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Dear Parents/Carers

Academic Year 2018/19 – Autumn Term

This Autumn Term seems to have been exceptionally busy. Staff and students have been working extremely hard and we are all looking forward to the Christmas break.

Staffing

Sadly, we have members of staff leaving us at the end of this term and we would like to thank, Mrs R Miola, Miss A Holland, Miss B Colantonio, Miss J Norris and Mr J Dharni for the support they have given our students over the years and wish them well in their new ventures.

We are excited to welcome Mrs L Hawkins (Business Studies), Mr P Atkinson (Maths), Mr R Franklin (History), Mr L Woodcock (Media and Film Studies), Ms C Gavin (English) and Mrs K Prior (English) to our Leadership Team in the New Year. K Atkins (Science), Mr J Dolby (Music), Mr H Jones (Science), Ms S Gillespie (Humanities) and Mr M Brooks (Maths) will also be joining us in the New Year.

Music



December was an extremely busy yet successful month for the Music Department at Corby Business Academy which featured the release of our new CD, 'Helter

Skelter'. 'Music Means Business', our first CD brought the Music Department to a wider audience. 'Helter Skelter' will hopefully win many more fans and plaudits. This eclectic mix of music combines old and new in a stunning way which echoes Corby Business Academy's traditional yet progressive values. The CD features a number of talented soloists as well as the Academy's flagship ensembles including the award winning Concert Band and Big Band. The CD is available from student reception for £5.

December also involved the Senior Concert Band performing to over 1,000 primary school children as part of our annual primary school tour. This year, the band performed at Oakley Vale Primary Academy and Gretton Primary Academy on Friday 7th December. A number of children were inspired after hearing the band and have said they would like to learn a musical instrument and attend Corby Business Academy.

Over the course of the term, a number of students have taken and passed music examinations. A special mention must go to Year 10 student Evie Anderson who passed Grade 8 with merit on cornet. A truly great achievement for a student in Year 10.





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It was great to see so many students perform in the Winter Showcase held on Thursday 13th December. Over 100 students were involved in the performance which featured all of our musical ensembles as well as a number of soloists including sensational performances by Lauren Samuels-Hammond, Lael Hatinawedu, Sullivan Rymarz, Louie Anderson, Rachael Beezer, Jessica Walker Bethany Aveyard and Rebecca Loveday.

We were extremely privileged to have been invited to take part in a prestigious composer's competition. The competition was organised by Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT) and involved students from Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 composing music to a selection of gothic horror films. We will find out the results of the competition in January 2019.

Next term we are looking forward to performances at the Oundle Festival of Music and drama. We will also be competing at the National Festival of Music for Youth in Northampton, in March.

A special thank you to Mr Wears who works tirelessly to ensure music opportunities and outcomes at the academy are outstanding.

Winter Showcase Award Winners



For the first time this year, music was combined with awards at the Winter Showcase. The awards were presented to students from every year in the school. Our congratulations go to the entire award-winning students listed below:

Academic Progress Award

UNIT	James Stuart
UNIT	Kaitlyn Williams
Year 7	Ben Lattimore
Year 7	Weronika Burek
Year 8	Niall Shackleton
Year 8	Lucy Stone
Year 9	Blazej Puchala
Year 9	Sumiya Swara-Soran
Year 10	Jerrod Ackah
Year 10	Katie Thacker
Year 11	Jozef Balogh
Year 11	Eleanor Webster
Year 12	Chrstopher Williamson
Year 12	Paula Uljanica
Year 13	Craig Scott
Year 13	Hannah Collier

Success through Adversity

UNIT	Tyler Haxton
Year 7	Emily Draycott
Year 8	Daniel Wyper
Year 9	Kiezer Upfold
Year 10	Sullivan Rymarz
Year 11	Daniel Ferreira
Year 12	Kyle Murray
Year 13	Lauren Shirlaw



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Academic Attainment Award

Year 8	Reece Forsdike
Year 8	Bethany Wishart
Year 9	Alan Zajac
Year 9	Bethany Aveyard
Year 10	Lennon Gibbs
Year 10	Cuba Aves-Walker
Year 11	Joe Shirlaw
Year 11	Denisa Stanciu
Year 12	Jack Watts
Year 12	Abbi McKay
Year 13	Harry McEwan & Louie Anderson
Year 13	Chantal McLaren

Student of the Year

UNIT	Tyler Haxton
Year 7	Emily Draycott
Year 8	Daniel Wyper
Year 9	Kiezer Upfold
Year 10	Sullivan Rymarz
Year 11	Daniel Ferreira
Year 12	Kyle Murray
Year 13	Lauren Shirlaw

Senior Maths Challenge

The Senior Maths Challenge, run by UK Mathematical Trust, was held on November 7th 2018.



20 students from Years 12 and 13 took part in this prestigious competition with the following students being awarded certificates for their performance:

Gold	Harry McEwan Kyle Murray
Silver	Louie Anderson Alex Cunningham
Bronze	Mathew Hartley Tijana Karan Ethan Kingston Jack Lawlor Abbi McKay Danielle Potter Courtney Smith Chris Williamson

In addition, Harry and Kyle qualified for the Senior Kangaroo, the next stage of the competition where approximately 6,000 students nationally are invited to take part. This was particularly impressive as Corby Business Academy has only ever had two students qualify in total since we first participated in 2013. A massive well done to Harry and Kyle and to all the students who took part.

Sport

There have been many successful sporting fixtures during the term. On the girls side, the Year 9/10 netball team finished 4th in the county cup. The girls were two year groups below many of the other teams and were the top state school to finish behind three private schools. Well done girls. The team were made up of: Niamh Connor, Holly Hughes, Connie Murray, Natasha Gillian, Aoife Collins, Elena v, Sophia Yinyango, Eden Trotter.

On the boy's side, in football the Year 7 team came third in the district, while the boys in Year 11 came 4th. In basketball, Year 10 came 3rd in the district and Year 11 came second in the district (the best basketball result for the boys in years). Well done boys. The Year 11 team were made up of: Peter McCann, Morgan McCabe, Vlads Kudjavcevs, Goran Manojlovic, Charles Cousins, Kurt Foley, Taylor Humphreys.



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Accelerated Readers

Independent reading has been high on the agenda for in Year 7 and 8 students this term. The time we are providing during lessons and as a homework expectation is being put to good use, with students reading a phenomenal 2,860 books since September. Some students have already achieved entry to our prestigious Millionaires Club by reading one million words and will receive rewards throughout the year. These students are as follows: Emily Draycott, Jasmine Mason, Hannah King, Shea Higgins, Annabelle Woodward, Darius Harja, Filip Bastajic, Maria Chaudhury and Charlie Turner. Collectively Year 7 and 8 students have read an incredible 52 million words since September.

Book Bus



At the end of November an exciting purple Book Bus visited Corby Business Academy to give staff and students the opportunity to select new books for our Library. Throughout the afternoon students climbed aboard to browse and select books. There was certainly a lot to choose from – between them they select over £4000 worth of books! The books will be available to borrow from the library next term.

Student Librarians

This term, a team of student librarians have been recruited to help out in our library during busy break and lunchtimes. To earn a place on the team students had to go through a vigorous application and interview

process, led by Chief Student Librarian, Kiezer Upfold. Duties will include issuing and returning books, running competitions, creating displays and reviewing books. The successful candidates are: Annabelle Woodward, Emily Draycott, Darius Harja, Sean Pulley, Hannah King, Zuzanna Adamczyk, Jasmine Mason, Emily Cleary, Lucy Dando, Jack Teasdale, Kyia South-McCowatt and Ollie Braybrook.

Senior Prefect Team

We would like to extend our thanks to our outgoing Sixth Form Prefect Team. They have represented the school in an exceptional way at many community events over the past twelve months. They are now stepping aside to concentrate on their forthcoming A-levels.

Head Girl/Boy	Tijana Karan George Slater
Deputy Head Boy/Girl	Arron Wilkins Bobbi Devlin (left Summer 2018)
Ambassadors	Louie Anderson Emma McNeill Josh Rogers Courtney Smith

Interviews were held in November for positions in the new team and the successful candidates who have now taken up post are:

Head Girl/Boy	Kirstin Sutherland Jack Watts
Ambassadors	Dylan Wilson Uros Gvozdenovic (focus on Student Voice)
	Lauren McMullen (focus on Sport)
	Maddi Hobman (focus on Well Being)



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The Student Care Team staffing

There will be some changes to the staffing of our students care team which will take effect from January onwards:

Student Well Being & Safeguarding	Mrs Charlie Smith Mrs D Lapsley Mrs A Ingram Mrs E Pickford
Head of Year	Year 7 – Mr P Hallam Year 8– Miss E McCardie Year 9/10 – Mrs A Harris Year 11 – Mr M Brennan
Student Care Leadership	Mr M Brennan Mr S Underwood

Community

We are very grateful to all of you who have contributed to our collection for the Corby Foodbank in December. We have been able to fill around 20 shopping bags full of groceries. Some of the award winners from the Winter Showcase joined Mr Brennan in delivering all the goods collected to the Foodbank this week.

Stakeholder Feedback

We would like to thank everyone who has given us feedback on the work we have undertaken to improve the offer at Corby Business Academy this term. Much of the feedback has been very positive but there have been some learning points for us too which have been equally valuable.

Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil Premium funding was brought in by the Government in 2011 and is paid directly to schools to allow us to pay for many extras over and above the essentials to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The more funding we get, the more improvements we can make in the lives of students whether that be in staffing, pastoral care, online resources and much more.

Pupil Premium funding is paid to schools if students are eligible for Free School Meals.

If you believe your child/children are eligible for Free School Meals and are not yet claiming, please go to the following web site to apply for Pupil Premium funding https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_the_pupil_premium

Finally, may we take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have a wonderful time and look forward to working with you again in January.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Treacy

Simon Underwood

Heads of School