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CELEBRATING IN STYLE

In this edition we share news about our Year 11 Prom, our latest Enrichment Day, visits from best-selling authors, overseas trips and show off the latest pieces by our talented artists.

Harper Callaghan & Zoe Brennan

LINGUISTS TRIUMPH

Our talented foreign languages students have excelled themselves in two major competitions

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Our musicians have performed in two concerts this summer and toured Holland

TOP AWARD FOR CBA LIBRARY



Corby Business Academy

Brooke Weston
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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we approach the end of what seems to have been the busiest and warmest summer term I can remember, I am once again reminded of how talented our students are.

The Library staff have been busy working with our students and as a result have won a Northamptonshire Gold Library Award.

Our Languages Department has excelled in the National Translation Spelling Bee where our students won a number of awards including a first place in the Spanish section.

Our mathematicians continue to perform well and for the first time ever, one of our Year 8 students has made it through to the United

Kingdom Mathematics Trust's Junior Kangaroo competition. We have also continued to develop our relationship with Gretton Primary School with our maths teachers working with a small group of their most able students.

Our Business links have continued to develop well with our Young Enterprise company winning the Best Marketing award in the county finals and Joules owner Tom Joule visiting CBA to work with our Year 13 Business Studies students.

As always at this time of year there has been no shortage of enrichment and extracurricular activities taking place including Enrichment Day, various field trips

and another highly successful Year 11 prom organised by Mrs Harris.

As we start to focus on the outcomes from the summer examinations and look forward to the challenges that next year holds it seems an appropriate moment to update you on the changes to the Senior Leadership team for next year. As my role continues to develop for the Brooke Weston Trust as Executive Principal, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Duggan will be taking on day to day operational responsibility as Associate Principal. This change has also given the opportunity for Mr Wilson and Mrs Tomlin to step up to Vice Principal level and for Mrs Beckwith to take on a one

year secondment to the Senior Leadership team. I am confident that this team will be successful in helping me lead the Academy through the next phase of its development.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing all of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students the best of luck for their examination results and I wish everyone a happy and safe summer break.

John Henrys, Principal



LINGUISTS TRIUMPH IN NATIONAL CONTESTS

Our Modern Foreign Languages students made it through to the finals of two national competitions this year.

Our Year 9 students took four of the top five places in Spanish, including first place, and came fifth in French in the Translation Bee competition.

One of our Year 7 students also made it to the final of the Foreign Language Spelling Bee.

CBA Director of Modern Foreign Languages Karen Turney accompanied the Year 9 students to the Translation Bee

final at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge where they were required to translate complex phrases into three tenses.

She said: "It was a great privilege to take part in the competition and our students were excellent ambassadors for the Academy. They prepared for the competition for several weeks, with the help of our foreign language assistants Claudia Tapia Villa and Alexandra Estebe.

"The aim of the Translation Bee is for students in Year 9 to practise and improve a range of important skills such as vocabulary,

pronunciation, memory, verb conjugation, tenses and sentence formation. We are very proud of their hard work and determination."

Andy Moisa won first place in Spanish, with Rebecca Sawford and Laurie Coleman in third and fourth place respectively. After a nerve-wracking tie-break round, Jessica Icke came fifth in Spanish and Courtney Smith was fifth in French.

Year 7 Spanish student Karolina Kontor made it through to the National Final of the Foreign Language Spelling Bee after she came second in the regional final.



Teacher Ana Martinez Ribeiro, who accompanied Karolina to the final in Cambridge, said: "Karolina did very well and everyone in the Modern Foreign Languages department is very proud of her.

"Unfortunately she didn't make it through to the final four but I'm sure she must have been in the top eight based on her performance.

"She is already looking forward to taking part in the Translation Bee competition in the future."

Both competitions are organised by Routes Into Languages.

LIBRARY WINS COUNTY'S HIGHEST AWARD

Our Academy has received the county's highest award for libraries for our efforts to promote reading.

Northamptonshire's Gold Library Award is presented to schools which have achieved the highest standards and we received it for our librarians' efforts to encourage a love of reading and support students with their research.

The awards assessor was particularly impressed with our modern facilities and how our staff engage with students through an exciting range of activities including book awards, author visits and literacy initiatives.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "This is a prestigious accolade and

we had to fulfil a wide range of criteria to win the top award.

"I think we are only the third school in Northamptonshire to receive it so it is a huge honour for us."

The Northamptonshire Gold Library Award was presented to the Academy by Learning Resources for Education, Northamptonshire County Council's schools library service, which launched the School Library Award in May.

County council cabinet member for learning, skills and education Cllr Matthew Golby said: "This Gold Library Award is thoroughly deserved by the library staff at Corby Business Academy. I hope other schools will follow their example and recognise the need



CBA Librarian Amy McKay and Assistant Librarian Christina Mangin receive Northamptonshire's Gold Library Award from Principal Children's Librarian for Northamptonshire Adele Finch in front of our students with their We're Gold, Because You're Gold awards

to place libraries at the heart of the school environment."

To celebrate their achievement Miss McKay and Assistant Librarian Christina Mangin held a special event to thank all the

students who play an active role in the life of the Library.

Our Library's We're Gold, Because You're Gold awards were presented to the 100 students who use the facility the most.

BEST-SELLING AUTHORS SHARE THEIR SECRETS WITH OUR STUDENTS

A host of best-selling writers have visited us this year to share their writing tips and career advice with our students.

Our biggest event of the year was a visit from best-selling author Cathy Cassidy who spent an afternoon with our Year 7 and 8 students and students from 10 other local schools in our Main Theatre.

The former Queen of Teen award winner talked about her career, how she writes and researches her stories, she read extracts from her books and was quizzed by our students during a lively question and answer session. Other authors who visited us included award winning writer and film maker Matt Dickinson, Alex Gutteridge, who has written a dozen books



Award winning author Cathy Cassidy during her visit to CBA

for young adults and children, and debut novelist Nicole Burstein.

A group of students also met former Carnegie medal nominee Heather Butler and illustrator Dave Barrow when they attended the University of Northampton's Library and Learning Services 2015 CLIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway (CKG) Children's Book Awards event and Keeper of the Realms series author Marcus Alexander during a visit to Brooke Weston.

IN PRESS TO GO DIGITAL

From the beginning of next year most parents will receive their copy of In Press digitally.

Our Academy is keen to move over from a printed version of the magazine to a mainly digital version as part of our efforts to be environmentally friendly.

Our magazines are all available on the Academy's website. Simply click on the Newsletters heading in the About the Academy section.

Parents will receive an email letting them know when a new magazine is available.

Any parent who still wishes to receive a paper copy of the magazine must contact Linda Stubbins by Friday 18th September 2015 by emailing LStubbins@corbybusinessacademy.org or by calling **01536 303120**.



STUDENTS WIN BUSINESS ACUMEN AWARD

A group of innovative Year 9 students won the award for Business Acumen at the grand final of Northamptonshire Police's County Schools Challenge.

This year secondary school students across Northamptonshire were challenged to create a product to tackle cyber bullying and promote e-safety for the contest.

Our students formed a company called Ciberwise which produced

an educational pack of learning resources for primary schools.

They were one of just eight teams to make it through to the final where they gave a presentation about their product to a panel of judges and about 100 spectators.

CBA Teacher and Project Facilitator Karen Owen said: "I was proud of the way the students delivered their presentation. They confidently answered all the judges' questions."

"They were thrilled to receive the Award for Business Acumen – it was quite an achievement.

"We're very proud of them. They are great students and they were an absolute delight to work with."

Ciberwise's educational pack for primary schools included quizzes about e-safety designed for pupils and their families, certificates, badges, pencils, posters, teachers' mugs and rulers.

Primary schools also had the option to choose to buy an annual subscription so they could take advantage of any upgrades to the product.

An internet safety expert from Northamptonshire County Council plans to present all of the grand finalists' projects, including our students' work, to representatives from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) and Childline.



Ciberwise members Jessica Icke, Rebecca Sawford, Lewis Viner, Riain Hobbs and George Slater with their trophy and certificates and PCSO Alex Franklin and Karen Owen at the final at the Castle theatre in Wellingborough

STAFF WIN COUNTY EDUCATION AWARD

Three of our incredible staff members have been recognised as heroes of education.

Librarian Amy McKay and Assistant Librarian Christina Mangin won the Unsung Hero award at the 2015 Northamptonshire Education Awards and Learning Support Assistant Richard White was a finalist in the Inspirational Teaching of the Year category.

All three received certificates and Amy and Christina were also presented with glass trophies at a special presentation evening at Wicksteed Pavilion in Kettering.

Amy said: "The Education Awards are a celebration of all the fantastic things that happen in schools around the county and it was lovely to be there representing CBA. We never expected to win but we always try to go the extra mile and it's fantastic to know that is appreciated."

Christina added: "We are in a school that supports libraries and we have supportive students and staff. It was lovely for us to see Richard being nominated for an award too and to share the night with him."



CBA Learning Support Assistant Richard White is pictured third from the left with the other Inspirational Teaching Award runners-up and Wicky Bear from Wicksteed Park. Picture by Northants Telegraph.

Northamptonshire Newspapers' Communities Content Editor Neil Pickford hosted the event on behalf of the Northamptonshire Telegraph and Northampton Chronicle and Echo.

He said: "Amy and Christina are true unsung heroes. Just some of the things they have achieved are launching an international book club, running an annual chess tournament and setting up an online library catalogue. Their ongoing commitment to the students is incredible."

Mr White was one of eight finalists in the Inspirational Teaching of the Year category which was one of the most hotly contested awards of the night.

He said: "It was an amazing event and it was an honour to be nominated. There were



CBA Assistant Librarian Christina Mangin and Librarian Amy McKay with their trophies and award sponsor Steve Borondy of Western Power Distribution. Picture by Northants Telegraph.

very worthy winners and I would like to congratulate Amy and Christina on winning their award."

COURAGE AWARD FOR NICKIE

A Year 11 student has been named a 2015 Young Person of Courage by Corby Rotarians.

Members of the Corby Phoenix Rotary Club presented Nickie Binder with their prestigious award in recognition of his work as a young carer for a relative with a medical condition.

Nickie was nominated for the award by Corby Business Academy because in addition to his caring role he has continued to work tirelessly at school so he can progress to college next year.

Nickie said: "I was very excited to win the award and to meet new people at the awards ceremony."

"I work hard at school because I want to get good grades so I can go on to train as a chef."

CBA teacher Laura Thompson said: "For many young carers school can become a challenge and as a result their progress can be affected. Nickie's hard work and dedication and his drive for success has not allowed this to happen."

"He works tirelessly to get his target grades and will leave with qualifications that will enable him to progress to college."

"He is an asset to his peer group and to the Academy. We are extremely proud of Nickie and all he has achieved during his time here."

The awards presentation was held at The Holiday Inn in Corby and was attended by Rotary District Governor Ken Billington and the then Mayor of Corby Cllr Anthony Dady.

Nickie received a silver platter, a framed certificate and a £20 shopping voucher.



Nickie Binder with his award and certificate

PERFORMERS TAKE ON HAMLET

Our budding thespians will perform one of Shakespeare's great tragedies in the UK's largest youth drama festival.

Students will perform Hamlet at The Core at Corby Cube on November 3rd 2015 as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival.

It will be the second time our students have appeared at the festival following their successful performance of Macbeth at The Deco Theatre in Northampton last year.

English Teacher Rebecca Horridge said: "We enjoyed taking part in last year's festival so much."

"We asked to perform Hamlet this year because it is full of betrayal and lies and violence which we thought would go down a treat with the audience."

"We're very excited to perform at The Core this year because it is a great venue and it is a lot closer to home for our students and their families."

Casting sessions for the show were held in July and rehearsals will take place during Session 4 from September.



Tea Time Aromas members Daniel O'Connor, Jess Sawford, James Shannon and Beth McQuillan with their Best Marketing trophy and their business advisors Shaun Coleman & Clare McGhee

TOP AWARD FOR TEA TIME AROMAS

Our Sixth Formers won a top award at the county final of the Young Enterprise competition. Our Young Enterprise company Tea Time Aromas won the Best Marketing award at the final which was held at the University of Northampton.

The accolade was the sixth award for the company of Year 12 students who created a sophisticated line of reed diffusers.

Tea Time Aromas Secretary Jess Sawford, 16, said: "The judges were impressed with our trade stand, they thought our branding was consistently good and they were complimentary about our report which

outlined our use of social media, promotional offers and seasonal products.

"They also liked that we had put our logo on our carrier bags to create awareness about our products."

Jess added she and the rest of the company had gained great experience from taking part in the scheme. She said: "We've all grown in confidence and we've developed our communication and teamwork skills."

"I've also found that taking part in the Young Enterprise scheme alongside my studies has helped me to improve my time management skills."

JOULES OWNER TALKS TO OUR SIXTH FORMERS

The owner of a major UK fashion retailer took time out of his busy schedule to talk to our Sixth Formers.

Joules CEO and Founder Tom Joule visited our Academy to talk to our Year 13 A-Level Business Studies students ahead of their examinations.

Mr Joule, who is the driving force behind the Joules brand, talked about the history of his company and its growth.

CBA Business Studies teacher Tom Jordan said: "We were delighted to welcome Mr Joule. His visit was particularly helpful for our students because for their final exams they received a pre-released case study about a fictional business which was based on a real life business from this area."

"It was clear from the case study that the business in question this year was based on Joules."

"As well as talking to the students about Joules in general, Mr Joule was also able to answer the students' questions in significant detail."

"It helped the students to think about the business in real terms rather than as something which had been made up for an exam question."

A-Level Business Studies student Eleanor Jones said: "It was very interesting to ask him questions about the business and it made the task a lot clearer."

EXCITING NEW PLANS FOR ACTIVE LESSONS



Students enjoy lessons in trampolining this year

An array of exciting new activities will be introduced into our Key Stage 3 Active lessons next year.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will take part in health and fitness tests that will enable them to monitor their progress and teach them lifelong skills. By the end of the year they will have taken part in an Athletics Day Project at Rockingham Triangle and there are plans to put on a Sports Day for them at the stadium.

Active Teacher Natasha Dunstone said: "We are doing this to give the students an insight into what fitness means for them. They will go on a personal journey which will focus on how they can improve their fitness and health."

"The students will use the data from their tests in their Mathematics lessons and the statistics will help them to monitor their progress"

The new tests will include base line fitness testing such as the 12 Minute Cooper Test, which

tests cardiovascular fitness, the Multi Stage Fitness Test which tests muscle endurance and cardiovascular fitness and the 30 Metre Sprint Test which tests speed and reaction times.

Alongside these activities there will be lessons in Trampolining, Rugby, Basketball, Netball, Athletics, Tennis, Cricket, Rounders and Softball which will be supported by Session 4 clubs.

Miss Dunstone said: "We are in the third year of the Rugby All Schools Programme and we will continue to develop the sport at CBA as well as introducing all our new Year 7 students to rugby."

"Year 7 and Year 8 students will also have an Athletics Day at Rockingham Triangle in Term 1 and we hope to run a Year 7, 8 and 9 Sports Day at Rockingham Triangle next summer."

"These events are part of our efforts to raise students' aspirations and help them to achieve their best and strive for excellence."

GREAT PERFORMANCE BY MATHEMATICIAN

One of our gifted mathematicians took part in one of the UK's most prestigious competitions.

Year 8 student Narayan Collins was invited to take part in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust's Junior Kangaroo competition after he excelled in the Trust's Junior Challenge.

Narayan scored 89 in the earlier competition, which earned him Gold, and scored a very respectable 61 in the Junior

Kangaroo competition. He was not the only CBA student to perform well in the Junior Challenge.

Ben Webb and Amy Barn also both won Gold with scores of 82 and 81 respectively.

Seven more students won Silvers and a further 11 students won Bronze in the competition. The competitions test students' problem solving, critical thinking and analytical abilities.



Year 8 student Narayan Collins and CBA Assistant Director of Mathematics Maxwell Sam

EUROPEAN GOLDS FOR WILLIAM

An award-winning swimmer has added two European Gold medals to his growing collection.

Year 11 student William Roberts won Gold medals in the 25m Breaststroke and 25m Backstroke, a Silver medal in the 25m Butterfly, and came fourth in the 25m Freestyle in his divisions at this year's Down Syndrome European Championships.

A few weeks later he won a Silver for Butterfly and came fourth and fifth for Breaststroke and Front crawl respectively at the Liverpool Gala.

His mother Johanna Roberts said: "The Down Syndrome European Championship was amazing."

"It was lovely to meet some of the GB World and European champions. They were

definitely something for him to aspire to."

The results mark a fantastic end to the year for William who began by winning two Golds and Silver at the Peterborough Special Olympic Gala in September, followed by a Silver and Bronze at the Special Olympics Wales Regional Swimming Gala in October and two Golds and a Silver in a disability gala in November.



Year 11 student William Roberts

ENRICHMENT DAY 2015

Our students took part in exciting trips and activities during our second Enrichment Day. The event was designed to help our students develop an interest in a wide range of subjects outside of the classroom. The trips we ran this year included visits to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Bletchley Park, the Harry Potter Studio Tour, Drayton

Manor, Duxford Imperial War Museum, Twycross Zoo and Wicksteed Park. In school we also ran a variety of sessions, including the Greenbull Challenge, which challenged students to design and make soapbox go-karts which were then entered into races, and a project to make balloon powered cars.



Our designers take on the Greenbull Challenge



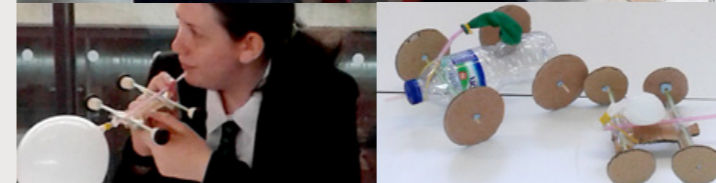
Students look at the exhibits at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford



Our engineers create balloon powered cars



Our students have fun at Wicksteed Park



Our engineers create balloon powered cars



Our sports lovers look around the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park



Students take part in the Harry Potter Studio Tour





MATHEMATICIANS ARE COUNTY CHAMPIONS AGAIN

Our mathematicians were crowned county champions of a major competition.

Tarun Diwan, Matthew Ford, Dylan Haggard and Shona Duncan came top in the Year 10 Maths Feast event which was organised by the Further Mathematics Support Programme.

It is the second year in a row our students have won the contest and this year they beat students from our fellow Brooke Weston

Trust schools, Kettering Science Academy and Brooke Weston Academy, to take the title.

CBA Director of Mathematics Heather Thompson said: "These students are our top problem solvers and they worked hard during Session 4 to get ready for this competition."

"The questions in this competition involve complex problem solving. Before you can even begin to answer the questions you have

to decipher what the questions are asking and work out the method for solving them. Winning the competition is an amazing achievement but the main thing for us is that the students enjoyed taking part."

The competition tests mathematical, team-working, problem solving and communication skills.

Pictured above: All the CBA Year 10 Maths Feast 2015 entrants

GCSE STUDENTS CREATE IMPRESSIVE PRODUCTS

Our GCSE Resistant Materials students have created an impressive range of products this year.

The Year 11 students had 30 hours to tackle a variety of project briefs including designing and creating flat pack furniture or furniture with another function, such as storage, and in one case this included the creation of a full chess set.

Students also had to come up with products inspired by a design hero from the past 100 years which led to the creation of wonderful items such as iPod speakers.

Teacher David Mitchell said: "The practical work the students have produced is some of the best I have ever seen. The students were very engaged with the project."



Sixth Form

SIXTH FORMERS SHOW OFF THEIR ACADEMIC PROWESS

More CBA Sixth Formers than ever before have taken part in a challenging project which is welcomed by the UK's top universities.

About a dozen Year 12 students have done the Extended Project, which can be worth up to 70 UCAS tariff points, in their own time.

The students wrote a 6,000-word university essay, on a topic of their choice, which had to create a discussion and go into detail about the subject.

Teacher Jonathon Chew ran weekly sessions with the students during Session 4 to give them a chance to debate their essays and explore different avenues of research.

He said: "The quality of this year's projects has been extremely high."

"This qualification sets these students apart from others. It shows they can commit to a large academic project. It is effectively a fourth, or in some cases, fifth AS Level for these students."

"Most universities recognise the Extended Project and all universities like to see it in students' personal statements. The University of Cambridge, in particular, likes to see applicants with it."

Our students' essay topics included: How Will Climate Change Affect Global Food in the Future, Women in the Film Industry, The Use of Technology in Dystopian Literature, Is the UK Government Ever Right to Sensor Information and Should You Test Products on Animals – Both Scientific and Cosmetic?

As part of the qualification the students also had to give a presentation on their work to Mr Chew and CBA Vice Principal Ruth Hurcombe.

Mr Chew added: "We were impressed with the presentations and the essays."

"It's a fantastic academic opportunity for the students, outside of lessons, to apply themselves to something they feel passionate about."

"Not every school offers this opportunity and it's great that we do it at CBA."

Principal John Henrys said: "We have had some fantastic outcomes from this year's Extended Project work and the quality of the projects has been incredibly high."

"The staff and students have worked very hard to produce the best work possible and Mr Chew has played an integral part, working tirelessly with the students to ensure they secure the best possible outcomes."

EMPLOYERS PRAISE WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS

Employers have responded enthusiastically to one of our latest groups of work experience students.

A group of Year 10 and 11 students worked with a variety of employers, including schools, shops and leisure facilities.

Teacher Caren Brown said: "The work experience placements gave our students the chance to put all the functional skills we teach them into action."

"They did very well. We had fantastic feedback from all the employers."

Lyndon Mears worked for Corby Borough Council at East Carlton Country Park.

He said: "I did woodland work using machinery and I also helped out at the park's shop and helped to keep the plants looking nice for the visitors."

William Roberts, who worked at Waitrose in Oundle, said: "I welcomed customers, managed the stock and worked on the computers. I would like to work in retail so this was a good experience for me."

Chinwe Akadonye worked in CBA's Unit having previously done work experience at Beanfield Primary School. She said: "I helped the students with their work. I would like to work in a school with young children."

Chris Harding, who worked at Adrenaline Alley, said: "I checked the ramps to ensure they were put together well and worked on

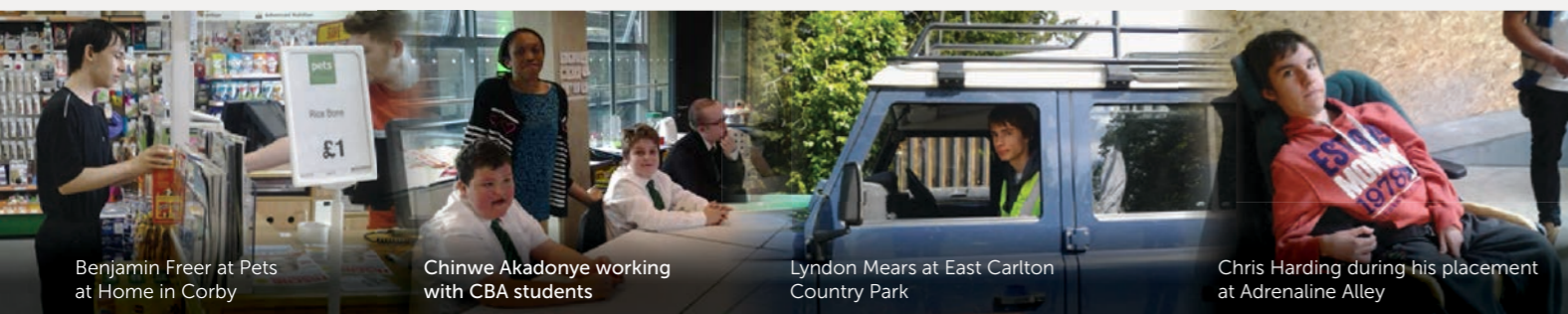
the main reception. I enjoyed interacting with the customers."

Benjamin Freer worked at Pets at Home in Corby. He said: "I worked in the shop and helped out with the animals. I'm interested in retail and animals so this was a great experience."

Jordan Stuart, who worked at Corby Primary Academy, said: "I really enjoyed working with the children. The experience taught me a lot of new skills."

Charley Graham worked with pupils in Years 3 and 5 and in the Reception Class at Exeter Primary School.

She said: "I worked with the pupils and helped the teachers to prepare resources. I would like to work in a school when I'm older."



Benjamin Freer at Pets at Home in Corby

Chinwe Akadonye working with CBA students

Lyndon Mears at East Carlton Country Park

Chris Harding during his placement at Adrenaline Alley

BIOLOGISTS STUDY HABITATS DURING FIELDWORK DAY

Sixth Form scientists took part in a Biology Fieldwork Day to help them with their coursework. Seven AS students and two A-Level students visited the Newton Field Centre near Kettering to take part in a series of activities.

The students examined a variety of different habitats around the centre, sampled areas using a tool called a quadrat and were challenged to identify plants from their leaves.

Teacher Neil Price accompanied the AS students on their visit to the centre. He said: "It was a great practical exercise to do and the students really enjoyed it."

"The students did incredibly well with the tasks – most of them scored 100%. We were very pleased with them."



Our Sixth Formers take part in the Biology Fieldwork Day





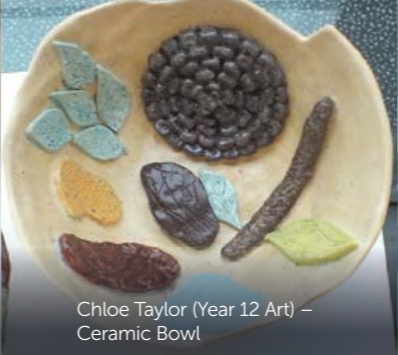
Emma Viner (Year 12 Art) – Dancing in the Woods



Emma Viner (Year 12 Art) – Theme: Relationships



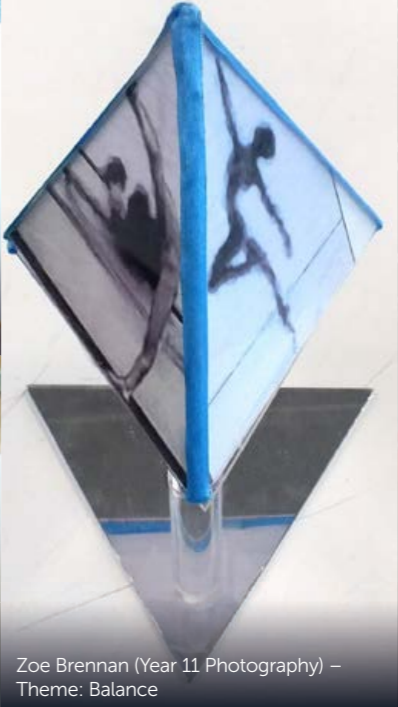
Joshua Champion (Year 12 Art) – Ceramic Bowl



Chloe Taylor (Year 12 Art) – Ceramic Bowl



Emma Viner (Year 12 Art) – Ceramic Bowl



Zoe Brennan (Year 11 Photography) – Theme: Balance



Siona Layton-Matthews (Year 11 Art)

**CBA
ART GALLERY**

Welcome to the CBA Art Gallery which displays some of the brilliant work done by our A-Level and GCSE Art students and GCSE Photography students this year.



Molly Owens (Year 12 Art) – Ceramic Bowl



Charlotte Green (Year 12 Art) – Ceramic Bowl



Beth McQuillan (Year 12 Art) – Ceramic Bowl



Year 12 Art – Ceramic Bowls



Leah Nisbet (Year 13 Art)



Charlie Small (Year 11 Art)



Sally O'Keeffe (Year 13 Art) – The Bloody Chamber



Aimee Foster (Year 11 Photography) – Theme: Exploring the Narrative



Shannon Wilson (Year 11 Art) – Theme: Issues



Leah Nisbet (Year 13 Art) – Emotion Through Dance



Leah Nisbet (Year 13 Art) - Flaws and Imperfections



Madara Vimba (Year 13 Art)



Charlie Small (Year 11 Art) – Theme: Issues



Charlie Hammond (Year 11 Photography) – Theme: Adventure



Sally O'Keeffe (Year 13 Art) - Death

SUPERB YEAR FOR MUSICIANS



Our award winning students at the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama



Our musicians and singers perform at two concerts in Holland

The students perform at the CBA Summer Showcase

Our musicians and singers have had one of their busiest years yet.

This term alone they entertained hundreds of music lovers at our Summer Showcase, toured Holland and performed at the Brooke Weston Trust's Music for Stage and Screen concert at The Core Theatre in Corby.

Earlier in the year they performed at the former Mayor of Corby's Civic Celebration, recorded our best ever results at the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama, put on our Christmas Concert, played to 800 pupils during a tour of county schools and won Gold and Silver at the National Concert Band Festival.

CBA Director of Music Clive Wears said: "This has been a superb year filled with many highlights.

"We have just returned from a fantastic musical tour of Holland where we performed two concerts. We had very appreciative audiences in Holland and our concerts were very well received.

"There were several musical highlights during the tour, including solos by Lewis Scholtz and Bobbi Devlin, and all the students were fantastic ambassadors for the Academy.

"We were also very proud to play at the Trust's first concert at The Core and were thrilled to win four categories and a second and a third place at the

Oundle Festival of Music and Drama.

"We also started the year well when our Senior Concert Band won Gold and our new Big Band won Silver at the National Concert Band Festival.

"Our musicians and singers have been fantastic this year and we are already looking forward to next year."

Two of our cornet players, Year 13's Sam Addy and Year 9's Louie Anderson, also proved themselves to be among the very best young performers in Europe when their band, Youth Brass 2000, came second in the Premier section of the European Youth Brass Band Championships in Germany.

FRIENDS TAKE ON GOLF CHALLENGE FOR CANCER CHARITY

Two award-winning CBA chefs will walk more than 20 miles whilst playing 72 holes of golf in one day to raise money for charity. CBA Restaurant Manager Chris Lapsley and Chef Steven Allder will take on the challenge during the summer holidays as part of Macmillan Cancer Support's Longest Day Golf Challenge. The duo, along with two other friends, hope to raise £1,000 for the charity.

Mr Lapsley said: "The challenge is the equivalent of almost walking a marathon whilst playing 72 holes of golf. We want to raise £1,000 between us and so far we've managed to raise about £500 through cake sales, tea mornings and sponsorship.

"Macmillan Cancer Support's nurses don't receive any Government funding – all their work is paid for by fundraisers. There aren't many people whose lives haven't been affected directly or indirectly by cancer so we hope people will support us."

The golfers will take part in the challenge on Thursday 6th August. They will begin at Orton Meadows Golf Course in Peterborough at 4.30am and will go on to play at Thorpe Wood Golf Course in Peterborough and Oundle Golf Club before finishing their challenge at Priors Hall Golf Club in Corby at about 9.30pm. Sponsorship forms are available from the CBA Restaurant.

Anyone who wants to sponsor the golfers, who are known collectively as The Mexicans after the golf society they belong to, can also do so online by visiting their Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/the-mexicans/

BRIGHT YOUNG MINDS TACKLE NATURAL DISASTER

Our brightest young students were challenged to see how they would cope with the aftermath of a major natural disaster.

A group of 20 students in Years 7 to 9 gave up a Saturday to take part in the National Space Centre's Operation Montserrat exercise.

The students were told the Caribbean island had been hit by an earthquake and a volcano eruption and were challenged to form an Emergency Response Team to deal with the disaster. They were kept up to date with the latest developments from the island via a live feed from the Space Centre and had to use their Geography, Mathematics, Communications and Teamwork skills to save as many lives on the island as possible.

English Teacher Hayley Johnston said: "We had students tracking the progress of the earthquake and the volcano, others formed an evacuation team, a satellite team and a communications team.



Our students at work on the project

"They used their scientific and mathematic skills to work out how they would respond to the emergency and evacuate people as quickly as possible.

"The exercise showed them how the subjects they learn at school can be applied to real life

situations. The students were very enthusiastic and kept up with pace of the activity very well."

Operation Montserrat is partly based on the volcanic activity and earthquakes which destroyed large areas of the island between 1995 and 1997.

GIFTED MATHEMATICIANS HELP YOUNGER STUDENTS

A new scheme to boost students' mathematical skills has been hailed a success. A group of Year 11 Mathematics students have dedicated one 20 minute session a week to mentoring Year 9 students throughout this year.

Our findings showed that a number of the students improved upon their grades as a result.

Teacher Yvonne Gyadu said: "On the whole the majority of the older and younger students enjoyed the scheme and we received a lot of positive feedback.

"Those who worked consistently hard definitely showed evidence of progress in their grades.

"We are looking forward to developing the scheme even further in the future."

The key feature of the project was that the learners take on responsibility for the areas that are covered and for evaluating their success. The project was inspired by research which showed that a two year age gap between tutors and tutees seems to benefit both sets of students.

In some cases students acting as tutors make even more progress than their tutees.

Many of the Year 11 students said they had enjoyed sharing their knowledge and the experience had helped them to consolidate their own mathematical skills.

The Year 9 students reported that the sessions gave them extra chances to ask questions about topics and they found the older students helpful.



Gretton Primary Academy Headteacher Jane MacDonald with CBA mathematics teachers Maxwell Sam and Yvonne Gyadu and pupils Caitlin, Evie and Charlotte

TRUST SCHOOLS WORK TOGETHER TO HELP MATHEMATICIANS

Three exceptional primary school mathematicians took advantage of the facilities we have at Corby Business Academy.

Year 6 students Caitlin, Evie and Charlotte, who are from our fellow Brooke Weston Trust school Gretton Primary Academy, worked with our Mathematics teachers every Wednesday for about six months.

CBA Assistant Director of Mathematics Maxwell Sam said: "We were approached by their school to see if we could offer the

pupils some additional support and help them prepare for secondary school.

"We did a lot of problem solving activities with them and at the end they responded confidently to every mathematical problem we gave them.

"They shared everything they learned here with their friends in primary school which was fantastic.

"It was a good example of schools across the Trust working together."

DUKE OF EDINBURGH STUDENTS CHALLENGE THEMSELVES

Our Unit students have worked hard this summer to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award.

Our Year 11 students achieved their Bronze Award following their successful Assessed Expedition and our Year 10 and 12 students took part in their Practice Expedition.

During the expeditions the students worked on their camp craft and cooking skills, navigated a journey covering several miles each day using photo trails and carried their own kits.

Unit Director Claire Robinson said: "The students worked well together and helped one another during the difficult parts.

"The weather conditions for the Year 10 and 11 students were very wet and windy during their

expedition to Cosgrove near Milton Keynes but they kept working hard. The students challenged themselves by doing things like walking further than they had before and carrying more in their packs than they had before.

"This experience has showed them they have talents that they weren't aware of and the importance of pushing themselves to achieve their aims. Our Year 12 students also did very well on their expedition around Wilbarston and East Carlton Country Park.

"Their independence levels and skills have grown dramatically over the past year. They coped fantastically well and they all want to go again."

Our Year 10 and 12 students will continue with their Bronze Award next year.



Our Year 10 and 11 students during their expedition



Our Year 12 students on their expedition



CBA HOSTS INTERNATIONAL CRICKET FIXTURE

CBA staged our very own version of the Ashes when we hosted an international cricket fixture.

An U-15s team from Shaun Brown's Cricket Academy (SBCA) in Melbourne, Australia, spent a day at our Academy during their UK tour in July to play a fixture against our Year 9 and 10 students.

Both teams played incredibly well but the eventual winner was SBCA.

CBA Cricket Coach Jordon Joseph said: "It was an honour for us to be asked to host the event as we were the only secondary school in

Northamptonshire the Australian team played against during their UK tour.

"It was a very close contest which went down to the last over of the match.

"Our players did the Academy proud. It was a brilliant day - the weather was fantastic and the Australian touring party had a wonderful time."

The fixture was part of a fantastic finale to the year for our cricketers who also spent the last six days of the summer term touring Holland.



FOOTBALLERS DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS AT FESTIVAL

Footballers from four secondary schools took part in an exciting festival at CBA.

The event was held in July and featured players from our Academy, Maplefields School, Gateway and Northgate.

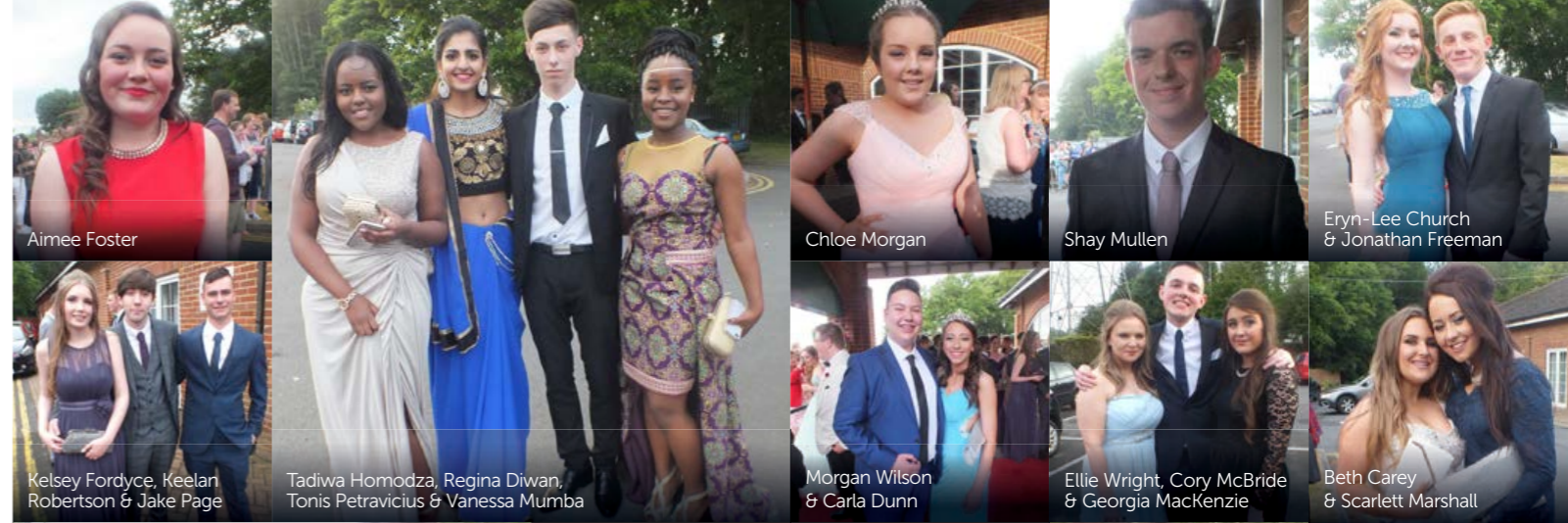
CBA Football Coach Richard White organised the tournament. He said: "This was the second festival that we have hosted and it was the biggest one to date.

"The event went very well and we would like to thank all the schools who attended for coming along.

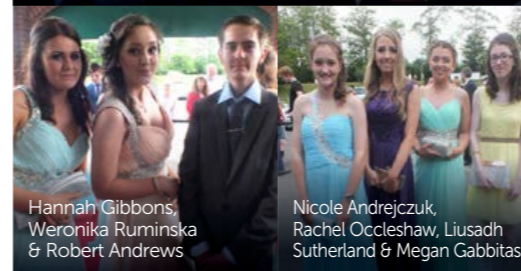
"Our students showed they have massively improved since they started playing a year ago. The number of goals we're scoring has gone up and in one game we conceded the lowest number of goals.

"This was also the first time we entered a girls' team and I'm thrilled to say they drew 2-2 which is great for their first match."

The CBA Player of the Festival title was awarded jointly to Jordan Foster and Lizzy Crosby.

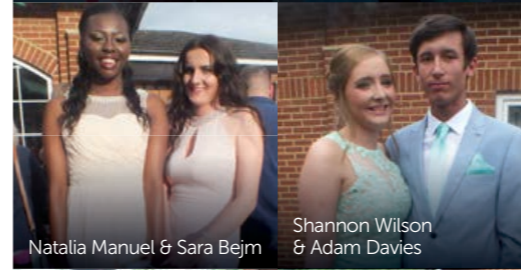


Craig Bryden, Jack Rosborough & Conor Bird



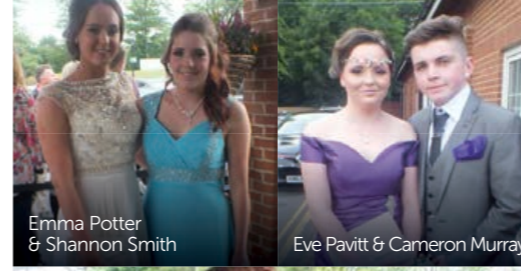
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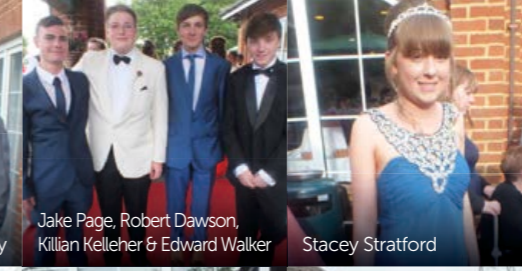
Emma Potter & Shannon Smith

Eve Pavitt & Cameron Murray



PROM 2015

Year 11 students celebrated the end of their GCSE studies in style at the CBA Prom. The glamorous occasion took place on Friday 26th June at the Holiday Inn in Corby.

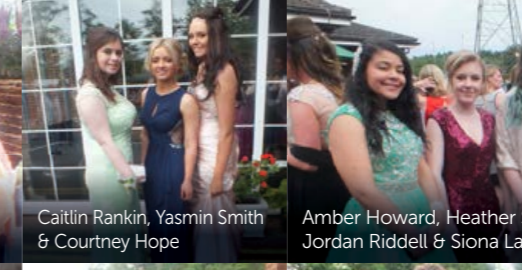


Jake Page, Robert Dawson, Killian Kelleher & Edward Walker

Stacey Stratford

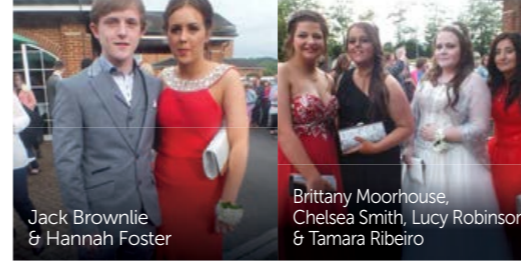


Siona Layton-Matthews, Kimberley Samuels-Hammond & Chloe Harvey



Caitlin Rankin, Yasmin Smith & Courtney Hope

Amber Howard, Heather Sikora, Paula Galenson, Jordan Riddell & Siona Layton-Matthews



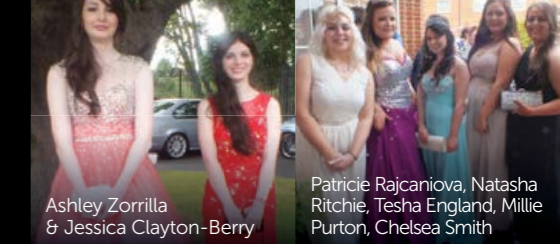
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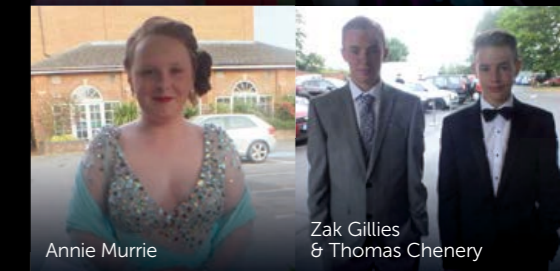
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Zak Gillies & Thomas Chenery

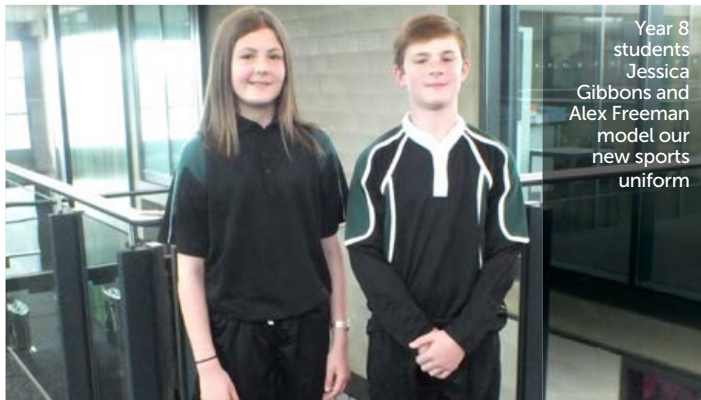


Chris Harding, Ryan McDade, Nickie Binder, William Roberts, Chinwe Akadonye, Rohesia Woolley & Charley Graham



Penny Ramsay, Niamh Henderson-Galway, Beth Hunter, Louise Graham & Rheanna Foley

Nayan Kumar & Abby Reilly



Year 8 students Jessica Gibbons and Alex Freeman model our new sports uniform

ACADEMY LAUNCHES NEW SPORTS UNIFORM

Corby Business Academy is excited to announce it is now working with two top uniform suppliers. Gilt Edged will continue to supply students with the main Academy uniform (blazer and tie) and from this summer parents have been able to order Active kits from our new supplier – Sportswear International Ltd. Our new relationship with Sportswear International Ltd will enable students to buy the Academy's new PE kit.

Principal John Henrys said: "The new sports uniform provides exceptional functionality, utilising new materials to ensure the kit is hard-wearing and easy to maintain. It also provides the Academy with a new look, bringing us right up to date with current designs and trends."

Students can continue to use their existing PE kits as the new kits will be phased in throughout next year.

Parents have been able to order the new Active uniforms online since June 10th, stock will no longer be held at the Academy. Orders will be available to be delivered to home, as detailed on the website, or collected from the Academy free of charge.

During the school holiday period uniform ordered online will be available for collection from the Academy between 9am and 4pm from July 22nd to July 28th 2015 and from August 24th 2015 onwards. The Academy will have a limited number of the older style Active kits available for existing students or alternatively you can order the new kit online.

To find out about ordering the Academy's main uniform and Active kit visit the Uniform section in the Parent Info area of our website.

RUGBY CLUB WILL RELAUNCH IN SEPTEMBER

Our popular Rugby Club will return during Session 4 from September.

Active Teachers Phil Woolley and Natasha Dunstone are both qualified rugby coaches. Miss Dunstone said: "Lots of our students are enthusiastic about playing rugby which is fantastic news.

"The Session 4 club is a continuation of all the work we have been doing to develop rugby at CBA and our involvement in the RFU's All Schools Rugby programme during the past two years. During that time we have progressed from having a small amount of rugby to having teams in Years 7 to 10.

"It's a very exciting time because the boys' teams are entering county competitions and the girls have a number of fixtures lined up. We are continuing to develop rugby training at CBA and we have two more staff members signed up for a specialist rugby training course. We will also be inviting some external coaches to work with our students after school."

The Rugby Club will be open to boys and girls in all years.

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.

KEY DATES

Thursday August 13th 2015:

A Level Exam Results Day

Thursday August 20th 2015:

GCSE Exam Results Day

Wednesday September 2nd 2015:

Training Day

Thursday September 3rd 2015:

Term 1: Open to staff and students

Any updates to Key Dates

are placed on the Academy's website.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT


Students who catch school buses to the Academy in the mornings are reminded that they must wait for their bus to arrive. We would like to reassure students that their transport will always turn up even if on occasion it is later than normal. Students should not go home.

PHOTO CONSENT

At CBA we like to celebrate our students' achievements and bring you the latest school news in In Press and on the Academy's website.

CBA will assume that parental/carer consent is given regarding the publishing of your child's photograph unless you provide CBA with written instructions to the contrary which we can then acknowledge and use to update our systems. Any parents who do not want to give their consent should email their instructions to Linda Stubbins at LStubbins@corbybusinessacademy.org by Friday 18th September 2015.

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.

Change of Contact Information forms can be downloaded from the Change of Contact Information page in the Parent Info section of the Academy's website. The forms are also available from our Main Reception. Information about any changes can be emailed to LStubbins@corbybusinessacademy.org or posted to Linda Stubbins at Corby Business Academy.

TERM DATES

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

Term 1	Thursday 3rd September 2015 - Friday 23rd October 2015*
Term 2	Tuesday 3rd November 2015* - Friday 18th December 2015
Term 3	Tuesday 5th January 2016 – Friday 12th February 2016
Term 4	Monday 22nd February 2016 – Thursday 24th March 2016
Term 5	Tuesday 12th April 2016 – Friday 27th May 2016
Term 6	Monday 6th June 2016 – Wednesday 20th July 2016
Term dates for 2015-16 are available on the Academy's website.	

*We would like to inform you of a change to the term dates for 2015-16 which were previously published on our website. Please note that Friday 23rd October 2015 will now be a normal Academy day with the Academy open to all students. Monday 2nd November will now be a staff training day and the Academy will be closed to students on this date. The term dates on the Academy website will be changed to reflect this.



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