theatre	3.45 - 5.30	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Table Tennis/Badminton	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.30	Phil Woolley
PNS	Football – Year 7	Field	3.45 - 5.00	Stuart Baker
MAIT	ICT Coursework Catch Up	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	ICT Staff
MAIT	Target Group Maths	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	MAIT Staff
MAIT	Further Maths AS	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Peter Garratt
MAIT	A Level Catch Up – Year 12	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam
BHE	Humanities Drop in Club	BU5	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
BHE	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Alex Allan
LIBRARY	Magic Club (by invitation only) – Year 10	Library	3.30 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	Library	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
AMID	String Ensemble (CU)	AU2	3.00 - 4.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	GCSE Performances	AU6	3.00 - 4.15	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Rock Band Practice	AU4	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
BHE	BTEC Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
PNS	Dance Club – Year 7 (CU)	Dance Studio	3.15 - 4.45	Daryl Handy
PNS	Girls Cricket	Sports Hall	3.15 - 4.45	Jordon Joseph
COMMS	Imperial War Museum/Media Working Group	CL4	3.45 - 5.00	Claire Howsam
LIBRARY	Manga Mania – KS3 (CU)	Library	3.15 - 4.45	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	Library	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>THURSDAY</b>				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 5.00	Clive Wears
AMID	KS3 Electronics Club	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	KS4 Catch-up Sessions	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	KS3/4/5 Art Club	AU1	3.45 - 5.45	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	BTEC Catch Up	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Fynan
AMID	Keyboard Club	AU2	3.45 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Target Sessions – Year 8	AL7	3.45 - 5.30	Felicity Cornish
COMMS	Film Club (every other week)	Small Lecture Theatre	3.45 - 5.45	Lou Cory
COMMS	GCSE/AS/A2 Media Studies	CL4	3.45 - 5.00	Claire Howsam
COMMS	Revision Sessions – Year 11	COMMS	3.45 - 5.00	Louise Cory
INCLUSION	Boccia (open to all)	Main Theatre	3.30 - 4.45	Nikki Clark
MAIT	ICT Drop In – All Years	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	ICT Staff
MAIT	Maths module revision and support – Year 12 & 13	MAIT	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Anderson
MAIT	Further Maths AS	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Peter Garratt
MAIT	A Level Catch Up – Year 12	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam
PNS	Science Club "Hogwarts" (every other week)	PNS	4.00 - 5.00	Sarah Dankmeyer
PNS	Animal/Garden Club/Winter months Astronomy – all Years (CU) (every other week)	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
PNS	U13 & U15 Cricket Training (CU)	Sports Hall/Astro	4.00 - 5.35	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Tennis Club (all Years)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Amy Harris
PNS	Softball Club (all Years)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Liam Feely/Phil Woolley/James Aston
BHE	GCSE French / Spanish Support Sessions	BU3/BL5	3.45 - 4.45	Karen Turney/Candie Boni
BHE	Travel & Tourism KS4 Catch Up	BHE	3.30 - 5.45	Helen Featherstone/Peter May
BHE	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allan
BHE	AS Level Polish	BHE	3.45 - 5.45	Beata Bykowska
BHE	Humanities Drop in Club	BU5	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Stacey
BHE	Elite Company	BHE	3.45 - 5.00	Tony Segalini
LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	Library	3.45 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	Library	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>FRIDAY For all students school closes at 3.30pm</b>				
LIBRARY	OPEN	Library	To - 4.00	Amy McKay

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 through CBA Central. NO LATE BUSES FRIDAY. Session 4 activities may be cancelled at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances, however alternative provision will be put in place.

## KITCHEN GARDEN UPDATE

Our kitchen garden continues to flourish. Looked after by the DSP faculty the members have been busy growing all sorts of summer produce. Here is William Roberts pictured with Bernie the chicken.



## MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

A showcase of our musical talent will be performed on Tuesday, June 26th. Tickets are free for 'Music for a Summer's Evening' which will feature a wide range of music from the many different ensembles from Corby Business Academy. Director of Music Clive Wears said: "Students in music have been working extremely hard over the course of the year in preparation for this Concert. "The Concert will give parents an opportunity to listen to the award winning Senior Concert Band as well as the String Ensemble, Senior Brass Band, Senior Woodwind Ensemble, CBA Vocalize and numerous soloists. The concert starts at 7pm and tickets are available from student reception.

## FRIENDLY BOCCIA MATCH

Our Boccia Team had a friendly match against students from Wren Spinney School this term. Player of the match went to Hagen Rawson and Fern Hall was commended for Enthusiasm and Participation.



## GOVERNOR VOLUNTEERS AT LEPROSY MISSION IN INDIA

CBA Governor John Hill has been out to India to teach business skills to students who have leprosy, so that they can start to rebuild their lives.

Mr Hill and his wife Anthea spent six weeks volunteering at the Vocational Training Centre in Champa, central India – a project that aims to help those affected with the condition become financially independent and able to integrate back into society.

The businessman, who became involved with the Leprosy Mission through his local church, said: "It took two years in the planning to organise the trip but it was certainly an experience that has made a big impression on me.

"Across India there is a prejudice against people who have leprosy and they are often shunned and have to eek out a desperate existence."

Leprosy affects 6 million people in India and there are still hundreds of leper colonies in the country. The condition, which affects the nervous system, is curable, but it is often left untreated and can lead to deformity. As well as helping students with an introduction to business skills, the couple also led sessions on other subjects. Mr Hill, who is a keen runner, took a regular exercise class and his wife taught music. He said: "It was a full blown schedule during the six weeks that we were there. We were thoroughly welcomed by the community and found the people to be infinitely friendly. We became close to a lot of people at Champa and it was very sad when we came to leave.

"It was a really moving experience and something that I found very interesting on a personal, physical and business level."



## Parents in Partnership

towards a common goal

Thanks to our Parents in Partnership team who have been busy trying to secure sponsorship for a new set of dresses for our netball teams.

The group, along with Senate has also used some of its own funds to purchase some new cricket nets.

An update of progress will be in the next edition of In Press.

## "listening to your views"

We hope you have enjoyed reading this edition of In Press. We are always keen to hear your feedback or thoughts on content for future editions. Please email our Press Officer Sarah Ward on [sward@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:sward@corbybusinessacademy.org) if you would like to get in touch regarding In Press.

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