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WE'RE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Senior staff, teachers and support staff were all enthusiastic and raring to go.

An air of excitement and expectation surrounded Corby Business Academy as we welcomed our first students after years of planning. Dr. Campbell and staff were on hand to meet Year 7 and DSP students off the buses. They were then ushered through the glass doors where they got their first glimpse inside the £30m building. The reception area, dominated by soaring lime green pillars and a massive mural provided a striking introduction to the Academy, which was designed by **Fosters + Partners**.

Students now swipe through turnstiles allowing them access

to the main thoroughfare which is dominated by six huge glass-fronted Faculty blocks, each of which specialises in related subjects areas. They will spend extended periods of study in each block, allowing for more study and less transit time between lessons. The faculties each have their own Vice Principal, teachers and support staff. Our Academy also has a Designated Special Provision Unit with hydrotherapy pool and specialist equipment.

All of the students were smartly dressed in uniform comprising black blazers with the green Academy logo. After meeting

their teachers they then went for assembly held in the massive theatre where Dr. Campbell welcomed them to the Academy. The students were then taken to the restaurant where breakfast was served before the working day got into full swing with a packed programme of activities and lessons.

At all times staff were on hand to assist and make sure the first day got off to a successful start. Senior staff, teachers and support staff were all enthusiastic and raring to go.

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to our first newsletter from Corby Business Academy.

Our newsletter In Press will be published every term, if you wish to contribute ideas, please see the back page for contact information.

Every Faculty here at CBA has made a contribution ie, this month, giving you flavour of what opportunities are available for students within the Academy.

We have concentrated on a photographic record to let you see what the faculties are like and how they function.

Ensure you check out the information page (9) which will keep you up-to-date with what's planned for the forthcoming term.

I very much look forward to working with students, staff and the community putting this newsletter together.

Sarah Ashby
Vice Principal - PNS





LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL

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Dear Students and Parents

I am delighted to welcome you to this first edition of In Press, the new regular newsletter for Corby Business Academy.

It is a great privilege to be the first Principal of this wonderful new school and to be working with all of the students and our excellent staff to make it a success.

Our new school will be high profile with many people watching us with interest and

I hope In Press will give a good insight into what Academy life is really like.

The Academy has got off to a flying start with both students and staff adapting quickly to our impressive new surroundings. I am especially impressed with how adult all the students look in their new uniform. I am also delighted that so many students are making the most of the opportunities CBA has to offer by joining in with sports clubs

and other after school activities including music and dance.

Already I can feel there is a growing pride within our Academy community about who we are and what we are going to achieve. I know we will very soon become a school that the whole of Corby can be proud to call its own.

Andrew Campbell

SIXTH FORM

We have been pleased to welcome all the 6th Form students who have joined us both from Corby Community College and other schools. We have an exciting time ahead as students are adapting to their new role as the lead ambassadors for the Academy.

Our courses this year are: A levels in English Literature, Sport, Maths, and Information Technology. As a Business Academy the Business Humanities and Enterprise Faculty is developing the Academy Specialism with a number of business courses. A level Travel and Tourism and Business as well as BTEC National in Business. For those students who did not gain 5 GCSE's including English there is a level 2 suite of courses based on Business, GCSE English and

GCSE Maths.

Our 6th Form Induction Day saw INSPIRE, a educational motivational company, working with our students to raise their aspirations. It was certainly inspiring with the impact of our new facilities and the opportunities which will be developing. The enrichment programme will see the students working with local business on extended projects; their community activities have already seen number of students supporting younger students throughout the day and during session three. There will be opportunities to gain the sports Leadership Award, the basic food hygiene certificate, first aid qualifications, all of which will help them to develop as individuals.

We are looking forward to developing the 6th Form opportunities, working with the students over the coming year and laying the foundations for further development.

Avril Bartley-Smith
Assistant Principal



CUSTOMER SERVICE AS PART OF A LEVEL STUDIES.

Holiday Inn- developing links as a “Friend” of Corby Business Academy

The A level Travel and Tourism students visited the Holiday Inn to investigate customer service as part of their A level studies. The Holiday Inn provided a real case study for them to use for their portfolio. Opportunities to work with local business add depth and understanding to the theory of their subjects. It helps students to understand the “real” world of business.

If anyone is willing to put their business under the “microscope” to help students understand how the business functions and the opportunities available in their business field please get in touch with me.





ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

The A for amazing Faculty – full of equipment of all kinds – from lots and lots of musical instruments (where are we going to put them all) to a great big A3 printer which will print onto all sorts of materials.

There are now specialist rooms for CAD/CAM, heat machines and plastics as well as a large workshop. The textiles room has 2 large embroidery machines, textured embellishers which let you create textures shapes on fabric as well as more traditional sewing machines. The music rooms have keyboards, apple macs and software to create music. After school activities give musicians of all ages the chance to play and sing music. All of this is supported by a team of 8 music teachers who have been giving taster sessions to pupils wanting to try out different musical instruments.

The industrial kitchen has professional standard ranges to cook on so the catering and hospitality courses can work in a truly realistic way. Healthy eating and being able to cook for yourself at home is still important.

All areas of the Faculty have the equipment and resources to really teach for the 21st century.

Training in using the newest equipment is included and will start very soon -so watch this space to see what can be produced.

Isabel Duel,
Vice Principal - AMID



HELLO FROM INDUSTRIAL DESIGN.

Industrial design staff are amazed at our new facilities and are introducing students to exciting practical activities.

The area is offering Key Stage 3 students, activities in Food, Product Design, Resistant Materials and Textile technology.

At Key Stage 4 we currently offer students courses in GCSE Resistant Materials and Vocational courses in Children's Care learning and development, Health and Social Care and Hospitality.

We are introducing after school clubs in Food, Resistant Materials and Textiles, plus regular opportunities for Key Stage 4 students to complete coursework.

Anyone wishing to join our clubs needs to speak to any Design member of staff.

Cath Davis
Director of Industrial Design.



Sing Gospel!

A group of professional gospel singers will be working with any students interested on a Tuesday evening from 4-5pm. They are working with all Corby schools with a view to holding a gospel concert ("Corby Sings Gospel") on Wednesday 3rd December.

Corby Business Academy Music Department weekly Rehearsal schedule

Day	3.45-4.45		
Monday	CBA Choir		
Tuesday	Yr 7 Concert Band		
Wednesday	Brass Ensemble		
Thursday	Guitar Club	Senior Concert Band	Samba Band

Entry Requirements	
Senior Concert Band:	Grade 3+ or recommendation of instrumental teacher.
Yr 7 Concert Band:	Beginners to Grade 1
Brass Ensemble:	All brass players or on the recommendation of Mr Hudson
CBA Choir:	Any students in KS3 interested in singing
Samba Band:	Any students interested in making lots of noise!



Communication (COMMS)

“We have a staff who are well experienced, enthusiastic, innovative and creative, who plan a wide variety of opportunities to engage the students in the learning process.”

Welcome to the Communication Faculty, a treasure trove of exciting opportunities and challenges. In our Faculty we have a wide range of resources and facilities including a Drama Suite, a Media Editing Suite and two IT Suites. The curriculum coverage includes English, Modern Foreign Languages, Media and Drama with students having the opportunity to gain a whole host of qualifications including A Level, GCSE, Entry Level and Adult Literacy Level One and Two.

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In French and Spanish students are learning to talk about themselves, their families and friends. In the near future the students will have the chance to write to a pen pal in France and perhaps talk to them via a video conferencing link. Later this year, the older students will have the opportunity to visit Paris to broaden their knowledge of French culture.

In English students are engaged in such activities as travel writing, and biographies. In Media Studies students are engaged in a range of pre-production tasks that will enable them to make their own short film or advertisement. The Faculty also supports students for whom English is an additional language and those students who have literacy needs.

We are all looking forward to our first year at the Academy, to working with the students and sharing in their many successes and achievements.

Janet Duggan,
Vice Principal - COMMS



SESSION 3

During the year the Communication Faculty will be offering some fun and focused activities during Session 3 including homework support for students for whom English is an additional language and coursework catch-up clinics to ensure that students achieve those important grades in French and English. Watch this space for future activities.



Business, Humanities and Enterprise (BHE)

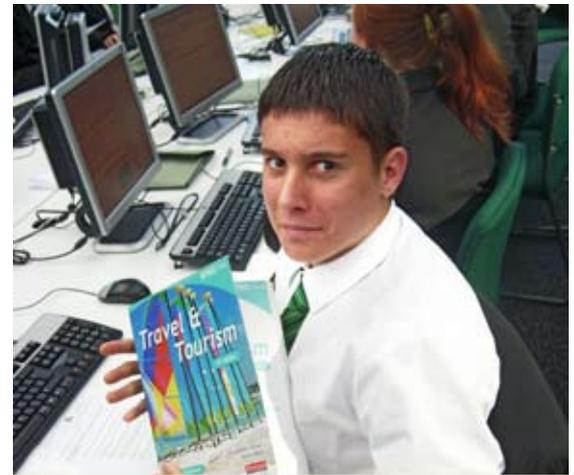
The 'green' team (which has about 200 years of teaching experience between them) has really enjoyed the start of Corby Business Academy. We have some fabulous facilities: 2 dedicated ICT suites in addition to the 25 computers in the shared central area, a great double sized classroom for team teaching, and a further nine teaching rooms.

As the flagship faculty for the Business Academy we have planned for all year groups to experience the business and enterprise aspects of the curriculum. Traditionally Business Studies, and linked subjects are taught at Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5, but Year 7 and 8 are already learning about Business. Enterprise skills are embedded in lessons across the Academy.

We also have some great integrated humanities themes planned for year 7 and 8 students, the first of which is 'Vote for It'. The students have learned how to campaign to be potential representatives on the Academy Senate (much better than it is being done in America!), and how to conduct a fair voting system. Year 9 students have broken with tradition by starting examination courses early and are already impressing staff with their willingness to learn.

Other subjects taught in our faculty include: Travel, Public Service, Ethics, History and Sociology.

Lorraine Smith
Vice Principal, BHE



SESSION 3

KS3 History Detectives

Don't waste time!

Come and investigate a range of historical activities with our very own Time Team.

Meet Mr. Nicol in BU2 Fortnightly,
Thursdays 3:45

Session 1:

Finding out what's on offer.

Thursday, 25th September



WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

Citizenship Mock Court Trial

On the 22nd of November 16 students from the Academy will be embarking on the opportunity of a life time. They will be taking part in the Regional Citizenship Mock Court Trial Competition competing against other schools, at Norwich County Court. The students have adopted various roles within the court for the trial for example some will play the jury, some will be lawyers, others reporters, an ushers court clerks. Mrs Farrar, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Friel are all on hand to offer their support and guidance to the 16 students and hopefully lead them to victory. It has also been arranged for a real barrister to come into school to teach the students court etiquette.

Holly Minton (Press Officer)

Mock Trial Practice Sessions Thursday Session 3



PHYSICAL AND NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

Welcome to PNS, Physical and Natural Sciences. In this faculty our staff are qualified in Science, Active Sports, Movement and PHSE. We have a superb team of individuals who bring together their experience of the world to enable youngsters to achieve in both academic and physical pursuits.

We aim to improve their understanding of the world, to harness their desire to explore it while becoming physically and mentally active, and improve their understanding of it.

Our Mind and Body curriculum has been created to offer a myriad of different physical and mentally stimulating experiences in each year group. Some of these build on skills throughout KS3 e.g. Pilates and Yoga, indoor rowing, and circuits. Others are introduced to students as they mature, for example, relationships, health, emotional wellbeing and drugs. All students at KS3 will have the opportunity to achieve a foundation

qualification before they enter Year 10.

Every week, all students receive active sports skills, Mind and Body and Science education which also included further thinking skills and experimentation. Some of our GCSE students are now taking three separate sciences.

At KS4/5, all students also get offered active time in which they have opportunities to play sports or do individual activities like trampolining, or take part in cheerleading and dance. Many of our young people have taken sports and dance into KS4 at GCE level and our 6th form students are also studying both Biology and Sport at A level.

With now both a Mind and Body studio which offers step classes, yoga and Pilates, weight training, indoor rowing and spinning and our Dance studio, staff get the chance to be active too.



Session 3

	SPORTS HALL	ASTRO	PITCHES	COURTS	DANCE STUDIO	MIND & BODY STUDIO
Mon	Badminton-All years boys & girls	Hockey-All years boys and girls	Football-10	Netball-9,10,11	Dance-Ks3	
Tues	Basketball-9,10 boys	Football-7	Football-8,9 Rugby-10,11,6th Girls rugby all years	Netball-7,8	Dance Ks4-Ks5	
Wed	Basketball-11,6th boys					Rowing & Fitness
Thurs	Basketball-7,8 boys	Girls Football-All years	Football-11,6th Rugby-7,8,9			

ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

Welcome to the Mathematics and Information Technology Faculty, where students will develop their knowledge of the international languages of Maths and ICT. They will learn the functional skills of numeracy and computing, necessary for their future careers and have opportunities to be creative problem solvers. They will discover how to use mathematics to describe and make sense of the world around them and appreciate the awe and wonder of natural patterns and connections. They will learn to use a range of software in an integrated way with other technology such as cameras and sound recording equipment. In the faculty we have a wide range of resources and facilities including five ICT suites, dedicated Mathematics rooms and a huge array of practical equipment and books. At Ks3 all students study Maths and ICT, at Ks4 all students continue to follow a variety of Maths courses and some choose to follow qualifications in ICT. They will have the opportunity to gain a whole host of qualifications including A Level and Vocational GCE, GCSE and OCR Nationals and Adult Numeracy Level One and Two.

Students will also have the opportunity to choose to study finance, learning how to manage money and the essential life skills of budgeting and financial planning. This study will also lead to GCSE equivalent qualifications, giving students the opportunity to gain up to seven GCSEs in MAIT Faculty. The staff team are experienced subject specialists, enthusiastic

to share their love of both ICT and Maths and ready to challenge all students to strive to achieve their absolute best.

We have invested in new text book resources including maths homework text books for all students, alongside many ICT based resources. Almost all of Y11 will be taking GCSE Maths in November and Y9, 10 and 11 students will be taking on-line Numeracy tests as soon as they feel confident, that they are ready to pass.

Students have already risen to the challenge of working at higher levels and we are impressed by their commitment to completing on-line homework and emailing their teachers both questions and completed work. Many have also chosen to stay on at the end of day to make use of the computers and benefit from the additional support available from their teachers'.

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Matheletics and ICT Voting Machines and look forward to holding "Millionaire" Competitions and to students entering on-line competitions with other schools both nationally and internationally.

Geri Rowe
Vice Principal



SESSION 3

The MAIT team are running after-school activities including a homework club which offers a range of activities to support students' learning and develop extension opportunities. The homework club supports all students to complete homework and provides access to ICT for any students who need it. This term we are also focusing on Y11 coursework by inviting particular students to stay for additional support to achieve their target grades.

In addition, we soon hope to put on some fun activities such as animation, web site design, multimedia, graphics and game design in ICT, problem solving, puzzles, mathletics and hard algebra for enthusiasts. Some staff will also be running clubs based on their own interests such as Chinese for Beginners and Knitting for Overseas Charities.





DESIGNATED SPECIAL PROVISION (DSP)

Designated Special provision (DSP) is where very special students are taught and supported by very special staff, but we like to spread ourselves around! Three of our classes are based within faculties and many of the students access mainstream lessons.

Our classes each have their own teachers who teach the majority of the curriculum but they also have subject specialists for some subjects, such as sport and science. The older students are able to experience college life one or two days a week which gives them a taste of life beyond school.

We are just beginning to get used to our new building and we are starting to develop ideas for the courtyard garden which is the heart of our faculty. We are hoping the Art Department will help us to create a 'touchy – feely' mural on the wall (although we haven't asked them yet!) and during the autumn and into spring next year we will be planning and planting. Eventually we will branch out to include an allotment garden just outside the courtyard.

Throughout the year the students and staff in the DSP will be holding charity events. Miss Clark's and Mrs Hanlon's classes are starting off our fundraising with two coffee mornings. The first is for Macmillan Cancer Support Fund and the second will be for Breast Cancer Care. These offer the perfect opportunity to visit the DSP, sample our fabulous cakes and raise money for two worthwhile causes. Please see the website or contact Reception for more details.

We believe that every child and young person matters within the Academy and we work hard to ensure that all students are encouraged and supported to achieve their full potential.

Carol Rubinstein



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

TERM 1

29th September	Start of year 13 consultation week
1st October	Year 12 and 13 Tutor evening (5-7pm)
1st –3rd October	Open Days
2nd October	Open Evening
7th- 10th October	Year 7 Residential to France
24th October	Reports posted home Term 1 ends

TERM 2

3rd November	Staff training day – students do not come into school
5th November	Brass Recital Team Concert for Year 7 students
3rd – 28th November	Examination period
10th – 14th November	Year 11 Consultation week
11th November	Enterprise Day
12th November	Year 11 parents' evening (5-7pm)
1st – 5th December	Year 12 consultation week
3rd December	Year 12 parents' evening (5-7pm)
	Corby sings Gospels!
16th December	Christmas Showcase
18th December	Reports posted home
19th December	Term 2 ends

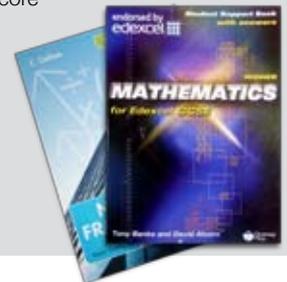


Uniform for students

Order forms available at reception and student reception. At present we can accept cash or cheque on collection of order. **Please contact Linda Stubbins at CBA**
e: Lstubbins@corbybusinessacademy.org

Mathematics Homework

All students in Y7-Y11 are given two Maths homework tasks each week. One is from the Homework Book that your child has brought home and the other will be "on-line" on www.mymaths.co.uk. Each child has his/her own login and once they have done the task they must "Checkout" so that his/her score is recorded and they can show you their score. The score sheet shows success with the activity going from red to yellow to green.



I am Paula Curtis

Attendance and Welfare Officer for the Business Academy. The attendance and behaviour of the children so far has been commendable. I have noticed how smart children are looking in the new uniform and well done for succeeding in the art of tying those ties!



My role at the Business Academy is -

- Check attendance;
- make first day response calls alongside PSO's ;
- visit families at home;
- discuss parental and family difficulties relating to attendance and general difficulties;
- work with families to engage with school and learning process;
- minimise the risk of exclusion;
- ensure parents are aware of the legalities during the exclusion period;
- make referrals to education welfare officer and work closely with community safety officers to reduce truancy.

A Reminder of the protocols of the Business Academy.

Attendance

- The children need to attend every day to succeed in learning.
- Absences will be noted and parents notified if their child has not attended.
- Parents are also responsible for informing the school (**01536 303120**) by 8.20am, if their child is going to be absent and a reason must be provided
- Absences will be recorded and if necessary any medical appointments need to be authorised by proof of letter or note from GP.

Behaviour

- Following children's demonstration of inappropriate behaviour, telephone calls will be made to families to discuss issues and visits can be arranged. This may lead to other agencies becoming involved with parental agreement.
- Should a child be kept in school after hours, parents will be informed and kept up to date. The late bus leaves the Business Academy at 5.30pm every evening
- Children using the late bus must ensure they have signed "the late bus registration" during breakfast or lunch times



Student Care and Guidance



Student Care and Guidance

At Corby Business Academy the expectations of both staff and students are high.

The positive start we have made in appearance, attendance and behaviour are a credit to the families of all our students.

The Student Care and Guidance team are there to help Students achieve the best they can to this end the Pastoral Support Officer, Mr Segalini Assistant principal and I welcome contact with parents / carers whenever you have a problem.

Steve Ellis

Vice principal Student Care and Guidance

Yr.7 – Great Beginnings

As I am writing this article I am looking out at a sea of calm and tranquillity. Yr. 7 is sitting their first tests at CBA. Yes I said calm and tests in the same sentence, uniform is perfect, they all have the correct equipment and the behaviour is exceptional. What a fantastic start to life at CBA. This morning has just clarified the last two weeks for me and what an outstanding start most students have had. There have been teething problems such as lost id. cards, bus pass routes needing to be changed, uniform that has been out grown over the summer but the students soon realised they only had to speak to their Tutors or myself or Mrs. Duggan (Vice Principal) in fact any adult in the building and someone would help them sort the issue out. I really enjoyed the Tutor evening and meeting lots of parents. I am also really impressed at the numbers of students who stay onto extra curricular activities or to do some homework, it's really pleasing to see. If the rest of the year is as good as the first couple of weeks then I can't wait, keep up the good work Yr. 7. Anyone with any queries please get in touch with me by phone or email.

Mrs. Lapsley Yr. 7 PSO



A huge well done to all the students!

Fantastic start! And don't the kids look smart. As Year 8 PSO I must say that I'm so proud of the whole year and of how quickly they have settled in.

Keep it up Year 8 and enjoy the rest of the year.

Mrs M Wright

Well we have all arrived at Corby Business Academy. It was great to see everyone again and just how you have all changed over the summer break. I must say that the school is fantastic and must offer some of the best facilities in the country both for learning and for sport.

I would encourage everyone to fully participate in school life to get the most out of your education and don't forget Badminton club is on a Monday after school in the sports hall. If you intend staying for this, and I hope you do, don't forget to reserve your place on the late bus.

Mr Wedgwood
Y9 PSO



Well, what can I say a fantastic start to our new Academy, all the year tens took their first day in their stride and made me very proud! I was out front awaiting them eagerly as they were the last year in on that first week, how stunning they all were, neat tidy and looking the business, you totally blew me away.

The first couple of weeks have gone really quick and your attitude and behaviour has been great, each and every one of you have overcome the changes and getting to grips with the time table and faculties, Breakfast, lunches and not forgetting three assemblies and two tutorials Well done year 10 a great start to a very busy year.

Caroline Border
PSO year 10

Well here we are, three weeks into the New Academy. It was good to see you all arrive looking so smart in your uniform. Equipped and ready to learn. What a good start Year 11 have had, to what for them is an important and busy year. They have settled into the new routine quickly, and are all working hard towards their future goals.

Any queries please feel to e-mail me.

Sandra White

Pastoral Support Officer Year 11



NEWS

Close Ties

Vocational courses, our students expand their horizons

Our KS4 students are now visiting our associate colleges to follow vocational courses, which will help them find suitable employment and carriers within our local area.

Stamford College is supporting students who wish to get careers in Animal care, hair, beauty and also construction.

The felids of catering, motor vehicle and engineering are well provided for by our students visiting weekly Tresham College.

Further courses will be available as we develop close ties with these colleges and the Corby construction academy.



Business Mentors

RS Components are continuing their collaboration with CBA. Some of the managers and team leaders have expressed an interest in becoming business mentors. They attended the initial training session at CBA on the afternoon of 22nd September. The RS team assembled in the small theatre and after light refreshments were welcomed to the Academy by Dr Campbell.



During the afternoon everyone discussed the skills that helped to make a good mentor, how to deal with different situations and the procedures and protocol to be followed. One of the advantages of using 'real' business people to be mentors is that they can actually put the students' learning into a real business context. There were many offers to contribute to the curriculum in addition to being involved in the business mentoring programme.

Some year 11 students have been approached to be part of this exciting new project and will be invited to join the mentors for a formal launch reception.

As Year 7 settle...

into their new home, parents and carers were invited in, to hear from Dr Campbell how well year 7 has settled into their new environment.

Year 7 tutors had the opportunity to discuss with parents organisational issues which are always so important when students make the transition from junior to secondary education.

With the French tip looming for Year 7, it was also an opportunity to review the last minute preparations for this exciting trip.

“MARK’S SPORTING AMBITION”

Mark Allen, Gladiator trainer and Olympic hopeful has taken part in his first major competition having only been competing in the hammer event for just over a year. Already he has smashed his personal best record and now has his sights set firmly on qualifying for the 2012 Olympics.

Mark, who works for Corby Business Academy in a sports development role, has had an action-packed year. He devised the training schedule for the Gladiators and contenders featured in the recent Sky series, training them and road-testing their punishing tasks.

He said: ‘We tested the Gladiators on their all-round fitness. We had 56 gladiators and contenders in all and I had to teach them about the new games. Once the studio was ready I tested every single game for health and safety reasons, so that was a bit tiring!.’ Now the seven-week stint of training and filming is finished Mark has time to devote to his hammer throwing, a strenuous and potentially dangerous sport. He had hoped to be throwing distances of 50 to 55 metres this year, but after being coached by John Anderson, the Gladiator referee, he has already recorded a personal best time of 59.5 metres.

Mark’s most recent throw was at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham where high performing athletes could gain a place in the Olympic qualifiers. He threw a distance of 56.33m on his first throw but unfortunately his next two were disallowed. He said: ‘Because of all my other commitments it was only my third competition of the season and it was a really important one. I could have done better but I know where I can improve. I’ve got a few more competitions lined up for this season and then I’ll look to go on next year and go on up the ranks.’ Olympic athletes traditionally make four turns before releasing the 14lb hammer. Mark is currently only making three, but by incorporating the fourth it will add impetus and force to his already powerful throws.

Mark, who eats six Weetabix for breakfast and trains regularly has already been a successful decathlete and even taught himself to pole-vault from scratch, studying other vaulters to perfect his own technique. He said: ‘I worked my way up and managed to get myself to the Under-15

national championships after watching what other kids were doing right and what they were doing wrong. I picked up a few tips here and there.’ At the peak of his pole-vaulting career he cleared 4m 40, the height of a double-decker but then tore a hamstring, which meant he retired from decathlon events and it was then that he took up hammer throwing.

He said: ‘Next season I’m looking to be throwing in the 60 metre range and being in the top four or five in Britain. The following season there’s the Commonwealth Games and obviously I have my eye on the Olympics in 2012. That’s a definite target which I’m aiming for.’



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“e-mail your thoughts”

This newsletter has been written to keep you all up to date with what’s happening here at CBA, inform you about future activities, as well as to celebrate in the achievements of students and staff.

We are currently holding elections within the academy to ensure all students have a voice; we will have both year forums and a main school senate.

Listening also to what parents, carers, students and our business community say is very important to how we shape our future and also in which way we communicate with you.

If you have ideas, comments or suggestions on how you could get involved with us, or what you would like to see in future editions of In Press, please get in touch.



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