

Corby Business Academy

Corby Business Academy Newsletter

Autumn 2019

A message from Mr Underwood

To our community,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you to the first academy newsletter since the arrival of our new leadership structure. We will be producing three newsletters each academic year, where we aim to share news and information, as well as celebrate our achievements. As you will read, there are many superb initiatives and exciting accomplishments happening on a weekly basis.

Since my arrival at the Academy, I have been truly humbled with the positive engagement from all our stakeholders; our students have also been amazing with a distinct change in attitudes to learning and appreciation to our new standards. Please rest assured that we will continue to devote ourselves to establishing a community school to be proud of.

It is important to acknowledge that working in partnership will enable us to flourish and ensure that we establish Corby Business Academy as an outstanding educational provider.



Simon Underwood—Associate Principal

Supporting us with the basics of attendance, high levels of effort at all times and uniform make a significant difference to our culture and ethos in the building.

As I have previously mentioned the students have largely impressed me since I arrived at the Academy. On this note, I would like to make a special mention to our Year 7 students who have made an inspiring start to their journey with us.

Please keep using our website page and Twitter account, @CorbyBusinessAc, to stay informed about all our future achievements and news. We are also keen for all parents and carers to use the MyEd app to further support communications.

Finally, we will soon be establishing a parent / carer committee group, which is to be used as a direct link to the Governor Board and myself. I am keen that feedback and observations are heard on a regular basis, as this will further support the Academy's progression. Therefore, please keep a keen eye on further notifications and consider if you would like to participate.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and look forward to sharing more over the coming years.

Upcoming Events

National concert band festival	01.12.19
Universal Human rights month	01.12.19
Anti-bullying and hate crimes assemblies	02.12.19 – 06.12.19
Staying safe online assemblies	09.12.19 – 13.12.19
Winter Showcase	18.12.19
Rewards assemblies	16.12.19 – 20.12.19
Christmas Jumper Day	19.12.19

Parents' Evenings

Year 11	09.12.19
Year 12/13	16.01.20
Year 9	20.01.20
Year 9 Options Evening	29.01.20
Year 8	05.03.20
Year 11	30.03.20
Year 10	30.04.20
Year 7 X	24.06.20
Year 7 Y	02.07.20

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Simon Underwood—Associate Principal

Meet our Senior Leadership Team



Nicola Treacy—Senior Vice Principal



Pete Atkinson—Assistant Principal



Ralph Franklin—Assistant Principal



Charlotte Gavin—Assistant Principal



Mike Griffiths—School Improvement Partner



Lisa Hawkins—Assistant Principal



Kerry Prior—Assistant Principal



Julian Smith—Assistant Principal



Heather Thompson—Assistant Principal



Laurence Woodcock—Assistant Principal

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Year 7

Year 7 this term:

In Year 7 we all feel very proud and comfortable with the school. We've all made new friends and have become used to the timetable rota. We all love the teachers here.

This term, Year 7 have been up to many fun but educational activities and lessons. Only 2 weeks after the start of term, we went on an overnight camping residential to Bushcraft. We participated in many games such as shelter and fire building, tent peg making and forest games. Recently tutor groups have taken part in a careers workshop. They played games such as Career Uno which involved picking a job and sorting them in to piles. We then had to decide whether the career needed a degree for it or not.

This term in English, we have been studying poems and travel writing. We have looked at the poems Blessing, Vultures and Water Poverty. During our travel writing topic we have been planning our own pieces and writing about places such as the Colosseum.

In our Maths lessons we have been learning about negative numbers and algebra. During our negative numbers topic we have been learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide negative numbers. In algebra we've been learning how to find out the value of x or y.

In Year 7 at Corby Business Academy we are able to choose an after-school club and join bands and teams. One of our most popular clubs to join is the junior band. In this band we can participate in trips to different countries. We also hold clubs in the library such as the millionaire club. Another really good after-school activity is the football teams. There is a team for both girls and boys.

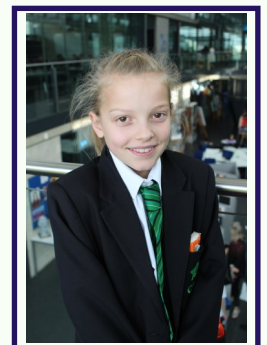
At CBA we are very lucky to have such a large functional library that everyone can enjoy. The two librarians, Amy and Christina, are very welcoming and help with any struggles we may find within reading. To make the library a more enjoyable place, the librarians have made a challenge for students to read one million words throughout their school year. If they do they will receive an award. Furthermore, there is a website called Accelerated Reader where we can complete quizzes on previous books we have read, which then gets scored.

As the year has continued, we have had some exciting visitors come in to speak to us. In the summer holidays, everyone received a book called Dragon Sitter Disasters by Josh Lacey. We were told to read it by the end of the holidays for the start of the school term. Amy and Christina explained how Josh Lacey was going to visit us. This made starting Year 7 even better and less stressful for everyone. When the year began and everyone had settled in well, we had the visit! Josh spoke about his life before he started writing and what it is like during it. It was very fascinating to listen to him explain how he got his ideas and what he did with them. Additionally, he explained how the Dragon Sitter book idea came to mind. After listening, we all got to ask some questions to him about his book. We can't wait for our third term at CBA.

Thanks for reading our page.

This page was produced by our Year 7 Student Leader team:

Mia, Ben, Sasha, Georgia and Millie.



Brooke Weston Trust

This page was produced by our Year 8
Student Leader team:

Darius, Annabelle, Cassie and Holly-Ann.



**Ben, Euan and Tom attended the
Wheelchair Sports day!**

Year 8 this term:

This term Year 8 have been studying *The Hound of The Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in English as well as the Gothic and Detective genres. We have all been really enjoying the adventures of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson and learning about their logical minds.

We have been focussing on ratios and indices in our Maths lessons as well as fractions and decimals. We are recapping how to multiply fractions and how to simplify ratios. In Science we have studied respiration, energy, metals and acids and we are covering the topic of global warming. We also recapped cells and the seven life processes. Art students are focussing on the style of *Memento Mori*. This is an art style that involves a lot of skull drawings and extinguished candles as well as pocket watches and rotting fruit.

In Geography we are studying Corby! Specifically how much it has grown over the years. We have looked at the population numbers and how they have increased massively in such a short period of time. In History we have studied politics and how it has developed and had an impact on the country and the world. We have also looked at the industrial revolution and how that has had an impact on the society we live in now. Sports students are studying basketball and hockey which is really fun. There is a basketball club after-school for anyone who would like to join.

In Music we are using ukuleles to learn musical pieces and will be moving on to add keyboards into the arrangements. We all find it really fun to experiment with different styles and put them together to see whether it works. Year 8 DT students are learning how to make bridal joint woodwork figures which has been a steep learning curve.

Finally in Computer Science we have been learning to make websites using Webplus which is really engaging. We get to write about our likes and what we love to do the most.

Thank you so much for reading our page.

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Year 9

Year 9 this term:

All of the Year 9 students have been making decisions recently regarding their mini GCSE options. We were asked to select our preferred options out of a list of six and we then received our options on the day we came back to school. Most of us had received our preferred choices but some of us were unlucky and got one of our second or even third options. Thankfully we were reassured that we were allowed to change our options before the Christmas break comes around. Some of the options included Photography, Art, Computer Science, DT, Drama, Music and ICT.

In Photography the main thing that is being taught at the moment is the formal elements which are the different aspects within a photo and how to identify those key parts.

In DT the main thing that is being learnt is how to properly create joints so that it will ultimately be incorporated into our bird house productions.

Finally, in Computer Science we have been learning about simple pseudocode and coding and we have made number generator programs and figured out how passwords work.

On 16th October 2019, around 2800 students (in Northamptonshire) took part in the national Restart a Heart day which was based on CPR. This allowed students to learn CPR in case of an emergency. This will aid in helping them to know how to perform this medical skill with ease and professionalism. Also, if you participated in the Restart a Heart lesson then you would have received a certificate from your tutor and a pen and wristband from the assistants that came to our school to help us with this new experience.

On the national Restart a Heart day, we were given instructions on how to deliver CPR correctly to a patient. The things we were given were a dummy that we practiced the procedure on, a mat to kneel down on and also music to pump the chest to the beat of the music.

We are looking forward to another great term.
Thank you for reading our Year 9 page.

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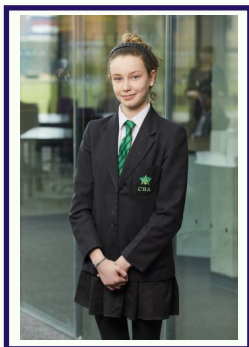
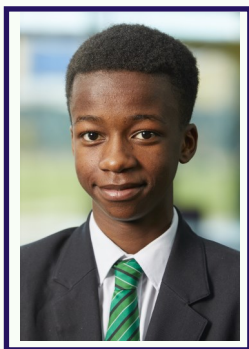
Ellie-Sky, Frankie, Ethan and Ella.



Brooke Weston Trust

This page was produced by our Year 10
Student Leader team:

Korral, Lael, Dani and Kyia.



Year 10 this term:

Currently in Year 10, we are participating in a careers workshop. We are fortunate to have partners like this to help us plan our future paths in the coming years. These workshops cover a variety of topics, including: What is essential on a CV, what grades are necessary to achieve the career you want, the salaries of each job and the differences between A Levels, BTECs, Apprenticeships etc.

In PE, the Year 10 netball team have kicked the year off to a great start. They have started off by beating Kingswood 28-2 at home in October. Mrs Barstow said "the girls have worked really hard in the lead up to the county plate and cup." The boys football team have also started this year off with a win of 7-1.

Year 10 attendance is the second best behind Year 7. On the last Friday of term, Mr Joseph's form were rewarded with a nice selection of croissants, cookies, juices, four chocolate bars and a box of maoams for the best display board.

In BTEC Dance we are preparing for the annual show which takes place every year in March. There will be a wide range of dance styles such as contemporary, jazz and street.

The cadets have been working hard this term. They have been doing weapon handling, military tactics but most importantly teamwork.

We also have Year 10 students working towards their DofE awards which has three different levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. All these levels have different time requirements. The award has benefits that aid the development of the individuals. You have an opportunity to develop key personality traits, such as self-belief, confidence, independence and responsibility.

In Art, Year 10 have been working on the face to face project and researching different artists. We have been creating pieces of art influenced by such artists. On 29th November, Art and Textiles classes will visit the Oxford museum of natural history, the Pitt rivers museum and the Ashmolean art gallery.

Thank you so much for reading our page.

Year 11 this term:

So far this term our Year 11 Girls Netball team have competed in a tournament and did very well.

In our English lessons we have been studying our set texts and preparing for our mock exams. All classes are completing a Shakespeare text. In Maths we have been focussing on developing our skills in algebra and simultaneous equations.

Art students have been finalising our final exam piece which involves developing a key study area about a specific topic; for example Self Portraits. In Geography students are learning about urbanisation in relation to Rio De Janeiro.

All Year 11 students have been preparing for and taking our PPE exams which will give lots of experience and help towards the real exams in the summer.

We have also been using the online homework and revision tools such as GCSE Pod, Hegarty Maths, Sam Learning and the PiXL apps for English and Maths. There are also lots of after-school Session 6 clubs which will help with coursework and revision.

Once a week, Year 11 students gather in the main theatre to have an English lecture delivered by the department which has been a really good extra session to show us how to address exam questions and revise the content.

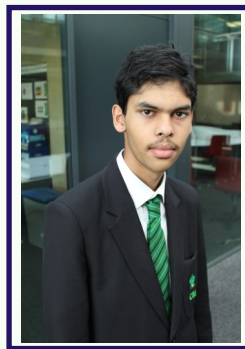
We have taken part in a Mad4Life skills workshop as well as a Success Fair which included a session called Memory Magic. This session was particularly excellent as it showed us how to organise our revision skills.

The Academy has also invested in Think for The Future mentors this year. These mentors work with students throughout the week and have been an invaluable resource for us.

Next term we will be forming a committee to help organise our end of year prom. Thank you for reading our page.

This page was produced by our Year 11 Student Leader team:

Erica, Cameron, Kashyap and Wills.



This page was produced by our 6th Form Student Leader team:

Jack, Kirstin, Lauren, Madison, Uros,
Maahi and Louis.



This term in the 6th Form:

In Sixth Form this term we have been busy revising for our PPE mock exams which took place over a two week period starting 18th November. Our teachers have been helping us by providing resources to revise from. Mrs Anderson has collected together a series of revision websites for us to use which has been a big help.

In Maths this term, we have been focussing our studies on the concepts of parametric equations as well as integration and differentiation.

Physics students have studied a variety of Gas laws as well as nuclear energy and radiation. During this process we have been handling radioactive material! So lots of safety measures have needed to be put in place for this work.

In our English lessons we have been completing coursework which involves writing a 2,500 essay based on two novels. One of our key texts of study is Mary Shelley's Frankenstein which has been really interesting to analyse. We are also studying topics for our exams which include a collection of poetry and The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood.

This year, our Business lessons have included a lot of revision of our first and second modules. We have also been learning the concepts of Global Business and decisions and strategy.

Our current Sixth Form student leader team will be stepping down from their posts this term in order to focus on their examination year. Therefore a new team will be elected over the coming weeks and a New Head Boy and Girl appointed. Applications have been made and nominees will be interviewed by the Sixth Form SLT and a Student Senate panel. Our new Sixth Form Student Leader team will be announced in the next issue of this newsletter!

Thank you for reading our page.

This page was produced by our UNIT
Student Leader team:

Sam, Tyler and Chloe.



This term in the UNIT:

Term 1 was an exciting for us. We all enjoyed seeing our friends after a long summer break and welcomed new students. We have been busy working, exploring and learning about new topics.

This term has been fantastic, we have been spending a lot of time in the community. We have accessed our local shops and learnt how to use money in real life contexts. We have bought our own food for cooking lessons and visited local cafes.

Our Sixth Form students have also accessed Moulton college and learnt about flower arranging. We have enjoyed learning how to make bouquets and table decorations.

As well as visiting our local community, we have also invited our local community into school. We have been fortunate enough to have received talks from PCSO Steve Coles.

We have been especially proud of our young sports leaders who led and delivered sessions to primary and secondary school students. Five different special schools were involved in the morning leadership session. The leaders were taught different events and how to differentiate according to participant need. In the afternoon they then ran individual activities for KS3 students. The day was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Term 3 will be busy, as we look forward to new trips and our annual enterprise event.



Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Amy Harris

Safeguarding News:

Service Six

This year the Academy has been allocated Service Six to work with a variety of students ranging from Years 8 - 11. This specialised counselling allows students to access a 50 minute-session once a week with trained counsellors. Having this opportunity will allow students to discuss any concerns that they may have. These sessions will be allocated to students for the remainder of the year to help support them through their academic year. There will be an opportunity after Christmas where the Academy will have access to a further two counsellors which will enable a bigger uptake. If there are any students who would benefit this service, please speak to the Student Care Team.

International Stress Awareness Week

On 25th and 26th November, Corby Business Academy hosted international stress awareness days in order to highlight the importance of stress management for both students and staff. During these days, students had a specific curriculum in all subjects to highlight stress, what it is and how to manage it. Included in these days were a specific evening (Wednesday 26th November) for students to try different activities to combat stress. This was particularly useful for Year 11's in the lead up to their exams. Staff wellbeing is also at the forefront of our Academy and they too had the opportunity to experience an evening of relaxing and also energetic activities to promote wellbeing. The staff evening was on Monday 25th November and therefore the Academy was closed for session 6's on that evening for students, so staff could have a well-deserved stress free evening.

Protective Behaviours

During Term 1, Miss Ingram, the student support officer has been working with all of Year 7 students developing their understanding of protective behaviours. In these sessions, students have worked through a variety of activities. Students have been able to identify the key individuals within their life in which they trust to discuss any concerns. They have looked at ways to deal with specific situation and have identified what that feels like. If students have any concerns they are free to pop along to the Students Care Room to speak to staff.



Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Amy Harris

Safeguarding News:

Staff Training

Staff have been extremely busy this term keeping up to date on all the relevant safeguarding information to ensure the safety of all our students at Corby Business Academy. The training has included; CPOM's (electronic recording system), PREVENT training, reading the Keeping Children Safe in Education document and weekly updates via e-bulletins. These bulletins have included a variety of topics from FGM, Peer on Peer abuse, Hazing and Self-harm and help staff have an overview of what to look for and how to support. We have also trained five extra Designated Safeguarding leads which has increased our capacity to fourteen members of staff. By increasing the amount of DSL's in our academy it enables us to ensure the safety of all of our students. PSCO Steve Coles will be leading a staff training session to inform staff about gang related behaviours.

National Hate Crime Awareness Week

Corby Business Academy has been working closely with Northants Police on their initiative of supporting the national hate crime programme. Together with resident PCSO Steve Coles, the focus on developing students' understanding of hate crime and the effects are being put in place. Northants Police are developing the links between schools and the community to try and improve this current situation. If you or your family suffer any forms of hate crime please ring 101 or 999 for support. #HCAW2019 #WeStandTogether #NoPlaceForHate #SafePlaceForAll

National Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November was the National Anti-bullying Awareness week. During tutor time and personal development lessons, the focus was directed on the importance of tackling bullying. Students completed a variety of activities that looked at bullying, the effects and coping mechanisms if they find themselves in the situation.

CBA Student Safeguarding Team

Over the next few weeks, Mrs Lapsley and Miss Ingram will be promoting a new initiative within Corby Business Academy to start a Student Safeguarding Team. We are looking for one representative (at least) from Year Groups to be the student voice for Safeguarding and Wellbeing concerns. Students interested will be required to write a letter of application to the Student Care Team identifying why they would be a good ambassador for the Academy and explain the importance Safeguarding. The team will then meet once a term and discuss and agenda items and minutes will be shared with the DSL Lead Mrs Harris and Principal Mr Underwood to make improvements to the Academy or purely highlight any particular topics. As the programme develops, the Student Safeguarding Team will be required to spread the safeguarding news/updates across their Year Groups through tutor times and assemblies.



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Charity Events

Our 10K fundraising target!

This year our students have set themselves a target of raising an amazing total of **ten thousand pounds** for a range of charities. Our team of **Student Leaders** came into assemblies this term to speak to students and seek feedback on which charities we should focus upon across the academic year.

They were particularly eager to raise funds for local charities across Corby and Northamptonshire in addition to the national charity events. Students voted in tutor groups and gave suggestions for ways in which we could raise funds.

Our Student Leader Senate met as a whole and discussed the different options that had been suggested by our students.

They have now made a plan for the academic year which we cannot wait to share with you throughout the year. This term we have already started fundraising for the **Poppy Appeal** and **Children in Need**. Our Academy came together as a whole to observe Remembrance at 11.00 a.m. on 11th November. This was a moving event which included our CCF cadets, musicians and student leader team performing readings.

Children in Need was an exciting day for us here as we had a non-uniform day. Our sports team did a fundraising fitness broadcast in the sports hall and our UNIT students ran a fun target game. Our student leaders also conducted a raffle and bake sale. We raised a total of **£1107.84**—which is a great start towards our goal.

Next this term, our Student Leader team will be gathering contributions from their Year Groups for the **Corby Food Bank** in time for Christmas. We will also be having a **Christmas Jumper day on 19th December**. After Christmas, we will be turning our focus to a local fundraising cause concerning the Mia and Cory Foundation. We will tell you more about these events in future issues of this newsletter. The Student Leader team are very determined to reach their 10K goal.

