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## YEAR ENDS ON A HIGH

In this edition we have news of visits from exciting sports stars and authors, examples of some of the finest work going on in the Academy and a selection of pictures from our fantastic Year 11 Prom Night

### HIGH HONOUR FOR MUSICIANS

Our Senior Concert Band has been asked to play at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham

### TOP AWARD FOR ACADEMY

Our Academy has been presented with a prestigious SSAT award for helping our students to make progress

### CURRICULUM DAY IS A HIT



Corby Business Academy

Brooke Weston  
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# LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THE ACADEMY DOES NOT STOP JUST BECAUSE OF EXAMINATIONS AND AS ALWAYS MANY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE THIS TERM

It seems I always start off these updates with 'it's been another busy term for us here at the Business Academy' and it is true that this term has been no exception. The exam season is always a busy and stressful time for all involved, however this year the students have been impeccable in both their attitude and approach to their examinations. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students and thank the staff for all their hard work over the last few months. Whilst the uncomfortable wait for results now begins, I am sure that everyone has done all they can to secure the best grades possible.

The Academy does not stop just because of examinations and as always many events and activities have been taking place this term.

Students at the Academy have celebrated mathematical success at the same time as other students involved in the 'Bake Off' continue to create wonderful gourmet creations. Our music department continues to celebrate great achievements, the most recent highlights being success in the Oundle Music Festival and the opportunity to perform at the Birmingham Symphony Hall in Music For Youth's National Festival. This is a great achievement for all involved and an unforgettable opportunity to perform in a world class venue.

Finally I am pleased to announce that the Academy has received national recognition for the work that it has been doing to improve examination results and with it the life chances for our students. As a result of the

great performance of last year's students the SSAT (Schools Network) has presented us with an award for achievement, placing us in the top 20% of schools nationally for the progress that our students make.

With the exam season completed and just a few short weeks to go until the end of term the Academy is now firmly focused on preparation for next year. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment this year and hope that everyone has a good summer break.

John Henrys

## ACADEMY RECEIVES TOP AWARD FOR HELPING STUDENTS TO MAKE PROGRESS

Corby Business Academy has received a national award for helping our students to make progress.

Latest figures from the Department of Education for state-funded schools in England show the Academy is in the top 20 per cent of schools for the progress made by pupils between the Key Stage 2 results they arrive at secondary school with and their GCSE results at age 16.

As a result we have received an Educational Outcomes Award from SSAT – the national schools'

membership organization for improvement and collaboration. SSAT Chief Executive Sue Williamson said: "Corby Business Academy should be congratulated for their exceptional achievement.

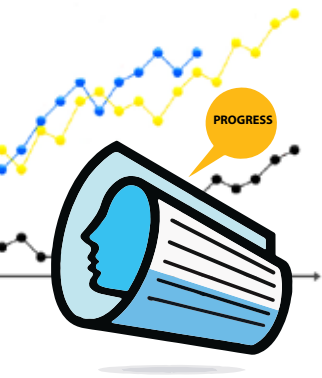
"They have proved themselves to be leading the field in improving GCSE outcomes for their students.

"These results are testament to the commitment and hard work of the students, teachers and leadership team at Corby Business Academy

and show what can be achieved when skilled teachers have high expectations and ambition for every young person."

Principal John Henrys added: "We are very pleased to be recognised by the SSAT as an academy that has made outstanding progress in our educational outcomes.

"Last year's students made great efforts with their work, supported by a dedicated team of staff in order to achieve this award."



## ENGLAND CRICKETER VISITS ACADEMY

Our young cricketers got the chance to meet a legend from the sport.

Jenny Gunn became vice-captain of the England women's cricket team in 2010 and became its all-time leading wicket-taker during the 2013 season.

She was awarded an MBE last month for services to cricket and visited our

Academy this term as part of her role as a Chance To Shine cricket charity ambassador.

CBA Cricket Coach Jordon Joseph said: "Jenny visited our Academy to take part in a competition held here for primary schools as part of National Cricket Week.

"Afterwards she spent time with our under-13s team and stayed to watch our cricketers play against a team from Montsaye Academy. It was a great experience for them."

A group of our Year 8 and 9 students helped to score the primary schools' matches.



England vice-captain Jenny Gunn





*Paralympian Fran Williamson with our students.*



*Members of our Senior Concert Band*

## WORLD RECORD-BREAKING PARALYMPIAN INSPIRES YOUNG SPORTS LEADERS

A world record-breaking British swimmer who has six Paralympic medals visited our Academy to inspire our young sports leaders.

Fran Williamson, who is an athlete mentor for Sky Sports Living for Sport, spent time with our Unit students who are young leaders in the Paralympic sport of boccia, which is similar to bowls.

Unit Director Claire Robinson said: "Fran shared her story with our students and they found it extremely engaging. Our students tried on her medals and she explained the steps to success that were really important - mental toughness, hunger to achieve, people skills and breaking barriers."

Sixth Former Hagen Rawson, 18, said: "The story about her medals and her swimming was very interesting."

Fellow Sixth Former Harry Hinxman added: "I won't forget meeting her, she has really inspired me."

Miss Williamson was born with

Athetoid Cerebral Palsy, a condition which includes shaky movements and poor fine-motor skills.

During her swimming career she amassed three world records, 18 British records and 23 international medals.

She represented Team GB at the Athens Paralympics in 2004 where she won three silver and a bronze medal and at the Beijing 2008 Paralympics where she defied orders told not to swim because of a bad shoulder injury and won silver and bronze.

She had an operation to fix her shoulder and was told she would never swim again but she continued to compete and the following year she won gold at the World Championships.

She retired from swimming due to injuries in 2011.

## OUR MUSICIANS ARE INVITED TO PERFORM IN WORLD CLASS VENUE

Our Senior Concert Band will perform at a national festival in one of the world's best concert halls.

It will perform three times during Music for Youth's National Festival in Birmingham after impressing judges during a regional competition.

During the national festival it will perform in front of more than 2,000 spectators at the world-class Symphony Hall, at a jazz workshop with the National Youth Jazz Collective in the Birmingham Conservatoire and at a third concert at Centenary Square.

The band's appearance at the festival will be the highlight of the Academy's musical achievements to date.

CBA Director of Music Clive Wears said: "To play in Symphony Hall will be a once in a life time opportunity for some of our students. This is indeed national recognition for our Senior Concert Band. Everything we have accomplished so far has built towards this moment."

Our band will perform on a big stage at Centenary Square between 3pm and 4pm on Wednesday 9th July and at the jazz workshop during the day on Thursday 10th July. It will perform at Symphony Hall during a concert which will start at 5.15pm on Thursday 10th July.

For further information visit [www.mfy.org.uk/coreseason/national/birmingham](http://www.mfy.org.uk/coreseason/national/birmingham)

## MUSICIANS TRIUMPH AT FESTIVAL

Our musicians won lots of awards at this year's Oundle Festival of Music and Drama. Our groups won five first places, three second places and a third place at the festival which is open to performers of all ages.

CBA Director of Music Clive Wears said: "Our groups performed well and it was good to see the younger students coming through."

Year 9 students Michalina Magala, Janak Gurung and Shona Duncan competed in the festival.

Flautist Michalina, 13, helped the Junior Concert Band to come first in the Instrumental Ensemble 14 years and under category.

She said: "I was really nervous but once I got into the performance it was a lot of fun."

Trombonist Janak, 13, who performed with the Junior and Senior Concert Bands, said: "Performing there has given me more confidence and I'd like to play in more competitions in the future."

Baritone player Shona, 14, performed with the Senior Concert Band and the Senior Brass Ensemble.

She said: "I wasn't really nervous - I just wanted to make sure we got it right because we'd been rehearsing since the beginning of the year."

### OUNDLÉ MUSIC FESTIVAL RESULTS AND MARKS

<b>Instrumental Ensemble Open:</b> Senior Brass Ensemble – 1st (88%)
<b>Instrumental Ensemble 18 years and under:</b> CBA Brass – 1st (87%)
<b>Band 18 years and under:</b> CBA Concert Band – 1st (89%)
<b>Vocal Ensemble 18 years and under:</b> CBA Senior Ensemble – 1st (84%)
<b>Instrumental Ensemble 14 years and under:</b> CBA Junior Concert Band – 1st (84%)
<b>Instrumental Ensemble Open –</b> CBA Woodwind Ensemble- 2nd (86%)
<b>Band 18 years and under –</b> CBA Senior Concert Band – 2nd (87%)
<b>School Choirs 18 years and under:</b> CBA Vocalize – 2nd (83%)
<b>Instrumental Ensemble 18 years and under:</b> CBA Woodwind – 3rd (85%)



## PROFILE ON **REBECCA HORRIDGE**

ENGLISH TEACHER REBECCA HORRIDGE IS CELEBRATING HER FIRST ANNIVERSARY AT CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY THIS MONTH. WE CAUGHT UP WITH HER TO FIND OUT WHAT MOTIVATES HER.

Rebecca Horridge says her teachers helped her to find her career path.

She credits her English teacher with fostering her love of the subject and memories of her teacher still inspire her.

She said: "I had the best English teacher in the world who made me love English and made me want to help others to love the subject too."

"I love reading and getting excited about characters. I hope to encourage my students to love English as much as I was encouraged."

Miss Horridge studied for an English degree before enrolling on a PGCE teacher training course which involved her working at Corby Business Academy as a student teacher.

After she graduated she took up a post at the Academy and teaches students in Years 7 to 11.

She said: "I was really lucky to be able to stay on here. I knew the staff and the students so it made beginning my new job less scary. I'm really happy here. Our students are really enthusiastic."

Miss Horridge believes reading is the key to success for anyone who wants a career in English.

She said: "I would advise any student who is interested in a career in English to read as much as you can, as frequently as you can and to read what makes you happy. The more reading you do the more creative you become and that can open millions of doors. My favourite books for teenagers are The Hunger Games. They are really exciting – even people who don't like reading engage with them and find them interesting."

"We're very lucky here because our Library runs a lot of fantastic after school clubs to foster students' love of reading."



*Our students at the celebration of the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway medals*

## STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE BEST **LITERATURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Avid readers took part in a special event to celebrate the best literature for young people. A group of our students visited Lodge Park Academy last month for the annual celebration of the books shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway medals.

They talked about this year's shortlisted books, picked the two they thought should win and took part in a quiz about the books. CBA Librarian Amy McKay, who was the co-ordinator for the national awards, said: "It was a great chance for the students to talk about the books with students from other schools and hear everyone's opinions. The students did some book pushing which involved them standing in front of the group and doing their best to persuade everyone else to vote for their favourite book."

The students also listened to a talk by Miss McKay about the awards. They correctly picked *The Bunker Diary* by Kevin Brooks as the winner of the Carnegie award.

They chose *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers to win the Kate Greenaway award. This award was eventually won by *This is Not My Hat* by Jon Klassen.

Year 8 CBA student Courtney Smith came second in the book quiz. The event was also attended by students from Brooke Weston, Lodge Park, Rockingham, Woodnewton and Uppingham School.

## READERS QUESTION AUTHORS AND A CRIMINOLOGIST

Two inspirational writers and a criminologist have taken part in question and answer sessions in our Library.

The first to visit was Richard Kurti who worked for US film studio Miramax, has written for BBC One's *Robin Hood*, ITV's *Primeval* and Sky One's adaptation of Terry Pratchett's novel *Going Postal* and has published an award-winning novel called *Monkey Wars*.

Mr Kurti talked about the publishing industry to 250 students and ran an exercise which encouraged groups of students to draft exciting opening sentences for stories.

Librarian Amy McKay said: "Richard spoke about the harshness of

working in the publishing industry. It was interesting for our students to look at writing from the perspective of a business."

The second visit from an author came from MJ Howes who released her debut book, a science fiction thriller called *Feed*, this year to positive reviews.

MJ said: "The students were great and asked insightful questions. One was about something that goes on under the surface of the story and I thought it was good that the students had picked up on that."

Our students also received a visit from criminologist Heather Lindley who also works as a Special Constable.

She talked to students about *The Bunker Diary* by Kevin Brooks which tells the story of six strangers held prisoner by a kidnapper. The book won this year's CILIP Carnegie Medal.

Miss McKay said: "The *Bunker Diary* leaves the reader with a lot of unanswered questions."

"Heather discussed the criminology behind the kidnapping and what sort of people kidnappers generally are. Her visit gave the students the chance to ask some of the questions they had about the book and to get some possible answers which they really enjoyed."

*Author MJ Howes with a group of our Year 10 English students*



*Our students with writer Richard Kurti*





## COMPETITION OPENS STUDENTS' EYES TO THE BUSINESS WORLD

Keen entrepreneurs have had their business skills tested during a prestigious competition.

About 20 Year 9 students took part in The Business of Life Challenge this term which is sponsored by Young Enterprise and the Federation of Small Businesses. Our students took part in a series of enterprising challenges and formed four separate companies which

had to come up with business pitches to present to judges for the competition.

Three of our companies, Blend, McGivenU Music and Tap 'n' Go made it through to the final on July 9th in Leicester.

Young Enterprise Link Teacher Alexandra Allan said: "I have been really impressed by how professional they are at such a young age.

"The competition has helped the students to understand what it means to be an entrepreneur and to identify their business strengths."

Alexandra Tolchard, 14, said: "The competition has shown me how hard it is to start up a business but also the satisfaction that you get from doing it. It has made me want to start my own business when I'm older."

Emily Russell, 14, added: "It's been eye-opening to see how businesses work."

During the competition the students worked with Duncan Mitchell of CED Accountancy Services and Hi2Events managing director Elaine Vandelli.



## CONCERT ORGANISERS DEMONSTRATE THEIR BUSINESS SKILLS

Year 10 Music BTEC students tested their business skills by organising a concert to showcase our Academy's musical talent.

The students put on the concert this term to give our musicians and singers the chance to perform in front of

staff and students in our main theatre.

Year 10 Music BTEC student Courtney Smith said: "It was a great experience to organise the show. We worked with the site staff and we had meetings with Mr Henrys about our preparations."

Music Teacher Lucy Wass added: "This is the first time we have had a Year 10 BTEC Music class and all the students worked very hard. They were very professional and the experience has given them an insight into the business side of the music industry and organising events."



## HAGEN WINS SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A Sixth Former has been given a prize in recognition of his enterprising skills.

Year 13 student Hagen Rawson received the Young Enterprise Sir John Moores Special Achievement Award 2014 in recognition of his work as Finance Director with our Young Enterprise company, Happy Hands UK.

He was presented with the award by Happy Hands UK's business advisor, Janet Kemm, of R S Components, along with a cheque for £100 (pictured).

## PARENTS ARE INVITED TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF BUSINESS

An appeal has been launched to encourage more business people to help our students.

Earlier this year we asked parents to share their business expertise with our students.

As a result parents helped conduct mock interviews with 100 Year 12 students and visited the Academy as guest speakers.

This term letters will be sent out to the parents of next year's Year 7 students to ask them for their support too.

Business Studies Teacher Alexandra Allan said: "We would be delighted to hear from any parents who can share their business expertise with our students.

"We've had parents carry out

mock interviews and our guest speakers have helped our students to consolidate their understanding of the business world."

The Academy wants to hear from any parents who have experience of starting or running a business, business strategy and planning, finance, business ownership, interviewing and

selecting candidates, production methods and process, sales and marketing, operational management, customer service and staff motivation.

Parents, especially ones in middle management and upwards, who would like to help can email [AAllan@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:AAllan@corbybusinessacademy.org)



# BAKERS PREPARE FOR THE GREAT BWT BAKE OFF GRAND FINAL

The future for GCSE catering at Corby Business Academy looks bright following the Great BWT Bake Off.

Nearly a dozen bakers from our Academy took part in the competition and after 12 weeks of baking masterclasses and challenges our four finalists are preparing for the grand final. CBA Design and Technology Director Cath Davis said: "It's clear they have been influenced by programmes like the Great British Bake Off and Masterchef because they have such high standards for themselves.

"Next year during Key Stage 3 we will move to teaching Food and Nutrition so that the students learn about the health benefits of

what they are cooking. It will be interesting to see if that affects what the children choose to make in next year's Bake Off.

"This competition has filled me with hope that there will be a healthy take up for my subject at Key Stage 4 so students can progress into GCSE Catering."

CBA Restaurant Manager Chris Lapsley added: "Our top five bakers were absolutely brilliant.

"All the students have improved massively during the course of the competition and I hope they do well in the grand final."

Our finalists are Year 8 students Adam Short, Tiegren Renwick and Rebecca Loveday and

Year 7 student Courtney Coleman.

During the grand final they will work as a team to produce an afternoon tea for six people in five hours.

They will face teams from Corby Technical School, Kettering Science Academy, Brooke Weston and Thomas Clarkson Academy.

The competition will be judged by four external judges, including two representatives from Tresham College, a professional baker and a butcher.

It will take place on Thursday 17th July at our Academy. Parents can attend the judging and prize giving at 4pm.

## GAME TEACHES STUDENTS ABOUT THE CATERING INDUSTRY

Year 9 Food students took on roles within the catering industry during one of their latest projects.

The class was divided into three teams which were challenged to take part in a Batch Production Game.

Each team had to make two batches of identical cakes from a basic recipe which they could adapt if they wished.

To reflect life in the catering industry each team member was given a specific role, for example Production Manager, Store Manager or Quality Control.



Teacher Abbie Parsons said: "The winning team led by Production Manager Courtney MacLeod, was very well organised. The students used time outside of the lesson to plan and prepare.

They brought in extra items from home. They even made an orange sugar glaze to brush on the cakes before piping on buttercream. They were delicious.

"There was an excellent team spirit throughout the lesson with a focus on industrial practice theory."

*The students hard at work on the task*



## STUDENTS MAKE FIRE DANCE IN SCIENCE LESSON

Year 7 students witnessed a classic physics experiment involving sound and fire during one of their latest science lessons.

The students were introduced to the Rubens Tube which is a physics apparatus that was invented in 1905 to show the relationship between sound waves and sound pressure.

The tube is a length of pipe which is sealed at both ends with a speaker attached to one end. The tube is filled with gas which escapes from tiny holes along the length of the pipe and is then lit.

When sound waves are passed through the pipe from the speaker it changes the pressure slightly and causes the flames to change height.

Debbie Morris, who helped to run the session, said: "This allowed scientists at the time to measure sound waves just by counting the peaks and troughs of the flames.

"It's impressive when you can see your music in the form of fire and the class of Year 7 students really enjoyed the experiment."



*The students watch the experiment closely*

## JAMIE OLIVER INSPIRES YOUNG COOKS

Young cooks took part in the biggest ever live cooking lesson with Jamie Oliver.

The Year 7 students were shown how to make a rainbow salad wrap by Mr Oliver through a video which was streamed to participating schools across the world during Food Revolution Day in May.

The event was organised by the Jamie Oliver Food Foundation to celebrate the importance

of cooking good food and the impact it has on our health.

Teacher Caren Brown said: "The event encouraged the students to try new foods. All the students did very well and they received certificates from Jamie Oliver."

The wholemeal tortilla wrap included beetroot, carrots, white cabbage, a pear, fresh mint, parsley, feta cheese and natural yoghurt.



*The cooks with their certificates from Jamie Oliver*

# SIXTH FORMERS CREATE HORROR FILM TRAILERS

Three Sixth Formers proved they have what it takes to make it big in the corporate world of movie making.

A2 Media students Charlie Bell, Ellie Mae Moore and Abigail Wardle spent about five months producing a storyline for a horror film and then creating a trailer and poster to promote it.

They filmed all the footage for their trailers themselves and edited them together for the project which will make up 50% of their final mark.

Lead Media Teacher Tim Hawkins said: "The progress they have made has been huge. They all deserve to achieve good grades."

Ellie came up with a storyline for a horror film called *Scratching The Surface*.

She said: "The hardest part was creating the footage.

"I enjoyed seeing the final product. Before this project I would never have imagined I could do something like this.

"The things I've learned will help me when I go to university because I hope to study Event Management which has a promotional element to it."

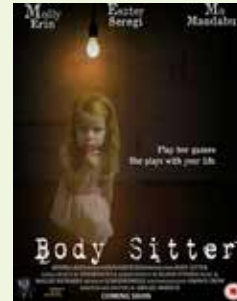
Abigail made a trailer for a film called *Body Sitter* which was about a group of university students in a haunted house. She said: "It took about two months to film the footage for the trailer and another month to edit it.

"The hardest thing was getting the actors I needed together and coming up with the ideas for the trailer. I enjoyed making the trailer."

Abigail hopes to do an apprenticeship in advertising and marketing when she leaves CBA.



*Sixth Formers Abigail Wardle and Ellie Mae Moore with the poster for Ellie's trailer*



*The poster for Abigail's horror film called Body Sitter*



*The poster for Ellie's horror film called Scratching The Surface*

# AUDITION FOR DANCE COMPANIES

Dancers have been urged to audition for CBA's Junior Dance Company, Senior Dance Company and Elite Dance Company next term.

This year about 70 students in Years 7 to 13 took part in Session 4 dance clubs and produced impressive performances for the Partnership Dance Show and this month's CBA Annual Dance Show.

The Junior Dance Company is mainly for students in Years 7 and 8, the Senior Dance Company is for Years 9 and 10 and the Elite Dance Company is for students in Years 11, 12 and 13.

Dance Teacher Francia Dickinson said: "Dancers attend rehearsals every week and

put in work outside of school as well.

"We encourage students to audition for our shows because it helps them understand what it's like to be a professional dancer.

"Our dance companies are really good fun. Students learn a lot of different dance styles which we can't always cover in lessons, including musical theatre and jazz."

Auditions will be held during the week commencing September 8th 2014.

They will take the form of a dance class so students do not need to prepare a piece in advance.

They are open to boys and girls, including students with no prior dance experience.



*Members of the CBA Senior Dance Company*

# MEDIA STUDENTS SHOW OFF THEIR DESIGN SKILLS

Sixth Formers turned design convention on its head when they created their own magazines.

Year 12 AS media students created an original concept for a music magazine and produced a front cover for it, a contents page and a double page spread.

They could adhere to existing conventions or come up with something unique.

They created all the content, including photographs of fictitious bands, and edited the package.

Eleanor Jones created a 1960s psychedelic magazine called *Psyched*. She said: "My magazine changed a lot as the project progressed because

I learned how to do more things. I learned how to use Fireworks and Photoshop better and I'm happy with how everything turned out."

Fellow student Megan Hogg's rock and metal magazine was called *The Bridge*.

She said: "I worked on it for most of the year and the most difficult part was learning how to use software I hadn't used before.

"I enjoyed the freedom I had to be creative and I was happy with the finished product."

Lead Media Teacher Tim Hawkins said: "The students learned about different concepts and software and experimented with breaking design conventions.



*A small selection of some of the front covers created by our Sixth Formers*



"The skills they have developed will help them with creative university courses, such as media, and working in industries such as publishing, design and advertising."





Ana Martinez Ribeiro

## PROFILE ON ANA MARTINEZ RIBEIRO

LANGUAGES TEACHER ANA MARTINEZ RIBEIRO JOINED OUR ACADEMY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR TO TEACH SPANISH AND FRENCH. IN PRESS CAUGHT UP WITH HER TO FIND OUT HOW SHE IS ENJOYING LIFE AWAY FROM HER NATIVE SPAIN.

Ana Martinez Ribeiro is an enthusiastic linguist who is passionate about promoting the use of different languages. She grew up in Valencia in Spain and speaks Spanish, English, Portuguese, French and Catalan fluently. She also speaks Italian and is about to begin learning German.

She fell in love with England when she undertook an Erasmus course in Coventry in 2007.

After teaching in Spain she decided to study for a Masters degree in Spanish and then took a PGCE teaching course in Cumbria.

She joined our Academy this year and has just been appointed CBA's new staff governor.

Miss Martinez Ribeiro has empathy for students who find it difficult to learn a new language.

She said: "I understand some students find learning a new language difficult. I'm going to start to learn German soon and it is different from the Latin languages I speak. It's not an easy language and I know it will take me a long time to learn it. When you learn a language you need to constantly reinforce what you are learning – you need to work at it.

"There are lots of things to help students do that, including platforms like VocabExpress and other websites where they can play language games."

Miss Martinez Ribeiro teaches French to students in Years 7 and 8 and Spanish to students in Years 9, 10 and 11.

From this September students will also be taught Spanish from Year 7 for the first time at the Academy.

Miss Martinez Ribeiro said: "Spanish is a great language for them to learn because apart from anything else Spain is a popular place for holidays.

"Even if you only know a few words it shows that you are trying and it will make the native speaker feel more comfortable.

"In addition to that in any job nowadays it's useful to know another language.

I would say in 90% of careers it's very helpful to have another language."

Next term Miss Martinez Ribeiro will also run a Session 4 club about Spanish culture in Spain, Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Cuba and the Philippines. Students will learn to make Paella, about important Spanish festivals and some key phrases.

The club is aimed at Years 7 and 8 but is open to all students.



Our students on last year's French trip

## MORE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO LANGUAGES STUDENTS

From September our students will begin learning Spanish in Year 7 for the first time.

We currently teach French in Years 7 to 11 and Spanish for GCSE.

The introduction of Spanish in Year 7 will give students extra time to prepare for their GCSE.

In addition our Modern Foreign Languages department enables students to take GCSEs in other languages.

Modern Foreign Languages Director Karen Turney said: "We have facilitated GCSEs in Polish, Portuguese, Dutch, German, Chinese, Bengali and Russian for our students and for students from other Brooke Weston Trust schools.

"We also teach German in Session 4 to students who have some knowledge of it or who have lived in Germany.

"There is a massive shortfall in linguists in this country so students with other languages are in a good position.

"Learning a language is hard work but it's a useful skill to have in the business world."

During this year in French and Spanish we have run a project which focused on the use of informal language to help students speak more spontaneously.

The project drew on the expertise of French Assistant Mathilde Briaud and our Modern Foreign Languages Link Governor Ian Hill who was the senior inspector in England for the inspection of Modern Foreign Languages.

Our Year 8 students took part in the Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) programme which teaches students about topics, such as history, poetry and art, through the medium of French.

Our Year 7 students have begun exchanging letters with students from Ecoles du Bon Sauveur in Saint Lo, France.

We have also run after school groups to help GCSE students improve their pronunciation and to prepare students for the East Midlands Regional Final of the Foreign Languages Spelling Bee.

The Academy has been invited to host the event again next year for the fourth year in a row.

At the end of this term about 45 students from Years 7, 8 and 9 will go on a five-day trip to Normandy, France.



# PROFILE ON MEGAN HOGG

SIXTH FORMER MEGAN HOGG, 17, HAS TO BALANCE THE PRESSURE OF A-LEVELS WITH HER ROLE AS CBA HEAD GIRL. IN PRESS INTERVIEWED HER TO SEE HOW SHE MANAGES IT AND IF SHE HAD ANY ADVICE FOR OTHER STUDENTS.

## Q. How do you feel to be Head Girl?

**A.** It feels surprisingly normal to be Head Girl. Although I'm in an important, representative position I'm still a part of a body of students. I like feeling I'm still equal to everyone else because equality is something I strongly believe in.

## Q. What have you enjoyed most about the role so far?

**A.** Carrying out the jobs that come with it such as showing people around the Academy and participating in school events. I feel I'm really helping the teachers and that I'm making big tasks, such as running a school event, a little bit easier for them.

## Q. What is the hardest thing about the role?

**A.** The hardest thing is balancing the demands of being Head Girl and my A-Levels. A lot of the jobs I carry out take place after school so the hardest thing is sacrificing some of the time I use to study at home to carry out these jobs.

## Q. How do you find being a Sixth Former?

**A.** It wasn't an easy transition because the demands are so much greater compared with GCSE. Despite that, I've got used to being a Sixth Former and I think doing subjects I enjoy, being supported by my teachers and drinking endless cups of coffee have contributed to that.

## Q. How do you manage the workload?

**A.** I'm a naturally organized person so I make sure I study enough and have breaks by planning out a timetable each week. I'm also a driven person and use my determination to get everything I need to do done on time.

## Q. Do you do any other extra-curricular activities?

**A.** For most of the year I've been a literacy mentor which means I help to improve a younger student's reading. I had already done this at primary school and I found it very rewarding to see a younger student progress in their reading ability because of my efforts and my love for reading. I've also found it rewarding here as the student I worked with significantly improved their reading ability and I knew I had helped with that.

## Q. What subjects are you studying?

**A.** For AS I studied History, Psychology, English Literature and Media. For A2 I will study History, Psychology and English Literature.

## Q. Have you any advice for younger students about how they can get the most out of their time at CBA?

**A.** Remain determined and keep pushing yourself to be the best you, you can

possibly be, to get the grades that you know you deserve. When you get a piece of homework, essay or exam result back, it's so rewarding to look at it and know you did the best you possibly could to get it.

## Q. Do you have any advice for students joining the Sixth Form in September?

**A.** Stay strong, keep going and don't fall behind because it's not an easy change and it can be quite a shock to the system. You just have to keep trying and trying until you get what you want out of the subject you are studying. If any students would like any further or specific advice I'm more than happy to help!

## Q. What do you hope to do after you leave CBA?

**A.** I hope to go to university to do a Joint Honours degree in Psychology and Criminology and then go into some form of clinical psychology.



## BRONZE FOR LAUREN IN THE JAVELIN

A bright young athlete has picked up another medal.

Year 7 student Lauren McMullen won bronze in the under-13s javelin section of a Northamptonshire Athletics competition which was held in Corby with a throw of 13.60 metres.

Lauren, 12, began throwing the javelin about a year ago and trains with Corby Athletics Club.

She said: "I was really excited when the judges told me my measurement. My personal best is 14.01 metres so this was one of my top scores."

Lauren regularly competes in a variety of different athletic events and has previously appeared in In Press as a result of her success at cross country running.

## THOMAS PLAYS FOR HIS COUNTY

A gifted young cricketer has played for his home county for the first time.

Year 10 student Thomas Chenery has played cricket for Weldon Cricket Club for the past five years and is vice-captain of CBA's under-15s team.

Thomas narrowly missed out on a place in the county's under-15 squad in the winter selection process but this summer Northants asked Thomas to play for the squad against Oxfordshire for one match.

Thomas said: "It was the first time I've played for the county team and the bowling went very well.

"I've wanted to play for Northamptonshire for a long time and I was very happy to be selected.

"It would be really nice if I could play cricket professionally in the future."

At the end of this term Thomas will also join his CBA teammates on their cricket tour of Holland.



Thomas Chenery  
(Picture supplied by Clive Chenery)



# SECOND CURRICULUM DAY IS A HUGE SUCCESS

Students tackled obstacle courses, took fingerprints, recorded music, performed a flash mob and made films during our second Curriculum Day.

The popular event took place this term and gave hundreds of students the chance to try out a wide range of activities.

Students were divided into groups to take on dozens of different challenges and one of the highlights was a flash mob dance involving more than 100 students in the Academy's Central Mall.

Teacher Maxwell Sam took part in the flash mob.

He said: "The students choreographed their dances for the flash mob and it was a fantastic event.

"They put in a lot of hard work and it was wonderful to see the other students cheering them on."

The Forensic Detection initiative gave budding scientists the chance to study DNA profiling, fingerprinting and the examination of handwriting.

The Krypton Factor sessions included memory games, quizzes, an obstacle course, physical

team-building exercises and challenges to build a floating pirate ship and a water clock.

The Europe During World War II project taught the students about rationing and dance crazes from the period and they created a huge piece of artwork which depicted a wartime bunker filled with people.

During the lessons about rationing the students cooked wartime foods, including honey oatmeal buns, fruity potato cakes, cheese and apple cake, cheese whirls and carrot cookies.

In the War Declared lessons they used their textiles skills to make bunting and flags for a victory party and produced a tablecloth covered in facts about the conflict.

The Scrapheap Challenge initiative gave students the chance to show off their creative side and make things from waste materials, such as football shirts.

During the Film and Communication sessions students created advertisements to promote CBA, pieces of music, dances and stop shot animated films.



Students made characters and sets from waste materials for the animated films, took shots with a digital camera and then edited their photographs into a film using the Academy's Mac computers.

Media Teacher Claire Howsam was involved in the filmmaking project.

She said: "The students did really well. They were incredibly creative and came up with a lot of original ideas."

Lots of students also enjoyed the Forensic Science fingerprinting

session.

Year 7 student Victoria Lewis said: "We took our fingerprints using ink and we learned every fingerprint is unique. I really enjoyed it."

Another student, Emily Lewis, added: "Taking the fingerprints was the best bit. I'm quite interested in forensic science so this was fun to do."

In the music session students recorded themselves performing the South African 2010 World Cup anthem Give Me Freedom Give Me Fire.



## GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS EXPLORE THE IMPACT OF THE OLYMPICS

Students have investigated the largest urban regeneration project in the UK for their Geography GCSE.

Year 10 students visited the Olympic Park in London for their Geography controlled assessment to examine how land use has changed in the area as a result of the Olympics.

The students learned how the Olympics was used as a vehicle for regeneration in the Stratford area and completed local business studies and land use studies of the Fish Island area which historically was connected

to the fish trade.

Geography Teacher Maxine Hopewell said: "The students conducted an investigation of Forman's which is based in Fish Island and is the largest smoked Scottish salmon business in the UK.

"Recently it has converted its premises into a restaurant and gallery to meet the demands of the area.

"Our students also conducted an environmental quality survey which is a subjective measure of how people view the

environment they are in.

"In addition they went to the Olympic Village and surveyed people outside Stratford Station about whether they felt the changes in the area had benefitted them and whether they thought they would help them in the long-term."

Miss Hopewell added that the students were a credit to the Academy during the trip.

She said: "They were all fantastic – I couldn't have asked for better students."

The students will use the

The students visit London for their project



information they collated to create a piece of work which will be worth 25% of their Geography GCSE mark.





Senior Concert Band



Senior Choir



Junior Concert Band

## MUSICIANS AND SINGERS SHINE AT SUMMER CONCERT

Our musicians and singers showed why they have won so many accolades this year at our Summer Concert.

Our award-winning bands and choirs performed a mix of classical, pop and rock numbers, including songs by Ellie Goulding, Coldplay and Katy Perry and pieces by Strauss and Handel.

The event also featured moving performances by talented soloists and duos.

Director of Music Clive Wears said: "I'm proud of all the students. They have worked so hard and that showed in their performances."

The concert included performances by the Samba Band, Senior Brass Ensemble, Junior Concert Band, Senior Woodwind Ensemble, Senior String Trio, CBA Vocalize, CBA Rockerz, Senior Concert Band, CBA Senior Choir, Steel Pans, Combined Strings and Rock Band.

There were solos by singers Lana Perry, Rebecca Loveday and Andile Chiwuta, pianist Andreas Milan and cornet player James Wilson and a duet by Josie Murrie and Robert Muir.

Senior Vice Principal Janet Duggan compered the evening.

She said: "I was proud of all the students. Our Principal, John Henrys, was right when he said at the end of the show our students can be compared with the best school bands nationally."

Audience members were also full of praise for our students.

Claire Burton watched her daughter, Year 9 student Chloe, perform with CBA Vocalize and the Senior Choir.

She said: "The choirs improve every year and it was great to see several boys performing with CBA Vocalize. I enjoyed the Rock Band's performance of Danny California. The programme

included a lot of interesting pieces to keep everyone entertained."

Spencer and Angela Harvey watched their daughter Chloe perform in several groups.

Mr Harvey said: "CBA Vocalize has got even better – you can hear every word they're singing clearly."

Michelle Croyden watched her children Isabelle and Matthew perform.

She said: "It's been a brilliant show. The concerts get better every year."



## DANCERS WILL PUT ON A FANTASTIC SHOW

The work of our best dancers will be on display during an exciting show at the end of term.

The Annual CBA Summer Dance Recital will feature about 80 performers from Years 7 to 13, including B-Tech students who have choreographed numbers for the event, dance clubs and companies.

The evening will include contemporary pieces, musical theatre, street dance, jazz, the Charleston and a

number from the Lion King. Dance Teacher Francia Dickinson said: "The evening will showcase everything the students have worked on this year."

"Earlier this year they put on incredible performances at the Partnership Dance Show and our Summer Dance Recital will give parents another chance to see our fantastic dancers."

Year 13 students Ellie Mae Moore and Charlie Bell will perform at the show.

Ellie said: "I feel very excited but I'm also a bit sad because it will be the last time I will dance at CBA."

Charlie added: "I've studied dance throughout my time at the Academy and this will be a nice way to say goodbye."

The show will start at 7pm on Thursday 17th July in the Academy.

Admission is free. Students will take letters home to enable parents to book places.



## CLUB TEACHES STUDENTS ABOUT HABITATS

A popular Session 4 club introduces students to creatures from around the world.

Pet Club has tropical fish, a Yemen Chameleon, an Axolotl amphibian, white tree frogs, a leopard gecko, piranha fish, toads, hermit crabs, vampire crabs, giant land snails, gerbils, mice, hamsters, chinchillas and rats.

Head of Key Stage 3 Science, Neil Price, launched the club when the Academy opened.

He said: "Staff and students have donated some of the animals and it's nice that we've given them a good home here."

"Pet Club meets once a fortnight and the students can clean out the animals and learn how to look after them properly."

"The club helps the students to learn about different creatures and their habitats."

"We've made each of the animals' homes here as close to their natural environment as possible."

The club is looking for good homes for several giant land snails.

To find out more about the club, or the giant land snails, contact Mr Price at [NPrice@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:NPrice@corbybusinessacademy.org)



*CBA's dedicated Restaurant Team*



## FOCUS ON CBA RESTAURANT

Every day a dedicated team of staff at our Academy quietly perform something not far off being a minor miracle.

The 15 members of our Restaurant Team prepare and serve about 400 breakfasts and about 700 lunches to staff and students and keep the facility clean and tidy.

On top of this they also prepare an additional 60 meals a day for our Brooke Weston Trust partners at Corby Technical School and 40 meals a day for Gretton Primary.

In total this hard-working group of people make at least 1,200 meals a day under the watchful eye of CBA Restaurant Manager Chris Lapsley.

He said: "The time frame is the hardest part of what we do. We have to be ready on time because even if we run five minutes late it would have an impact on the

whole school day so that's the biggest pressure for us.

"We produce 75% of the food we serve in-house. Our aim is to make everything we can.

"We only buy a product in if we're really stretched and in those cases we use local suppliers. We like to keep everything within a 20-mile radius.

"Our meals are as healthy as possible. We stick to recipes with low fat and low sugar contents and use fresh vegetables in our main meals.

"We're very conscious of the ingredients we put into our meals so, for example, we only use olive oil – animal fats are a no-no."

Mr Lapsley designs the Academy's menus along with Head Chef Michael Isgar. Together they produce an eight-week cycle of meals which they change once a year.

Mr Lapsley said: "We have chefs that have worked at really good establishments and we have very high standards.

"If something isn't right it doesn't go out – just like it wouldn't in a top restaurant.

"We have a five star hygiene rating and we have been awarded gold for healthy food in schools.

"Our restaurant is run in-house which gives us a lot more scope. There isn't a company in the background trying to make money out of what we do so we have the freedom to buy the best ingredients."

Before Mr Lapsley became our Restaurant Manager he was Head Chef at Rockingham Motor Speedway for five years and had previously worked in a variety of other venues, including hotels, pubs and fish and chip bars.

He said: "I've probably done every

type of restaurant job you can do because I wanted to learn everything I could.

"I have a fantastic team of staff here. Every single one of them gives everything they can every day.

"I really enjoy every day I work here and I like working with the students on things like the Great BWT Bake Off and work experience placements. I would love to develop that side of things further by starting up the CBA Catering Company which would cater for weddings and other events – that's my dream. I think it would be great for students who are interested in going into catering to be involved in something like that."

Anyone who has suggestions for the Restaurant can email Mr Lapsley at [CLapsley@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:CLapsley@corbybusinessacademy.org)

## CBA STUDENTS SELECTED FOR CARNIVAL COURT

The four girls chosen to make up Corby's 2014 Carnival Court are all from Corby Business Academy.

Amber Howard, 15, is the Carnival Queen, Lana Perry, 15, is Senior Carnival Princess, Nakita Ritchie, 11, is Junior Carnival Queen and Angel Cowan, 12, is Junior Carnival Princess.

The girls were crowned at Corby's Grampian Club in front of 300 people and have represented the town at a number of public occasions.

Year 7 student Nakita said: "I wanted to join the carnival court so I could make new friends and go to different places.

"There were 11 girls competing for the junior roles and nine girls competing for the senior roles so there was a lot of competition.

"I was really excited and happy when I found out I had won a place. The judges told us we were chosen because we kept our smiles and held our posture well."

The girls will show off their carnival float in front of their hometown at Corby Carnival on July 12th.

The carnival court will support local charity Macy's Memory.



*Pictured from left to right are Corby Carnival Court members Lana Perry, Amber Howard, Nakita Ritchie and Angel Cowan*

## BIG PLANS FOR GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Our Academy has big plans to further develop girls' football.

We currently have under-13s and under-15s sides and hope to bring in an external coach to support our Session 4 girls' football.

Active Teacher Natasha Dunstone said: "Our girls are really talented players and I'm hoping to get a football coach to help run our training sessions. "Currently we have two football teams and we would like to develop a girls' football club here from September.

"I'm also hoping to set up a lot of friendlies before the season to help our girls prepare for their matches. We really want to go to competitions and win the league – we've got big ambitions for the future."

Any girls who are interested in joining the football club should contact Miss Dunstone at [NDunstone@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:NDunstone@corbybusinessacademy.org)





*Maxwell Sam teaches a mathematics class*

## GREAT YEAR FOR OUR MATHEMATICIANS

Our mathematicians are celebrating after the best year of results in Corby Business Academy's history.

At the beginning of the year a group of Year 11 students amassed more than 40 A\*, A and B grades in their mathematics GCSE.

Since then our students have gone on to achieve some of the best results we have ever recorded in external mathematics competitions.

Assistant Director of Mathematics Maxwell Sam said: "It's been our best year for mathematics at Corby Business Academy.

"A lot of the progress is down to the commitment of our staff. In addition to that our students realise mathematics is important in everyday life and they are getting used to working together in groups, as well as individually, which is helping to prepare them for competitions.

"This year our students came 1st and 2nd in the Intermediate Year 10 Maths Challenge which was exceptional.

"Another highlight was three of our students making it through to the second stage of the UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge 2014 for the first time. Last year only one student made it through to the second stage.

"In the Senior Mathematics Challenge we improved by two places and in the UK Junior Mathematical Challenge we increased our number of entrants to 60 and won 24 medals.

"My goal for next year is to see more students qualifying for the later stages of external competitions."

One of the initiatives which helped to improve our results this year was the introduction of our Gifted and Talented Maths Challenge club.

Its meetings take place during Session 4 and it will return in September.

Mr Sam said: "We do problem-solving through quizzes and looking at real life situations. We get to the point where the questions are so challenging that teachers and students work together to work out the answers.

"When we teach the students a new topic they take it back to their mathematics classes because they want to apply it to what they are learning there. In turn that inspires the other students because they don't want to get left behind.

"Next year we're going to launch a series of competitions in our mathematics classes to identify more talented students. There are students who might not be good at mathematics in the classroom but are geniuses when it comes to problem-solving and we want to identify them.

"We will also do more to prepare students for competitions by familiarising them with the types of question sheets they will face in competitions."

The club is open to all students.

## REVISION SESSIONS HELP TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR EXAMINATIONS

Revision and catch up sessions have been taking place throughout the past term to give students extra support as they prepared for exams.

The sessions have been run after school, and in some cases during the holidays, in a variety of subjects, including History, Business, Art, English, Geography, ICT, DT, Art and Design, Travel and Tourism, French, Spanish, and Science.

Science Teacher Neil Price was involved in the Year 11 science revision sessions which took place during the holidays.

He said: "The sessions were well attended. We covered biology, chemistry and physics to help prepare the students for their exams. Everyone who came along got a lot out of them."

## SIXTH FORM AREA GETS A FACELIFT

A group of Sixth Formers has worked on a project to design and purchase a giant UK map display board for the Sixth Form area as part of their tutor time programme.

The eye-catching board shows a number of universities on a giant UK map and will be used to promote university open days and other relevant events.

Head of Sixth Form Kim Isaksen said: "The process of planning, designing and ordering the board involved a lot of thought.

"It taught the students to problem solve as part of a larger team."

## ACADEMY HOSTS SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Our Academy hosted an important conference about the future of science in schools.

Representatives from all the schools in the Brooke Weston Trust attended the event which outlined changes to Key Stage 3 Science which are about to be introduced.

CBA Head of Key Stage 3 Science, Neil Price, said: "There are a lot of changes coming in. Lots of the things that have been covered in Key Stage 4 in the past will be brought forward to Key Stage 3.

"The conference gave us a chance to go through all the alterations and look at how we can make the changes in the classroom.

"It also gave heads of departments from all the different schools the chance to exchange ideas. It was a very successful session."

The conference was led by Pat O'Brien of Osiris Education.

## CHESS TOURNAMENT RETURNS TO CBA

Superb chess players are battling it out to be named CBA's chess champion of the year.

Our Academy's annual tournament was launched in the Library at the end of May and attracted 24 students and two staff members.

Librarian Amy McKay said: "We have got some exceptional players.

"We play in a Swiss Round style which means players are pitted against other players of a similar standard so everyone gets a good game.

"We find that the tournament encourages other students to play because they see their friends going off to play in it."



*Lauren Shirlaw competes against Joe McGurn*



*Teacher Tim Hawkins plays against Owen Robinson*



# SIXTH FORMERS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THEIR PRACTICE EXPEDITION

A group of Sixth Formers took part in a two-day expedition to help them achieve their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

The students, who are all from Unit, took part in a practice expedition which involved them walking from New Bradwell to Stony Stratford via Cosgrove and camping overnight.

The trip was designed to prepare them for their final Duke of Edinburgh three-day expedition this month which will take place around the same area.

Unit Director Claire Robinson said: "During the practice expedition the students were as self-sufficient as possible, worked well together as a team, supported one another and navigated the route.

"When they arrived at the campsite they set up their tents, including a large group tent, and cooked a meal of soup and pasta.

"Throughout this process the students have become more independent and more aware of one another's strengths and the areas where they need support.

"They all did fantastically well."

The students involved in the award programme are Harry Hinxman, Hagen Rawson, Oliver Farmer, Samantha Gibson and Anthony McGavigan.

Oliver said: "The expedition went really well. I enjoyed being away and seeing lots of wildlife.

"We walked along an aqueduct which was more than 200 years old."

Harry said: "I enjoyed the walk and seeing the narrow boats on the canal."

Samantha said: "I also liked the walk and seeing some alpacas."

Anthony added: "I enjoyed the camping – I dived into my tent."



*Samantha Gibson, Anthony McGavigan, Oliver Farmer, Harry Hinxman and Hagen Rawson on their expedition*



*The group at its campsite*



*The students walk along their route*

## SIGN UP FOR DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

New Duke of Edinburgh award schemes will be launched at our Academy next year.

Letters have gone out to students in Years 8 to 12 to encourage them to take part in the schemes which will include residential trips, kayaking opportunities and expedition training.

Students have to complete skill, physical and volunteering activities and take part in an expedition to be successful.

Duke of Edinburgh co-ordinator Natasha Dunstone said: "The idea behind the awards is to get students involved in new things and teach them life skills.

"Some students volunteer to work at places like residential homes and as a result learn skills they would never normally have learned.

"For the skill section students who have never picked up an instrument before can choose to

learn a musical instrument. The award scheme gives them the encouragement to try something new and they are encouraged to carry on with their new skill.

"In addition, although the award doesn't count towards UCAS points, universities do look favourably on it because it shows the students have learned key life skills and are prepared to go the extra mile.

"It also gives the students the

chance to spend time with their friends outside their comfort zone while having lots of fun."

Information about the awards has also been given out during assemblies and will be distributed at the Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 15th July.

Any students who are interested in taking part in the awards should contact Miss Dunstone before the end of term.

## WORK PLACEMENTS HELP STUDENTS TO CHOOSE CAREER PATHS

A number of our older students have taken part in a variety of successful work placements in businesses across Northamptonshire.

The 15 Year 10 and 11 students took on roles at Waitrose, Adrenaline Alley, West Lodge Rural Centre, Studfall School, Corby Swimming Pool, the Core Theatre, Wilkinson, the CAVE (Constructional and Vocational Education) at Maplefields School,

the Autumn Centre for the over-50s, Beanfield Primary School, a teddy bear shop in Kettering and our Academy's Reception, Library and Restaurant.

Teacher Caren Brown said: "All our students did incredibly well. "One of our students, Nickie Binder, went to the Autumn Centre and he did so well he has been invited back to do some voluntary work in the summer.

"Another student, Ryan, wants to work in the theatre and arranged to spend time at The Core Theatre. He worked backstage and on reception and he found the experience very rewarding. After the placements all the students were buzzing and had a clearer idea of what they want to do. They have all grown more independent as a result of their placements."



*Nickie Binder assists visitors at the Autumn Centre*



# PROM 2014

Year 11 students got all dressed up to celebrate the end of their GCSE studies at the CBA prom. The big night took place on Friday 27th June at the Holiday Inn in Corby. Students arrived in transport which included sports cars, limousines and a horse drawn carriage.

*Callum Connachie, Jostie Young, Eloise Robertson & Luke Carscadden*



*Aimee Warrior, Abigail Buckland & Courtney Farr*



*Becky Scott & Tara Leggett*



*Chloe Smith, Erica Turner & Katie Milligan*



*A group of friends show off their beautiful dresses*



*James Shannon*



*Kyerah Laird & Kit Panther*



*Chloe Taylor & Charlotte Green*



*Dylan Tilley & Lucas Burdon*



*Joe Folan, Dan Bottrill, Josh Champion & Josh Wilkins*



*Tim Beeby & Melissa Williams*



*Zoey Skelton & Claire Robinson*



*Tia-Lee Carter & Megan Bowden*



*Roisin Curran, Alex Lawless, Kimberley Hetherington & Kyla Bite*

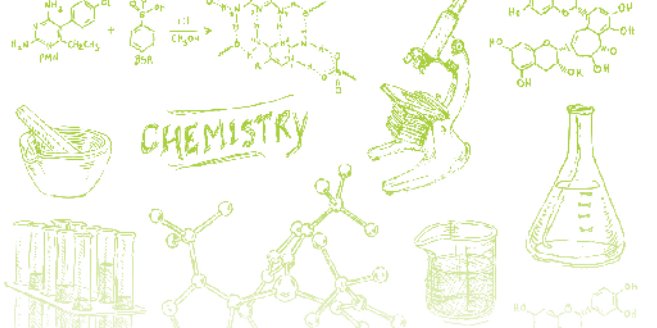


*Victoria Brooks*



*Taila Miller & Harrison Shipp*





## NEW SCIENCE COMPETITION TO LAUNCH SOON

An exciting new competition will be launched soon to challenge our budding scientists.

The Ever Wondered? competition will run every week and pose scientific questions designed to make our students think deeply about a variety of topics.

The contest will start at the

beginning of next term and the question for week one will be: Why don't penguins feet freeze?

The question for week two will be: Why haven't we found life on other planets yet?

To be in with a chance of winning a prize submit your answers to the box in Mrs Smith's office.

## INFORMATION FOR NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Towards the end of the holiday the Local Authority will send new Year 7 students information about your bus route and bus stop.

When you get to school on the first day you will be directed to your tutors (who you worked with on transfer day). The first session of the morning will be spent with your tutors.

They will organise your smart cards and bus passes.

We are looking forward to seeing you in your new uniforms.



## PARKING AT CBA

Parents must park in the Academy's parent/visitor car park, before the barriers.

The main car park is for staff and disabled parking only.

## TERM DATES

**Our term dates for students for 2014-15 are:**

**Term 1** – Thursday 4th September 2014  
Thursday 23rd October 2014

**Term 2** – Monday 3rd November 2014  
Friday 19th December 2014

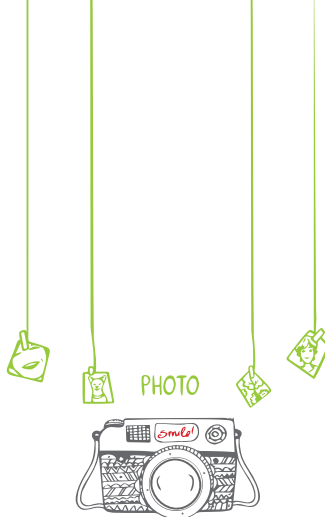
**Term 3** – Tuesday 6th January 2015 – Friday 13th February 2015

**Term 4** – Monday 23rd February 2015 – Friday 27th March 2015

**Term 5** – Tuesday 14th April 2015 – Friday 22nd May 2015

**Term 6** – Monday 1st June 2015 – Tuesday 21st July 2015

Term dates for 2015-16 are available on the Academy's website.



## PHOTO CONSENT

At CBA we like to celebrate our students' achievements and bring you the latest school news in In Press and on the Academy's website.

CBA will assume that parental/carer consent is given regarding the publishing of your child's photograph unless you provide CBA with written instructions to the contrary which we can then acknowledge and use to update our systems.

If you wish to provide written instructions on photo consent please email: [RHenderson@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:RHenderson@corbybusinessacademy.org)

## SIGN UP FOR SESSION 4

Students must sign up for all Session 4 activities through the Academy's website.

This is necessary even if students do not require a late bus because the Academy needs to have a full register of students who are on site for health and safety reasons.

Students who are signing up for sessions and do not require a late bus can select the option for alternative method of getting home.

Students can sign up by clicking on the Session 4 & Book A Bus link on the Academy's homepage.

A list of all Session 4 activities is also available in the Student Info section on the website.



## ECO CLUB TO BE LAUNCHED

A new club will be launched in September to make Corby Business Academy a more environmentally friendly place to work and learn.

CBA's Senate has teamed up with Northamptonshire County Council's Waste and Energy Team to launch Eco Club.

The club will be led by staff members Dr Causey and Mrs Coleman and student Rebecca Sawford.

It will work towards securing Eco Schools accreditation for the Academy.

Any students who are interested in joining the club should contact Dr Causey, Mrs Coleman or Rebecca.

## STUDENT ABSENCE

A student's absence from school can be reported on the Academy's website.

On the Academy's home page at [www.corbybusinessacademy.org](http://www.corbybusinessacademy.org) there is a section called Report An Absence. Once parents or carers have clicked on it they will be asked to provide the student's name and year, the reason for their absence, the day of absence and their own name and contact details. Parents and carers may be contacted later in the day to confirm that the information that has been submitted to the Academy is correct.

## FRIENDS OF CBA

Corby Business Academy is inviting more families to have a greater involvement in the life of our school.

The Academy has a small group of parents, called the Friends of CBA, which helps to plan and support fundraising activities over a cup of tea, provides refreshments at some school functions, accompanies students on day trips and gets involved in other activities here.

We want the group to grow and are inviting mums, dads and carers to join us.

The Friends do not have to commit their time on a regular basis.

Anyone who wants to find out more can contact Senior Assistant Principal Andrea Callender at [ACallender@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:ACallender@corbybusinessacademy.org)



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