

CBA STUDENTS & THEIR FUTURE...

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Corby Business Academy

**Brooke Weston**  
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# LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

// A phrase often used to motivate young people is, "Always aim for the moon, even if you miss, you'll land among the stars," suggesting that if you aim high there's no limit to what you can do, and even if you don't succeed, you'll go farther than people who didn't. This idea, I believe, sums up many of the opportunities and activities here at Corby Business Academy. I am exceptionally proud of the music tradition here at the Academy and was delighted when our Senior Concert Band was successful in reaching the National Concert Band Festival Final due to take place at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester later this term. Students have also been encouraged to aim high in the world of sport by a range of academic and enrichment opportunities including trips to Twickenham, Leicester City FC and the annual Ski Trip. The commitment of both students and staff was recognised when the Academy was awarded the Youth Sport Trust Silver Mark.

Diverse opportunities in the arts have encouraged students to experience and reflect on literature, art, music and dance. On Friday 18th March we held our annual dance recital where students had the opportunity

to express a range of complex ideas through choreographed routines. A Level art students have visited the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, while Key Stage 3 students were joined by A Level music students to watch a performance of Tosca at the Royal Opera House in London. Our library with Amy McKay and Christina Mangin continues to spread the love for reading through a variety of innovative activities including helping to set a new Guinness World Record for World Book Day, the annual Harry Potter party, and a "Bookface" event for World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March.

Many of our activities encourage students to take risks so they can maximise their ambition and aspiration. In conjunction with Kettering Science Academy, our Race to the Top initiative has supported many of our students to challenge themselves in unfamiliar situations. Students have engaged with an exercise with the National Space Centre being involved in problem solving, decision making, team work and time management. Other students found themselves taking part in challenges when they participated in the Maths Rock Club and the Curriculum Day where



students had to respond to ethical, social, moral and political dilemmas.

The examination season is fast approaching for students in Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13. The examination timetable is available on our website under the Student Info tab. As part of the preparation some students and staff gave up part of their February break to attend study and revision sessions while a group of dedicated students attended school for three days and achieved an IT qualification. During the Easter holiday there will be more study support sessions and, as appropriate, parents will be informed of these by letter. As you will be aware GCSE and A Level examinations are being reformed and this will affect most students

in Years 7-11. Several parent events have been held to share information about the new linear examinations and the new GCSE 1-9 levels. Following feedback from the Year 7 and Year 9 events there will be an evening for parents to look at how learning can be supported in the home later in the year.

Please continue to read about the life of the Academy on our website and by email. I would like to thank everyone associated with the Academy for their commitment, dedication and hard work. //

J. Duggan

Janet Duggan  
Associate Principal

## MUSICIANS MAKE IT THROUGH TO NATIONAL FINAL



Our award-winning Senior Concert Band has made it through to the final of the UK's largest wind band and big band festival. CBA's fantastic musicians have secured their place at the prestigious *National Concert Band Festival Final* after winning Gold at the regional heats of the contest.

The band now hopes to impress judges with a 20-minute programme at the final that will be held in the Concert Hall of The Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester in April.

CBA Director of Music Clive Wears said: "This is the first time we have made it through to the national final and it is a huge honour for us.

"It's the pinnacle – not just for school bands – but for bands nationally. Bands come from all four corners of the British Isles to take part in this event. This is a very exciting prospect for us and I would like to congratulate the Senior Concert Band on getting to this stage."

The Senior Concert Band's programme will include *Ballad for Benny* and *Encanto* and there will be a cornet solo by Louie Anderson. During the festival the students will also have the chance to take part in masterclasses and workshops and see a performance by the Band of the Coldstream Guards.



Our Senior Concert Band are pictured performing at our Christmas concert

# SKI TRIP IS A HUGE SUCCESS

A group of our students had a fantastic time during our latest annual Ski Trip. At the end of February about 25 students visited the Dachstein West Ski Resort to take to the Austrian slopes.

Ski Trip organiser Maxine Hopewell said: "The trip was very successful. Our students behaved very well and the owner of the hotel we stayed at said our school was the best behaved school that had stayed with her. The students got on really well with our Ski Rep and it was great to see them develop their skiing abilities throughout the week. I hope many

of the students will carry on skiing into adulthood. The trip has also provided them with a great experience to talk about during interviews for jobs and university."

Year 12 student Jonny Freeman took part in the Ski Trip for the first time this year. He said: "I had never skied before but by the end of the week my instructor put me in the expert group. I visited two ski resorts during the trip and I really enjoyed it. I would like to keep skiing and I hope to go on the Ski Trip again next year."



*Our students prepare to hit the ski slopes*



*Excitement builds in a hard-fought match that ended in a draw*

## NATIONAL CRICKET COACH TRAINS OUR STUDENTS

A national cricket coach has been working with our Unit students during the past term. Tom Flowers is the ECB (England and Wales Cricket Board) National Assistant Coach for the Disability Squad and has been teaching our students Table Cricket and Kwik Cricket.

The six-week course was organised by the Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Trust which is working hard to encourage as many students as possible to get involved with cricket.

Mr Flowers said: "The students here have done brilliantly. They made progress each week and they learned the rules of the game. We hope these sessions will encourage the students to become fans of the sport and possibly join a social club in the future."

# ONE BREW PROMOTES ITS LUXURY TEA AT TRADE FAIR

Our business-minded Sixth Formers returned home with a profit from a big trade fair. Our Young Enterprise company One Brew impressed staff at RS Components when they attended the firm's trade fair at the end of February. The company of Year 12 students sold a high quantity of their luxury tea stock at the event and unveiled their new look trade stand. Year 12 student Ashley Zorrilla is One Brew's Marketing Assistant.

She said: "We had a lot of positive comments from the staff at RS Components. They were impressed by our packaging and

by the way we presented our product. We also unveiled our new trade stand at the event. We have changed the colour of certain parts of the display to make it stand out more."

One Brew Managing Director Chloe Harvey added she thought the company had come a long way since its launch at the beginning of the year.

She said: "At our first trade fair we were quite timid but we are now a lot more confident about talking to customers and selling our product. We're very pleased with our product."



Members of One Brew with CBA Director of Business Alex Allan



The One Brew trade stand at the RS Components trade fair

## THOUSANDS OF ONLINE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

Students and their parents are being encouraged to take advantage of a fantastic online bank of more than 16,000 educational resources. All CBA students have a login for Doodle which gives students access to exciting, interactive resources that make learning more interesting and memorable.

CBA Vice Principal Andrea Callender said: "Doodle is an educational resource that the students can use in their own time to find out additional information about the topics they are studying. It is designed to raise student attainment and promote independent learning. Although there is no parent login parents can access the resources with their child's login."

## DODDLE

Doodle can be used by teachers to teach lessons and assign homework and students can use it outside the classroom to help them take control of their own learning.

Doodle includes presentations covering entire topics, revision which targets specific areas and animated interactive programs that illustrate key ideas in a clear and memorable way.

Parents who want further information about how Doodle works can contact Ms Callender at [ACallender@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:ACallender@corbybusinessacademy.org)

To go to the Doodle website visit [www.doodlelearn.co.uk](http://www.doodlelearn.co.uk)



The Year 9 Media students who worked on Project Corby

## MEDIA STUDENTS PROMOTE CORBY

Enterprising Media students have created a marketing campaign to promote Corby. A group of Year 9 students planned, prepared and presented a marketing campaign for Project Corby.

The students worked in groups of three or four to produce a leaflet, poster, billboard and television advertisement to promote Corby in a bid to encourage people to visit Corby for leisure activities or to move to the area permanently. The project was supported

by Ready Unlimited and the Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership and was overseen by CBA Head of Media Sarah Ghost.

She said: "The students worked over the course of five weeks in their Media lessons to produce their final campaign, which they then delivered to an audience of professional employers, including SilverDisc Ltd, Wacoal, Town Centre Apps, C Butt Ltd, Wilson Brown Solicitors, and the leader of Corby Borough Council, Councillor Tom Beattie.

"The project is part of a wider initiative to develop a more entrepreneurial spirit within students and to foster engagement with local businesses and employers as part of curriculum planning."



# FOOTBALLERS VISIT PREMIERSHIP CLUB



Our talented Unit football team had the chance to visit Leicester City FC during its time at the top of the Premier League. The 15 students from Years 7 to

11 toured the stadium, visited player Jamie Vardy's private box and the home and away changing rooms.

They also had the chance to hold a match day ball and the substitute board, sit in the manager's chair in the press conference room and in the dugout and stand on the sidelines of the club's famous pitch.

CBA Football Coach Richard White said: "It was a fantastic experience for the students and they were treated like VIPs."

"Most of our players had never been to a proper stadium before so it was a very special day for them. It was great for us to be able to visit Leicester during its time at the top of the Premier League. It was a very inspirational day. We would like to say a huge thank you to the staff at Leicester City for looking after us so well."

The students were also given a talk about the club, its history and sportsmanship.

# CBA RECEIVES TOP SPORTS AWARD

The Youth Sport Trust has awarded Corby Business Academy its Silver Mark. The Quality Mark is a nationally recognised award that is given to schools that offer high quality Physical Education and physical activity and which use Physical Education and sport as a catalyst for learning across the school.

To earn the award schools must also be able to show they have a clear overall vision for their provision of Physical Education, physical activity and school sport.

CBA Director of PE Amy Harris said: "This is the first time we have received a Quality

Mark from the Youth Sport Trust and we are delighted that it has awarded us its Silver Mark.

"This award recognises that we have an extensive curriculum and that we are giving students many opportunities to participate in sport and become involved in leadership roles.

"This award and the Sainsbury's School Games Bronze Mark that we have received are helping to put us on the map in terms of sport.

"I'd like to congratulate our students and staff on this fantastic achievement for CBA."



**Youth Sport Trust**

# STUDENTS TRY OUT CAREERS AT KIDZANIA

Our students explored a variety of careers in a child-sized city where young people are in charge. Ten of our Year 9 students visited the world of KidZania in London which is designed to be a city just for children and young people with its own economy, business and training opportunities.

The students could visit more than 60 different real life role play situations by themselves, including the Aviation Academy, a police station, a television station and a hospital, to learn about life and work.

CBA Director of Computer Science Kamruz Zaman said: "KidZania is a recreation of a real life city just for young people and it contains a whole range of businesses from supermarkets to Cadbury's World, Renault, H&M and Al Jazeera.



Students look around the KidZania Hairdressing Salon



Some of our students explore KidZania's Formula 1 area

"There were lots of exciting opportunities inside. For example, in the British Airways area there was a lifelike flight simulator experience.

"In some cases the students received KidZania dollars for taking part in the activities and in other cases they had to use their KidZania dollars to pay for activities."

Students from our fellow Brooke Weston Trust schools Corby Technical School, Brooke Weston Academy, Kettering Science Academy and Thomas Clarkson Academy also went on the trip.



## BUSINESS LEADERS SUPPORT OUR SIXTH FORMERS

Experts from a prominent international company are giving up their time to mentor a group of our Sixth Formers. A group of our Business Studies students are taking part in the RS Student Mentoring Scheme which is supported and sponsored by RS Components.

The students receive one-to-one guidance from their mentor in areas of business that they are interested in and they are forging links with the business world.

CBA Director of Business Alex Allan said: "It's a great opportunity for the students to get guidance from experts with a business perspective. It will give the students an understanding of what to do in a business environment and it will help them prepare for the world of business."

"I'm certain the scheme will make the students aware of more career opportunities and the experience will help them to build their confidence. We would like to thank all the staff from RS Components for their continued support."

Sixth Former Carlton Ewen said: "I'm interested in IT and I hope the connections I make will help me to find out about careers in that industry. I'm grateful to have this opportunity."



Sixth Formers Sara Bejm, Natalia Manuel, Chloe Morgan, Beth Hunter, David Tierney, Carlton Ewen and Chloe Harvey who are working with the RS Components mentors

## MUSIC LOVERS VISIT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE



ROYAL  
OPERA  
HOUSE

A group of students had a once in a lifetime opportunity to see Puccini's operatic drama Tosca at the Royal Opera House. We took 30 students to see

Jonathan Kent's highly acclaimed production at the world famous venue in London in January.

CBA Director of Music Clive Wears said: "It was an aspirational trip designed to give the students an experience that they would not normally have."

"None of our students had been to an opera before and it was a fantastic treat for them to be able to go to the Royal Opera House and listen to a performance by a symphony orchestra. At the end of the first act there was the added bonus that the curtains remained open to enable the audience to see the 50-strong stage crew changing the set."

"The whole experience opened the students' eyes to a variety of different jobs that are available in the arts."

The trip was attended by Sixth Form music students and a group of Year 7 students. Year 7 student Joe Handley-Hector said: "I thought Tosca was really good. It was a once in a lifetime experience and I really enjoyed it."

Fellow Year 7 student Mia McDougall added: "It was very exciting and dramatic. It was really good and parts of it were quite scary."



Our students outside the Royal Opera House

## PSYCHOLOGISTS ATTEND UNIVERSITY MASTERCLASS

A group of our Sixth Formers visited the University of Birmingham to take part in a Psychology Masterclass. Ten students from Years 12 and 13 went to the masterclass which focused on the topic Why Do We Eat What We Eat?

The topic is directly linked to the students' A Level Psychology studies about eating behaviour. CBA Psychology Teacher Felicity Cornish said: "The masterclass gave the students useful background information about the topic and it was a good opportunity for them to experience working with experts in the field."

"Some of our students hope to study Psychology at university and the masterclass gave them an idea of what it would be like to study the subject at that level."

The masterclass examined a number of questions including what makes us choose one food over another, why do we stop eating when we do and why do we eat when we are not hungry? It also included a discussion about the experiments that are being conducted by scientists who are interested in finding out why we eat what we eat.



UNIVERSITY OF  
BIRMINGHAM



Our mathematicians at the *It All Adds Up* mathematics conference at Oxford University

# INSPIRING TRIPS HELP STUDENTS TO RACE TO THE TOP

A pioneering project to help our more able students aim even higher has led to several exciting trips taking place this year.

*Race to the Top* is a unique programme which was launched earlier this year to encourage students in Years 7 to 11 to raise their aspirations.

So far as a result of the scheme students have attended a mathematics conference at Oxford University, toured the British Library and taken part in its Digital Research workshop and worked with the National Space Centre during a series of workshops on Saturdays.

The inspiring opportunities are designed to open the students' eyes to the possibilities that are available to them and to enhance their learning abilities.

Vice Principal Paul Wilson said: "If students are prepared to commit to activities which mean they might be working six days a week that's a great starting point.

"It teaches the students that they need to put in extra work if they want to be successful."

Our Academy is able to run the initiative, in partnership with our sister school, Kettering Science Academy, after we successfully bid for local authority funding.

CBA student Gareth De Beer takes part in the Digital Research workshop at the British Library



Students take part in the National Space Centre's Operation Montserrat exercise



Mathematicians consult their notes at the *It All Adds Up* conference



Students attend the Digital Research workshop at the British Library

# STUDENTS CREATE NEW WORLD RECORD FOR WORLD BOOK DAY

Our students helped to create a new Guinness World Record as part of our mammoth World Book Day celebrations.

More than 6,000 people from the UK and Ireland took part in the Bumper Book Quiz World Record on February 22nd and smashed the previous record of 2,679 people taking part in a book quiz at the same time.

Among the participants were nearly 50 CBA students who were thrilled when Guinness World Record experts declared it was a new World Record on World Book Day.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "It's fantastic that our students are World Record breakers. The quiz itself was very tough and we were very impressed by our students' knowledge."

The quiz was the start of more than a week of celebrations at CBA for World Book Day.

Unit students met high profile authors at the Biggest Book

Show on Earth roadshow in Coventry, including Horrid Henry author Francesca Simon, Daisy books author Kes Gray, The Diary of Dennis the Menace author Steven Butler and Abi Elphinstone who has written The Dream Snatcher and The Shadow Keeper.

On World Book Day itself our Library gave away hundreds of World Book Day vouchers and 400 World Book Day books. Students were challenged to identify pictures of more than 30 staff members hiding behind book covers in our Book Face competition.

Throughout the day students also read Anthony Horowitz's The Hitchhiker which had been divided into three segments.

Assistant Director of English Rebecca Horridge said: "The younger students in particular were eager to find out what was going to happen in the next instalment."



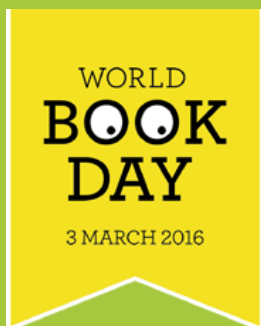
Our students meet author Steven Butler at the Biggest Book Show on Earth roadshow in Coventry



A Year 11 class listens to Assistant Director of English Rebecca Horridge read the final instalment of Anthony Horowitz's The Hitchhiker



Our students take part in the World Record attempt



Our successful World Record attempt



CBA Bumper Book Quiz winners Catherine Glen, Charlotte Goode, Sarah Scarborough and Anna Nguyen

## HIGH PROFILE AUTHOR CAPTIVATES STUDENTS



Author Brian Conaghan with a group of our students

A critically acclaimed author captivated our students when he visited CBA.

Brian Conaghan is best known for his novel When Mr Dog Bites which was shortlisted for the 2015 CILIP Carnegie Medal. During his visit he spoke to our Year 10 and 11 students, our Carnegie shadowers, our Book Club members and students from Brooke Weston Academy and Weston Favell Academy.

The former English teacher said: "This is a great school to visit and I could tell that a lot of the students here are engaged with reading.

"If there is one thing I want to leave the students with it is the importance of reading. Reading empowers you and gives you confidence. When you read you spend time with yourself and it helps you to feel comfortable with yourself and raises your self-esteem."

CBA Assistant Director of English Rebecca Horridge sat in on one of Mr Conaghan's talks with her Year 10 and 11 students. She said: "When Mr Dog Bites is a fantastic book and my students have really enjoyed reading it. Brian was brilliant and funny and all the students loved his talk."





# HARRY POTTER FANS HAVE A MAGICAL NIGHT



Dozens of wizards mastered spells and whipped up stomach-turning potions during our fantastical Harry Potter Night Party.

About 70 students from CBA, Corby Technical School and Brooke Weston Academy attended the party in our Library.

Students dressed up as their favourite characters, took part in Harry Potter-themed

quizzes and games and enjoyed tasty treats inspired by the stories.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "There was a lovely atmosphere and it was a great opportunity for the Trust schools to get together.

"A huge thank you goes to our Assistant Librarian Christina Mangin who spent hours at home making posters, decorations, treats, Harry Potter ties and prefect badges for the students.

"We would also like to thank the students who stayed behind after the party to help us tidy up."

The theme of this year's national Harry Potter Book Night was A Night of Spells.

Our students took part in spell classes where they showed off their knowledge of the books and made potions.

They also enjoyed a Harry Potter-inspired Grand Feast and sweets from the legendary wizarding sweets shop Honeydukes including Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Beans and chocolate frogs.

Main picture: Fans have a spell-binding time. Inset picture: Year 10 student Adam Short in his costume

## FOCUS ON CBA LIBRARY



Librarian Amy McKay with a group of students

Our award-winning Library is one of our Academy's most popular places. About 400 students and staff visit it daily and 100 students regularly attend its Session 4 clubs.

It contains more than 33,000 resources, including 14,500 books, and makes more than 500 loans a week. Its dedicated staff also organise visits from high profile writers and illustrators, including David Baldacci, Charlie Higson, Cathy Cassidy, Brian Conaghan, Jim Kay and Alex Gutteridge.

Last year it received the Northamptonshire School Library Gold Award and our Librarian Amy McKay and Assistant Librarian Christina Mangin won the Unsung Hero award at the Northamptonshire Education Awards.

Amy said: "Libraries and professional librarians are not a statutory requirement for schools so it is incredible to be at a school with the fantastic library service that we have.

"Studies by Oxford University have found if you read for pleasure as a teenager you are more likely to have better life chances. Reading makes more of a difference than a parent's level of education or how rich someone is. We heavily promote reading and we hope to inspire our students by arranging incredible author visits."

Nationally, girls tend to read more than boys but CBA is bucking the trend thanks to a range of projects.

Amy, who is also the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway awards co-ordinator, said: "In most

schools there is a perception that boys do not read as much as girls but we are living proof that they do. Last year, for the first time, boys borrowed slightly more books than girls. This is partly because we have invested in our graphic novel section and worked with different groups of students to ensure we have the books they enjoy as well as the books they need for lessons.

"Girls' and boys' borrowing has increased consistently over the past few years."

The Library hosts a variety of activities including Graphic Novel Group, Corby Book Addicts, Harry Potter Night, Carnegie Shadowing, Chess Club, Film Club, Lego Club, Manga Mania, Magic Club, book quizzes and competitions and it organises visits to Comic Con.

It runs a Reading Mentoring scheme, the Accelerated Reading programme, sessions for SEN students and information literacy and library skills are taught to all students through targeted lessons.

Our librarians ensure students are involved in stock selection and take students on book buying trips. Amy said: "Our students are engaged with contemporary literature and know what titles are coming out.

"One of the reasons we take students on shopping trips is because we want them to know the Library belongs to them."

Our Library's selection of resources also includes eBooks, journals, magazines, and newspapers.

# CBA IS A CHAMPION SCHOOL

The CBA Champion Schools Action Leads Jack Duff, Evan Earle, Hannah Eden, Daniel Scott and Filipe Silva



The Youth Sport Trust has chosen our Academy to be one of its Champion Schools. The Trust has selected only 100 schools from across the whole of the UK to take part in the project.

Every Champion School will receive funding to deliver two projects which in our case will be a football programme for secondary school students with special educational needs and a

Rio 2016 programme for primary schools which will link to the next Olympic Games.

CBA Director of PE Amy Harris said: "We are delighted to have been chosen to be part of this fantastic initiative which is supported by the British Olympic Association and the British Paralympic Association.

"Our students will provide examples of good practice for the schools they work with. We also hope to arrange trips to sporting venues to raise students' aspirations and we plan to host a football tournament as part of our football programme. This initiative will provide our students with a great opportunity to develop their leadership skills and will be a valuable experience for students who are interested in pursuing a career in sport."

## SIXTH FORMERS STUDY AT FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM

Our artistic Sixth Formers visited the Fitzwilliam Museum to work with art lecturers from the University of Cambridge. Our Year 12 and 13 Art, Craft and Design students visited the museum to look around its galleries and take part in a workshop which was linked to the A2 examination theme of Truth, Fantasy and Fiction.

The students were given a list of paintings and galleries to look at. They were challenged to make sketches of things they were interested in so they could work from them during the workshop rather than from photographs.

CBA Director of Art and Design Zoe Moore said: "It's a great opportunity for them to see a mix of great artists and have access to a fantastic range of resources.

"The experience really broadens their knowledge and understanding of the subject. It's good for the students to work with the artists at the museum and during the workshop the museum gave the students the opportunity to use any of its resources that they wanted to use."

Pictures of the students taking part in the workshop are on display on the museum's website.



Our students take part in the workshop at the Fitzwilliam Museum

Michael Siscar works on a piece of artwork



## SIXTH FORMERS HELP AFRICAN STUDENTS

Our Academy has sent much needed textbooks to Africa thanks to a group of kind-hearted Sixth Formers.

Our Year 12 and 13 Geography students held a bake sale at one of our Enterprise Sales to enable us to ship to Africa 10 boxes of former GCSE and Key Stage 3 text books which we cannot use any more because the curriculum has changed.

The bake sale raised about £36 which paid for the books to be posted to Africa via the

Books2Africa charity and we had some money left over to donate to the Save the Cassowary project which is trying to save an endangered bird from extinction.

Director of Geography Maxine Hopewell said: "I'd like to thank our Sixth Formers for working so hard to raise the money and a special thank you to our technician Debbie Reilly for her help."

Our fundraising Sixth Formers are pictured with Director of Geography Maxine Hopewell.





Unit students take part in a problem solving activity to create a tower of balloons



Our Sixth Formers take part in a debate about the European Referendum



Our students examine sensitive issues

# CURRICULUM DAY FOSTERS CURIOSITY AND DEBATE

A day of activities enabled our students to investigate big issues from different angles. Our latest Curriculum Day was held in January and helped students to develop their intellectual curiosity and their learning and investigation skills.

Students considered why issues are looked at in certain ways and what questions they raise.

Our Sixth Formers debated whether the UK should stay in the European Union.

Year 7 students looked at diseases and cures in science. Staff presented them with the scenario that there had been an outbreak of a disease and they had to investigate what it was and how to deal with it.

Year 9 and 11 students looked at extremism in Syria and how that could be represented through the mediums of the media, music, the arts and design and technology.

Year 8 and 10 students investigated what it takes to be a winner, cheating and ethics in sport. They looked at propaganda and took part in sports competitions to determine whether boys or girls are more competitive.

Unit students took part in problem solving and independent enquiry activities.

These included creating a tower from balloons and producing a pasta dish from a small number of ingredients in a Ready, Steady, Cook challenge.



Students use art to represent the big issues



Students take on a range of challenging activities during Curriculum Day



Students develop their technical skills



Students debate big issues



Unit students take part in the Ready, Steady, Cook challenge



# CHAMPION BASKETBALLER WORKS WITH CBA

The most successful player in the history of the British Basketball League is mentoring our students.

Andrew Bridge won 19 championships during his career and was part of the England Basketball Team that won Bronze at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia, in 2006.

He is working with CBA as part of his role as a Sky Sports Living for Sport Athlete Mentor and he visited us for the first time last term. During his time with us Mr Bridge will observe basketball games, talk to our Key Stage 3 and 4 students about health and fitness and work with our Unit students.

Mr Bridge retired from basketball in 2013.

# MATHEMATICIANS PLAN ROCK CONCERT

Our Year 7 students planned their own rock concert as part of an exciting project designed to bring maths to life.

The students used data to decide which acts to invite and to create the most successful play list. They also managed a budget, designed stage layouts and lighting and estimated quantities for catering. The project, called Rock Club, was run by education charity The Transformation Trust with support from Nationwide.

Transformation Trust Mathematics Specialist Radhika Aggarwal said: "This project encourages the students to use their maths and problem solving skills in a practical scenario. I've been very impressed with the students here.

They have shown themselves to be deep thinkers.

"As part of the project the students examined surveys, thought about profit and loss and designed and made detailed models of their stage layouts."

Year 7 student Cole Scorey said: "My favourite part was coming up with the ideas for the staging and the lighting.

"I'm really interested in things like that because I want to become an architect."

Fellow Year 7 student Bernadette Philp added: "We had to use all the information to figure out what we would need to do to put on the concert. I really enjoyed it, especially making the models of the stage."

Year 7 students create a model of their stadium



Team members Tay O'Neill, Dillon Tomkins and Brogan Butler

## FOOTBALLERS MADE IT TO REGIONAL FINAL OF FA PEOPLE'S CUP

Talented footballers from our Academy made it through to the regional finals of the FA People's Cup. Students Alex Crnadak, Brogan Butler, Craig Sutton, Dillon Tomkins, Tay O'Neill and their friend Jordan Marques-Pike formed one of more than 4,300 teams that entered this year's amateur version of the FA Cup.

Their team made it through to the last 400 after a fantastic performance in the first round at The Goals Soccer Centre in Leicester at the end of January.

Brogan said: "We took part for fun. We didn't expect to get through the group stage but

we came top of our group in Leicester and we were unbeaten all the way to the final there.

"We're really proud of the team and what we've achieved. We would like to say a big thank you to Dillon's dad Chris for his support."

At the regional final in Nottingham in February the team won their first game 3-1 but lost their next two games 4-3 and 2-1.

The team they faced in the final game made it through to the national final. The competition is run by the FA in partnership with the BBC.



Amy Harris, Natasha Barstow and Alice Beckwith with their Brass Monkey run medals

## STAFF TAKE PART IN BRASS MONKEY RUN

Three of our staff members took part in a 10k run in aid of Lakelands Hospice.

Senior Assistant Principal Alice Beckwith, Director of PE Amy Harris and PE Teacher Natasha Barstow all took part in the Brass Monkey run at Rockingham Motor Speedway at the beginning of the year.

Mrs Harris and Mrs Barstow entered the run because they have signed up to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Diamond Challenge which is encouraging adults to take part in challenges to celebrate the Awards' Diamond Jubilee.

Mrs Harris said: "For the Diamond Challenge we will take part in 12 10k runs over 12 months and this event was our first one.

"For us it is a personal challenge to help us get even fitter.

"The first run went very well and we thought it would be a nice challenge to do."

# SIXTH FORMER PUTS HER FRENCH SKILLS TO THE TEST

One of our bright French students has completed two major challenges this term.

Sixth Former Alex Lawless undertook a work placement in a school in France and took part in a Languages and Journalism event at Oundle School.

The primary school placement was organised by the parents of our French Assistant Lucile Fize who Alex stayed with during her time in France.

Alex said: "It was a great opportunity to help out with English lessons at the school in Cherbourg.

"I asked the students questions in English and they asked me questions in French that I answered in French. During my stay I also had the chance to visit nearby historical sites, museums and the coast.

"It was great to speak French with Lucile's parents and neighbours and I went on a shopping trip with one of their friends.

"The best way to improve your language skills is to visit the country. This visit really helped me with my speaking skills ahead of my exams."

Back home Alex took part in Scoop! 2016 at Oundle School.

The event gave students from seven schools the chance to create a newspaper front page featuring at least three stories in either French, Spanish or German.

Alex said: "It gave me an idea of what it would be like to be a journalist.

"I enjoyed creating newspaper stories and I would be interested in being a foreign correspondent.

"I would like to thank the French department at CBA for enabling me to take part in these events and Lucile's parents for letting me stay with them."

Alex hopes to study English and French at university.



Sixth Former Alex Lawless

## PROFILE ON IAN GRIFFITHS



Ian Griffiths teaches one of his classes

**At the beginning of this year French and Spanish Teacher Ian Griffiths joined our Modern Foreign Languages team.**

**We caught up with him to find out how he is settling in to life at CBA.**

Ian Griffiths' passion for languages was ignited by a brilliant French teacher.

He had been on holiday abroad a couple of times but it was only when he started to learn French at the age of 11 that he became fascinated with languages.

He said: "When I started learning languages I thought it was amazing. I liked PE and Science but French became my favourite subject straight away."

Mr Griffiths studied French at GCSE and A Level before embarking on a degree at Bangor University in Wales where he also began studying Spanish and Italian. During

his degree he spent six months in Belgium and six months in Spain.

He said: "Belgium is small so every weekend I would visit different places such as the coast, the original health spa in Spa, Brussels or nearby Luxembourg.

"When I stayed in Spain it was only the second time I had been there and the experience taught me a lot. I had to cope with day-to-day things and adapt to a different culture. For example everything closes on Sundays.

"It was difficult but it really improved my language skills. I would always encourage students to go on school trips, such as CBA's recent trip to Barcelona."

At the end of his year abroad Mr Griffiths arranged a work placement at a school and knew the first time he stood in front of a class that he loved teaching.

Prior to arriving at CBA Mr Griffiths taught in Denbighshire for four years.

He said: "The facilities here are really good. It's great to have everyone close by in the faculty because we can share ideas.

"Languages are so important because they go with everything. Students worry about making mistakes but they will make mistakes because it is a foreign language to them.

"We will give students a grounding in the language in class but to learn it well they have to put the effort in outside of lessons."

Outside of school Mr Griffiths enjoys reading, foreign films, foreign music, foreign television and football. Mr Griffiths is also one of our Year 7 tutors and a Year 7 Futsal Coach.

## FIRM DONATES CAREERS RESOURCES TO CBA

Our students can now access more than £300 worth of additional careers resources thanks to a generous donor.

How2become has donated a selection of books and DVDs to our careers service that provide advice on how to enter a

variety of careers including the Armed Forces, MI5, the Police and the Fire Service.

The resources also include information about how to write CVs and how to pass aptitude tests.

CBA Careers Adviser Nicola Stanbridge said: "We are very

pleased to have been given this range of informative careers resources."

The resources are available to borrow from the Careers Office in the Library.

*Careers Adviser Nicola Stanbridge with a selection of the resources*



## LORD-LIEUTENANT PRAISES THE TRUST'S CADETS

The Queen's personal representative in Northamptonshire has praised our cadets.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, David Laing, met with the Brooke Weston Trust Combined Cadet Force recruits, including cadets from our school, during a training meeting in January.

The parade and the salute for the Lord-Lieutenant were led by Corporal Sonny Dalziel who is a Year 11 student at CBA. Following the cadets' parade and inspection the Lord-Lieutenant presented the first year rank slides.

He said: "I can tell from the way you have presented yourselves that you are all going to go a long way. It has been a great privilege to be here."

The BWT Combined Cadet Force is in its second year, but in its first year of operating independently, after being under the



Lord-Lieutenant David Laing inspects our cadets

supervision and guidance of Oundle School in its establishing year.

It now operates as part of the Royal Anglian Regiment and is made up of 50 cadets selected from the Trust's five secondary schools: CBA, Corby Technical School, Brooke Weston Academy, Kettering Science Academy and Thomas Clarkson Academy.

The cadets train for two hours each week and learn various field crafts and skills such as navigation, parade marches, drills and air rifle control.

Future expansion plans for the Trust's CCF include the possibility of establishing a Sixth Form cadet operation.

## CBA PERFORMS WELL AT SPORTS FESTIVAL

Our brilliant athletes missed out on the top spot at the latest Brooke Weston Trust Year 8 Sports Festival by only one point.

Despite narrowly missing out on the overall first place we put in strong performances across the festival and won the Girls and Boys Handball competitions, were joint first with Kettering Science Academy in the Dodgeball tournament and were second in Orienteering.

Under the Trust's Core Values we were presented with two awards for Excellence for our successes in Handball and the Teamwork award for our performance in Orienteering.

CBA Director of PE Amy Harris said: "About 160 students from across the Trust took part in the festival and we were honoured to host the event for the second time.

"All our students turned up to all our training sessions and they did very well at the festival. We are very proud of them."

The festival was won by Kettering Science Academy.



Competitors take part in the Volleyball tournament



## POET WINS SPECIAL PRIZE IN TRUST COMPETITION

One of our talented writers received a special prize in the Brooke Weston Trust poetry competition.

Year 10 student Chloe Earl, 14, created a moving piece called *I Am...* for this year's A Light in the Dark poetry competition.

The judges awarded Chloe the Special Prize for the Best Piece of Writing because they felt she had produced an exemplary piece of writing about gender.

Chloe said: "Our Librarian Amy McKay asked me to write a poem or a short story and I enjoyed it so much I've started writing more.

"I Am... is the first piece I have written for a competition and I was surprised when I won a prize.

"I've now got a book which I write in whenever I'm feeling creative."

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "Chloe's poem is stunning, very heartfelt and makes me proud to work with such talented and empathetic students."

Chloe received a £25 voucher that was kindly donated by Wisbech Rotary Club.

Chloe wants to continue writing for pleasure and is also interested in studying science and psychology.

# EXAM TIMETABLE SUMMER 2016



The England Team training session at Twickenham

## RUGBY PLAYERS WATCH THE ENGLAND TEAM TRAIN

Our keen rugby players had the amazing opportunity to watch the England Team train at Twickenham.

The students visited the home of English rugby to have a look around the stadium and see the England Team at work shortly before the start of the 6 Nations fixtures. They also had the chance to listen to members of the coaching staff.

CBA Rugby Coach Natasha Barstow said: "The students were very interested in the stadium and the different aspects of training. I've never heard of schools going to watch the England Team train before this. It was an inspirational trip."

The visit was organised as part of the All Schools rugby programme.

Level	Subject	Board	Unit	Year	Duration	Date	Start time
GCSE	Polish: Speaking Test	AQA		9,10,11	20m	21/03/2016	*
GCE	Music	EDEXCEL		12,13	180m	21/03/2016	*
GCSE	Polish: Speaking Test	AQA		9,10,11	20m	23/03/2016	*
GCSE	Physical Education: Practical	EDEXCEL		11	All day	15/04/2016	*
GCSE	Art & Design: Externally Set Assignment	WJEC		11	300m	25/04/2016	*
GCSE	Art & Design: Externally Set Assignment	WJEC		11	300m	26/04/2016	*
GCSE	Music: Creative Task	OCR		11	60m	27/04/2016	*
GCSE	Music: Creative Task	OCR		11	60m	28/04/2016	*
GCSE	Photography: Externally Set Assignment	WJEC		11	300m	28/04/2016	*
GCSE	Photography: Externally Set Assignment	WJEC		11	300m	29/04/2016	*
GCE	Art & Design: Externally Set Assignment	EDEXCEL		13	360m	04/05/2016	*
GCE	Art & Design: Externally Set Assignment	EDEXCEL		13	360m	05/05/2016	*
GCE	French: Speaking Test	AQA		13	60m	05/05/2016	*
GCSE	Psychology	AQA	7181/01	12	90m	16/05/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Psychology	AQA	PSYA1	13	90m	16/05/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	French: Listening	AQA	46551F	11	35m	17/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	French: Listening	AQA	45661H	11	45m	17/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	French: Reading	AQA	46552F	11	30m	17/05/2016	9.40am
GCSE	French: Reading	AQA	46552H	11	50m	17/05/2016	9.55am
GCSE	Biology	OCR	A161F/H	10,11	60m	17/05/2016	1.30pm
GCE	Geography	EDEXCEL	6GE01	12	90m	17/05/2016	1.30pm
GCE	Further Maths Additional	EDEXCEL	6679	13	90m	18/05/2016	9.00am
BTEC	HSC: Human Lifespan	EDEXCEL	20544E	11	60m	18/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	ICT	EDEXCEL	5IT01	11	90m	18/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Mathematics	EDEXCEL	6663	12,13	90m	18/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	History: Russia, 1917-91: from Lenin to Yeltsin	EDEXCEL	8HI0/1E	12	135m	18/05/2016	1.00pm
GCSE	Chemistry	OCR	A171F/H	10,11	60m	19/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Media Studies	OCR	G322	12	120m	19/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Applied Business	OCR	F242/01	13	90m	19/05/2016	1.30pm
BTEC	Music: The Music Industry	EDEXCEL	21512E	11	60m	19/05/2016	1.30pm
GCE	English Literature B	AQA	77161A	12	90m	20/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Further Mathematics	EDEXCEL	6667	12	90m	20/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Spanish: Listening	AQA	46951F	11	35m	20/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Spanish: Reading	AQA	46952F	11	30m	20/05/2016	9.40am
GCSE	Spanish: Reading	AQA	46952H	11	50m	20/05/2016	9.40am
GCE	Geography	EDEXCEL	6GE02	12	75m	20/05/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Portuguese: Reading	OCR	A833	8, 9	60m	20/05/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Physical Education	EDEXCEL	5PE01/01	11	90m	20/05/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	English Literature	WJEC	420101(F)	11	120m	23/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	English Literature	WJEC	420102(H)	11	120m	23/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	English Literature	AQA	8710/1F	11	90m	23/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Music	EDEXCEL	6MU03	12	120m	23/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Psychology	AQA	7181/02	12	90m	23/05/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	DT: Textiles Technology	AQA	45701	11	120m	24/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Leisure & Tourism Single award	OCR	B181	11	90m	24/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Media Studies	OCR	B322/01	11	105m	24/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Physics	OCR	G481	13	60m	24/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Physics	OCR	H156/1	12	90m	24/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Geography: Contemporary Themes	OCR	A731F 01	11	105m	24/05/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Geography: Contemporary Themes	OCR	A731H 02	11	105m	24/05/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Portuguese: Listening	OCR	A831	8,9	50m	25/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Business Studies	AQA	413001	11	60m	25/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Further Mathematics	EDEXCEL	6691	13	90m	25/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Mathematics	EDEXCEL	6664	12,13	90m	25/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Physics	OCR	A181F/H	10,11	60m	25/05/2016	1.30pm
GCE	History: Conflict & Change 19C & 20C	EDEXCEL	6H1022C	13	80m	25/05/2016	1.30pm
GCE	History: The German Democratic Republic, 1949-90	EDEXCEL	8HI0/2E.2	12	90m	25/05/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	English Literature B	AQA	77162A	12	90m	26/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Mathematics (linear)	EDEXCEL	1MA0 1F	11	105m	26/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Mathematics (linear)	EDEXCEL	1MA0 1H	11	105m	26/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Biology	OCR	F211	13	60m	26/05/2016	1.30pm
GCE	Biology	OCR	H020/1	12	90m	26/05/2016	1.30pm
GCE	Chemistry	OCR	F321	13	60m	27/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Chemistry	OCR	H032/1	12	90m	27/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	English Literature	WJEC	420203(F)	11	120m	27/05/2016	9.00am
GCSE	English Literature	AQA	8710/2F	11	60m	27/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	ICT	OCR	G041	12	90m	27/05/2016	9.00am
GCE	Creative Writing	AQA	CREW1	12	120m	27/05/2016	1.00pm
GCE	French	AQA	FREN1	13	120m	06/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	History: Medicine and Public Health in Britain	EDEXCEL	5HB01/1A	11	75m	06/06/2016	9.00am
Level 1/2 Certificate	English Language	AQA	8705FC	11	120m	07/06/2016	9.00am
Level 1/2 Certificate	English Language	AQA	8705HC	11	120m	07/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	English Language: Reading Unit 1	WJEC	417101(F)	11	60m	07/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	English Language: Reading Unit 1	WJEC	417102(H)	11	60m	07/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	English Language: Writing Unit 2	WJEC	417201(F)	11	60m	07/06/2016	10.00am
GCSE	English Language: Writing Unit 2	WJEC	417202(H)	11	60m	07/06/2016	10.00am
GCE	Biology	OCR	F212	13	105m	07/06/2016	1.30pm
GCE	Biology	OCR	H020/2	12	90m	07/06/2016	1.30pm
GCE	Further Mathematics	EDEXCEL	6668	13	90m	08/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Further Mathematics	EDEXCEL	6677	12	90m	08/06/2016	9.00 am
GCSE	German: Listening	AQA	46651H	10	45m	08/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	German: Reading	AQA	46652H	10	50m	08/06/2016	9.50am
GCE	Media Studies	OCR	G325	13	120m	08/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Geography: Geographical Skills	OCR	A732F 01	11	75m	08/06/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Geography: Geographical Skills	OCR	A732H 02	11	75m	08/06/2016	1.30pm

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Where start time is down as \* it means teachers have arranged the times with their students.

Level	Subject	Board	Unit	Year	Duration	Date	Start time
GCE	Psychology	AQA	PSYA3	13	90m	08/06/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Mathematics (linear)	EDEXCEL	1MA0 2F	11	105m	09/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Mathematics (linear)	EDEXCEL	1MA0 2H	11	105m	09/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Geography	EDEXCEL	6GE03	13	150m	09/06/2016	1.00pm
GCE	Physics	OCR	G482	13	105m	09/06/2016	1.00pm
GCE	Physics	OCR	H156/2	12	90m	09/06/2016	1.00pm
GCE	History	EDEXCEL	6HI03C	13	120m	10/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Product Design	AQA	PROD3	13	120m	10/06/2016	9.00am
Cambridge Nationals	Science	OCR	R072A	11	60m	10/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Biology	OCR	A162H	11	60m	10/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Business Studies	AQA	A13002	11	60m	10/06/2016	1.30pm
GCE	Chemistry	OCR	F322	13	105m	10/06/2016	1.30pm
GCE	Chemistry	OCR	H032/2	12	90m	10/06/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Music: Listening exam	OCR	B354	11	90m	10/06/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Portuguese: Writing	OCR	A834	8, 9	60m	10/06/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Catering (single award)	WJEC	4732 Unit 2	11	75m	13/06/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Child Development	AQA	45801	11	90m	13/06/2016	1.30pm
GCE	Psychology	AQA	PSYA4	13	120m	14/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	French	AQA	FREN3	13	150m	14/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Applied Business	OCR	F248	13	120m	14/06/2016	1.00pm
GCE	Chemistry	OCR	F324	13	75m	14/06/2016	1.00pm
GCSE	History: Germany 1918-1945	EDEXCEL	5HB02/2C	11	75m	14/06/2016	1.00pm
GCSE	Polish: Listening	AQA	46851	8, 9	50m	15/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Statistics S1	EDEXCEL	6683	13	90m	15/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Further Maths Additional	EDEXCEL	6680	13	90m	15/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Chemistry	OCR	A172H	11	60m	15/06/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	DT: Resistant Materials	AQA	45601	11	120m	16/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Geography	EDEXCEL	6GE04	13	90m	16/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Music	EDEXCEL	6MU06	13	120m	16/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Biology	OCR	F214	13	75m	16/06/2016	1.30pm
GCE	English Literature B	AQA	LITB3	13	120m	17/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Physics	OCR	A182H	11	60m	17/06/2016	9.00am
Cambridge Nationals	Science in the Workplace	OCR	R075A	11	60m	17/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Further Mathematics	EDEXCEL	6678	13	90m	17/06/2016	1.30pm
GCE	Mathematics	EDEXCEL	6689	12,13	90m	17/06/2016	1.30pm
GCSE	Biology	OCR	A163H	11	60m	20/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Physics	OCR	G484	13	75m	20/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	History: The transformation of surgery c1845 -c1918	EDEXCEL	5HB03/3A	11	75m	21/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Mathematics	EDEXCEL	6665	13	90m	21/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Polish: Reading	AQA	46852	9,10,11	60m	21/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Polish: Writing	AQA	46854	9,10,11	60m	21/06/2016	10.00am
GCSE	Chemistry	OCR	A173H	11	60m	22/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Chemistry	OCR	F325	13	120m	22/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Biology	OCR	F215	13	120m	23/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Mathematics	EDEXCEL	6666	13	90m	24/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Physics	OCR	A183H	11	60m	24/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Further Mathematics	EDEXCEL	6684	13	90m	27/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Further Maths Additional	EDEXCEL	6669	13	90m	27/06/2016	9.00am
GCSE	Statistics	EDEXCEL	5ST1H	11	120m	27/06/2016	9.00am
GCE	Physics	OCR	G485	13	120m	28/06/2016	9.00am

## TERM DATES

The remaining term dates for 2015-16 for students are:

**Term 5** 12/04/2016 – 27/05/2016

**Term 6** 06/06/2016 – 20/07/2016

Term dates for 2016-17 are available on the Academy's website.

## SIGN UP FOR SESSION 4

Students must sign up for all Session 4 activities through the Academy's website. This is necessary even if students do not require a late bus because the Academy needs to have a full register of students who are on site for health and safety reasons. Students who are signing up for sessions and do not require a late bus can select the option for alternative method of getting home. Students can sign up by clicking on the Session 4 & Book A Bus link on the Academy's homepage. A list of all Session 4 activities is also available in the Student Info section on the website.

## PARKING AT CBA

Parents must park in the Academy's parent/visitor car park, before the barriers. The main car park is for staff and disabled parking only.

## STUDENT ABSENCE

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

## UP TO DATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Please inform the Academy of any change to your home address, telephone number or mobile number. This is to ensure we have the most up to date information in case of emergencies. The Academy must be informed of any changes via letter or via email to [lstubbins@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:lstubbins@corbybusinessacademy.org)

## ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON TWITTER?

Following our Academy's Twitter feed is a great way to keep up to date with all the latest news from staff and students. More and more people are following us every day and if you want to be one of them search for [@CorbyBusinessAc](https://twitter.com/CorbyBusinessAc) on Twitter.

## ACADEMY PROMOTES MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY



Our students took part in a colourful balloon launch to mark Mental Health Awareness Day in Northamptonshire.

We joined schools and colleges across the county which together launched 1,000 balloons to mark the event in a bid to raise awareness about mental health and combat the stigma which can be attached to mental health issues.

Vice Principal Andrea Callender said: "Our Academy was one of the schools in Northamptonshire that agreed to take part in the balloon launch in support of Mental Health Awareness Day. We also held an assembly to raise awareness about mental health and how mental health issues can affect people of all ages in many different ways."

CBA STUDENTS & THEIR FUTURE...

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## GET IN TOUCH

We hope you have enjoyed reading this edition of In Press. If you have any items for our next edition please email our press officer **Catherine Bontoft** at [cbontoft@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:cbontoft@corbybusinessacademy.org)

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