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## STUDENTS MAKE IMPORTANT CHOICES

It has been a term of important decision making for many students as they have been making their choices about which subjects to study from September.

Year 9 has been choosing the Key Stage 4 courses they will study and Year 11 have been thinking about their options after completing their compulsory education.

Staff have been on hand to make sure the students have all the information they need and a new KS4 booklet was designed and sent out to Year 9 students and their parents.

PNS Vice Principal Sarah Ashby said: "Choosing the right courses at KS4 is an important time for our Year 9 students. Many parents and students came into CBA to talk with the teachers and tutors about the best options available, to help with this and the KS4 options book outlined both academic and vocational courses.

"From public services diploma, maths and statistics, fashion technology, to triple sciences, there was plenty of choice. All the Year 9 students have now made their choices and CBA staff are busy now planning for the forthcoming academic year."

Connexions Personal Advisors have interviewed all Year 11 students to make sure they know what is available to

them following their GCSE examinations this summer. Many have applied to continue their studies at the CBA Sixth Form from September.

Sixth Form Vice Principal, Avril Bartley-Smith said: "The Sixth Form at Corby Business Academy is going from strength to strength. A significant number of our Year 11 students and external applicants are being interviewed to discuss their future aspirations and their application to join the Sixth Form.

"It is important that students make the right choice at this point in their lives as they finish compulsory education. We will continue to support students to make the right choice for them as individuals. The application process has included discussions about their future pathways and the qualifications need to achieve their ambition.

From September there will be an increased number of courses on offer to Sixth Form students. This has been a result of sufficient student interest.

**"The Sixth Form at Corby Business Academy is going from strength to strength."**

Avril Bartley-Smith – Vice Principal – Sixth Form

## FROM THE EDITOR

Well, this is now the fourth edition of In Press and what another excellent school term.

From Red Nose Day activities involving the whole school, to a skiing trip to France, students have been having fun while still working hard.

As you can see from the front page story, it has been an important term for Year 9 and Year 11 students as they consider what options to choose as they move into a new year from September.

A term highlight has also been the Eisteddfod win of our concert band (page 6) and Year 10 student Jack Warrior has also been selected to train with a prestigious rugby school (page 16).

This term, Year 10 students have been out on work experience and the next edition will bring you news of their endeavours.

The next edition In Press will be written by students and we are looking for budding reporters (see page 15).

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



**Sarah Ashby**  
Vice Principal – PNS



Year 9 students Charlotte Bean and Robin Watt look through the options booklet



Avril Bartley-Smith interviewing Year 11 student, Junior Grant



# LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“CBA School Inspector sees great strides in establishing the right climate for learning”

Since the publication of the last issue of in Press, which included coverage of our official opening by the Prime Minister, we have had another very important visitor. This time it was Maggie Hollingsworth, our link inspector who is responsible for monitoring our progress and challenging us to raise standards. Maggie is a very experienced inspector and when she talks, we listen! I am delighted to pass on her thoughts about CBA and its excellent students with you.

**I really enjoyed my visit to CBA. It was clear that the Academy had made great strides forward in establishing the right climate for learning and that students and staff are working together to make sure everyone achieves their best. I was impressed by the members of the student senate who spoke so enthusiastically about their new school and the benefits it brings. One member summed it up by saying ‘Being inside the building is like living two different lives’.**

I agree.

On every page of this edition there is evidence of the ‘great strides’ we are all making as a school and on a personal basis. Whether it is the highly successful red nose day activities; the excellent ski trip to France, the fantastic victory (and our first trophy!) by the Concert Band at the Kettering Eisteddfod or the personal success of Jack Warrior with this rugby – all of this shows we are a community focussed on striving to improve.

As we now enter the ‘business end’ of the year, students in the sixth form and Year 11 are focussing on their examinations and those in Year 9 have chosen their options for September. I would like to thank all of those parents who have given their support so far this year. We need your help more than ever in the weeks to come as we try to turn those ‘great strides’ into leaps and bounds!

Happy Easter

*Andrew Campbell*



The Principal on Red Nose Day when he swapped roles and became a student.

## ACADEMY SENATE HAS A BUSY DIARY

It has been a busy term again for the Senate, with Red Nose Day preparations, recruitment training and a visit from the HMI Inspector to contend with.

An advisor from Connexions worked with the senate for a whole day to train them on its recruitment and selection programme.

The students went through all procedures involved with this, such as the laws surrounding selection for vacancies and also disciplinary procedures and by the end of the day had a sound grounding in their new roles.

The students will now go forward to a database so they can be called up for interview panels for institutions such as schools and public bodies.

Year 9 student Nicole Parsons said: “The recruitment training was a great experience, it was good to learn new skills and find out new things.

We learnt lots of skills about interviewing and recruiting, which included a lot of

communication skills and people’s rights.

We are now on a database so we can interview people for jobs and other recruitment activities.”

Their first job will be to interview for the vacancy we have in our Active department.

The important visit on March 23 was also on the schedule.

Sixth former Lisa Wallace said: “The Senate had a big involvement with the HMI visit. The Senate had to demonstrate how our new Academy had advanced within the past three months.

“Inspector Maggie Hollingsworth asked the Senate questions about what it had done for the Academy. She asked us questions about how we had got on the Senate? What we thought about the Academy? Whether the behaviour within the Academy has changed?

“This was so that she could get an overview of what the Senate does for the Academy, and

how the Senate is good for the Academy.”

The Senate also played a huge part in the successful Red Nose Day Activities. Read more and see our picture spread on Page 10.



An advisor from Connexions working with our Senate

**HMIe**

## Corby Business Academy Key Dates

### 2009 TERM 5

<b>Monday 20th April</b>	Start of Term 5 – For Staff and Students
<b>Wednesday 29th April</b>	New Intake Uniform Event
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	May Day Holiday
<b>Tuesday 5th May – Saturday 9th May</b>	Year 8/9 French Trip
<b>Wednesday 6th May</b>	New Intake Uniform Event
<b>Monday 11th May Onwards</b>	GCE and GCSE Examination Period
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	Term 5 Ends

## NEW UNIFORMS

Now we are coming into the summer, no doubt many parents are starting to think about purchasing new uniforms.

Included is an order form if you would like to purchase new uniform. Please hand completed forms to Linda Stubbins at the Finance Office.



## END OF TERM REPORTS

Term 4 reports were sent home with students on the last day of term.

As Year 10 were out on work experience their report has been included with this copy of In Press. (And what great reports we are getting back about them!)

In response to feedback from parents and our ongoing development of reporting, the layout of this report has changed slightly. It now has two sections. The left side gives information about the current term. The right side gives information about end of key stage targets and progress towards these. The progress statement should now be an accurate guide showing if a student is on track or not to meet their end of key stage target from Year 9 or Year 11.

The box at the bottom of the page has the Academy levels as a quick reference. On the back of the report is the full Academy levels grid. This shows which National curriculum levels students should be achieving in each year.

As the explanation sheet says, we welcome feedback and suggestions for how we can improve the layout of reports, so please get in touch using the sheet with the report.

Isabell Duell – Vice Principal AMID

# EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE

## GCSEs

DATE	SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT	START	FINISH	TIME ALLOWED
11/05/2009	1923/01	PORTUGUESE: LISTENING	13:00	13:45	45
12/05/2009	1921/01	DUTCH: LISTENING	09:00	09:45	45
12/05/2009	5561 01	REL/LIFE/CHRIST/OTHER/REL	13:00	15:00	120
13/05/2009	1241 01	RUSSIAN LISTENING & RESPONDING	09:00	09:50	50
13/05/2009	1241 03	RUSSIAN READING & RESPONDING	09:55	10:50	55
13/05/2009	3686/L	POLISH LISTENING TEST	09:00	09:50	50
13/05/2009	3686/R	POLISH READING TEST	09:55	11:10	75
13/05/2009	1919/03	MUSIC: LISTENING EXAMINATION	13:00	14:30	90
14/05/2009	1827 01	PHYSICAL EDUCATION WRITTEN	09:00	10:45	105
14/05/2009	A211/01	SCIENCE A: UNIT 1 (B1, C1, P1) FND	13:00	13:40	40
15/05/2009	3691/LF	SPANISH A LISTENING TEST TIER F	09:00	09:35	35
15/05/2009	3691/LH	SPANISH A LISTENING TEST TIER H	09:00	09:45	45
15/05/2009	01760004	HUMANITIES: USA 1945-1975	13:00	14:00	60
15/05/2009	1921/03	DUTCH: READING	13:00	14:00	60
15/05/2009	1667 01	CHINESE LISTENING & RESPONDING	13:00	13:50	50
15/05/2009	1667 03	CHINESE READING & RESPONDING	13:55	14:50	55
18/05/2009	F242/01	APP BUS: WRITTEN PAPER	09:00	10:30	90
18/05/2009	1380 1F	MATHS FOUNDATION (NON CALC)	13:00	14:30	90
18/05/2009	1380 3H	MATHS HIGHER (NON CALC)	13:00	14:45	105
19/05/2009	01530001	ENGLISH LITERA SPEC A THEORY FOUND	09:00	11:30	150
19/05/2009	01530003	ENGLISH LITERA SPEC A THEORY HIGHER	09:00	11:30	150
19/05/2009	3571/F/H	MEDIA STUDIES CONTROLLED TEST TIER F/H	13:00	16:00	180
20/05/2009	1048/01	CITIZENSHIP STUDIES: WRITTEN PAPER	09:00	10:30	90
20/05/2009	1667 04	CHINESE WRITING	09:00	10:15	75
20/05/2009	3691/RF	SPANISH A READING TEST TIER F	09:00	09:30	30
20/05/2009	3691/RH	SPANISH A READING TEST TIER H	09:00	09:50	50
20/05/2009	3691/WF	SPANISH A WRITING TEST TIER F	09:30	10:10	40
20/05/2009	3691/WH	SPANISH A WRITING TEST TIER H	09:50	10:50	60
21/05/2009	01410001	D&T:RESISTANT PAPER 1 FOUNDATION	09:00	09:30	30
21/05/2009	01410002	D&T:RESISTANT RES. MAT. TECH-FOUND	09:35	11:05	90
21/05/2009	01410003	D&T:RESISTANT PAPER 1 HIGHER	09:00	09:30	30
21/05/2009	01410004	D&T:RESISTANT RES. MAT. TECH-HIGH	09:35	11:05	90
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21/05/2009	1921/04	DUTCH: WRITING	13:00	14:15	75
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21/05/2009	1241 04	RUSSIAN WRITING	13:00	14:15	75
21/05/2009	3686/W	POLISH WRITING TEST	13:00	14:10	70
21/05/2009	1699 02	DRAMA PAPER 2 PERFORMANCE	12:00	15:00	180
22/05/2009	1923/04	PORTUGUESE: WRITING	13:00	14:15	75

## ORAL EXAMS

DATE	SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT	START	FINISH	TIME ALLOWED FOR EACH STUDENT
20/04/2009	3686/S	POLISH: SPEAKING TEST	09:00	15	15
21/04/2009	1241 02	RUSSIAN: SPEAKING TEST	15:30	15	15
23/04/2009	1923/02	PORTUGUESE: SPEAKING TEST	09:00	15	15
29/04/2009	1921/02	DUTCH: SPEAKING TEST	09:00	15	15
30/04/2009	3651/S	FRENCH A: SPEAKING TEST	09:00	15	15
01/05/2009	3691/S	SPANISH A: SPEAKING TEST	09:00	15	15

## GCEs

DATE	SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT	START	FINISH	TIME ALLOWED
19/05/2009	6PE0101	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	09:00	10:30	90
20/05/2009	LITB1	GCE ENGLISH LITERATURE B UNIT 1	09:00	11:00	120
20/05/2009	6683 01	STATISTICS S1	13:00	14:30	90
20/05/2009	6689 01	DECISION MATH-MATHEMATICS D1	14:45	16:15	90
22/05/2009	6677 01	MECHANICS M1	09:00	10:30	90

# BUSINESS LINKS & ENTERPRISE



The students who are taking part in the RS mentoring scheme.

## RS MENTORS

Since the start of September, a group of Year 11 business students have been taken under the wing by some of RS Components most experienced and valued employees.

After some initial meetings and a tour of RS, the students were given the fantastic opportunity to spend a day shadowing their mentors and gaining first hand experience of what it takes to succeed in business.

The students were all given mentors that had different roles within the business to enable them to gain a wide range of knowledge that they could bring back and share with each other. The mentors experience ranged from Customer Service Management through to Sales and Training, all areas in which the students have to study for their course.

Since the visits the students have also received regular guidance sessions from the mentors to help them gain more insight into the world of business, which in turn has helped them to give more depth to their coursework and hopefully a raise in grades!

Year 11 student Dan Buckland said: "My time with my mentor has been a real eye opener, I didn't realise how much hard work and hours went into training the staff at RS and that it was such an ongoing process. I have been able to use this information in my coursework and picked up lots of ideas on how I could improve it."

**Nicky Harrison** – Mentor Co-ordinator

## STUDENTS BATTLE TO SAVE THE HUMAN RACE

Investigating whether Planet X could sustain the human race if earth was destroyed was the mission taken on by students.

Year 9 students took on the serious task as part of an enterprise day aimed at honing their group work skills.

As part of the event, pupils took on the role of top national scientists and had to discover whether a newly discovered planet was habitable. But time was of the essence as a meteor was on a collision course with earth and about to put an end to the human race.

During the day, which was led by educational enterprise specialists Speakeasy 4 schools, the students had to design logos and use scientific data to work out whether Planet X would be able to sustain human life.

At the end of the day each team also made a presentation to other groups in which they

recorded a live TV interview to tell the nation about the breaking news.

Year 9 student Sandro Moreira said: "I really enjoyed the enterprise day! We investigated a recently discovered planet and found out about its animal life and terrain. I liked working as part of team and having to present our findings to the rest of the year group. I think the day helped my understanding of planets in a fun way and helped me to come up with my own solutions to problems".

Director of Science Elaine Ponton said: "Everyone was engaged and enthusiastic about the tasks. I was extremely impressed by all the presentations and each student deserves praise for their group work."

**Speakeasy 4 schools**

## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Max Champion at work in the AMID Department.



The Year 10 students have spent two weeks this term experiencing the world of work thanks to the support of local businesses.

Work experience is an important part of the curriculum and helps students develop their entrepreneurial and communication skills.

Some of the students elected to work within CBA as they saw it as an opportunity to work within the faculties. They shadowed staff members and found out what it was like working with students from the other side.

Dajana Vucenovic spent her time working with Sarah Ward, helping put together this edition of In Press and also contributing to the new website.

You will be hearing more from Dajana as she will be a guest editing the next edition of In Press, which will be put together by students.

**Avril Bartley-Smith** – Vice Principal Sixth Form

Deanna putting in the finishing touches to her interview with AMID teacher Cath Davis.



Natasha Hally, Clerk Usher, Kieran Grant and Matthew McAlinden take part in the enterprise day

# ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

## CONCERT BAND WINS A TOP AWARD

Corby Business Academy's concert band has won a prestigious award at the Kettering and district Eisteddfod.

The Academy's fledgling band proved it was right on song by walking away with the acclaimed GUS cup at the centenary event on Thursday, March 12.

The concert band, which was only formed in September and is made up of many first time musicians, beat off three other school bands to claim the first prize, including reigning champions Southfield School for Girls, who had won the cup for the previous three years.

Its performance of The Regal March and Pirates of the Caribbean was highly praised by the adjudicators who applauded the band's "wonderful and exciting sound".

And to top off a great day the Academy's brass ensemble was also placed second in its category.

Music leader Clive Wears said: "We did not expect to win, being that this was our first appearance at the Eisteddfod, so it was just fantastic.

"The band put on a great performance and the members should be really proud of what they

have achieved.

"Many members of the audience commented on the quality of the performance as well as how smart our students looked. A well deserved victory."

Year 8 students Ellie Moore and Mirella Piatkowska are members of the 40 piece band.

Mirella, who has only been playing the clarinet since September, said: "It was just great when it was announced that we had won as the other bands were of a great standard."

And Ellie said: "it was our best performance and we are looking forward to defending the title next year."

Parent Bryce Bainbridge, whose daughter Georgina is a concert band member, said: "From a parents view it is good to see the CBA taking on more established schools in the area and winning. Well done to the band and long may its success continue."

Another date for the diary is the end of year concert, Music for a Summer's

Evening, which will be staged in the Academy Theatre on June 24th at 19:30.

All of the school's musical groups, such as the Concert Band, the CBA choir and the rock band will be performing.



Band member Kate Warrior receives the cup from the Principal



## YEAR 8 ART & LITERACY COURSE

As part of their Art and Literacy unit, Year 8 students have been looking at art as illustration. They were each given a portrait painting and asked to imagine that they were the person in the painting. Who are they? What is their name? How old are they? What do they do? Are they dressed for a party? Why has an artist painted their portrait? The students then wrote about their person. Many of them wrote a day in the diary of their character.

The students did really well with this activity which included making a copy of the portrait painting. The portrait characters certainly have quite eventful lives! I was really impressed with the thought and detail which went into the written responses and Claudia Luz wrote a whole story – including two chapters!

Elizabeth Hopkins – AMID teacher

## A HANDY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT

Exciting things happened in term 4 in the design department as some DT staff and technicians completed training using the rapid prototype.

This will be used to make proto type products for GCSE coursework.



## KEY STAGE 3 DESIGN WORK

Students have been very busy this term in all aspects of design.

Some have been making fleece hats while others have been making boxes.

The production has involved a mixture of traditional design skills as well as new modern technology to produce high quality products.



# PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

## LOOKING FOR BUDDING GARDENERS

The first sod has been dug to mark the start of the CBA garden and now green fingered staff, students and parents are needed to help bring the project to life.

When completed, the garden – which is behind the PNS faculty – will include a central pond, an orchard, a rockery, a vegetable plot and a flower garden.

The garden committee is looking for eager volunteers to get involved so whether a novice or an experienced gardener your help is required.

The first Saturday of work took place on April 4 and a team of helpers dug the foundations for the organic section of the garden as well as planted seeds.

Senior Science Technician Leen van den Berg, who is a member of the committee along with Elaine Ponton, Kirsty Farrar and Neil Price, said: "We want as many students as possible to get involved with the garden as it will be something that grows with the Academy."

Those students who take up a trowel and spade will learn how to grow fruit and vegetables and will be involved in the selection of plants and flowers.

To find out more about the project or put your name down to be a volunteer, visit Leen in his prep room in PNS.



## DOG PSYCHOLOGY CENTRE OF CORBY

As part of the Additional Science course, Year 11 have been learning about animal behaviour and how they learn. With this in mind, Mrs Ponton decided to bring in her Staffordshire Bull Terrier puppy, Dex, for the students to study and train.

The students learned how dogs greet people and other animals and how to behave around an unfamiliar dog. They also had the opportunity to train him to do a couple of tricks.

Apprentice Dog Whisperers Malaina Nichol and Jordan Gray volunteered to train him.

They gave him the commands and each time he responded correctly they rewarded him with his favourite biscuit. After several repetitions he could do both commands for anyone without needing a food reward.

Dominic Owens and Alistair Johnston said: "We enjoyed it more because we worked with Dex in person. It made the ideas easier to understand when we could see them working right in front of us."



## DANCE PERFORMANCE AT THE MASQUE

On Saturday 21st March eight members of Year 11 dance club went over to the Masque theatre at Latimer Performing Arts school to perform in Sahara An Evening of Dance.

The show had been organised by CBA staff member Elizabeth Hopkins.

The students performed two dances a Ballet Jazz piece called Canned Heat and a contemporary piece called No Air. The performance they gave was outstanding and many members of the audience were speaking to the club after the show to say how much they enjoyed watching them perform.

They gave it their all and really worked hard. They represented the school splendidly.

**Francia Dickinson** – Dance teacher



Science lesson on Red Nose Day

## BOILED CABBAGE AIDS SCIENCE!

Year 7 students learned all about alkalis and acids with the help of some boiled cabbage!

The students in Jeanette Power's class were amazed as they discovered you could find out whether a substance was alkali or acid based with the aid of the winter vegetable.

The cabbage was placed in a glass container and water was added and then both were heated over a Bunsen burner.

The heating process turned the cabbage liquid into a PH indicator so that when acidic liquids such as lemon and vinegar were added the water turned pink and it went a shade of turquoise when an alkali was dropped in.

## ACTIVE KIT

A reminder to all students who are doing active lessons, (including body and mind sessions) that full active kit is needed.

Students who for medical reasons are unable to participate in active lessons should have a medical note which needs to be given to their active teacher.

**Amy Harris** – Active Director

# MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)

## MATHLETICS PROVING A SUCCESS

A new craze has hit the MAIT department, as a learning resource has gone down a storm with students from all years.

The Mathletics programme was introduced to students this term and already it is proving to be a firm favourite – with students even using time outside of lessons to brush up on their maths!

The internet based programme allows the students to test themselves or they can log in and take on students from around the world.

Year 8 student Adam Wilson said: “Maths is sometimes boring but we have found a way to make it so much more fun.

“You can play against any one in the world and if you’re lucky you might play against someone you know.

“As well as playing maths you have your own character, which when you win the match you get ten credits. The credits go towards your character’s cloths and new body futures.”

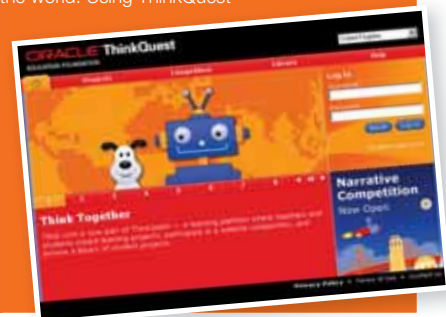


## THINKQUEST

In ICT we are in the process of enrolling our students onto ThinkQuest which is an online environment where teachers and students create projects, take part in website competitions, and can browse a library of student projects. They will also be able to collaborate with other students from around the world. Using ThinkQuest

students will develop skills such as critical thinking, teamwork, communications, creativity, technology, independent learning.

For more information visit <http://www.thinkquest.org/en/>



# BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)



## BIKING AROUND RUTLAND WATER

BTEC Public Services students from Year 11, along with a representative of the Year 12 group, spent a day biking the 25 miles around Rutland water. This was an essential team building activity which forms part of the course portfolio.

The weather was murky and windy but this did not put folk off as we all battled with the wind to get round with no problems.

The team did well, fitter members helping the less fit along so that everyone made it. The hire bikes were quality kit with the group in total riding bikes that added up to over £12,000 in value. We don't use rubbish on this course!

Team building forms an essential part of this course and all the students learn to be team players and leaders. Well done to them all.

**Tony Segalini** – BTEC Public Services tutor

## ARCHIVING THE PAST

Some Year 8 students spent a Wednesday morning working with a local archivist from Northampton Record Office.

Students worked at studying photographs showing the growth of Corby since 1930. They then worked in groups putting the photographs into a timeline to show Corby's past. Students also spoke about what improvements they would like to see in the future.

**Ian Nicol** – BHE teacher



## STUDENTS GO BANANAS

Students took part in the world's biggest banana eating contest as part of Fairtrade fortnight.

The CBA restaurant entered into the spirit of things by selling bananas on Friday, March 6 and all bananas sold were entered into the nationwide tally which saw more than 400,000 devoured.

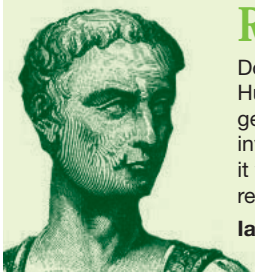
The banana eating was undertaken as part of a Year 8 study project in which the students have been learning about Fairtrade.

The key aim of the banana eating was to support small farmers and workers in developing countries who rely on the Fairtrade price to earn a sustainable living and improve their communities.

The Academy was presented with a certificate for their eating efforts.

If you want to learn more about Fairtrade log onto [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

**Alex Allan** – BHE teacher



## ROMAN INVASION OF CBA

Don't worry, Britain hasn't been invaded! As part of their Humanities course Year 7 students spent a Tuesday morning getting a first hand close up of life in the Roman army. This involved some students dressing up to get the feel of what it was like to be a Legionnaire – so far we had had no new recruits!!

**Ian Nicol** – BHE teacher





# COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

## EXCELLING AT LANGUAGES

Two students excelling in languages will be sitting GCSE's shortly. Andrew Turney, who joined Year 8 recently, is working very hard at preparing himself for his GCSE's exam. Andrew is in a handful of students in England who will be doing the GCSE, so this is a great achievement.

The student attended a British school in Holland, in Voorschoten and this is where he learnt his Dutch. Leendert van den Berg, our senior science technician, has also been helping Andrew practise his vocabulary.

Year 11 student Daniel Buckland will be our first student to take a GCSE in Spanish. Daniel has lived in Xixona, Spain for one and a half years where he picked up the language.

Daniel has been working with Miss Bcret to gain much needed oral practice before the exams.

Buena suerte Daniel! (Or in other words, good luck Daniel!)



Andrew Turney revising for his exam.



## JOYEUSES PÂQUES

Joyeuses Pâques! (Happy Easter)

Year 7's continue to correspond with their French pen pals. We have sent them Easter cards and letters describing CBA in French!

Many students enjoy emailing their pen pals as well as using MSN and facebook as the way to chat to their friends across the channel.

Le département de français vous souhaite de très Joyeuses Pâques, plein de chocolats apportés par les cloches de pâques.

**Madame Bennett et Madame Bcret**



## CULTURE PROJECT

Year 9's have started a new project where they will plan, prepare and produce a presentation on a French speaking country of their choice. Students are working in small groups and must produce a PowerPoint and a research booklet as well as a poster encouraging people to visit their country.

The best presentations will win cinema tickets to see a film of their choice.

Happy research!

**Hayley Bennett** – Director of MFL



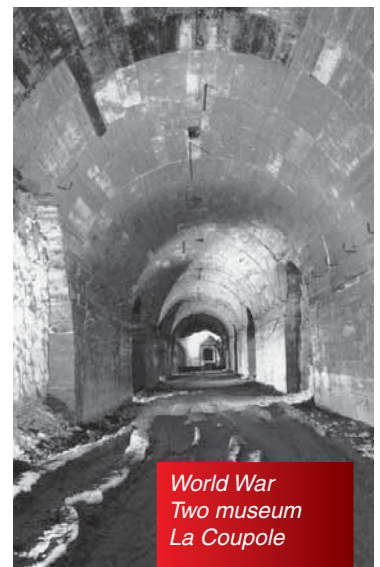
## THE YEAR 8 AND 9 JOINT FRENCH TRIP

The Year 8 and 9 joint French trip to Le Touquet will be happening from Monday, May 4 to Friday, May 8.

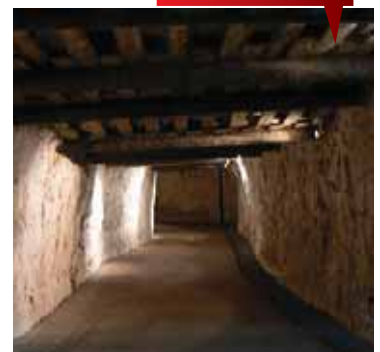
Forty students will be accompanying Miss Bennett on the trip with places on the itinerary including: the large water park Aqualud; World War Two museum La Coupole – where students will visit a colossal underground bunker conceived by the Nazis; and the underground Naours Caves.

There will also be a boat trip on the Clair Marais marshes near ST. Omer.

There will be a pre-departure meeting on Wednesday, April 22nd at 6pm for all final details and so all students going on the trip should make sure they attend.



World War Two museum La Coupole



# COMIC RELIEF



## THE ACADEMY GOES RED NOSE CRAZY

Comic relief craziness took over the Academy as part of Red Nose Day and staff and students gave generously to raise almost £1,200.

It was an unusual day at the Academy as the Principal became a student, while the Head Boy and Girl took over the running of the school and students left their uniforms at home and instead donned casual clothes and red noses.

Throughout the day a series of fundraising activities made sure the cash tally continued to roll up.

Students paid a fee to swap their uniform for normal clothes; there was a spot the celebrity competition; Parents in Partnership also set up stall in the restaurant, selling batches of cakes made by themselves and the canteen and the DSP faculty, inspired by the Comic Relief Lets Dance show held a dance-athon during the afternoon.

And the staff got into the charitable spirit by ditching their usual smart attire for fancy dress.

Virgin cabin crew staff, hippies, scruffy students and even an inflatable chicken were seen wandering throughout the school and teaching lessons!

The PNS faculty also staged a flower power inspired love-in, complete with guitar playing from Stephen Chandler and vocals by staff.

Taking time out from a busy day of lessons Dr Campbell, who was dressed in tie and blazer, said: "I have really enjoyed my day as all the other students were very good to me and I think the Academy is a great place to learn.

"It has been a real education being a student."

And Head Girl Jacqueline Tsiga and Head Boy Jordon Joseph were exhausted at the end of the day after completing Dr Andrew's normal busy schedule of meetings.

By the end of the Academy day the cash total raised was £1192.29.



## THE HEAD GIRL'S EXPERIENCE

The Red Nose Day activities began for us by pitching the idea to Dr Campbell and trying to convince him to spend a day in our shoes.

Luckily he agreed to swap responsibilities for Red Nose day and I have to say I was really excited.

On the 13th, when Jordon and I arrived at the Academy we walked to Dr Campbell's office to administer our day as the heads of the school. To our surprise Dr Campbell was dressed in full school uniform and he looked really smart. We had a talk and then swapped timetables.

And that's when the hard work began. During the day we covered breakfast duty, did tours of the school and had meetings while Dr Campbell had lessons with the other students.

A highlight of the day was choosing the winners from the teacher fancy dress contest.

After much deliberation Jordon and I decided that Stephen Chandler was the most outstanding male, Sophie Beckett was the most outstanding female and the BHE cabin crew had won the best group effort. The winners were given some cakes that had been sponsored by the Parents in Partnership.

At the end of the day we had a brief meeting with Dr Campbell and he told us that it was a really good experience. We enjoyed spending the day in the shoes of the Principal too and I have to say that his life in the school is very busy and we have a lot of respect for what he does at the Academy.

Jacqueline Tsiga – Head Girl



# YEAR 11 SKI TRIP



## STUDENTS SWAP THE CLASSROOM FOR THE SLOPES

The Academy's first ski trip saw students journey to France for a week of Alpine action. Alpe D'Huez was the destination for CBA's virgin ski voyage as a group of students were accompanied by teachers Neil Addy and Dan Arnold on the seven day trip which took place during the February half term break.

Ski novices and accomplished skiers made up the CBA contingent but by the end of the week all students proved to be accomplished in the sport.



**"The highlight for me was seeing everyone join together on the last day and ski down one of the slopes.**

**"Some students went from being pulled on their skis on a rope at the start of the week to skiing unaided by the end of the trip."**

Mr Addy – Trip organiser

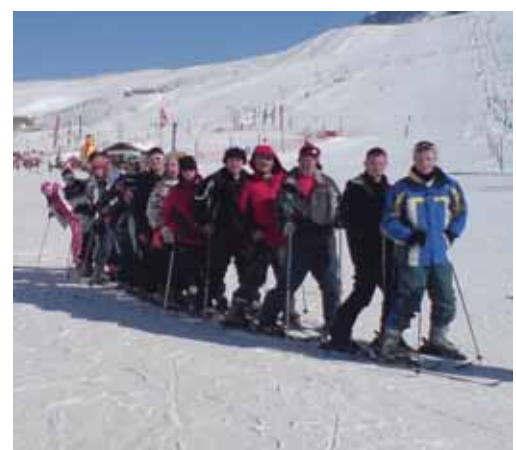
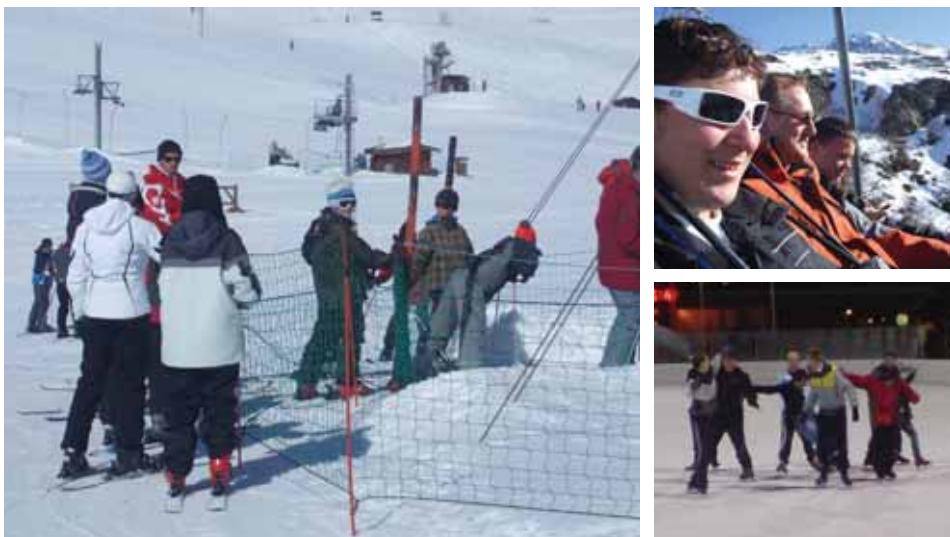


The trip involved four hours of skiing lessons each day and an après ski programme of activities which included an outdoor swim in minus temperatures!

Year 11 student Amy Fox was one of the 15 students who hit the slopes.

She said: "I really enjoyed the trip, the resort was busy and there was a lot for us to do. The hotel was nice and the slopes were close. I have been before and enjoyed this trip even more than the last."

It is hoped a ski trip will be a CBA annual event so look out for more details to be posted on the website this year.



# SIXTH FORM

## BUSINESS LIVE! – SIXTH FORM HIT PARIS

A number of Sixth Form students had the opportunity to attend a four day Business Live conference in Paris. Some of you may be thinking 'BORING' but wait for it! It was at Disneyland Paris. We left in the evening to travel overnight to Paris using the Eurotunnel. Despite feeling tired our first day in Paris, was spent in one of the Disney parks called Disneyland Paris. The scale and size of everything was a surprise to us all. We soon learnt the fast track system and could pre-book a ride and come back instead of queuing.

The fast pace continued and we then went to our accommodation, which was at the Disney Davy Crockett Ranch. It did not take us long to settle in before we were off again to attend the Buffalo Bill show. We enjoyed a fantastic meal eating out of tin plates whilst watching the show.

The second day was conference day, held at the IMAX theatre. We were able to listen to the guest speakers who inspired us to think outside the box.

One speaker was Irfan Badakshi, who, at the age of 25, founded the Bean2Bed company which has already been the subject of a channel 4 documentary. He talked about his business planning and strategy.

Emma Harris who is the Eurostar marketing manager talked about how she has brought a commercial approach to Eurostar. Her case study was about how she ensured all Eurostar employees were fully informed and motivated about the move to St Pancras. Richard Donkin spoke about People in Organisations and Stephen Cole a well known journalist was the Chairman.

The return journey was very quiet as most of slept until we reached Calais where we visited a shopping mall and could experience French cuisine and buy some presents. The whole experience was great fun.

**Jordon Joseph** – Head Boy



## Aimhigher UNIVERSITY VISIT FOR SIXTH FORM

On Thursday, April 2nd the Sixth Form visited University Northampton as part of the Aimhigher programme.

The opportunity to meet representatives from most of the universities in the country all under one roof is something which only happens once a year, so this was a great opportunity.

The students were prepared for their visit by meeting with Julie Wheeler, the Aimhigher coordinator for Corby and Kettering.

She outlined the process of making a decision

about Higher Education and the support which will be available in terms five and six to all our students and parents.

Some students in Years 9 to 11 have also been meeting with Julie to look at opportunities available.

The University summer schools applications is now available and students are encouraged to apply for a place as soon as possible.

Julie Wheeler can be contacted on 07793 528489 if parents have any questions about the programme.

**Avril Bartley-Smith** – Vice Principal – Sixth Form



## SOLWAY PROJECT PROGRESSING WELL

As part of the ongoing enterprise project sixth formers are involved in with Solway Foods this term, the CBA human resources project team visited the food company.

We met our mentor, Laura, who briefed us about what happens in the company and how it works in the different food departments. We then said how far we had developed the project brief.

During the visit we were taken on a tour of the business.

Sixth former Derick Dick said: "It was quite exciting visiting Solway and I learned about how the different departments worked."

Michael Brodie said: "The trip to Solway was educational and we learned a lot about how they package their products and how fast they have to move to keep up with the machines".

Watch this space to see the final product – you may end up buying it from the Supermarkets!



# LIBRARY



## AMY'S LIBRARY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The Academy's award winning librarian has been selected to represent the county and sit on a prestigious committee.

Amy McKay has been selected to represent Northamptonshire on the East Midlands Youth Libraries Group committee, which is a division of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals for librarians working with children and young adults in both public and school libraries.

Tasks will involve attending meetings throughout the region, deciding on and organising regular training sessions and helping to select the East Midlands nominations for the annual prestigious Carnegie awards.

Amy said: "I'm honoured and very pleased to have been selected and look forward to working with colleagues around the region to encourage the love of reading (and therefore improve the life chances) of young people."



## WHY I LOVE LEMONY SNICKET

I started reading Lemony Snicket when I was in Year 7 and after the first one I was hooked.

There are 13 books in the series and each one tells a different tale about the Baudelaire children. Count Olaf is the evil uncle that the children find themselves living with after their parents perish in a fire.

The Count is trying to get his hands on the children's inheritance and will stop at nothing to succeed.

The children find themselves in impossible situations and have to outwit the evil Olaf. I recommend these books to people who like sad but funny stories.

We have the complete series in the Academy library, so get reading; you might even finish them all before me. But then I am on my second time around.

**Adam Wilson** – Year 8 student

## SO WHAT COLOUR SHORTS DOES MICKEY MOUSE WEAR?

Miss Bonner's Year 7 English class took part in a general knowledge quiz in the library. There were 15 very difficult questions and the winners, by far, were Jack Doherty and Thomas Hawkes.

The clever duo were rewarded for their achievement with a red nose each in preparation for Comic Relief Day. So what colour are Mickey's shorts? Yes, they are RED of course.

**Bernie Smith** – Assistant Librarian



## HOW MANY SIXTH FORMERS DOES IT TAKE TO RUN A LIBRARY?

Our poor Librarian Amy McKay went on a day trip to France, where unfortunately, she did trip, resulting in a broken toe and injured ankle. We hope you recover soon Amy.

However it is not all bad news because in Amy's absence the sixth formers have stepped in to help me for which I am very grateful. They have proved their worth in more ways

than one by issuing books and laptops and displaying their excellent customer service skills.

As you can see from the picture there was no shortage of helpers behind the desk. I would like to say a big thank you to all the students who have helped me in Amy's absence, you can rest assured the library is in good hands.

**Bernie Smith**

## BUY NONE GET TWO FREE

In these difficult times we are all rather depressingly aware of the effects of the credit crunch and the need to be frugal, but have you ever considered how CBA Library can help save you money? Do you ever find items, such as magazines or the latest must-have Darren Shan book, 'mysteriously' appear in your trolley whilst wandering around Asda? If this happens just once a week, in a month it will cost you approximately £10.80 (based on the average teen magazine costing £2.50, many are much more) £130 in a year!

A fantastic array of popular fiction titles are available to borrow from the Library and we are proud to take over 40 magazines every month. Students may borrow two books at a time and are welcome to read the magazines within the Library before and after school. So before you reach for your purse next time, why not suggest a visit to the Library?

**Amy McKay** – Librarian



# SPECIAL PROJECTS



## MAGISTRATES COURT COMPETITION

On the 7th March Year 9 students took part in the Magistrates Court Competition at Peterborough Courts. Students had to prepare for their different roles such as Magistrates, Prosecution and Defence lawyers, Legal advisor, courtroom artist, witnesses, and journalists. Students have been preparing since January with the help of myself, Miss Friel and Miss Harrison and on the day they were fantastic and excelled in very formal surroundings.

Morium Atker, who was one of the court reporters involved with the trial, has worked with Sarah Ward to make sure her report is in good shape for a national competition. Good luck Morium!

And the court antics do not stop yet as at the end of June the Year 9 students who competed in the Peterborough competition will be competing against each other. Students have been issued with a new case and will be judged by Gareth Jacques a barrister who works for Regency Chambers in Peterborough, and helped us previously with the Sixth Form for Mock Trial Competition. I am looking forward to seeing how they progress after the competition.

**Kirsty Farrar** – Citizenship co-ordinator

## CITIZENSHIP AFTERNOON YEAR 7

BHE and MFL and the library collaborated on the Year 7 citizenship afternoon which was to promote different cultures within our school. In our community we have over 30 nationalities and students learned about currency, anthems, costume, flags, fascinating facts, speaking in different languages, famous people and food tasting!! The afternoon was a huge success apart from Miss Bennett falling over and, Lee Connachon beating me with his rap!! (It was a fix!) All students received a certificate and hopefully a better understanding of different nationalities.

**Kirsty Farrar**



## FAIRTRADE

Miss Clark's class have been learning about Fairtrade this term. Fairtrade Fortnight was 23rd February – 8th March 2009 and the students visited the local Co-op Supermarket to look at the different products available with the eye-catching blue, green, white and black Fairtrade mark and participated in a food tasting session held to promote Fairtrade.

Over 370, 000 people, including us, went bananas by taking part in 'Go Bananas for Fairtrade' on the 6th March 2009.



## BE THE BEST – RESIDENTIAL

Congratulations to Ksenija Nazarova, Jonathon Smith and Jack Warrior for being such fantastic ambassadors for Corby Business Academy. The 31st March brought them a massive challenge and their first experience of proper student life. All three students packed themselves up and were whisked away to Northampton so that they could experience proper University life for the very first time; staying in Halls of Residence, attending lectures and seminars and eating food from the refectory. All students ended their week with their own mini Graduation Ceremony (caps and gowns included) to celebrate their achievement. While all admitted that it was a daunting experience, they have all come back excited, inspired and more prepared for the demands that University Life and Higher Education will have on them.

**Claire Howsam** – Gifted & Talented co-ordinator



# SPECIAL PROJECTS

## THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

A MAMMOTH charity day is on the cards next term as a team of teachers will be tackling the three peaks challenge and another all female squad will be pulling on their running shoes to take part in the for Race for Life.

Ben Nevis, Snowdon and Scafell Pike are in the sights of the PNS and BHE staff who will be walking the three peaks in just 24 hours.

Staff members Tony Segalini, Dan Arnold, Phil Woolley, Amy Harris, Nicola Harrison, John Atkinson and resident PCSO Alex Franklin will be undertaking the enormous feat on Friday, May 17.

They will be leaving the school at midday and the climbing will begin at 6am on Saturday finishing at around 6am the following day.

Scottish mountain Ben Nevis will be the first mountain to climb and when that is conquered it is on to Scafell Pike in the Lake District.

After that peak has been reached the team will then drive down to Wales for the last peak at Snowdon.

The 24 hours includes driving time with Peter May and Nicola Harrison transporting the climbers between peaks.

Organiser Tony Segalini said: "We are hoping it will be dry and reasonably warm as this will be quite a challenge. But we have plenty of time for training and a few of the team will be tackling Snowdon in the lead up to the climb so that they have at least one peak under their belt."

"We hope to make this an annual event and perhaps involve the students next year."

The climb has been sponsored by Impress Print in Corby as well as Close Action in Corby. Any proceeds raised will go to Children in Need.

The climb should finish on Sunday and while the walkers are tending to their blisters the Race for

Life team will be lining up on the starting grid in Stamford for their 5k run.

Staff members Donna Varley, Isabel Duell, Donna Lapsley, Julie Forsyth, Tracy Filer, Kristin Kobosky, Kim Kennemer, Karen Byrne, Sally Knibbs, Juanita Robertson, Nikki Clark, Claire Howsam, Nicola Hall Rushton, Jacqui Brown, Mandy Wright, Alice Beckwith and Lorraine Smith will undertake the challenge.

The funds raised for the Race for Life go to Cancer Research.



## CITIZENSHIP DAY YEAR 10

All of Year 10 participated in the Rights and Responsibilities workshops throughout the day. Students were encouraged to participate in a range of activities throughout the day to raise their awareness of politics and how they can have a voice within society. The day was a huge success and students will hopefully be encouraged to participate in activities outside of school, such as the Local Area Board.

Kirsty Farrar

## REPORTERS NEEDED FOR NEXT EDITION OF IN PRESS

We are looking for five budding reporters who would like to help write and publish Corby Business Academy's next edition of In Press. Ideally we would like to have one reporter within each year group who will report on their Faculties Subjects and Extra-Curricular Activities. If you would like to be considered to be a 'Junior Journalist', then please contact Miss Howsam for further information.

## COMMONWEALTH CELEBRATION

On Monday 9th March Mrs Farrar, Catherine Grant and myself travelled down to the Commonwealth centre in Wollaston to celebrate the 60th year of Commonwealth. When we arrived we watched presentations by fellow schools from Northamptonshire which were based on different aspects from Commonwealth. We participated with a piece of drama about the racial debate concerning the Commonwealth being started on the bases of slavery and racism.

We have learnt about different countries and facts to do with the Commonwealth and we have seen schools with successful links with schools in Commonwealth countries. As a result of this we are now looking as a project for the next academic year in BHE to create a link with a school in another country.

This will allow us to understand other cultures and fundraise to help support that school and its students and staff.

Charlotte Bean –  
Year 9 student



## RADIOWAVES – FOR ALL THOSE BUDDING REPORTERS OUT THERE!

Congratulations to Julia Komor, Alex Campbell and Andile Chiwuta for joining in with the training for our new website. On Friday 3rd April, we were joined by 'Radiowaves' who came in to train us to use our new blogging and podcasting software and equipment. This fantastic opportunity will provide all students the chance to showcase their work with staff and students through a secure 'blogging' site and their own, individual, web page. 'Radiowaves' is designed to be simple, flexible and fun. Students can: Listen and watch thousands of stories made by children from around the world; Publish audio, video and blogs; Connect with others within a safe community of learners.

## DSP RED NOSE

DSP students went all out on Red Nose day to raise some cash.

Cakes were baked and a dance-a-thon also brought in the pounds.

A great day was had by all students and staff.



# OUR CBA COMMUNITY



## AN AMID TEACHER'S BEST FRIEND

Four legged friends who call 999 and cheetah rearing dogs are all part of the interesting dog breeding world inhabited by AMID teacher Cath Davis.

The teacher who has previously judged at the world famous Crufts, has a whole list of achievements. From being able to judge dogs at the highest level, to breeding Rhodesian Ridgebacks to top class standards. Mrs Davis has done it all.

Also, her hobby, allows her to travel the world, and therefore, meet new and interesting people who also have the same interest – the Rhodesian Ridgeback.

Mrs Davis said: "It's nice to have a hobby, that can relax you.

"I became involved with dogs at a young age – at 12 I started showing dogs and as I got older the interest just developed.

"I now breed Rhodesian Ridgebacks and these are my favourite dogs because they are intelligent hounds with spirits."

Life is never dull when breeding dogs. On one occasion one of Miss Davis beloved Basset Hounds (she has also bred this breed) called 999 while playing with the phone!

And another dog bred by Mrs Davis became

famous after helping look after an abandoned Cheetah cub at Colchester zoo.

However, her most famous dog, so far, is a dog called Boris. The champion has won two challenge certificates, and at Crufts it has won titles such as Best Puppy in Breed and Best Veteran. Also the dog has its very own canine family, who have all been involved with different shows and have done very well.

So there you go, a very interesting teacher who has a fun hobby!

Interview by **Dajana Vucenovic** – Year 10 Student

## STUDENT CONVERTS TALENT INTO PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL OF RUGBY SELECTION

A promising rugby player has taken his first steps towards his dream of a professional rugby career.

Year 10 student Jack Warrior has been selected to join the East Midlands School of Rugby after being scouted while taking part in match held before a Northampton Saints game.

The 6ft 3in 15-year-old will be joining the team for the first training session at Franklin's Gardens at the end of April and if he does well he could be selected for the prestigious Northampton Saints Academy.

The student said: "I can't really believe it has happened, but I train hard and put my all into the game as it's my passion.

"My dream is to go on and play professionally and it would be great to play for Northampton Saints."

The student, plays in the second row for the Stewarts and Lloyds Rugby Football Club under 15 team.

He has been involved in the game since he was ten and is spurred on and supported by his dad Graham, who is coach at the Corby club.

Mr Warrior said: "This is the first step towards a professional rugby career for Jack and it is a great achievement."

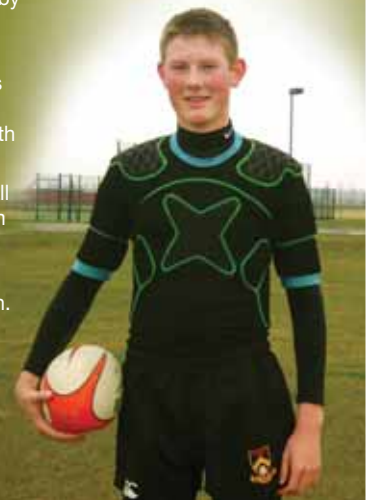
Northampton Saints' Academy has long been considered the blue-print for club academies and has consistently produced players

capable of playing professional rugby on a full-time basis.

If Jack does make it into the Saints Academy he will be joining the likes of World Cup winning duo Steve Thompson and Ben Cohen who both trained through the Saint's system.

Stewarts and Lloyds Rugby Football Club is looking for new players from age six and upwards.

Anyone interested can log onto [www.slrfc.org](http://www.slrfc.org) for more information.



## AUSCHWITZ CONCENTRATION CAMP

Whilst on a short break to Poland recently I went to visit Auschwitz concentration camp.

It was a cold, windy and drizzling with rain. I recognised the gates from the films that I had watched on the holocaust.

We had a tour guide who spoke English and showed us around the camp and exhibitions.

There we saw the piles of clothes; a mixture of children and adults that had been taken off the people when they first arrived at the camp.

They were made to put on striped thin uniform which looked like pyjamas no socks or shoes. Depending on your nationality where you came from you were given a different badge.

As we walked through the place it was very moving.

We saw a glass case the size of a class room which was full of hair. This was very emotional as children's hair were still plaited where the Germans had roughly cut it off the children and adults.

The hair was then used to make cloth for the troops on the front line. The huts were freezing with the wind blowing in from every direction and you can only imagine the smell and noise that you would have to sleep in.

I discovered that awful experiments were carried out on the prisoners. There was a standing cell where when you had finished your work four of you were placed in a tiny space all night without being able to sit down or lie down.

The tour guide said that it only took 20 minutes to kill hundreds at a time with the

gas, and then the doors would have been opened to allow the gas to clear so that the dead bodies could be removed to be cremated. Then the whole process would be repeated again.

The visit was an experience I will never forget.

**Alison Bagnall**





# SESSION 3

## ACADEMY BECOMES A MOVIE THEATRE

A Film Club for Key Stage Three students is running from Term 5. FILMCLUB is a national network of after school film clubs 'designed to inspire, entertain and arouse creative and curious minds', set up by the government and the British film industry.

There is FREE access to over 60,000 films from the catalogue on the interactive website. There is plenty of support and the opportunity for students to write reviews and win competitions, as well as visits from well-known people from the world of cinema.

The club will run during Session 3 on Thursdays in BU2 from 4pm until 5.45pm.

Ian Nicol – BHE teacher



Chris Tew

## CBA BASKETBALL 2008/09

The first ever competitive Basketball season for Corby Business Academy is coming to a close and it has been packed with exceptional experiences for all involved. Due to the commitment of all players there have been more highs to celebrate than lows to learn from.

The Year 11 have had an exceptional season topped off by making it to the last 18 of the National Competition. This proud achievement means the team ranks in the top 48 in the country.

The Year 10 squad performed excellently this year in the local area and dominated all of their fixtures. A steep learning curve was felt in the national competitions which they are eager to turn around next season and move their strong performances into the national stage. Half of the squad have performed excellently for the Year 11's this year for which they can be very proud.

The Year 9 season culminated in representing the local Corby schools in the County tournament for Northamptonshire. They competed excellently against bigger schools with more experience and will take their experience into a successful progressive step for next season.

The Year 7 and 8 squads have been practicing hard all year and are now ready to complete some of the local fixtures and maintain the competitive edge shown by their fellow students.

I personally would like to thank all the boys who have represented the teams this year and remind them of how much they have learnt about the national competitions. If we carry this commitment and passion into next year the success should definitely grow in conjunction with the school.

Well Done from **Coach Atkinson**

We started out the year with high expectations of ourselves in the national competition.

The qualifying stages were more difficult than expected, however we found our rhythm with a win against an old rival that put us out of the quarter finals 2 years ago. It was the best defensive game I have ever seen the team play as it felt like we won the game without getting out of second gear.

This win allowed us to advance to the final 32 where we played a school we have put out for the last three years, however this team was different as it had added four national league players.

We all played hard to the final whistle but unfortunately we couldn't close out the game.

Although we didn't get as far as we wanted to, I feel that we all got better and grew as a team. I learned how to lead my team better and how to trust my teammates. The way the season ended left us all excited and more determined to do better next year.

**Chris Tew** – Year 12 Captain and Assistant Coach

## ROCK ACADEMY PROJECT RECORDING!

On Wednesday 25th March, three members of the Rock Academy Project worked for an hour in music and spawned a new track. The lyrics and music made up in the heat of the moment are to be edited, taken down in musical form and re-launched as a full working track. The track should be available on the Academy website as a webcast with commentary from the three recordies (Luke Wardle drums and vocals, Tyler Butler base and Dan Haslam guitar).

In other Rock Band news there is hope for a music gig event around the end of May/beginning of June with further updates soon to come. Also, the winner of our design a logo competition has fully designed the Last Rose Dies band logo, with finishing touches being added to the SellOut! logo, work on going. Her name is Julia Komor from Year 7 and her designs will be added onto t-shirts and other band promotional work also soon coming.

Luke Wilson – Sixth Former and Rock Academy member



## NETBALL SUCCESS



The Year 7 netball team had a comprehensive victory over rivals Oundle School in Term 4.

Goal Attack Chelsea Welsh and Goal Shoot Chloe Bowden scored a whopping twenty-eight goals in the competitive match which saw a massive improvement in their play.

Coach Amy Harris said: "Sally Youdale and Tina Ogwang defended the oppositions attempts at scoring really well, however, the game wouldn't have been a dominating game without the cooperation and high standard of team work, well done Jade, Andrew, Sophie Findlay, Chloe Welsh and Jodie Forbes, you all deserved the twenty eight – six win."

Also, another well done, for the Year 7 netball team who came fifth out of the eight teams who participated in a Kettering – Corby schools tournament.

## RIDING INTO ACTION

Students who are involved in the Session 3 activities at nearby skate park Adrenaline Alley are progressing well.

There are still places available for students who want to learn how to ride a half pipe. See Susan Tilley for more information.



## NEW CLUBS

Golf is starting in May. It will take place on Tuesdays on the fields. For more information see Mr Wilson. Also, family badminton sessions are now on offer, for more information email [swedgewood@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:swedgewood@corbybusinessacademy.org)

## SESSION 3

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
<b>MONDAY</b>				
AMID	CBA Choir		3.45 - 4.45	Adrian Taylor/ Clive Wears
PNS	Badminton – all years boys and girls open to primaries	Sports Hall	4.00 -	Steve Wedgewood
PNS	Softball – all years	Pitches	4.00 -	Phil Woolley
PNS	Dance KS 3	Dance Studio	4.00 -	Daryl Handy
PNS	Cricket	Pitches	4.00 -	Jordon Joseph
BHE	Young Enterprise	BHE	3.30 - 5.30	
ADRENALINE ALLEY	Bike, Skateboard, Inline skates and Helmet – cost £4.00	Based at Adrenaline Alley	3.30 - 5.30	Susan Tilley
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
AMID	Woodwind Ensemble	AU4	3.45 - 4.45	Pam Carter
AMID	Junior Band	AU6	3.45 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	KS 3 Textile/Craft Club	AU11	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis
AMID	KS 3/4 Food/Hospitality Catch-up Sessions		3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
AMID	KS 3 Art Club	AL8	3.45 - 4.45	Jackie Brown
PNS	Rounder's – all years	Pitches	4.00 -	Mike Henry
PNS	Basketball – Yrs 9, 10, 6th form	Sports Hall	4.00 -	John Atkinson
PNS	Tennis	Tennis Courts	4.00 -	Mark Allen
PNS	Dance KS4-KS5	Dance Studio	4.00 - 5.25	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Science Club – all years	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
AMID	Brass Band		3.45 - 4.45	John Hudson
AMID	Rock Club	Beginners / able players	3.15 - 5.30	David O'Neil
PNS	Athletics	Pitches	4.00 -	Mark Allen
PNS	Trampolining	Sports Hall	4.00 -	Mike Henry
PNS	Judo*	Sports Hall	4.00 -	Laurence Kenyon
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	
<b>THURSDAY</b>				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.45 - 4.45	Clive Wears
AMID	Samba Club	AU2	3.45 - 4.45	John Sharpe
AMID	KS 4 Catch-up Sessions	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	KS 4 Catch-up Sessions	AU10	3.45 - 5.00	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	KS 4 Child Development Catch-up Sessions		3.45 - 5.00	Cath Davis
AMID	KS 4 RM Craft Club		3.45 - 5.00	Chris Lane
COMMS	Drama Club	Drama Studio	3.45 - 4.45	
PNS	Intra football – all years	Pitches	4.00 -	Phil Woolley
PNS	Basketball – yrs 7 & 8 girls & boys	Sports Hall	4.00 -	John Atkinson
BHE	Film Club	BU2	4.00 - 5.45	Ian Nicol
LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	LIBRARY	3.45 - 5.00	
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	
<b>FRIDAY FOR ALL PUPILS SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.30PM</b>				
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 4.00	

\* Judo: there is a cost incurred for this activity.

Parents/Carer(s) please note the above CBA After School Activity Timetables for the relevant Faculties. The late buses are available Monday Tuesday and Thursday at 5.45pm and on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 5.00pm. If your child wishes to attend any of the activities above or requires the late bus please ensure they book a place at Student Reception. NO LATE BUSES FRIDAY.

## YEAR 7

Well only two terms to go before Year 7 move into their second year, I don't know where the time has gone. I am still discovering new talent throughout the year group from excellent sportsmanship to very adept artists. I thoroughly enjoyed my afternoon at the music festival, made even better when we won! It was really nice to see so many parents there to support us too.



Uniform is still very smart throughout the year group but as we all know organisation is not a strong point and we still have lots of things in the lost property box such as the odd shoe, socks etc! It is always worth popping along now and again to see if your belongings have been found and help Mrs. Phillips have a spring clean.

Let's finish the year strongly and make sure we are well equipped for each day, pens, pencils, memory sticks etc need to be replaced if lost, as well as padlocks as all bags should be kept in lockers. I look forward to the last two terms being as productive as the previous four and I hope you all enjoy the Easter break don't eat too much chocolate unless you are sharing it with me. Thank you to all of the parents once again who continue to work with us to ensure the success of all our students.

**Donna Lapsley** – Year 7 Pastoral Support Officer

## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

I would like to congratulate the Year 10 student's who have worked hard out in the community and also those placed within our Academy.



I am very proud of your achievements and so should you be. It has been a busy term and I know we are all looking forward to Easter and lots of eggs! I would like to say well done to John Dean for working hard in PNS as he informs me how exhausted he was after each day (welcome John to the world of work).

Another student I would like to congratulate is Megan Sherlock, who worked in the DSP and, along with her mother, was invited to attend an awards ceremony where she was awarded a trophy for "Volunteer of the Year" for her work in the community. Needless to say, several of our Year 10's have achieved so much not least our future England Rugby player, Jack Warrior, who went on a four day residential at Northampton University.

Well done, four terms down and two to go, have a great Easter.

**Caroline Border** – Year 10 Pastoral Support Officer

*Rebecca, Warren, Yulia, Jack, Dajana, Ryan, Megan, John and Katie.*



*Missing is Ashley Day who was busy on reception. Max who is doing a sterling job in art, Klaudia, Alexander and Vanessa who are in EAL.*

## YEAR 8

Hi All,

The end of another busy term at CBA. It's Spring, lighter nights, warmer mornings. Well, Year 8 will be leaping out of bed and coming to school full of the joys of spring. This term Year 8 took part in our first ever assembly with just a little bit of gentle persuasion from me. We spoke about looking after the environment and how we fare compared to other countries.



Well done to you all and thanks to Mrs Smith, Miss Dalziel and Mr Ellis for your help.

As always, thanks for your ongoing support it really does make a difference.

**Mandy Wright** – Year 8 Pastoral Support Officer

## YEAR 9

I thought for this edition of In Press I would take the opportunity to promote after school activities.

CBA offers a wide range of extra curricular activities that enable all students to get involved in a variety of ways. You can get involved in sport, music (playing instruments), singing and catching up on studies.



Personally, I would like to promote both badminton and table tennis as I coach both sports. Badminton is on a Monday evening after school and I am looking forward to the 2009/2010 academic year when I would like to form both a KS3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) and KS4 (Years 10 and 11) badminton teams to play against other schools.

Also if there is enough interest I want to introduce table tennis alongside badminton so please let me know if you are interested.

Once the tennis courts become active I will be looking to start a tennis club, so watch this space or even contact me if you are interested.

If anyone is interested in learning squash please let me know as that is another sport in which I hold a coaching qualification.

**Steve Wedgewood** – Year 9 Pastoral Support Officer

## YEAR 11

Well what can I say? Since we arrived here in September the time has literally flown by. Only two terms left, then it's onwards and upwards. I know that you are working hard to achieve the best you can in your exams. Remember, the staff are too. So when you feel we are "nagging" you. We are! But for the very best of intentions... your results.



The Easter Break is coming up. So enjoy the rest, recharge the batteries, and come back ready for the final push.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Easter.

**Sandra White** – Year 11 Pastoral Support Officer

## REWARD TRIP YEAR 8 ROCKINGHAM SPEEDWAY

On CBA's first reward trip, fourteen students were selected from their year group based on the fact they achieved four or more "Excellent" comments on the effort column of their report. The students went to Rockingham Speedway Media Day where they got to look at the touring cars and meet some of the drivers.

**Kirsty Farrar** – Citizen co-ordinator

**Rockingham**

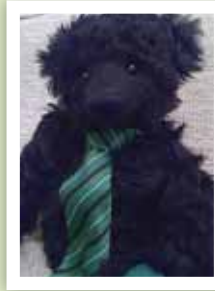
Parents in   
**Partnership**  
towards a common goal

**PIP BEAR**

Here's the first sneak preview of the Parent's in Partnership Bear.

PIP has been commissioned by the group from the Academy's very own talented bear maker Sally Knibb.

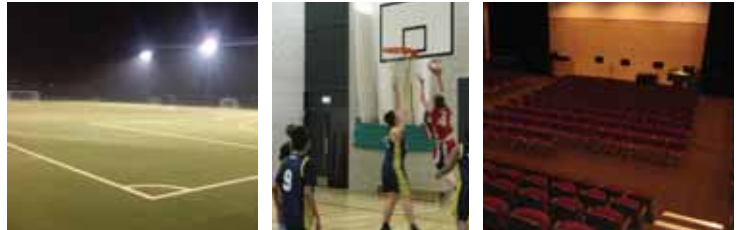
PIP has been busy once again this term and really rose to the occasion on Red Nose Day with their cake stall managing to raise £200 towards the final cash tally.



**THE FACILITIES AT CBA ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO HIRE.**

All the sports facilities, such as the football pitches, astro-turf and indoor sports hall are available to hire as well as our main theatre and small theatre and classrooms.

Hire charges and prices will be displayed on our new website and for more information contact Mark Allen or email him at **Mallen@corbybusinessacademy.org**



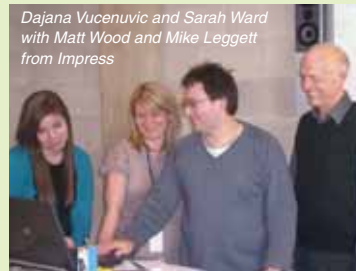
**NEW CBA WEBSITE**

The new CBA website will be launched at the start of term.

It will enable students and staff to keep updated weekly on events and Academy news and will include new features such as course information and a homework page to keep parents informed about the subjects and topics their children are studying.

It will also include a gallery of pictures, multi-media and a full calendar section with details of Session 3 activities, sporting and musical events.

We hope you like it and make sure to log on regularly for school updates.



*Dajana Vucenovic and Sarah Ward with Matt Wood and Mike Leggett from Impress*



**“e-mail your thoughts”**

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

Listening also to what parents, carers, students and our business community think is also important and so 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 by emailing the editor at [Sashby@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:Sashby@corbybusinessacademy.org)

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