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## GREAT START TO THE YEAR

In this edition we share news of visits by respected authors and celebrity fitness instructors, we celebrate sporting achievements and we say hello to our new Head Boy and Head Girl

### PRAISE FOR PERFORMERS

Our performers were praised by the Shakespeare Schools Festival organisers for their performance of Macbeth

### RESTAURANT WINS TOP AWARD

Our restaurant team has won a prestigious healthy eating workplace award

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS SCHEME IS LAUNCHED



Corby Business Academy

Brooke Weston Trust





# LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ANOTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT THIS TERM HAS BEEN OUR YOUNG ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

As we head towards the end of yet another busy term in the life of the Academy it is worth taking a moment to reflect on the fact we are now approaching a third of the way through this academic year already. Time continues to move quickly and we are now starting preparations for our final push towards the summer examination time. With the focus on securing another successful year with Year 11 students it is also important to maintain a focus on all of our year groups, ensuring all students maximise the opportunities offered to them. Many students do take advantage of these opportunities and I can't help but be amazed by the students that took part in the UK's largest drama festival performing Macbeth or those students that

helped Northamptonshire to win Silver at the Panathlon Challenge Central Regional Final. Another notable achievement this term has been our Young Enterprise programme going from strength to strength. We now have a number of companies taking part; Tea Time Aromas has launched reed diffusers, *inscentive* has produced scented candles and Happy Hands UK has released a new line in bespoke aprons. Tea Time Aromas also won the Best Sales and Marketing award at its first trade fair. We continue to extend our extra-curricular offerings with examples such as The Everest Files author Matt Dickinson coming in to talk to more than 250 students to mark the end of our summer reading challenge and a successful

trip to Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. Finally, after much planning and hard work our restaurant has recently won the Healthy Eating Workplace of the Year award at the Carlsberg UK Northamptonshire Food and Drink Awards.

I would like to thank everyone for their continuing hard work and commitment to the Academy and I hope everyone associated with the Academy enjoys a well-earned relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

**John Henrys Principal**

## RESTAURANT TEAM WIN TOP AWARD

Our restaurant team has won a prestigious new Food and Drink Award.

The team has won the Healthy Eating Workplace of the Year – Health & Education category award in the Carlsberg UK Northamptonshire Food and Drink Awards 2014/15.

It was the first time this particular award has been given out and our Academy beat three other worthy finalists – Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, St Andrew's in Northampton and the University of Northampton's Park Campus – to win it.

CBA restaurant Manager Chris Lapsley said: "To win this award is a massive achievement for the whole team. Everyone here has worked so hard to promote healthy eating in everything we do.



Michelin starred chef Jason Atherton, Corby Business Academy's Linda Stubbins and Chris Lapsley and Northamptonshire County Council leader Cllr Jim Harker

"One of the judges who came out to see us told us after we had won that no one else is doing what we're doing. Other places have healthy options but everything we do is based around being healthy."

When the judges visited our restaurant they spoke to the team and carefully examined its recipes, ingredients and products.

Principal John Henrys said: "It has taken a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve the

high standards in our restaurant and it is so pleasing that these standards of healthy food have been recognised."

The team received its award, which is sponsored by Northamptonshire County Council, during a special Awards Dinner held at the Royal & Derngate in Northampton.

The Awards are widely recognised as identifying the heroes of Northamptonshire's food and drinks industry.



The Award

# NEW PERFORMING ARTS CLUB IS A SUCCESS

A strong group of performers has signed up to our new Performing Arts Club.

The popular Session 4 club was launched at the start of Term 2 and its members have already studied breathing techniques and learned improvisational skills.

Club Leader Emily O’Keeffe said: “I’ve been impressed with the group since the very first session.

“They have created improvised pieces and performed monologues, duologues and freeze frames and performed to music.

“They also did very well when we studied diaphragmatic breathing which teaches you how to project your voice and control your breathing without straining your vocal cords.

“We have some excellent performers.”

The club is open to students in Years 7 to 9 and meets on Mondays in the Drama Studio in Comms.

Anyone who is interested in joining should email Miss O’Keeffe at [EOKeeffe@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:EOKeeffe@corbybusinessacademy.org)



Business owner Caroline Mann with Teacher Alexandra Allan and a selection of our GCSE Business Studies students.

## GCSE STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM WORKING WITH BUSINESS OWNER

A business owner has given our students an insight into successful customer service.

Caroline Mann, who owns Charles Barry Barbers in Corby and The Barbers of Uppingham, worked with a group of Year 11 students as part of their GCSE Business Studies course.

Mrs Mann trained as a ladies’ and gentlemen’s hairdresser before launching her businesses.

She said: “The students were really good and took on

board the things I told them. Spending time with them made me think about my business so the experience was beneficial for everyone.

“I would definitely like to work with the students here again.”

Student Samantha Loveday said: “We used the information Mrs Mann gave us to produce reports about her business operation and her customer services.

“I found it very helpful to speak to a business owner.”

## CAST PRAISED FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE OF **MACBETH**

Our talented performers were praised by the organisers of the UK’s largest youth drama festival for their portrayal of Macbeth.

Representatives from the Shakespeare Schools Festival told our 25-strong Macbeth cast they created strong characterisations in their performance at The Deco in Northampton which formed part of the nationwide festival.

Year 11 student Jack Rosborough received specific praise for the way he delivered the title role.

English Teacher Rebecca Horridge said: “The performance was amazing and our cast was fantastic. They were enthusiastic and well-rehearsed and never needed prompting.

“They represented our Academy incredibly well and I hope our

students will perform at the festival again. It was exciting for them to perform Shakespeare on a professional stage. All the students felt it was definitely worth all the hours of rehearsals during Session 4 and at the weekends.

“The festival organisers gave them great feedback. They told the students their

characterisation was really strong and they were impressed with the way Jack developed the role of Macbeth throughout the play.

“I have never been so proud of a group of students before.”

Miss Horridge also thanked members of our Session 4 Sew N Sews Textiles Club who made tartan sashes and witches’ cloaks for the show.

# Shakespeare

## SCHOOLS FESTIVAL



Senior Vice Principal  
Janet Duggan

## PROFILE ON JANET DUGGAN

Senior Vice Principal Janet Duggan has brought even more skills to our Academy by becoming an Ofsted Additional Inspector. She took time out of her busy schedule to tell us about her new role.

Our Academy can now boast that it has an Ofsted Additional Inspector amongst its ranks.

For the past two years Senior Vice Principal Janet Duggan has undergone the strenuous training programme run by SERCO for all candidates who want to become additional inspectors.

Mrs Duggan recently completed her final challenge of being part of an inspection team at a primary school and after passing with flying colours she is now an official Ofsted Additional Inspector.

She said: "The process has been rigorous and illuminating and it shows you the other side. I have learned Ofsted want to give schools every opportunity to show what they are doing to make a difference to the learning of children and the lives of children. The inspectors are always looking for cause and effect. For example, the teacher does X and the impact on learning is Y.

"During training you are made aware of the all factors you need to take into account when deciding that the progress made over time by students is either outstanding, good, requiring improvement or inadequate."

Even before Mrs Duggan qualified as an inspector she found the experience was paying dividends for our Academy and other schools across the Brooke Weston Trust, which funded her training.

She said: "I have shared my experiences with several schools in the Trust, I've led sessions for teachers on the new Ofsted Frameworks which contain the evaluation schedule by which schools are judged.

"This, in turn, identified some teaching and learning issues with some schools and we were able to help them with that. I have also supported middle leaders in one of the Trust's schools.

"Going through Ofsted training definitely sharpens your focus within your own school. In the past year or so we have done a lot of work scrutinies. For example we've questioned whether innovative, creative teaching strategies are being used. We've examined whether students have the opportunity to reflect on their own progress and set their own personal targets. We've looked at whether teachers are marking formatively and whether students have been given enough time to act on the written feedback.

"It sharpens your focus on the progress being made by different groups of students in the school."

One of the reasons Mrs Duggan was able to qualify for the training process was because she is a practising teacher at a school which is rated Good by Ofsted.

She said: "The lovely thing about the training is the quality of people that you meet. Most of them were headteachers but there were also deputy headteachers and teachers who were all from good schools.

"It's a great opportunity to share best practice and exchange ideas with people who are at the top of their game and then bring those ideas here."

In the future Mrs Duggan hopes to do further training to do with the inspection of Unit Provision and Special Schools.



## DANCERS PERFORM IN FRONT OF THOUSANDS

Two of our talented dancers performed in front of thousands of people during a fireworks spectacular at Boughton House.

Year 12 students Erin Anderson, 16, and Polly Jones, 16, (pictured) were invited to perform in Metro-Boulot-Dodo's Gunpowder Plot fireworks event in front of 3,500 people on November 4th and 5th.

They auditioned for roles in the performance, which featured theatre, music, film, dance and drama, after learning of the production from CBA Dance Teacher Francia Dickinson.

Erin said: "The piece involved physical theatre which was new to us but we really enjoyed it.

"We took part in workshops throughout the half-term holiday to get ready for the show.

"It was my first professional production and it was absolutely amazing to perform in front of so many people."

Polly added: "We were the youngest of the group and we learned a lot from the older performers which boosted our confidence. I love the buzz you get from performing."

Both students would like to become professional performers.

## GYMNAST MACIE WILL COMPETE IN MALTA

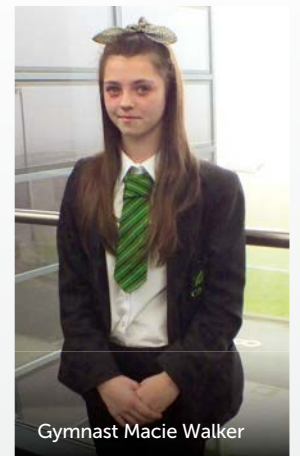
A gymnast will perform at an international competition in Malta for the second time.

Year 8 student Macie Walker, 12, won Gold in the vault when she took on gymnasts from all over Europe at the competition in 2013.

Following trials this summer Macie was one of a handful of members of Corby Gymnastics Academy who were picked to perform at the next contest when it takes place in July 2015.

She said: "I really enjoyed the last competition. I came first in the vault and our team from Corby Gymnastics Academy came second overall.

"It was great to be in Malta with my friends and I was thrilled to have done so well.



Gymnast Macie Walker

"I'm very happy to have been picked for the competition again."

Macie will compete in a variety of categories, including the bars, beam, vault and floor.

She trains with the gymnastics academy five days a week.





The Tea Time Aromas Young Enterprise company



One of Tea Time Aromas' reed diffusers



Members of the *inscentive* Young Enterprise company



One of *inscentive's* scented candles

## ENTREPRENEURS CREATE IMPRESSIVE PRODUCTS

Two new Young Enterprise companies unveiled their products to the public this term.

Tea Time Aromas has added to the world of home fragrances with its sophisticated reed diffusers and *inscentive* has created a range of candles in a variety of vibrant colours, scents and sizes.

Both companies, which are made up of Year 12 students, have received positive feedback from the public and Tea Time Aromas won an award for Best Sales and Marketing when they took part in their first trade fair in Stamford.

Tea Time Aromas Managing Director James Shannon said: "In response to the growing trend in home fragrances we are offering a range of high quality sophisticated reed diffusers.

"I was very proud of how well we performed against the other companies at Stamford.

"I would like to thank the team for all of their hard work at the trade fair, our

teacher Miss Allan and other staff members from the Academy for their support."

*inscentive* Managing Director Georgina Reay said: "Our mission is to produce natural high quality candles that are crafted with care.

"Most households have candles and we thought our candles would make an ideal present for a variety of occasions, including Christmas and Valentine's Day."

*inscentive's* customers can choose from five different scents – vanilla, lavender, orange, berry and strawberry. The candles cost £4.39 for a small globe jar, £5.15 for a large globe jar and £5.99 for a large square jar.

Tea Time Aromas' reed diffusers come in a range of fragrances and start at £6.99.

To find out more about Tea Time Aromas visit its website at [www.teatimearomas.co.uk](http://www.teatimearomas.co.uk). To contact *inscentive* email [inscentiveuk@gmail.com](mailto:inscentiveuk@gmail.com)

## TRIO LEARN ESSENTIAL ARMY SKILLS WITH CADETS

Three of our students have learned essential Army skills since joining the Brooke Weston Trust's new cadet unit.

Year 10 students Sonny Dalziel, Ethan Mathieson and Kearnu Stapleton joined the Brooke Weston Trust Combined Cadet Force (Army Section) unit when it launched in September.



Kearnu Stapleton, Sonny Dalziel and Ethan Mathieson in their cadet uniforms

Ethan has qualified as a marksman and all three students took part in a field trip during which they explored woodland, created safe areas, performed snap ambushes, erected a bivvy shelter and shot a No. 8 rifle.

Kearnu, who is also an Air Cadet, said: "I would like to have a military career so this is a really good experience for me."

Ethan said: "I'm in the ATC and I wanted to try the Army cadets so I could learn about a different side of the military. It teaches you team building skills and how to identify people's strengths."

Sonny has also benefited from learning team building skills with the cadets.

He said: "It's important that you learn to identify people's strengths because a team is only as good as its weakest link."

During its first year, the Trust's Combined Cadet Force is working in partnership with cadets from the Oundle School and 49 Brigade.

The Trust's force will then apply to the Ministry of Defence for permission to go solo.

## CELEBRITY FITNESS INSTRUCTOR MOTIVATES OUR STUDENTS

An internationally respected fitness expert who is widely known for his television work delivered a motivational talk to our students.

Richard Callender has worked in the fitness industry for more than 18 years and has made countless appearances in a variety of fitness DVDs and television shows, including ITV's *The Biggest Loser*, *This Morning* and *Jordan & Peter: Marriage & Mayhem* and BBC's *Newsround*.

He visited our Academy last month to talk to our Key Stage 4 students about his career and spent time with our Year 10, 11 and 12 BTEC Sport and GCSE PE students.

Director of Active Amy Harris said: "Richard gave us a motivational talk from his vast experiences within a fitness context to our Key Stage 4 students during assembly.

"Afterwards our BTEC Sport and GCSE PE students had the chance to ask him questions about his experiences and challenges and about methods of training, diet and exercise.

"Our Year 12 BTEC Sport students said the opportunity to meet him was fantastic. His knowledge is incredible and he has experienced so many sides of the fitness industry from participating as a 100m sprinter when he was young to being a personal fitness instructor for celebrities such as Made in Chelsea's Lucy Watson and Geordie Shore's Charlotte Crosby. He is also now developing his own brand of training called 'Armageddon'.

"The information he gave the BTEC students will be particularly helpful for their next two units – Fitness Testing and The Physiology of Fitness."

During the assembly Mr Callender emphasised to students the importance of hard work and a 'can do' attitude.

Mr Callender said: "I found it a pleasure to talk to the students at CBA."



Richard Callender with a group of our students



# CRICKETERS ARE UNBEATEN DURING OVERSEAS TOUR

Our cricketers won every match during their first international tour.

Fourteen cricketers visited Holland and Belgium during the summer and were victorious in their matches against Antwerp Cricket Club and HBS Cricket Club in Den Haag.

Two of our students, Jonathan Freeman and Jordan Mobbs, also achieved our first two international 100s.

Cricket Coach Jordon Joseph said: "The tour went fantastically well and the atmosphere was very relaxed because the students behaved so well."

During the visit the cricketers stayed in Den Haag in Holland and visited local beaches, the Amsterdam Arena, the Duinrell theme park and water park and a hypermarket.

Our cricketers at the Amsterdam Arena



## MUSICIANS WIN GOLD & SILVER AT FESTIVAL

Our talented Big Band perform at the regional final

Our impressive young musicians have won Gold at the National Concert Band Festival for the first time.

Our Senior Concert Band won Gold and our new Big Band won Silver – just weeks after forming – at the Midland Regional Festival of the competition last month.

Our 50 musicians were up against bands from the best schools in the region and they received plenty of praise from the judges.

CBA Director of Music Clive Wears said: "We were ecstatic when we won Gold because that means there is a chance we will be selected for the national final at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester in April.

"The Senior Concert Band's first piece, Marchissimo, was extremely difficult and challenging for the woodwind section. It was technically difficult with lots of fast scalic passages and they coped well with that.

"The band's percussion section, which is made up of Joseph Coy, Danny Williams, Emily Boes, Hannah Eden and Matthew Fountain, also did extremely well.

"The band's success is down to hard work, dedication and the fact they consistently turn up to rehearsals on Thursdays during Session 4."

Mr Wears was also delighted with our Big Band which was launched in September and is led by Lucy Wass.

He said: "This was the Big Band's first public performance. They did an extremely good job and winning Silver has boosted their confidence."

The judges said our Senior Concert Band members played well together rhythmically, had a good tone quality, their intonation was good and their programme contained a good range of styles.

They also felt our Big Band had a good groove, Rebecca Loveday's vocal solo was excellent and Harrison Mitchard provided a good rhythm section.

We should find out this term whether the Senior Concert Band has made it through to the national final.

## MUSIC LOVERS ATTEND THE SCHOOLS PROM

Nearly 30 students attended the Schools Prom at the Royal Albert Hall last month.

The students ranged from Years 7 to 12 and were accompanied on the trip by several staff members, including Director of Music Clive Wears.

He said: "For some of the students it was the first time they had been to the Royal Albert Hall and it was a fantastic opportunity for them to see lots of brilliant musicians.

"We took some of our musicians along on the trip, potential A-Level students and other groups of students, including some of our BTEC students who are interested in sound technology.

"Afterwards the students were really buzzing about what they had seen. The concert really inspired them."

Year 12 student Beth McQuillan, who plays in our Big Band and Senior Concert Band, said: "Attending the Schools Prom was a great experience and the performances were so good.

"It was inspiring to see people who are younger than me performing at the Royal Albert Hall."







Students Ellie Fox-Ricketts, Matthew Croyden, Louie Anderson and Lauren Shirlaw wear tiaras for their meeting with Queen of Teen award winner James Dawson

## QUEEN OF TEEN AUTHOR MEETS OUR STUDENTS

Four of our students met a high-profile author when they helped to run a prestigious event at our Academy.

Year 9 students Lauren Shirlaw, Louie Anderson, Matthew Croyden and Ellie Fox-Ricketts acted as guides when our Library hosted the East Midlands YLG Unconference in November.

The event attracted youth librarians from across the East Midlands, Cambridge and Suffolk and the guest speaker was novelist James Dawson who became the first man to win the Queen of Teen award earlier this year.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "Our students took part in the workshops we ran and got to meet James.

"He talked about his books, the process of writing and how important libraries are. It was a nice opportunity to show off our great facilities and all the visitors were very impressed."

During the event everyone shared ideas about how to support reading for pleasure among young people.

## ACADEMY FORGES LINKS WITH FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM

The Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge ran a day of special tours, events and workshops for nearly a dozen of our A-Level Art and Design students.

The 11 Year 12 and 13 students were given a tour by the Museum's Artist Curator Sarah Villis and they took part in drawing exercises during a tailored workshop.

Director of Art Zoe Moore said: "The whole day was geared around what our students are studying at A-Level.

"The students were given a tour and were then questioned about pieces of art to encourage them to critically analyse them.

"They also had the chance to take part in a workshop which looked at how to approach drawing.

"I hope this visit will be the start of a good relationship between the Academy and the Museum."

Year 13 student Josie Murrie said: "We had a tour from Sarah who gave us a talk about certain paintings and the messages behind them.

"We also had the chance to sketch pieces or take photographs of some of the paintings we were interested in so we could find out more about them."

## ARTISTS TAKE LIFE DRAWING CLASSES

A group of older students has taken part in our first ever life drawing classes during Session 4.

About 15 students from Years 11, 12 and 13 attended the classes this term which were led by guest Life Drawing Tutor Sally Locke.

CBA Director of Art Zoe Moore said: "The classes helped the students to improve their observational study skills and gave them experience of working in a workshop environment.

"This is important because they need to show they have experienced working with other artists and using practices they wouldn't normally use in the classroom.

"The classes also gave them training in perspective, proportion, line and form.

"It has really helped our Year 12 students make the transition from GCSE to A-Level.

"It also gave our Year 13 students the chance to

concentrate on their areas of personal study and to explore using new media."

Year 13 student Sally O'Keeffe said: "I found the first session a bit strange but I soon got used to it.

"After a short while you don't really look at the model as a person – they are more like an object or a collection of lines.

"The sessions were really useful and have helped me to discover my own style of drawing."



A selection of our students' artwork





## NEW HEAD BOY AND GIRL ARE SELECTED

Our Academy officially welcomed its new Head Boy and Girl last month.

Year 12 students Joe Folan and April Atkin took over the roles following a tough interview process with staff and students.

April and Joe have big plans for the year and have already taken on personal challenges.

April said: "My goal is to get more people doing something different – that has become my catchphrase. I want to help students learn about the exciting opportunities that are available to them.

"I'll be promoting initiatives such as a young people's programme called NCS which includes a residential trip and the chance for people to make a difference to the community.

"One of the hardest things I've found about being Head Girl so far has been delivering talks during assemblies. I'm still nervous about it but I'm becoming more confident."

In addition to their new roles Joe and April have also become literacy mentors who assist Year 7 students with their reading.

Joe, who is studying A Levels in

Mathematics, English, Physics and History and GCSE Spanish, said: "I'm enjoying being in the Sixth Form. There is a positive atmosphere because the Year 12 students are enjoying their extra responsibilities and the increased amount of trust which is being put in them.

"I help with our literacy mentoring programme because it's important that the senior students are involved with the younger years so we can lessen the divide between older and younger students."

Both students are also keen to encourage other students to get the most out of their education at CBA and its Sixth Form.

April, who is studying Biology, Psychology, Media and Geography, said: "I've definitely noticed a step up from GCSE to A-Level. My advice to students preparing for their GCSEs is to keep on top of things."

Joe added: "My advice to students preparing for their GCSEs is to put as much effort into it as possible. It's important to work hard and get the best grades you can."

When they leave CBA Joe hopes to study English at university and April wants to do Film Studies at university and would like to have a career in Film Production.

Joe and April are being assisted in their new roles by new Deputy Head Boy Kristien Warren and Deputy Head Girl Molly Owens.

## SWIMMERS AND DIVER TRIUMPH AT COMPETITIONS

Several of our students have triumphed at swimming and diving competitions.

Diver Warren Hackley began the year by winning Bronze at the 2014 Harrogate Hydro Novices in September. His performance also helped his team, Corby Steel Diving Club, to come second.

In October, the Year 8 student competed at the White Rose in Leeds which is the UK's biggest novice club competition.

Warren scored a personal best of 307.5 points and was second in the preliminary round, claiming a final's place and medal. He

finished fourth in his group final and with fewer than three points between the top four positions it was his closest brush with Gold yet.

Swimmer William Roberts also started the year well when he won two Golds and Silver at the Peterborough Special Olympic Gala in September.

In October the Year 11 student won Silver in the 25m Butterfly and Bronze in the 50m Freestyle at the Special Olympics Wales Regional Swimming Gala in Cardiff.

In November William won Gold in the

Butterfly and the Freestyle and Silver in the Backstroke in a disability gala.

Finally, Year 10 student Jack Duff came fourth out of 220 competitors in the Windermere Cross Lake Swim challenge organised by Chill Swim.

He completed the 1.2km swim in 17 minutes and 26 seconds. He was one of the youngest competitors and came second in his age group and third in his heat.

Jack also raised £250 in sponsorship money for Frank Water which supports clean water projects in India.



Warren Hackley with Commonwealth and World medallists James Denney, Yona Knight-Wisdom, Chris Mears and Jack Laugher



William Roberts with some of his swimming medals



Open water swimmer Jack Duff



# STUDENTS WIN SILVER AT REGIONAL PANATHLON CHALLENGE

Sports stars from Unit Provision helped Northamptonshire to win Silver at a regional competition.

The county came second in the Panathlon Challenge Central Regional Final at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium last month.

Our students competed in polybat, new age kurling, table cricket, field athletics, precision bean bag, standing long jump, seated shot put, javelin, boccia and relay races and they won medals in several categories.

Aiden McIntyre and Ronan Kelly won Gold in boccia, Megan Blamire and Ben Haslam won Silver in polybat, Chloe Wilson and Paul Blamire won Bronze

in new age kurling and Aiden McIntyre won Bronze in seated shot put and javelin.

Our table cricket team came fourth as did Zoey Skelton in precision bean bag and Paul Blamire in standing long jump.

In the Race Card section of the competition Ben Haslam and Zoey Skelton won Gold in the mobility race and Chloe Wilson, Ronan Kelly, Chelsea Philp and Paul Blamire won Bronze in the ambulant race.

The awards were presented by Richard Chiassaro who won Gold in the T54 100m Wheelchair event at the Paralympic World Cup 2012.

The students competed against teams from

Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire.

The Northamptonshire Team also included students from Billing Brook School in Northampton.

Below Left: Student Ben Haslam with Richard Chiassaro and Northamptonshire's Silver Trophy

Below Right: The Polybat team with Richard Chiassaro and their Silver medals



Sixth Formers Paul Blamire and Elle Smith model the aprons

## COMPANY'S NEW PRODUCTS IMPRESS CUSTOMERS

Young entrepreneurs made nearly £270 at their first two trade fairs of the year.

Young Enterprise company Happy Hands UK sold their ever popular chalkboards, teacup pincushions, candles and cake stands and their brand new bespoke adult aprons and shopping jotters at trade fairs in Desborough and at the Corby Cube where they met Corby Mayor Cllr Anthony Dady.

Teacher Nikki Clark said: "We had very positive comments from customers about the quality of the aprons and a retailer has approached us about selling them.

"All of the students involved in Happy Hands UK are very

professional and the scheme has improved their communication, numeracy and social skills."

The new adult aprons feature pretty detailing, including patterned front pockets and a detachable hand sewn flower or matching band. The company plans to launch a line of junior aprons too.

The new shopping jotters have been hand covered by the students in Christmas and contemporary designs.

Zoey Skelton is Happy Hands UK's Managing Director, Elsie Davis is its Finance Manager and Elle Smith and Paul Blamire handle promotions.



Fisherman Peter Cooper with student Alex McGregor

## STUDENTS WIN FISHING MEDALS

Eight Unit Provision students showed off new skills and won medals during a fishing trip.

The students took part in the Catching the Smile fishing course at Ringstead Island Fishery last term which was run by the Masonic Fishing Charity.

Alex McGregor won the medal for the biggest fish caught by a CBA student, Chelsea Philp won the medal for catching the most fish and Dillon Still won the medal for perseverance.





A selection of the models the students made for their French towns

## YEAR 8 STUDENTS CREATE FRENCH TOWNS

About 125 Year 8 students have created their own French towns this year.

Five groups of students were each tasked to produce drawings, presentations or model buildings for their towns which they had to label with signs in French.

The students created a variety of buildings for their towns, including swimming pools, castles, football stadiums, stations, theatres and hospitals.

Teacher Karen Mayes said: "We did the topic of new towns in French and for their homework project

they had to make part of the town.

"Some of them created presentations or produced drawings and others made models. The key was for them to be as descriptive as possible to enhance what they have learned during lessons."

Ellie Fraser at the grave of Leading Seaman W Easterling



## ELLIE REMEMBERS RELATIVE AT WAR CEMETERY

A student used our latest French trip to pay a moving tribute to a relative who died during the Second World War.

Year 8 student Ellie Fraser, 12, laid a cross with a poppy on it at the grave of her grandfather's cousin, Leading Seaman Bill Easterling, when the group visited a Second World War cemetery in Normandy this summer.

Mr Easterling left a wife and son when he died at the age of 35 on June 6th 1944.

Ellie said: "I was pleased that I could leave a cross on his grave.

"My grandfather was really proud

of me for doing it. It meant a lot to him."

Ellie's brother Callum, who is in Year 10, also had the opportunity to lay a cross on Mr Easterling's grave when he visited France with the Academy a few years ago.

During our latest trip the students visited a number of Second World War sites, including gun emplacements and the remains of Mulberry Harbour in Arromanches.

They also visited the Gothic abbey Mont Saint Michel, a French Market and saw the Bayeux Tapestry.



## PROFILE ON SAMANTHA ANDERSON

**Mathematics Teacher Samantha Anderson became our new Head of Sixth Form this year. In Press caught up with her to see how she is settling into her new role.**

Samantha Anderson is a popular face at our Academy. She worked as a Nuclear Engineer in Rolls Royce's submarine division before studying to be a teacher in Leicester.

Throughout her teaching career she has taught post-16 students GCE mathematics and further mathematics and has been a Sixth Form tutor and UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admission Service) reference writer.

This year she has further added to her responsibilities here by taking on the role of Head of Sixth Form.

Ms Anderson said: "I've been involved with the Sixth Form for a long time because I've always been a Sixth Form tutor, I've taught Sixth Formers and I've been involved in Sixth Form projects.

"For me it seemed a natural development to apply for the role of Head of Sixth Form as it brings together many years of experience working with students in their final years at school.

"This year so far has been a fantastically busy time but I've enjoyed it.

"I'm already thinking about future plans and projects and I'm really looking forward to being involved with Curriculum Day this year."

Ms Anderson is full of praise for the students, who she says are wonderful to work with, and for her colleagues for the fantastic support they have offered her.

She added: "The staff members are completely committed to the students. The students have a huge amount of support with their subjects and with applying for university, apprenticeships and jobs.

"We have good facilities at the Academy and run a range of initiatives, including the Young Enterprise programme, the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and the Extended Project. Our staff give up their own time so they can support students with all these schemes.

"In addition, our Academy offers a wide range of work experience opportunities to students which I think is a real strength."

Ms Anderson also has a piece of key advice about work experience for all Sixth Formers.

She said: "The big thing that is coming through from the universities now is that they are looking for students to have relevant work experience – in some subjects it is a requirement. Work experience is no longer viewed as a good idea by universities – it is essential.

"Relevant work experience shows that you have looked into the course or career that you want to follow properly.

"You need to research the courses, apprenticeships or jobs that you are applying for or you won't get past the interview stage."



A group of our Year 12 students who are taking on the Silver Award



## RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS SIGN UP FOR DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS

About 65 students have signed up to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme this year.

Nearly 20 Year 12 students will take on the Silver Award and the other candidates, who are in Years 9 to 11, will work towards their Bronze Award.

To be successful the candidates must complete tasks in the Volunteering, Physical and Skills

sections of the Awards and take part in an Expedition.

Active Teacher Natasha Dunstone is co-ordinating the Awards at our Academy and will act as our Year 12 team leader.

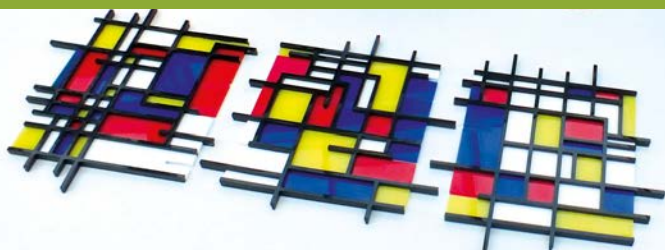
She said: "The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme gives young people the chance to enjoy lots of new experiences, discover new talents and make a difference to other people's lives.

"It's very exciting that so many students have signed up to take part this year. This is the first time we have had so many students taking part and it is also the first time that we are running the Silver Award scheme.

"I am impressed with all the candidates and they are all looking forward to developing a wide range of skills outside of lessons.

"The students have come up with lots of ideas for the things they want to do to fulfil the different sections of the Awards. We have people learning to dance, ice skate, bake or play a musical instrument and people volunteering to be coaches or to support our Session 4 activities."

Students will receive training for the expedition section of their Award after the February half-term holiday.



## ART MOVEMENT INSPIRES DESIGNERS

Designers in Year 11 have produced impressive iPod speakers for their GCSE Resistant Materials course.

The course helps students to develop the ability to design and make products with creativity and originality, using a range of materials and techniques.

Among the creations were two working speakers (pictured) designed by students Yasmin Smith and Jonathan Freeman, who both took inspiration from De Stijl art movement made famous by Piet Mondrian.

Teacher David Mitchell said: "I'm really impressed with the students. This is some of the best Year 11 work I have ever seen."

## TALENTED STUDENT CREATES DISNEY COSTUME

A Year 7 student made a replica of a popular Disney character's costume during our Session 4 Sew N Sews Club.

Karolina Kontor decided to make a copy of Elsa's dress from the film Frozen for her younger sister Julia.

Textiles Teacher Abbie Parsons, who runs the club, said: "Lots of students have come to the club this term and they have produced really exciting creations, including cushions, iPad cases, cuddly toys and even an Elsa dress.

"I was particularly inspired by Karolina who wanted to take her basic sewing skills to the next level by creating a costume dress for her little sister Julia.

"It was a long process and Karolina stayed for lots of Session 4s to get it finished

"Karolina has learned a lot of new skills during this time and the finished dress is of a high quality. Julia is very pleased with her sister's work and can't wait for more costumes to be made."



Karolina Kontor with her sister Julia who is modelling the Elsa dress



# PRESENTATION EVENING

A wide variety of talents were on display at our sixth Achievement Awards ceremony.

More than 100 students were presented with awards for their academic and sporting achievements during the previous year and with Year 11 and Year 13 examination certificates.

The students received their awards from Principal John Henrys, the Chairperson of our governing body Kerry James and our keynote speaker for the evening Richard Morrison who is the Business Performance Director of Associated British Foods plc.

## Faculty Award Winners

**Art Music and Industrial Design  
KS3 Achievement Award**  
**Adam Short**

**Art Music and Industrial Design  
KS4 Achievement Award**  
**Aimee Foster**

**Business, Humanities and Enterprise  
KS3 Achievement Award**  
**Ellie Fox-Ricketts**

**Business, Humanities and Enterprise  
KS4 Achievement Award**  
**Emma Potter**

**Communication KS3  
Achievement Award**  
**Macy Henderson**

**Communication KS4  
Achievement Award**  
**Michael Siscar**

(Prizes kindly donated  
by Hays Recruitment Company)

**Mathematics and Information  
Technology KS3 Achievement Award**  
**Tijana Karan**

(Prizes kindly donated by  
RS Components)

**Mathematics and Information  
Technology KS4 Achievement Award**  
**Evie Berry**

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RS Components)

**Physical and Natural Sciences KS3  
Achievement Award**  
**Violeta Purina**

**Physical and Natural Sciences KS4  
Achievement Award**  
**Zoe Hall**

**Unit Provision KS3 Achievement Award**  
**Ronan Kelly**

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RS Components)

**Unit Provision KS4 Achievement Award**  
**Liam Collins**

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RS Components)

## Special Award winners

**Special Award for Art Music  
and Industrial Design**  
**Chloe Harvey**

(This award was sponsored by  
Rockingham and was presented by Cat  
Lund, Head of Operations at Rockingham)

**Special Award for Business Humanities  
and Enterprise**  
**the Citizenship Team: Gareth De Beer,  
Zoe Hall, Emma Thomson, Stephen  
Pittman and Cary Ross**

(This award was sponsored by Roquette  
and was presented by Susan Price,  
Finance Director UK of Roquette UK Ltd.  
Additional prizes kindly donated by Corby  
Borough Council)

**Special Award for Communication**  
**Alexandra Lawless**

(This award was sponsored by Hays  
Recruitment Company and was presented  
by Mike Sherwin, Senior Accounts  
Manager at Hays)

**Special Award for Mathematics  
and Information Technology**

**The Maths Challenge Team: Benjamin  
Campbell, Kyle English, Keelan  
Robertson and Owen Robinson**

(This award was sponsored by the Friends  
of CBA and was presented by Clive  
Chenery)

**Special Award for Physical  
and Natural Sciences**

**The U15 Cricket Team: Thomas Chenery,  
Tarun Diwan, Jonathan Freeman, Dylan  
Hagggar, Thomas Keeney, Zak McGraw,  
Niall McGroarty, Jordan Mobbs, Thomas  
Prattis, Alfie Pye and Kearnu Stapleton**

(This award was sponsored by Lockhart  
Garratt and was presented by Ian Dudley,  
Associated Director of Lockhart Garratt and  
Chairman of the Royal Forestry Society)

**Principal's Award for Outstanding  
Achievement**  
**Year 13 student Marko Gudz**

**Principal's Award for Outstanding  
Achievement**  
**Year 11 student Harrison Tomkins**

AMID KS3 and KS4 Award Winners  
Adam Short & Aimee Foster



Principal's Award Harrison Tomkins



AMID Special Award  
Chloe Harvey



COMMS Special Award  
Alexandra Lawless





BHE KS3 and KS4 Award Winners Ellie Fox-Ricketts & Emma Potter



MAIT KS4 and KS3 Award Winners Evie Berry & Tijana Karan with Mark Lenton from RS Components



PNS KS4 Award Zoe Hall



COMMS KS3 and KS4 Award Winners Macy Henderson & Michael Siscar

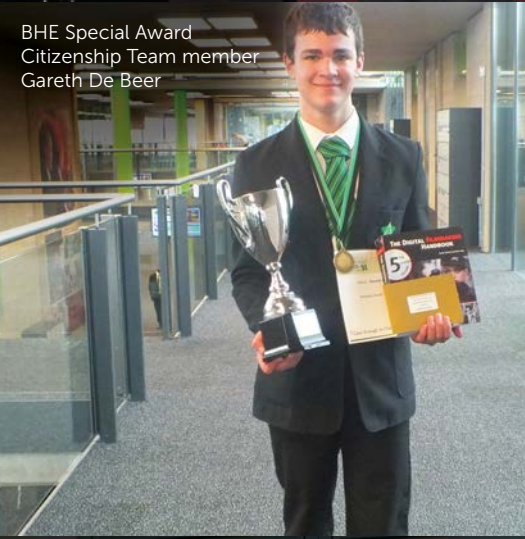


Unit Provision KS3 and KS4 Award Winners Ronan Kelly & Liam Collins with Mark Lenton from RS Components

BHE Special Award Citizenship Team



BHE Special Award Citizenship Team member Gareth De Beer



PNS KS3 Award Violeta Purina



MAIT Special Award Maths Challenge Team



BHE Citizenship Team with Mayor Anthony Dady from Corby Borough Council



PNS Special Award U15 Cricket Team







## MEDIA STUDENTS CREATE PROMOTIONAL PACKAGES FOR FILMS

Year 13 students have been busy producing promotional packages for horror films since the start of the year.

Our A2 Media students had to come up with an original storyline for a horror film and produce a promotional package for it, including a film trailer and a poster.

The students also have to work out who the audience would be for their film and its rating.

Lead Media Teacher Tim

Hawkins said: "This course has taught the students filming, editing, designing and writing skills. They have worked very hard and I am proud of them."

Sixth Former Josie Murrrie, who is working on a fantasy thriller, said: "I've learned a lot about the film industry and have developed a lot of practical skills."

Fellow Sixth Former Shannon Macleod added: "I've enjoyed learning about different editing techniques which can make scenes look more impressive."



Team members Daniel Thompson, Joseph March and Joshua Champion

## MATHEMATICIANS RECORD THEIR BEST RESULT AT COMPETITION

A team of Sixth Formers has recorded our best result in a major mathematics competition.

Year 13 students Daniel Thompson and Joseph March and Year 12 students Joshua Champion and Kristien Warren pitted their wits against students from the best schools in the region at the Senior Team Mathematics Challenge.

Our team came eighth in the contest – up five places from last year.

CBA Assistant Director of Mathematics Maxwell Sam said: "What makes our result so exciting is that we were up against 15 of the best schools in the region, including grammar schools and boarding schools, and we held our own."

"We've entered this competition three times and each time our

result gets better which shows we are making real progress.

"This competition is all about teamwork and our students gave up a lot of their time during Session 4 to prepare for it.

"They performed incredibly well together."

Team member Daniel Thompson took part in the competition for the second year in a row.

He said: "We performed a lot better this year because we have studied more techniques which means where last year we had to work out things the long way this year we were able to use shortcuts."

"We were really pleased with our results because we up against schools which had students who had come over from Hong Kong just to be able to attend their Sixth Forms."



Callum McGill, Tamara Planinac and Alfie Pye show off some of the glass beads

## SCIENTISTS CREATE GLASS BEADS

Scientists in Year 9 learned new skills when they took on the challenge to create beautiful glass beads.

The students melted borax in a variety of solutions to make coloured glass beads, including round and pear drop shaped beads, as part of the Cambridge Nationals in Science Programme.

Dr Rachel Causey said: "This project is about looking at the properties of materials and studying the huge amount of energy that was used to produce the glass and its environmental impact and then linking that to recycling and reducing energy use."

"The students were outstanding and I was pleased with the results."

A selection of the glass beads



Student Tamara Planinac, 14, said: "The hardest part was the melting stage because if you didn't get it just right the bead would drop into the Bunsen burner or the glass would burn."

Callum McGill, 13, said: "I enjoyed learning new skills. I never thought I would be able to make glass."

Alfie Pye, 13, added: "I enjoyed the project and was surprised by how much energy it took to make the glass."



Year 10 student Brandon Stanley shows PCSO Alex Franklin what his class has been studying recently



## PROFILE ON PCSO ALEX FRANKLIN

Police Community Support Officer Alex Franklin is a familiar face around CBA. We caught up with him to find out more about his role here.

New students may have been surprised to see a PCSO walking around the Academy during their first term.

Every senior school in Corby has a PCSO assigned to them and for the past five years PCSO Alex Franklin has regularly visited four schools, including CBA.

He gives talks on crime prevention to students and parents and works with our Welfare and Attendance Officer but he sees his main role as forming good relationships between the police and the students.

He said: "Corby Business Academy was a pioneer in the development of the Safer Schools Partnership in Corby.

"In conversation with the Principal and the school body it emerged that, in general, children only tend to see the police if things have gone wrong which means the police can be seen in a bad light.

"By being in the schools regularly we are creating positive relationships between young people and the police."

One of the things PCSO Franklin does to help the students to relate to him is sit GCSE and A-Level examinations alongside them in his own time.

He said: "I've sat examinations alongside the students and I've waited for results with them. I think it's good if I can show them that I'm sharing some of their challenges with them."

PCSO Franklin has also helped to promote a number of external projects within the Academy, including Northamptonshire Police's County Schools Challenge competition and the Jam in the Hood Project.

He said: "The County Schools Challenge is run by the police every year and invites students to pitch business proposals for products that will tackle crime. It's a great opportunity for the students here to show off their business expertise.

"We've also had several students involved in Northamptonshire Police's Jam in the Hood project. Through this they have got involved in community projects in their own time. In some cases students have become young leaders and at the end of the scheme they receive an Asdan accreditation in community volunteering."

Senior Vice Principal Janet Duggan believes PCSO Franklin helps the students to feel connected to the wider community.

She said: "Ofsted is very interested in what schools do to engage with fundamental British values, including democracy and the rule of law, and what schools do to recognise they are part of a wider community.

"Alex represents the rule of law and he is an example of the varied approaches that we employ to help students develop their social and cultural awareness."



Matt Dickinson gives a talk to our students

## AUTHOR PRAISES OUR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

An award-winning writer and film maker with a passion for adventure visited our Academy to celebrate the end of our summer reading challenge.

During the holidays more than 75% of our new Year 7 students took up the challenge to read *The Everest Files* by Matt Dickinson before he visited us in September.

Mr Dickinson, who has climbed Everest, gave talks to more than 250 students from Years 7, 9 and 12 and Unit Provision about his book

which tells the story of a mysterious Everest expedition.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "Matt said we were the first school to run the reading challenge at such a high level.

"The Everest Files is an ambitious title and our Year 7 students rose to the challenge. Even those who struggled with it took part in Session 4 activities to help them get to grips with it."

The winner of the challenge was Olivia Kwiatkowska and the runners-up were Grace Welsh and Ben Wheatcroft.

## COURAGE AWARD FOR JORDAN

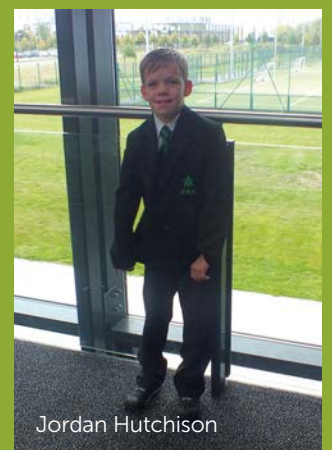
One of our youngest students has won an award for demonstrating outstanding courage.

Year 7 student Jordan Hutchison received the Pride in Northamptonshire Award for Courage 2014.

Jordan was born with a form of cerebral palsy which affects all four limbs and doctors initially warned his family he might never be able to walk or talk.

He received the award after defying doctors by going into mainstream education and moving up to Corby Business Academy in September.


The Pride in Northamptonshire Awards are organized by the Northamptonshire Telegraph and Northampton Chronicle & Echo to recognize high achievers, community stalwarts and people who have battled against the odds.



Jordan Hutchison



## 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 [rhenderson@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:rhenderson@corbybusinessacademy.org)

## ACCELERATED READER



Avid readers took more than 600 quizzes and read more than 10.4 million words during Term 1 under the Accelerated Reader programme.

The programme encourages students to read books and assesses their understanding of them through online quizzes.

It is open to students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

## BUSINESS LEADERS WILL CARRY OUT MOCK INTERVIEWS

Several business leaders have agreed to carry out mock interviews with our Year 12 students.

Entrepreneurs, communications and human resources experts are due to take part in the project which will be held in February.

Business Studies Teacher Alexandra Allan said: "This project will help the students to exercise their interview skills and prepare them for working life and university interviews.

"A number of key business people have been invited to take part, including representatives from RS Components and local businesses."

## BOROUGH HONOURS SPORTS STARS

Four of our talented sports stars were honoured at the 2014 Corby Sports Awards.

Sixth Former Heather Phillips won the prestigious Young Leader of the Year 2014 award in recognition of her volunteer work with Corby Netball Club.

Archers Kieran Weston and Holly Adamson, of Year 7, and Isabelle Croyden, of Year 8, received the Team of the Year 2014 award along with their colleagues from Corby Archers Junior Squad.

The awards ceremony was held at The Best Western Hotel in Corby in October and was attended by 200 guests.

## 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.

## KEY DATES

### 2014/2015

<b>Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup></b>	CBA Christmas Concert
<b>Friday December 19<sup>th</sup></b>	End of Term 2
<b>Monday January 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Training Day
<b>Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Start of Term 3 Open to Staff and Students
<b>Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening
<b>Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening
<b>Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening
<b>Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening
<b>Monday February 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Friends of CBA Meeting
<b>Friday February 13<sup>th</sup></b>	End of Term 3
<b>Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Start of Term 4
<b>Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening
<b>Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening
<b>Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 8 Options Presentation Evening
<b>Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening
<b>Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening
<b>Friday March 27<sup>th</sup></b>	End of Term 4

Please be aware there may be slight adjustments as the terms progress. Please check for updates on our website, [www.corbybusinessacademy.org](http://www.corbybusinessacademy.org)

## WEEK OF LANGUAGES



Our Academy hosted a Week of Languages to promote the use of Modern Foreign Languages amongst Year 7 and 8 students.

The students took part in a number of activities in a variety of languages, including French, Spanish, German and Dutch.

They took on puzzles and quizzes and created posters which argued why languages are important.

## 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.

## TERM DATES

**Term dates for 2014-15 for students are:**

**Term 2:** Monday 3rd November 2014 – Friday 19th December 2014

**Term 3:** Tuesday 6th January 2015 – Friday 13th February 2015

**Term 4:** Monday 23rd February 2015 – Friday 27th March 2015

**Term 5:** Tuesday 14th April 2015 – Friday 22nd May 2015

**Term 6:** Monday 1st June 2015 – Tuesday 21st July 2015

**Term dates for 2015-16 are available on the Academy's website.**



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