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## PRIME MINISTER OPENS CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY

Corby Business Academy has been officially opened by Prime Minister Gordon Brown who paid tribute to the innovation and enterprise happening within the Academy.

The PM spent two hours having a tour of the school and speaking to staff and students before leading the opening ceremony.

He only had praise for the students and teachers he spoke to during the visit, which saw the country's media descend on the academy.

Speaking to an invited audience in the lecture theatre, the Prime Minister said: "The building is fantastic and the facilities are amazing. But the most important thing I have noticed while walking around is the morale, determination and commitment of staff and students.

"The Academy will ensure that thousands of children have better chances than they would have had before. It will mean that these children will realise their dreams."

Executive Principal Peter Simpson paid tribute to the people who had worked hard to make the dream of the Academy become a reality.

He said: "I would like to thank everybody who has contributed to making the Academy possible.

"We have had great support from our sponsors The Weston Foundation and Bee Bee Developments, the

borough and county authorities and Corby MP Phil Hope whose moral support throughout has been a great strength."

After the tour the PM held a 30 minute question and answer session with invited guests and among the topics he discussed were the importance of university education for all and the global financial problems.

Head Girl Jacqueline Tsiga, who along with Head Boy Jordon Joseph had the honour of giving the Prime Minister a tour of the faculties, said: "The Prime Minister was genuinely interested to hear about what is happening here at the Academy and said he was really impressed by the students and their obvious ambition."

After the visit CBA Principal Andrew Campbell said: "To have such a high profile person as the Prime Minister to open the Academy is a sign of the excellent progress that we have already made and it was a fitting tribute to the hard work of the staff and students."

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Prime Minister Gordon Brown

## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the third edition of In Press.

And what a front page story! The CBA is honoured to have been officially opened by Prime Minister Gordon Brown and staff and students alike were thrilled to receive such an honour.

The arrangements for the official opening saw lots of people putting in a tremendous amount of work to show off the school and you can read about these efforts over the pages of this magazine along with all the other news from the different faculties.

We had a very moving event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day (page 4); the sixth form have started a great project with Solway Foods (page 14); and we are bringing you a new feature where we put the spotlight on one of our teachers and their extra curricular activities.

We hope you settle down in the warm and have a good read of this edition of In Press and read for yourselves the great things that are happening within CBA.



**Sarah Ashby**  
Vice Principal - PNS



Corby Business Academy



Photo taken by Year 11 student Chris Usher.



# LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL

“Every term seems to bring more new activities and projects and it is clear from these pages that students really relish the opportunities CBA is providing and are very eager to take full advantage of them.”



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As you can see from the front page of this edition of In Press, Corby Business Academy has had the extra special honour of being officially opened by Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

The day was one that staff and students alike will not forget and we were delighted with the kind words of praise the Prime Minister paid to the CBA and his recognition of the success we have made in the first few months of being opened.

I would like to thank all of the CBA community for all the hard work put into the plans for the opening ceremony and would like to say how proud I was of everyone on the day.

Every term seems to bring more new activities and projects and it is clear from these pages that students really relish the opportunities CBA is providing and are very eager to take full advantage of them. I am especially pleased to report that the holocaust awareness events were a moving and poignant experience that was very

worthwhile for all staff and students involved.

During Term 4 we will be launching the Academy's new web site which will publish information about daily life at CBA and early announcements of forthcoming events. It will carry profiles of all staff and pages for faculty news as well as providing a more user-friendly news service for parents and students. I hope it will prove to be a big step forward in helping us develop even better communications with parents.

I would like to remind parents that our excellent first three terms have been built on giving students high expectations of themselves, each other and their staff. It is very important that all students continue to take pride in their appearance, meet the expectations for behaviour at CBA and remain committed to working hard. That is ultimately what we are here for! It may be helpful to remind everyone that a copy of the Academy's policies relating to behaviour and student dress can be downloaded from the homepage of our web site.

Another milestone has been passed this term as we have now begun to offer our sporting facilities to community groups on a commercial basis. I am delighted that CBA is increasingly becoming part of the wider Corby community and I hope to see this part of our operation expand significantly over the next year.

Finally, as I meet our excellent young people around the Academy I am constantly impressed by how they have risen to the challenges of this year. Personally, I am in no doubt that being the Principal of Corby Business Academy must be one of the best jobs in the world.

Kind Regards

Andrew Campbell  
Principal  
Corby Business Academy

## DOCUMENTING AMBITIONS THROUGH ART

The walls have been injected with some fantastic artwork depicting academy life and our ambitions.

Impress Print came into the school and spent two days photographing our students hard at work and have now created a series of murals which are displayed in prominent places throughout the Academy.

The response has been incredible and the students have enjoyed spotting themselves and their friends captured in the colourful artwork.



Dr Andrew Campbell admiring the CELTIC mural with Impress Design & Print team Joscelyn Bourne and Surya Yadla.





Corby Business Academy

# Key Dates

2009 TERM 4	
22 <sup>nd</sup> February – 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Ski Trip - France
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Staff Training Day – (Students Do Not Come In)
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4 – For Students
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Be The Best – Gifted & Talented Trip
24 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance to Educate
28 <sup>th</sup> February – 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Trip - Business Live Conference - Paris
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Enterprise Day
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Consultation Week
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Parents' Evening (5-7pm)
23 <sup>rd</sup> March – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 10 Work Experience
31 <sup>st</sup> March – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Be The Best – Gifted & Talented Residential
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Term 4 Ends

## Exam Date:

OCR ICT Functional Skills on Tuesday 3rd March at 9:00am

Students sitting in the exam are:

Adele	Bagnall
Rebecca	Baker
Michael	Brodie
Charlotte	Griffiths
Leah	Haggart
Viktorija	Janoviciute
Catherine	Lovie
Michael	McBride
Rui	Monterio
Dale	Page
Richard	White

**THE LATE BUS TIMES FOR TERM 4 ARE AS FOLLOWS:**  
 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday the last bus leaves at 5.45pm.  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there is a bus at 5pm.  
**Please note that there are no late buses on Friday.**

## GATE SHUTS

**We would like to remind all students and parents that the school gate now closes at 6.15pm.**

If there are late session 3 clubs taking place after that time there will be someone on site to open the gates.

**Alain Stubbs** – Director of Premises Services



## YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT

Coming to school could become a bit of an earner for students, as we are launching a new attendance lottery.

Each week one student who has 100 per cent attendance will win a cash prize of £10.

If the winner is absent on the day of the draw we will have a roll over.

So it's a double bonus – learn more and have the chance to increase your bank balance.

**Steve Ellis** – Vice Principal Student Care and Guidance

## POLICIES REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents are reminded that a copy of all Academy Policies is available on the Corby Business Academy website [www.corbybusinessacademy.org](http://www.corbybusinessacademy.org).

It is a requirement that educational establishments draw parents' attention to the use of exclusion and in particular the use of permanent exclusion as outlined in document STU/15 Student Exclusions printed below:

“Decisions to permanently exclude a student will only be taken in response to serious breaches of the Academy's policy on Behaviour and Discipline and/or if the decision for the student to remain would seriously harm the education or welfare of another student.”

**Steve Ellis** – Vice Principal of Student Care and Guidance



## MP IS GIVEN A TOUR

CBA welcomed a special guest on Thursday, January 22 as **Shadow Secretary of State for Education Michael Gove MP** made a visit.

The MP came down from Westminster to find out more about our innovative academy and was given a tour of the building by **Dr Andrew Campbell** and **Executive Principal Peter Simpson**.

# BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)



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## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATED

On the 29th and 30th of January, fifty Year 9 and Year 11 students took part in a web live link up with Holocaust survivors.

This event took place to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day and was a very moving experience for all students involved.

The Year 11 students heard a talk from Bob Norton who was a refugee during the Second World War.

They heard how he had to travel around many different countries to survive being persecuted by the Nazis and how all his family perished in Auschwitz.

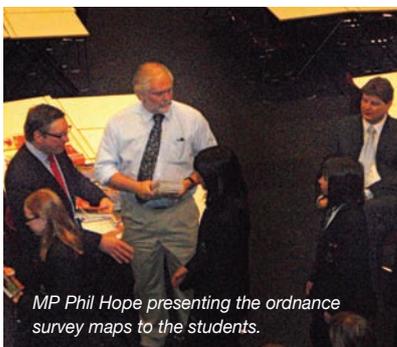
The Year 9 students listened to a talk by Rudi Oppenheimer, who was a survivor from the notorious Belsen camp.

Rudi told the students how he and his siblings managed to survive but his parents died of starvation.

After the talk students got to ask questions which gave them a chance to develop their understanding of this terrible period in history.

As a follow up to this event, students will create assemblies for key stage 3 and 4 to discuss what they have learned and gained from this experience. Students also have access to the [www.historyspeaks.org](http://www.historyspeaks.org) website which has further information on the events of the Holocaust and other recent genocides.

**Kirsty Farrar** – BHE teacher



MP Phil Hope presenting the Ordnance Survey maps to the students.

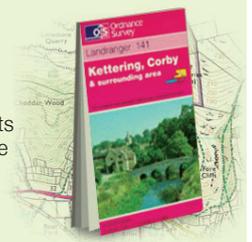
## MAPPING THE WAY

On the 6th January, all of Year 7 were presented with a free Ordnance Survey map of the local area.

The MP for Corby and East Northants Mr Phil Hope, Minister for Care Services, kindly agreed to come and present the maps. In an impressive display of handshaking he managed to present them all individually.

The politician then described his work as an MP before asking for questions. The students responded with a number of mature and thoughtful questions. The BHE faculty would like to congratulate Year 7 on their excellent behaviour and participation in the event.

**Nigel Holt** BHE teacher



## A CLOSER LOOK AT BUSINESS FINANCES

BTEC A level students undertook a study of two of the most important financial statements for a business, learning about the profit and loss account system and the balance sheet.

The aim was for students to understand how a business measures trading and performance and establish profit figures and net worth of a business.

In today's economic situation, one of the most important objectives for a business is to make a profit. Students had the opportunity to recognise that the P&L account of a business shows the extent to which a business is successful.

They learned to recognise that the balance sheet is like a photograph taken in an instant in time, giving a picture of what the business owns and what the business owes at that moment in time.

**Alexandra Allan** - BHE teacher

## BEING ENTERPRISING THROUGH BASKETBALL

The successful running of any basketball club relies on help from committed individuals striving to achieve the same overall team goal.

So far this year, the Academy has run an excellent basketball programme which many students have participated in and achieved a great deal.

Some very motivated and enterprising students have taken it upon themselves to increase their involvement beyond the playing stage and help in the day to day running of the club.

A selection of both Sixth Form and Year 11 students have been utilising their communication and number skills for the club. They have been taking supervised coaching sessions and playing a major part in the officiating of local and national fixtures.

Having a passion for a sport is one thing, but being able to show such good enterprising skills which help run the club is something the academy is most grateful about. The success of a club depends on its participants and back room staff. However when you have members who are able to adapt their skills to both roles you know everyone involved is learning a great deal.

**John Atkinson** – BHE teacher



Julie Jordan with CBA students.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

Julie Jordan from the Young People's Partnership came in to visit the Senate and inform them about opportunities open to them to make a difference in their local area. Julie works with young people all over the county trying to encourage them to attend local meetings that happen quarterly at the Connaughty centre in Corby.

At these meetings young people meet other people from Corby schools and take part in many fun activities and even have the chance to have a say on how to spend up to one million pounds on young people's facilities in the town.

So if you think this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, please e-mail me for more details.

**Kirsty Farrar** – BHE teacher

## TRAVEL AND TOURISM STUDENTS SCORE A PERFECT STRIKE

As part of our Travel and Tourism course we were required to plan an event.

We met in the board room to discuss the type of event we could plan and who our client group would be.

Mrs Bartley-Smith said she had been asked if the sixth form could be involved in the sport module for ASDAN with Miss Tilley's Year 11 group, so we thought this could be a good opportunity to plan an event for.

After some discussions we decided to organise a bowling trip to the New York Thunder Bowl in Kettering.

As part of this we had to calculate costs including transport and bookings fees and apply to Dr Campbell for permission.

Eighteen of us went to on the trip, which was great fun and the overall winner from all the teams was Radovan Dragevic.

**Dale Page** - Sixth Form student



The Travel and Tourism students bowling.

## MAGISTRATES COURT COMPETITION

Some Year 9 students have begun their preparations for the legal competition in March.

Roles have been allocated and the practices so far have been very successful and fun. I am enjoying very much working with these students who are working so hard and enjoying the experience this opportunity brings. Let the arguments commence!

**Kirsty Farrar** – BHE teacher

## RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION TRAINING

On the 9th February, ten students from the Senate will work with Sarah Hillier from Connexions to obtain this accredited course.

Students will learn about Employment Law and interview techniques. This course lasts all day and when it is finished they are then qualified to recruit and select, so staff beware!

**Kirsty Farrar** – BHE teacher

## PRACTISING PRESENTATION SKILLS

As part of BTEC Business, Year 11 students have been honing their presentation skills.

Here is one student's account of a visit to Corby firm BSD Ltd.

"My group performed a presentation on a product we created called Razy X5, which is a mobile phone that holds lots of different features such as a media player and camera. We presented our presentation in a real board room at a Corby based mechanical and electrical consultancy called BSD Ltd.

**"Each member of the group contributed to the presentation by describing a certain feature of the product."**

"My contribution to the presentation was describing our product and the features it holds. I believe that I performed my part of the presentation very well and with confidence, spoke and explained what I was describing clearly. To support us with our presentation we created a power point document that was displayed in the board room by a projector.

"It was a great experience and it has provided us with skills that we can use in the future."

**Nikola Malesevic** – Year 11 student



## ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

### CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY CONCERT BAND ON SONG FOR SUCCESS

The concert band has some extremely exciting events planned, including participating in our first competition, the Kettering and District Eisteddfod to be held on Thursday, 12th March at Kettering Salvation Army.

We are also looking forward to our summer concert, 'Music for a Summer's Evening', in which all our musical groups will be performing. This concert will be held in the theatre at Corby Business Academy with details released on the website shortly.

Plans are also moving ahead for the following academic year and we have booked a date in the diary in October for a visit from a guest soloist from the Royal Opera House, London.

Longer term, discussions are already in place for a European tour with venue and dates to be confirmed.

So all in all, these are truly exciting times ahead for Corby Business Academy Concert Band.

There are over 30 students in the Concert Band consisting of woodwind, brass and percussion players and we rehearse on a Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.45pm.

If you would like more details about how to get involved with the Concert Band, or would like information regarding vacancies for brass and woodwind lessons at Corby Business Academy, please do not hesitate to contact one of the music department staff.

**Clive Wears** - Director of Music



### WORKING WITH WOOD

Year 9 students have spent part of Term 3 making boxes.

The design department has been impressed by the work of the students who have been making their boxes for a specific target market chosen by them.

Design teacher David Mitchell said: "The students have made some impressive boxes and have really enjoyed the whole process."

**David Mitchell** – Amid teacher



### MAKING MOBILES

Year 8 students were inspired by the work of sculptor Alexander Calder to create some impressive mobiles.

The mobiles were based on shapes found in the Academy and they can now be seen hanging in all their glory in AU1.



*Eleanor Jones presenting the plaque.*

### MAKING PLAQUE FOR IMPORTANT VISIT

Four Year 7 students made an impressive presentation plaque in preparation for the official opening by the Prime Minister.

Eleanor Jones, Sam Wright, Gautham Kumar and Julia Komor did some fantastic work to make the commemoration plaque which was fashioned from metal and acrylic.

The students presented the plaque to the country's leader when he visited the AMID facility.

**David Mitchell** – AMID teacher

# MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ( MAIT)



## FIGURING OUT COMPUTERS

These Year 8 students are demonstrating the combination of computer skills and maths in MAIT. They are working on a Mymaths assignment that incorporates our latest mathematical concepts in a lesson and homework. Parents, ask your students for their password so you can login and see their progress.

### EXAM NEWS: MYMATHS HELPS YOU GET A C GRADE!

A total of 17 per cent of Year 11 have now achieved a GCSE grade C in maths and many of them used [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) to help them to revise. Achieving 75 per cent on each of the on-line work sheets clearly demonstrates the knowledge and skills needed to pass the exam.

Maths GCSE is now solely based on the exam. Students in Year 11 have now been placed in target groups revising for the summer exams and many are staying for Session 3 to do the mymaths booster packs.



Year 10 students Jonathon Smith, Ashleigh Smith and Ivo Silva working on the animation project.

## GOING UP AGAINST NATIONAL SCHOOLS IN ANIMATION CONTEST

Year 10 ICT students who are studying the OCR Nationals Unit 'creating animation for the WWW' are also being invited to enter Animation09.

This competition is run by Manchester University and over 400 schools will be competing to produce the best animations using a range of software from Scratch to Flash.

Mr Lomax their ICT teacher said: "This is a great opportunity for Corby Business Academy students to show their skills and talents, and win some fantastic prizes!" The prizes range from notebook laptops and digital cameras to gift vouchers for Amazon.

All animations will be posted on the website and the winners will have their animations shown at the 2009 Animation Film Festival and Awards Ceremony at the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

Karl Lomax – MAIT teacher



## ADULT NUMERACY ON-LINE TESTS

Students are working hard to achieve their Adult Numeracy Tests at Level 1 and 2.

30 per cent of Year 11 have passed Level 2, which is equivalent to half a GCSE at Grade B and 75 per cent have passed at Level 1, which is equivalent to half a GCSE at Grade E. Well done to all of them!

Year 9 and Year 10 have just started to do these tests which will be replaced by Functional Skills tests for current Year 8 students.

Geri Rowe - MAIT Vice Principal



## PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

### TALENTED YEAR 11 STUDENTS PICKED TO BE PART OF NEW DANCE TROUPE

Two year 11 students have been selected to become part of the newly founded Corby Youth Dance Company.

Malaina Nichol and Melissa Owens beat off stiff competition from other students across the Corby area at the auditions held on Monday, January 12 at neighbouring The Kingswood School.

They will become part of the 20 member dance group which will perform at The Castle Theatre in Wellingborough on March 13 and 14 as part of a county wide dance showcase.

Melissa was placed in the top three girls and will receive a scholarship to the dance troupe.

Melissa, who studies BTEC dance and attends the dance club in session 3, said: "I did not think I would get through so I am really delighted.

"I want to have a dance career and would love to go on stage in London."

Malaina, who attends Hip Hop dance classes outside of school, said: "I went along to keep Melissa company, so I was not expecting to get through, especially as I have not tried contemporary dance before."

The students will now join dance sessions being held every Monday evening.

The troupe, which is made up of dancers aged from 13 to 19, is run by the county council funded Northants Dance Group.

Dance teacher Miss Dickinson said: "This is a huge honour for both the girls and the school."



### THE CATWALK AT CBA

There are no eating disorder problems with our very own PNS model who is currently modelling skiwear and ski equipment.

Mr Bonejangles, a slim size 0, has been modelling a variety of outfits since September; including all types of sportswear, casual wear, seasonal and fancy dress.

As you can see for yourself, Mr Bonejangles is happy in his work and is able to hold a professional modelling pose for an indefinite amount of time.

Unlike most models, he does not tire easily and is not restricted to an eight hour day. He also is able to enlist the help of a colleague should the need for a partner model arise.

The prom season is arriving! Who better to model than Mr and Mrs. B.?

If you would like to see your casual, formal or work attire displayed 24/7 to a captive audience, then do not hesitate to contact Sarah Ashby Mr B's manager.



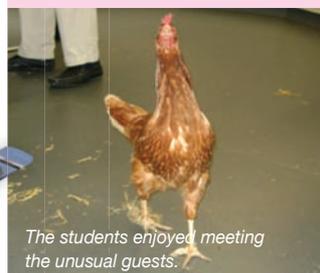
### SCIENCE LAB TURNS INTO A FARMYARD

In the last week of term the PNS department saw the arrival of a chicken, ferrets, snakes, spiders and many more weird and wonderful creatures. These animals belonged to Gary and Karen who had kindly brought them into the PNS faculty. This was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 8 students who have recently been studying ecological relationships.

Gary, who works part time at Rugby Reptiles, was able to impart his knowledge of these animals to the students who sat in awe as he brought out one after another of his unusual pets.

During the afternoon students from the DSP faculty joined Year 8 to meet the animals and all students had the opportunity to touch, hold and even feed them, which for many was a unique experience, although for some reason nobody held the Chilean rose tarantula!

**Neil Price** – PNS teacher



*The students enjoyed meeting the unusual guests.*



# APPEALING TO GREEN FINGERED STUDENTS

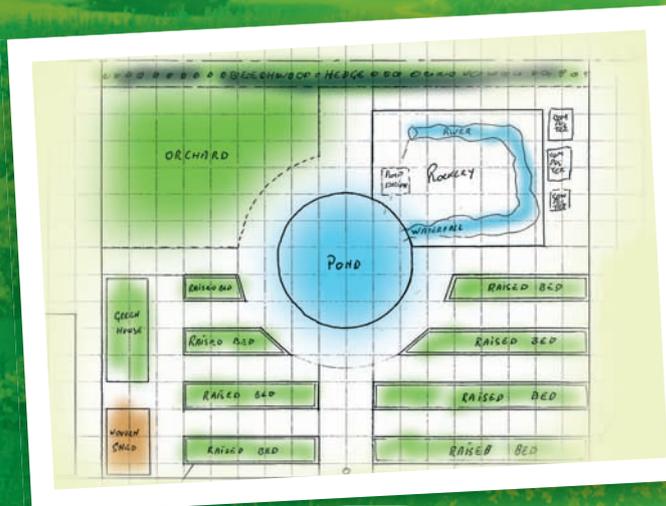
The science department is building a garden outside the faculty and we need your help. Most of the garden will be planted in raised beds to allow wheel chair access, and will include a central pond, an orchard, a rockery, a vegetable plot and a flower garden.

If you fancy getting your hands dirty during Session 3 in Terms 4, 5 and 6 come along to the PNS faculty. You'll learn how to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers and in the years to come you can watch your hard work grow.

Weather permitting we are eager to get the foundations for the organic section of the garden started within the next half term. This will mean you will be able to start planting and growing your own veggies.

We need a team of students and parents to join us for one Saturday morning of digging towards the end of March.

Bring your own spade, wellies and a good sense of humour!



# JUDO COMES TO CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY

All students had the opportunity to try a new sport as the PNS faculty unveiled Judo Week.

Each year group got involved with the taster sessions that were offered as part of a collaboration between CBA and the Corby Schools Sports Partnership.

Qualified judo coach Laurence Kenyon put the students through their paces during timetabled Active lessons and taught the basic moves and throws.

Mr Kenyon, who is a coach at Kettering Judo Club, said: "Because Judo is a controlled sport it helps young people learn some discipline and is also a great way to let off steam."

An afterschool club has also begun which will continue in Term 4. The cost of the after school club is £10 for the term and as part of this cost the students will receive a judo suit that they can keep. Students who enjoy the after school judo sporting hour and want to learn more, can attend the sessions held by Corby Judo Club on Sundays at Lodge Park Sports Centre from 4pm to 6pm.

*William McLaren and Joshua Morgan get to grips with the Judo moves.*



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judo



# GLADIATORS READY!

We have had a competition running, giving students the chance to win a Gladiator signed foamed finger. As yet we've not had anyone claim a prize and it will be continuing into the next half term. We have three fingers ready and waiting for a new hand to direct them.

As a reminder all you have to do is attend after school sports clubs, get the member of staff to sign your form you collect from Mr Allen, and when the form is full if you are one of the first three you will win the foam finger.

So it's not too late for your chance to take a top prize.

Also keep your eyes peeled, as we will be starting a new competition soon to win an afternoon away rock climbing and mastering an assault course.

**Mark Allen** – sports development

*Charlie Bell, Dean Hamilton and Courtney Hughes show off the prizes*



# COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

## YEAR 9 AND THE HEADSPACE PROJECT

On Wednesday, 4th February a group of CBA Year 9 students were invited by Corby Library to watch the play *Racytile* and were also consulted on the planned Headspace area in the new Corby library.

Corby is one of twenty places in four areas of England, which will have a Headspace. The area, for 11-19's will be in the new Corby library, situated in the Civic Hub and should open in 2010. Young people will be able to read, listen, surf the web, play games and chill here.

Headspace will be delivered by Northamptonshire Libraries and Information Service in partnership with young people, and will have full input into the design of the new area. One of the most innovative elements of the project is the idea of young people being served drinks and a book of their choice by a specially trained book waiter.

CBA students were asked for feedback about the design and furniture of the new Headspace. Indeed, central to the development of Corby's new Headspace are the views of local young people. This is a very exciting project for Corby Library and it's great to think that CBA students are a big part of the planning and development.

The play *Racytile* was performed by the Shout drama group which is a group which involves young people from Corby. The theme of the play *Racytile* [anagram of literacy] is about a boy who loves to read, but is bullied by his contemporaries for being uncool. As the play progresses, the attitudes of the children change and they want to read books and join the library.

After the play, the students discussed the implications of the play, for example being bullied and called a 'boff' for enjoying reading. An excellent idea that was proposed was young people could record books for other young people and could listen to them on their ipods to get them engaged with the world of literature.

If you want to know further information about Headspace here are some useful websites:

[www.readingagency.org.uk/young/headspace](http://www.readingagency.org.uk/young/headspace)

[www.theirreadingfutures.org.uk](http://www.theirreadingfutures.org.uk)

**Alex Bonner** – English teacher



The students on their library visit



An artists impression of the new Corby library which will be part of the Corby Cube.



This term students have been having fun in order to make the hard task of French understanding that little bit easier. Some lessons have included games using racquet boards and students have thoroughly enjoyed improving their French vocabulary.  
**Sophie Becret** – Comms teacher

## INJECTING SOME FUN INTO FRENCH UNDERSTANDING

### In Press talked to some Year 7 students and here are their thoughts on learning a new language:

“I really enjoy French because we have lots of fun activities and games that are about France.”  
**Tapiwanashe Sarupina**

“I like the spelling games because it helps me to learn the spellings for the tests. We also do running games when the teacher says something in French like a book or a pen and we have to run and get the objects she has asked for.”  
**Sophie Williams**

“I enjoyed the game where we had to touch the right picture on the smart board. I also liked it when we had to draw the word we heard in French on the pad.”  
**Mitch Fleming**

“In French I have learnt how to introduce myself, how to ask people how they are, write letters to people in France, play French games, learn how to say countries and recognise their flags.”  
**Avneet Gill**

## FROM THE BEATLES TO PUNK

GCSE Media students have been studying the history of the music industry and analysing how it affects and manipulates image in society. They have looked at a range of bands and trends from The Beatles and Mods to The Sex Pistols and Punk. Students are working towards a deadline of Friday, 20th March for completion of coursework folders.



## GCSE DRAMA

GCSE Drama has studied *Blood Brothers* during which they created some extremely convincing roles to show the division in class, superstitions, morals and values. They are now working on their performance of *Face* by studying various ‘accidents’ involving drink-driving and drug use; devising scripts; working in role; and putting together their own portfolio of work. The students have shown great passion and enthusiasm in creating their own performances, which are developing well and are due to be evaluated next term in preparation for the examiner to observe them in May. The students are looking forward to a theatre trip to see *The Witches of Eastwick* at the end of February. This will give them an opportunity to evaluate the performance of others and show understanding of the techniques and elements of drama, which in turn will develop their own performances.

**Caroline Barrett** - Director of English, Media and Drama

## YEAR 11 UPDATE

Year 11 GCSE English/GCSE English Literature students have been working hard to complete their coursework folders, which are almost ready to be sent away to the exam moderator. In English lessons, final speaking and listening assessments are taking place alongside focused revision activities, giving students opportunities to practise skills and develop the confidence to be successful in the exams. Throughout Term 4, students sitting GCSE English Literature will have the opportunity to attend Session 3 on Thursdays from 3.45pm until 4.45pm, to enhance their revision of the exam texts: *An Inspector Calls*, *Of Mice and Men* and poetry.

# SIXTH FORM

A great new partnership: Solway staff with sixth form students.



## SIXTH FORM STUDENTS HUNGRY TO DEVELOP THEIR ENTERPRISE SKILLS



Solway Foods, a major employer, has thrown open its doors to the students giving them the chance to work closely with every department within the organisation.

This unique project was launched in Corby Business Academy on 23rd January when students discovered they were to be given the opportunity to work on real problems with real outcomes alongside experienced personnel from Solway. Over the next ten weeks, groups of students will be working on a variety of activities which will culminate in a presentation of their findings.

Solway Foods, part of the Northern Foods Group, which employs more than 500 people in Corby and has an annual turnover in excess of £100m, was extremely keen to link with the Business Academy.

The link will allow the students to draw on the particular expertise of their specialist personnel to widen their skills and understanding of the work place.

The launch began with a teambuilding session lead by Anjana Rajani, Director of Power to Progress. This allowed students to discover their own strengths and weaknesses, which will enable them to allocate job roles and responsibilities within their group. In a 'Meet their Mentor' session they posed questions, discovered how the company operates and found out about the wide range of careers and jobs available, plus the important role each mentor has within the business.

Northamptonshire's Education Business Links Organisation (EBLO) which formulated the project, has been working closely with Solway and Corby Business Academy.

Julie Thompson, Work Related Learning and Enterprise Advisor at EBLO, said: **"This is an exceptional opportunity for the students to see first hand what is involved in running a business of this size. This will enable students to discover the variety of jobs and careers within Solway, plus give the students first hand experiences and generic skills which will help them either enter the world of work, or enhance their UCAS applications or CV's."**

Dr Andrew Campbell, welcomed the opportunity for the Academy to be involved with a major employer in Corby.

He said: **"We are very grateful to be given the opportunity to work with Solway, the enrichment project will enhance the students' knowledge and understanding of the subjects they are studying"**

Students will be mentored over the project as they attempt to create a new self-contained 'Ready Meal'. They will investigate consumer preferences, allergies, calorific values, packaging and design, marketing and sales, selection and recruitment, and the impact on the environment of expansion and transportation.

Laura Sharp, of the human resources department at Solway, said: **"We are very happy to help these students develop their enterprise and employability skills."**

**"I would encourage any employers to directly share their experiences with students, it is one of the best ways to inspire young minds and get them interested and involved"**.

Avril Bartley-Smith, Vice Principal at Corby Business Academy said: **"This enrichment project is an exciting opportunity for students to see the real relevance of their studies in the modern workplace and a chance to learn skills that they can apply in the future"**.

Avril Bartley-Smith - Vice Principal Sixth Form





Current sixth form students: Head boy and Head girl Jordan Joseph and Jackie Tsiga with Deputy Head boy Luke Wardle.

## SIXTH FORM 2009 APPLY NOW

Come and find out more at our Aim Higher Sixth Form information evening being held on Tuesday, March 10. Invitations to Year 11 students will be dropping on your doorsteps soon. External students are invited to complete the application form on the website and will be invited for interview.

The sixth form is continuing to grow and develop. The existing Level 3 courses in Business, Travel and Tourism, ICT, Biology, English, Maths, Further Maths and Sport will continue to be offered. The entry requirement is five GCSE subjects A\*- C including a grade C in English. To follow the English and Maths A level, students will need a grade B minimum. We aim to meet the needs of all our students and if there are sufficient students wishing to study courses we will support them in this quest. There will be a one year Level 2 opportunity to gain the necessary 5 A\* - C grades through Business related subjects.

All students are asked to complete the application form on the website by Friday, 27th February and will then be offered an interview. Keep your options open, if you don't apply you won't have a place.

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



## SIXTH FORMERS TRAIN ON RECEPTION

Sixth Form students have been working in various community roles throughout the Academy. The most daunting task was being trained as a receptionist. Over a period of time the students have been learning how to respond to queries, man the telephone, take messages and meet visitors to the academy. This has provided for many the practical evidence required for their Travel and Tourism A level course. The opportunity to practise the theory is far more realistic than any role play activity.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Ernestas Bacevicius said: "Great fun, can I have a job, please."

Richard White said: "I didn't know how busy I would be, I had to deal with several tasks at the same time"

"I enjoyed meeting visitors to the Academy" said Holly Minton.



## CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY SCHOOL SENATE

Corby Business Academy School Senate has been involved in so much in such a little time. We have worked with site supervisor staff to sort out problems with the school water fountains

We also invited Mrs Rosemary Purdie from Essence Catering to our last senate meeting to talk about the restaurant.

Mrs Purdie told us about how the restaurant works and how the pricing scheme and menu operate.

One of our main events so far was at Christmas time. Parents in Partnership set up a competition to see which year group could design the best hamper.

The competition would be judged by how much food was in the hampers and also the design work and effort put into making the hamper.

Year 11 won the hamper competition. There was also a second competition which was a Christmas tree competition. Every faculty was given a tree and the Year group which belongs to the faculty had to decorate to keep with the theme of the faculty. Year 7, in the COMMS faculty won the competition.

Already this year the Corby Business Academy School Senate has done so much and we will continue this good work although the academic school year.

**Head boy Jordon Joseph and  
Year 9 student Nicole Parsons**



## TEACHER'S EXTRA CURRICULAR WAR GAMES

**In the first of our new series looking at the interesting lives of our staff and students, we hear from Assistant Principal Tony Segalini, who spends his spare time waging war!**

"I am co director of Close Action Airsoft Ltd. This was established four and a half years ago by myself and a former colleague at Corby Community College, Chris Sumpter.

"The company specializes in outdoor team building and leadership training as well as leisure pursuits using the sport of airsoft. This sport is similar to paintball but uses electric replica weapons to shoot 6mm bb's a distance of up to 80m.

"Players use the team principle to carry out military type scenarios such as capturing defensive features under pressure of time. Great for managers and leaders to work under pressure!

"Using the team/leadership skills learnt and used in my twelve year military experience as an Infantry Officer, we are able to develop players' skills and team awareness thus developing overall performance.

"Our leisure market has been successful, with our games running every other Sunday and attracting up to 100 people a day.

"Close Action is run from our 150 acre woodland site in Fineshade wood just off the A43 seven miles out of Corby. The site features mixed woodland with bunkers and defensive positions that we have built to enhance the gameplay.

"I very much enjoy running the company in my spare time as it gives me the chance to not only have fun but to meet lots of interesting people and in fact shoot them!

"I have a particular interest in the theory of leadership and apply many of the principles to my post at CBA. And as a keen outdoorsman what better way to combine the two."

**Find out more by visiting [www.close-action.co.uk](http://www.close-action.co.uk).**



*Tony Segalini in action.*

# INCLUSION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

## RECYCLING IN ACTION

Miss Clark's class has been discovering what 'rubbish' is and which items to collect and recycle.

The students visited the Waste Education Centre in Northampton where Heather Collyer, Waste Education Officer, gave them a tour. They saw plastics and paper being delivered, sorted and made into bales ready for the next stage of recycling.

They also learnt about composting and in the springtime Heather will be visiting the Academy to help set up a composting bin in the DSP allotment.

The class is very keen to start recycling paper in school and have begun investigating ways this can be done.



## A LESSON IN BIOLOGY

This term the KS4 science group have been learning about how the human body works. This is Ellie checking how different Matty's heartbeat sounds after he has been exercising. The class particularly enjoyed trying sweet, sour, savoury and bitter foods, to experience how different areas of the tongue trigger our sense of taste.



## A RED HOT DAY OUT

Out and about in the community this term we visited Corby Fire Station as part of Citizenship lessons learning about the Emergency Services and how they help the local community.

The class listened to a talk about the role of the Fire Service and fire safety in the home before trying on their uniforms, enjoying a ride in the fire engine and trying their hand at being a fire fighter alongside some of White Watch. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit especially the hands on experiences of the practical side of the job.



## GIFTED AND TALENTED

### BE THE BEST @ THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON

On 28th January, four students were given the chance to take part in their first University Taster Session. After braving the rain, they were given the opportunity to attend Revision Seminars and Thinking Skills Lectures ... even body popping went on in there somewhere.

Needless to say a good day was had by all and they are all looking forward to their next visit when they will be able to specialise in their chosen subjects.

A special commendation to the students who attended; I have been told that not only were you the best dressed but also the best behaved and excellent ambassadors for our academy.

**Claire Howsam** – Gifted and Talented coordinator



The four students during their visit to University of Northampton.

# COULD YOU GIVE ALISTAIR DARLING A RUN FOR HIS MONEY?

Calling all budding politicians ... how would you like to be Chancellor for the day? The Citizenship Foundation is giving all 14-19 year olds the opportunity to win this chance.

It's a once in a lifetime opportunity and there are lots of prizes to be won, besides the power of being in charge of our country's economy for a day.

As part of the competition all entrants are provided with a list of ways in which public money could be spent (in areas such as Environment, Health and Education.) However, just like in the real world, they can't choose them all so they need to prioritise those they think are most important, making compromises where necessary, and then justifying their choices by writing the Chancellor's speech, explaining to the country what the money will be spent on and why. The deadline for submissions is 27th February so good luck and get writing.

All you need to do is follow the link to enter the competition. [www.payingforit.org.uk/chancetobechancellor/default.aspx](http://www.payingforit.org.uk/chancetobechancellor/default.aspx)



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## TERMLY LOGIC PUZZLE

**RESCUE THAT CAT** – Which handsome fireman rescued which charming cat from which tree?

The charming cats, including Ratchett, of Kingfisher Avenue caused the local fire brigade to be called out five times one night last week. They all did that mad cat thing of becoming stuck up a tree. It has not yet been decided if this was a cat conspiracy, as a dog shelter nearby was also set alight that night with wrappers from cans of cat food. Fortunately no casualties occurred.

### Handy Hints and Tips

The following trees were where the cats were found: Ash, Beech, Elm, Oak, Willow

The following statements were given by onlookers and nosey neighbours:

1. Fluffy, the giant ginger tom, became stuck up the willow tree; his rescuer was not Ken.
2. Jock did not rescue a cat from the willow tree, did Boris?
3. Slater, the tortoiseshell moggy, was rescued by Dirk.
4. Rick rescued the cat from the ash tree, this was not the adorable black and white kitten called Percy.
5. Tiddles was not stuck in the ash tree.
6. Ken did not rescue a black and white cat, but he climbed a tree whose first letter was directly after the initial of the name of the fireman that climbed the beech tree to rescue one defenceless little kitty.

**First correct entry brought/sent to Mrs Howsam will win a prize, so get your thinking caps on!**

		Fireman					Tree				
		Boris	Dirk	Jock	Ken	Rick	Ash	Beech	Elm	Oak	Willow
Cat	Fluffy										
	Percy										
	Ratchett										
	Slater										
	Tiddles										
Tree	Ash										
	Beech										
	Elm										
	Oak										
	Willow										

## ENTERPRISE & BUSINESS LINKS

### SIXTH FORM STUDENT ANSWER SOS CALL

Sixth form students are working in partnership with multi-national company RS Components to re-design and manufacture a new piece of equipment.

When the Corby based firm discovered that a piece of equipment from the calibration department was showing signs of wear and tear, it decided to send out an SOS to the CBA and four sixth form students have come to the rescue.

Led by senior science technician Leen van den Berg students Derrick Dick, Dale Page, Colin Partridge, Aiden Patrick are now working together to redesign the new resistor.

After carrying out a study of the original Loughborough University project that first designed the part ten years ago, the students have now come up with a plan of action to modernise the calibration equipment.

The team will spend the next few months working on the design and manufacture and hope to be able to present the finished item to RS Components by July.

This is the first of many projects CBA plans to carry out with its business link and sponsor RS Components.



Leen and the students brainstorm the project.



Peter Simpson with John Hill and students.

## CORBYS BUSINESS GROUP'S FIRST VISIT TO CBA

Late January saw a crowd of 30 smart-suited individuals enjoying a breakfast visit and tour of CBA.

Admittedly, some slightly over-indulged with the traditional bacon and egg options, while others selected porridge (with dried fruit topping).

However, the real feast still to come was one for the eyes when touring CBA's 21st Century educational phenomenon.

From one end of the building to the other, smartly dressed and well-behaved students were going about their lessons with obvious and genuine enthusiasm. Claustrophobic, chalk filled classrooms had been consigned to the past and the future secured in awesome, open-plan digital splendour.

However, a new, purpose built environment is only a base from which

to launch the academy. The real life-blood is the operating ethos, together with teaching skills and methodology. It was very apparent that these are not only well thought through and presented, but that they have already begun to transform the educational prospects of a generation of young people at CBA.

CBG very much looks forward to working in partnership with the academy and as a small first step, has issued a challenge: the Group needs a new logo and web-site.

Can CBA's IT wizards deliver appealing and professional results? We shall see, but in any event we look forward to the exciting prospect of our next visit.

**John Hill** – Corby Business Group Chairman and CBA governor

## WORK SHADOWING AT RS COMPONENTS



**On the 22nd January, six Corby Business Academy students from Year 11, travelled to RS components to complete a day's work shadowing with our Business Mentors.**

My mentor is Karl White who is the training manager. He designs and carries out training sessions for people who are beginning a new role in the organisation. He took me to his area and introduced me to his team.

They have a really important job and for it to be carried out by four people just shows us how efficiently they work.

Karl then showed me how the emailing system works in his company and he said that on average he gets about sixty emails a day. That's quite a lot!

He then showed me his meeting schedule which was quite packed with different meetings and appointments. In some cases he was to be in two different places at once!

Part of Karl's job is to design training sessions. As part of this, he designs booklets and leaflets so that the people on the training sessions can study with ease. Some of the leaflets looked really snazzy. He then explained that we were to go to Wellingborough School to perform a presentation about giving a presentation. Students at Wellingborough School had a product that they had to sell and Karl explained some tips and tricks to performing a good presentation. I gained a lot from the experience and had a very enjoyable day.

**Dan Buckland** – Year 11 student



Author Tom Palmer with library assistant Bernie Smith and the students.

## SCORING A TALK FROM A TOP FLIGHT AUTHOR

Two groups of Year 7 students were invited to meet a well-known author at the local library in Corby on Friday, January 16. Tom Palmer writes football detective books which are fast and exciting.

Tom told our students that he was a very poor reader until his mum got him reading football comics and articles about sport in the newspapers. Students enjoyed a football quiz with a penalty shoot out at the end. (Yes, a penalty shoot out in the library!).

Tom presented the winning teams with trophies and all the students were given a signed copy of *Foul Play* one of Tom's popular novels. We were delighted to receive an e-mail from Tom saying how impressed he was by our students and how much he had enjoyed their company. For more information about Tom's books log on to his website [www.tompalmer.co.uk](http://www.tompalmer.co.uk)

**Bernie Smith** -library assistant



## CHESS TOURNAMENT 2009

CBA's first chess tournament is well underway and very competitive this year. Over forty staff and students entered the tournament, which will end next term, with matches being played most afternoons in the Library. Jack Warrior has once again proved to be a formidable opponent, with Luke Wardle, Michael Wynn and others threatening his crown. Other players of note to date include Shelby Pinkney who won her first match in only a handful of moves and Kevin Karuga-Ogwang who improved his skills dramatically over one weekend by seemingly ingesting a chess book. The winner will be announced in the next issue of In Press.

Jessica Dick and Milica Novakovic battling it out on the chess board.



## TIMES BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS

Many thanks to everybody who has sent Times Books For Schools vouchers in this term. They are much appreciated and will be put to good use expanding our Library. The vouchers are available everyday in The Times Newspaper and can generally be found in the Times2 supplement. We will be collecting them all year.

**“Many thanks to everybody who has sent Times Books For Schools vouchers in this term.”**

**BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS**

**EDUCATION THE TIMES THE SUNDAY TIMES**

# BOOK OF THE TERM

## Every issue from now on we will be including a Book of the Term review.

I'm writing this issue's review but students, staff and parents are invited to submit their own for future editions and you can do this by emailing me at [amckay@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:amckay@corbybusinessacademy.org).

### Twilight by Stephanie Meyer

Stephanie Meyer's *Twilight* has been a sensation in America and the fan hysteria has recently hit this country, with some critics even claiming Bella Swann is threatening Harry Potter's status as the most popular children's literature character. The story centres around the love affair between human teenager Bella and vampire Edward Cullen and the problems and dangers this brings to both of them. The story contains something for everyone: horror, suspense, fantasy and good old fashioned romance. It has also started arguments on various subjects such as feminism, patriarchy, the existence of pure evil and gender stereotypes. Although it may never win any high literary awards this is a fantastic example of pure escapism and I have yet to meet a reader who hasn't been totally engrossed. If you want further proof of its brilliance here are some comments from CBA readers:



Julia Komor with a copy of *Twilight*

"*Twilight* is a stunning book. It captivates the reader by transporting him to a fictitious world posed as reality. Lines are blurred as humans become vampires without me ever questioning if that is really possible." Miss Kobosky, Maths.

"I think that *Twilight* is an awesome book. It is definitely my favourite. I definitely recommend this book to anybody who likes a bit of mystery and romance." Megan Hogg, Year 7.

"*Twilight* is a book clearly written by a genius. I thank God that Meyer (wrote it) otherwise my life wouldn't be the same... I was so compelled I barely noticed anything around me. I was striving for more, reading chapters with such ferocity, like the words on the pages were droplets of water and I was a parched traveller rejoicing as the rain fell on to the dry sand of Sahara." Julia Komor, Year 7.

High praise indeed! *Twilight* is, of course, available to borrow from the Library.

Amy McKay, Librarian



## ADDICTED TO TURNING PAGES

Corby Book Addicts have been busy working on their creative writing skills for a national writing competition. The brief given was to write either a 500 word story with the opening line "It was Friday 13th..." or a poem about either winter or spring. Our entries have been of a superb standard (if I do say so myself) and we are now eagerly awaiting the results which will be announced at the end of February. Students started the process by brainstorming words, phrases and ideas to fit the criteria, they then wrote their first drafts before meeting weekly to edit and comment on each others work until they were happy with what they had written. An extract from one of the entries can be found below.

*Sylvia* by Julia Komor, Year 7 student

**It was Friday, 13th December, the most important day of my life and that's because I met him:  
Friday, 13th December 2008 10pm. MY ROOM  
In bed. Staring at the wall blankly. Stunned. By the impossibility and amazingness of life.  
How the heck did I end up with a Satanling boyfriend? And I'm the exact opposite of a Satanling. I'm a Sylph, for crying out loud! I'm no mere human; I'm the personification of air, of good, of right. I'm like an angel, really. Only I'm better-looking. And not dressed in something that looks like a really big white nappy. Or blanket. Or towel. I don't know, stop bugging me. Jeez....**

Planned CBA activities next term include a Valentines inspired speed dating event, storyboard work using a set of fantastic drawing books the library has recently bought and swotting for the upcoming Northamptonshire Schools Book Challenge.

Amy McKay - Librarian



Danielle Mackness doing her best Wordsworth impression

# SESSION 3

Students taking part in enriching activities.



## FUN AT THE ROCK ACADEMY

The Rock Academy is going from strength to strength as more students discover how much fun it is.

This term we have had a visit from an outside band and we have now split into two bands and will be holding a "name the band" competition in Term 4.

We have big plans for the Rock Academy so watch this space and we have set out our objectives below to let you know what it's all about.

David O'Neil – Rock Academy organiser

## ROCK SCHOOL OBJECTIVES

1. To work as a group on tunes, working with each player's loyalty.
2. To promote music to a wider audience, touring other schools and playing our music.
3. To teach as many beginners an instrument as possible.
4. To make the music department available to all students.
5. To give a welcome break after school in an enjoyable and relaxed setting.
6. To develop social skills when dealing with others in a music forum.
7. To be responsible for the care of the instruments.
8. To help other schools to run an afterschool club in the way to help their communities.



### ROCK ACADEMY MEMBER DANIEL CARGILL'S TOP FIVE SONGS:

- We Will Rock You – Queen
- Take on Me – Reel Big Fish
- B.Y.O.B – System of a Down
- Slow Down – Reel Big Fish
- The Miracle - Queen



## BUSTING SOME NEW MOVES

A new Session 3 break dance club for boys has started this term.

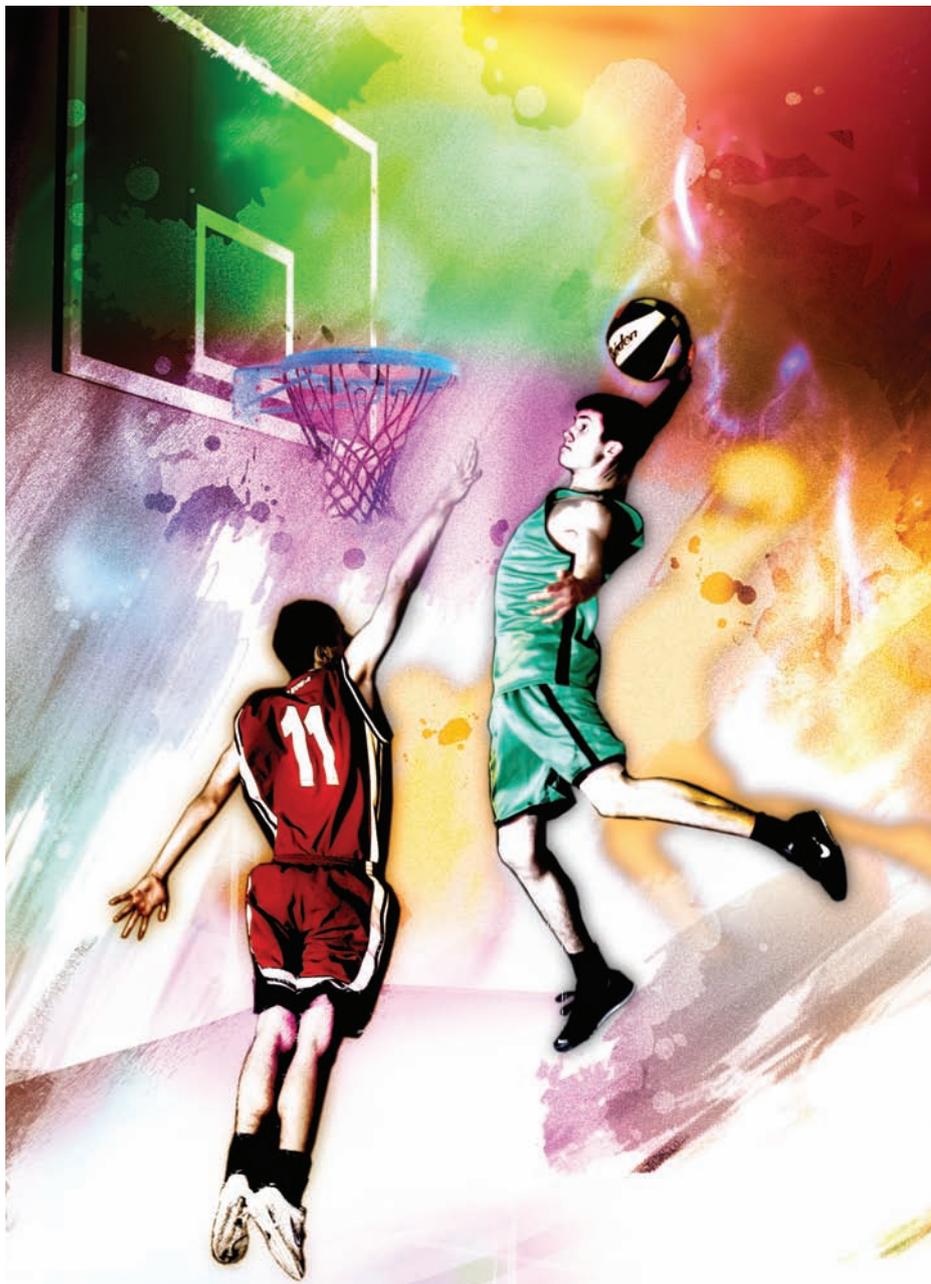
We have had a good response so far and are keen for more students to get involved.

The club is open to all years and takes place on Mondays from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Francia Dickinson – PNS teacher

*Jordan England in action >*





## EYES ON NATIONAL PRIZE

The national basketball final is still in sight, as the Year 11 boys saw off local rivals in an exhilarating match.

After a game of nail biting end to end action, the team continued its winning run and took victory from Bishop Stopford School in the closest match of the season.

On the final whistle the scoreboard sat at 51-50, and with the Kettering team scoring in the last minute, the final 60 seconds of the game were almost unwatchable for the spectators.

Coach John Atkinson said: "This was another excellent team performance and I am so proud of the team.

"They have put in a huge amount of effort this season and it is paying off.

"This was without doubt the best basketball match of the year by any of our school teams."

Man of the match was Year 10 student Josh Tew who managed to score an impressive 25 of the team's 51 points.

The team will find out who they next take on in the coming weeks and if they win the next game will be through to the quarter final stages.

**"This was without doubt the best basketball of the year by any of our school teams."**

## FILM CLUB STARTS SOON

This will be a chance to watch Hollywood blockbusters and British films. The shows will take place on Thursdays or Tuesdays in the BHE faculty room BU2. Watch the screens around the academy for the latest information.

Ian Nicol, BHE teacher

## TAKING ON NEW ROLES

During this term the students who participate in after school drama club have been producing some great work. Working from plays borrowed from the library, students have been acting as footballers, ghosts, naughty children and even Macbeth from Shakespeare.

My talented bunch has worked very hard and Mrs Bennett has been in full role this term and the students and I would like to say a big thank you for all her hard work. See you all next term for more noisy activities.

Kirsty Farrar – Drama club leader

## HEAVEN IS A HALF PIPE

A new afterschool club with serious street cred has started up.

Students from all year groups can now attend the sessions held at nearby Adrenaline Alley on Monday's from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

BMXing, inline skating and skateboarding are all on offer at the skate park and for just £4, the students can rent the equipment and attend the two hour session.

Susan Tilley, who has organised the after school sessions, said: "This Session 3 club is something just that little bit different and with one of the country's best urban sports facilities on our doorstep it would be a shame not to use it.

"The students who have attended so far have really enjoyed it and I am hoping that more will take up the offer and come along.

Transport to and from the venue is provided and students can return to the academy in time for the last bus home or choose to stay at Adrenaline Alley for more sports fun if they have parental permission.

The skatepark is also offering half price entry to students on school training days.

To find out more, contact Susan Tilley and to learn more about Adrenaline Alley visit [www.adrenalinealley.co.uk](http://www.adrenalinealley.co.uk)



## CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FACULTY		ACTIVITY	TIME	STAFF
<b>MONDAY</b>				
AMID	CBA Choir		3.45 -4.45	Mr Taylor/Mr Wears
PNS	Sports Hall	Badminton- all years boys and girls open to primaries	4.00 -5.25	S Wedgewood
PNS	Sports Hall	Cricket - 7,8,9	4.00 -5.25	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Astro	Hockey - all years	4.00 -5.25	P Woolley
PNS	Pitches	Football-10	4.00 -5.25	M Henry
PNS	Courts	Netball-9,10,11	4.00 -5.25	A Harris
PNS	Dance Studio	Dance-ks3	4.00 -5.25	D Handy
PNS	Theatre	Boys break dance	3.30-4.30	F Dickinson
BHE		Young Enterprise	3.30 - 5.30	
Based at Adrenaline Alley		Bike, Skateboard, Inline skates and Helmet - cost £4.00	3.30 - 5.30	S Tilley
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
AMID		Woodwind Ensemble	3.45 - 4.45	Mrs Carter
AMID		Junior Band	3.45 - 4.45	Mr Wears
AMID		KS 3 Textile/Craft Club	3.45 - 4.45	Mrs Davis
AMID		KS 3/4 Food/Hospitality Catch-up Sessions	3.45 - 4.45	Mrs Dicks
AMID	Room AL8	KS 3 Art Club	3.45 - 4.45	Mrs Brown
PNS	Sports Hall	Basketball- 9,10 boys - Practice	4.00 -5.25	J Atkinson
PNS	Astro	Football-7	4.00 -5.25	N Addy / D Arnold
PNS	Pitches	Football-8,9 Rugby-10,11,6th Girls rugby all years	4.00 -5.25	SB - MH - RM - MA
PNS	Courts	Netball - All years	4.00 -5.25	A Harris
PNS	Dance Studio	Dance ks4-ks5	4.00 -5.25	F Dickinson
PNS		Running club all years boys+girls	4.00 -5.25	
PNS	PL4	Science Pet Club	4.00 -5.00	Mr Price
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
AMID		Brass Band	3.45 - 4.45	Mr Hudson
AMID		Rock Club Beginners / able players	3.15 - 5.30	Mr Oneil
PNS	Sports Hall	Basketball- 7,8 Girls Practice till 4.30 Open to primaries from 4.30- 6.00	4.00 - 6.00	JA - DJ
PNS	Mind & Body Studio	Rowing and fitness	4.00 -5.25	M Allen
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	
<b>THURSDAY</b>				
AMID		Senior Concert Band	3.45 - 4.45	Mr Wears
AMID		Samba Club	3.45 - 4.45	Mr Sharpe
AMID	AL8	KS 4 Catch-up Sessions	3.45 - 5.00	Mrs Brown
AMID	AU10	KS 4 Catch-up Sessions	3.45 - 5.00	Mrs Hopkins
AMID		KS 4 Child Development Catch-up Sessions	3.45 - 5.00	Mrs Davis
AMID		KS 4 RM Craft Club	3.45 - 5.00	Mr Lane
COMMS	Drama Studio	Drama Club	3.45 - 4.45	
PNS	Sports Hall	Open Basketball	4.00 -5.45	J Atkinson
PNS	Astro	Girls Football- All years	4.00 -5.25	AH - KK - MA
PNS	Pitches	Football-11 Rugby-7,8,9	4.00 -5.25	DA - RM
PNS	Dance Studio	Year 9 dance club	3.30-4.30	
PNS		Running club all years boys+girls	4.00 -5.25	
BHE	BU2	History detectives (Every other week)	3.45 - 4.45	
LIBRARY	LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	3.45 - 5.00	
LIBRARY	LIBRARY	OPEN	To - 5.30	
<b>FRIDAY</b> For all pupils school closes at 3.30pm				
PNS	Sports Hall	Staff Sport	3.30 - 4.30	
PNS	Astro	Staff Sport	3.30 - 4.30	
LIBRARY	OPEN		To - 4.00	

Parents/Carer(s) please note the above CBA After School Activity Timetables for the relevant Faculties. The late buses are available Monday to Thursday at 5.45pm and on a Monday, Tuesday, 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.

## YEAR 7 SETTLING IN WELL

I cannot believe how fast this academic year is flying by and how mature the Year 7 students are becoming. Although they still ask me for help with things, they do seem to be getting more organised.

There are still ongoing problems with students forgetting their locker keys or where their locker is so I am still urging them to get themselves a combination padlock in a distinctive colour if possible.

If any students have lost things since starting the academy in September they should really pay a visit to student reception where Mrs Phillips is doing a grand job of itemising all lost property and lots of items belonging to Year 7 students.

I was very impressed with all of our sporting achievements over the past term, the teams are doing really well considering they have only just started to play together. The musical talent amongst Year 7 students is also impressive and inspiring. We also have some talented chess players who I hope will soon be giving Jack Warrior a run for his money!

Well done to all of the students who took part in the preparations for our official opening ceremony. Thank you to all of Year 7 for a productive term and all their parents for being so supportive once again and I look forward to next term.

**Donna Lapsley** Year 7 PSO



## HALFWAY POINT FOR YEAR 9

As we reach the end of Term 3 in the snowy winter of Corby, we reach the mid point of Year 9 at CBA. Doesn't time fly when you are having fun!

Looking forward to September and the start of Year 10 you will be faced with many different and diverse challenges, but I am more than confident that you can ALL rise to these challenges.

However before we get to September there are some very important choices to be made. Those choices are your options for Year 10. While that process has started you all still need to consider which subjects you will study in Years 10 and 11.

To help you with this very important decision, you may wish to speak with your teachers and with your parents and I would encourage you to do so. Please feel free to discuss this with me.

So far this academic year CBA has, in sport, had a number of successes most notably on the football field, basketball court and netball court and I hope that this continues and expands to other sports.

I would like to see more of you coming to Monday night after school badminton and if you choose sport as part of your options and then choose badminton, I will be only too happy to offer you any assistance you require.

Once we return for Term 4 the push towards Year 10 begins in earnest and you need to focus consistently on your studies. The use of after school Personal Study Time (PST) is an integral part of your learning and I do know that the extra work put in within the IT department has produced many benefits. Please use PST to help improve your grades in all your subjects.

Finally enjoy the end of term break

Regards

**Steve Wedgwood** -Year 9 PSO and Badminton England Level 2 Coach



## A BUSY TERM FOR YEAR 8

First of all I'd like to wish everyone a happy new year, from myself and Year 8.

What a busy term Year 8 have had with a particular highlight being the judo lessons. The grand opening was also a big occasion and the Year 8 students who met the Prime Minister were thrilled. The guests that managed to make it were very impressed with what they saw.

And thank you to all the parents who managed to brave the snow and ice and attended our parents' evening. It was lovely to see so many of you, and be able to show you our wonderful academy, and to hear all your positive comments.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

**Mandy Wright** - Year 8 PSO



## YEAR 10 WORKING HARD

Well here we go again, another article for our In Press magazine and I'm still very proud of you all.

You have all worked really hard. A lot of you have sat the numeracy paper in maths and the grape vine has it you have done well, brilliant!

Many things have happened since our return from Christmas, not least all the super murals that have appeared on our Academy's walls. Have you spotted yourself yet? To think those fantastic pictures will be up for years! On a serious note remember to see Ms White to sort out, for some of you the choices for your work experience, a real chance to try out the world of work and to help you decide what you want from a career or what you don't want.

I also would like to take this opportunity of wishing John Dean a massive well done for his trials with Birmingham City Football Club and also huge congratulations to our budding author Kirsty Graham, who helped compose some interesting work for 'Women of Steel'.

I would like to congratulate you all on your exemplary behaviour on the official opening day and well done to all the Year 10 senate students who were meeting and greeting, a task you all handled very professionally and confidently. I would like to congratulate some of the students who attend Stamford College for their results in the first modules, well done. Well I hope you all have a brilliant February break, relax, enjoy and come back refreshed and ready for some more productive learning.

**Caroline Border** -Year 10 PSO



## YEAR 11 STUDYING HARD FOR EXAMS

Wow! Our third newsletter already, where has the time gone? Since opening in September so much has been achieved.

Not only academically, but we have also had some fantastic sporting success. The students never cease to amaze us, and continue to make us very proud.

Of course the hard work has to continue, as Year 11 stride forward into their GCSE exams. The students have been working very hard on their personal goals, and with the help of their Mentors and all the other support in place, we look forward to great success on results day.

Still it's not all work and no play. There is the Ski trip (though who needs to travel in this weather?!) and a trip to France.

There was the Holocaust Day, arranged by Ms Farrar. I know that this moved many Year 11 students who were involved. A very worthwhile event.

So onwards and upwards, keep up the good work Year 11. There is a lot still to achieve.

**Sandra White** - Year 11 PSO



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towards a common goal

**PIP HELPS OUT WITH PARENT OPEN EVENINGS**

This term PIP has been catering for the parent open evenings. Several of the committee have made cakes and have been at school to meet and greet parents/carers on parents' evening and offer them free of charge tea, coffee and cakes. We have plans for holding an Easter event but we have not, as yet made plans final. So watch this space. Anyone who is interested in joining PIP should get in touch at [PIP@Corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:PIP@Corbybusinessacademy.org)  
**Caz Baines** – PIP secretary

**SUMMER SHOW AUDITIONS**

Calling all singers, dancers and actors! Auditions for our summer show will be taking place next term. For the audition you will need to prepare a short piece of drama or dance and an extract of a song to sing. You can audition for one art form, or all three if you would like. The show will be CBA at the Musicals. KS4 auditions take place on Thursday, 19th March  
KS3 auditions take place on Tuesday, 24th March  
**For more information speak to Mrs Dickinson.**



**'Ello, 'ello, 'ello**



THE CBA is proud to be breaking new ground by being the first school to jointly fund its own Police Community Support Officer.

Alex Franklin can be seen most days in the academy and has become a familiar face to staff and students.

He is on hand to help students with any problems and is also involved in truancy patrols and helping the attendance and welfare and pastoral support team.

He said: "PCSO's are the modern day equivalent of the bobby on the beat and we are the friendly face of the police force."

"I am really enjoying my placement here and think it's a great school."

So far Alex has been involved in bringing a stage play about the dangers of drugs to the school. Future plans include setting up a Mobilise Campaign in which staff and students can register their mobile phones so if they are lost or stolen they can be traced.



**INTAKE DAY WELCOMES PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS**

CBA welcomed more than 400 students through the doors for intake assessment day.

The students sat a series of assessments and after the results are collated, places will be assigned by the LEA through a random system.

Principal Dr Campbell said: "The interest we have had for next year's intake demonstrates the positive messages about the CBA that are being sent out into the community."

Year 6 students from Corby, as well as other neighbouring towns such as Desborough and Kettering, are among the applicants for next year's 200 places.

Parents and students will find out on March 2nd whether they have been given a placement at the CBA.

**"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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