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## AIMING HIGH: CAREERS FAIR GETS STUDENTS THINKING

CBA's first careers fair encouraged students to think about their next steps, plan for the future and work hard to realise their ambitions.

The exhibition included staff from 37 companies and organisations who were on hand to answer questions and give careers advice.

There were representatives from the RAF, the Army, North Northamptonshire Development Company, Affinion Travel, National Apprenticeship Services, Roquette and many more.

CBA joined forces with Inspire2Exceed and Northamptonshire's 14-19 Partnership to deliver the event on January 27th.

Year 11 student Joanna Fernandes said it gave her the opportunity to meet people who work in the industry she'd like to get into – travel.

She said: "Meeting the travel agency was helpful – they told me what qualifications I would need and that I'd need at least a C in Maths and English."

It was the first time CBA has held an event like this and many students commented that it was useful

and informative, with all students who completed a survey rating the event as excellent or good.

Year 10 worked with a top local chef to provide the catering for the day, while Sixth Formers helped with the running of the event.

Graham Baty, the director of the 14-19 Partnership, commented: "I am very impressed – this is one of the best career events I have seen. Excellent work."

Vice Principal Avril Bartley-Smith thanked Inspire2Exceed for organising the event and the employers who supported it.

*Read more on page 10*



## FROM THE EDITOR

There is always so much going on at CBA and this term was certainly no exception.

Staff and students were delighted that Ofsted inspectors recognised the effort that has gone in to ensuring that students achieve more here at CBA.

The standard is set to continue – every term more initiatives get under way to offer students the best possible learning and personal development opportunities.

This term saw the first Gifted and Talented Maths day between the three Brooke Weston Partnership academies, with CBA crowned the winners (see page 7).

An Enterprise Coach now visits the Academy on a weekly basis to support older students in their next steps (turn to page 11) and our first careers fair provided an excellent opportunity for all students to focus on their futures.

We've also seen the return of Human Utopia (read more on page 4) which encouraged students to think about their attitude to schoolwork and a group of Year 11 girls were taken to an engineering workshop to encourage them to think about this line of work as a possible career.

We hope you enjoy reading about these activities as much as we enjoyed taking part in them.

**Sarah Ashby**  
Vice Principal – PNS



Corby Business Academy



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## CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

There was much to celebrate this term as CBA proved once again that it has taken massive leaps forward on the road to success.

The Academy made the headlines following its first Ofsted inspection, in which inspectors highlighted the speed of improvement and judged 18 areas to be good or outstanding – read more in our special supplement.

Families who completed the annual survey also gave CBA their backing.

Another success story was the Local Authority's recent visit to the UNIT. *Read more on page 13.*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this latest edition of In Press.

In addition to our recent excellent Ofsted report, which recognised the good progress we are making here at CBA on all fronts, there have been a range of other milestones passed during this busy first term of 2011.

For example, we were delighted to host the first ever Inspiring Careers Fair at the Academy. It was wonderful to welcome so many local employers (over thirty!) through our doors to share with students their thoughts on what qualities and skills they seek in new employees.

Other events of note include Year 9's victory in the inaugural Brooke Weston Partnership Gifted and Talented maths challenge event. Year 9 also enjoyed working with the Impact drama group who helped them in considering their options choices for next year.

I would like to pay tribute here to the work of the Academy Student Senate who have successfully lobbied local councillors to establish a public bus service out to CBA, which will be of great benefit to many students and their parents. Further details of the times and route will be published shortly.

Finally, our annual fundraising efforts for the students and staff who will be visiting the Discovery Centre in Uganda are now well under way. On behalf of the families and children we work with at the Discovery Centre, please contribute to this very good cause whenever you can this year.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andrew Campbell'.

**Andrew Campbell**

## SENATE REPORT

It was another busy meeting for the Senate this term as it met to discuss the issues being raised by students.

Members met with restaurant staff to discuss the food on offer and one idea was to display the nutritional value of each meal on the plasma screens in the restaurant.

Another subject that was highlighted was the late bus provision for students who live in the outlying villages – particularly those who want to stay late for revision sessions. A 5pm service to Brigstock and Stanion will commence next term every Tuesday and Thursday.

Senate members also raised the issue of work experience and Principal Andrew Campbell urged students to think about approaching companies if they are interested in gaining some work experience.

The Senate has also been instrumental in helping to secure a new bus service to CBA – see the opposite page for details.



### SENATE DATES 2011:

Thursday, March 24th • Thursday, May 12th • Thursday, June 30th



Corby Business Academy

# Key Dates

## 2011 TERM 4

<b>Mon February 28th</b>	<b>Start of Term 4 – all students</b>
<b>Thur March 3rd</b>	World Book Day
<b>Wed March 9th</b>	Year 9 Options Drop-in Evening – 5pm to 7pm
<b>Mon March 14th</b>	Parents in Partnership meeting - 6.30pm to 8pm
<b>Wed March 16th</b>	Parents' Forum meeting – 6pm
<b>Wed March 30th</b>	Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening – 5pm to 7pm
<b>Wed April 6th</b>	<b>End of Term 4</b>

## 2011 TERM 5

<b>Tues April 26th</b>	<b>Start of Term 5</b>
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# SENATE MEMBERS HELP TO GET NEW BUS SERVICE

Efforts by the Senate to get a public bus link to the Academy have resulted in the start of a new bus service, which starts after half term.

The interim service, which is funded by the developers at Priors Hall Park, starts on Monday, February 28th, with a route from Elizabeth Street, the train station, ASDA, Steel Road, RS Components and Priors Hall.

The Senate – in particular Transport Committee members Fraser Gillan, Georgia Bainbridge and Eve Pavitt – have been working closely with the Priors Hall Steering Committee. Vice Principal Sarah Ashby said: "This new service allows parents who don't have their own transport to access CBA."

**The Adult Corby Megarider pass costs:**

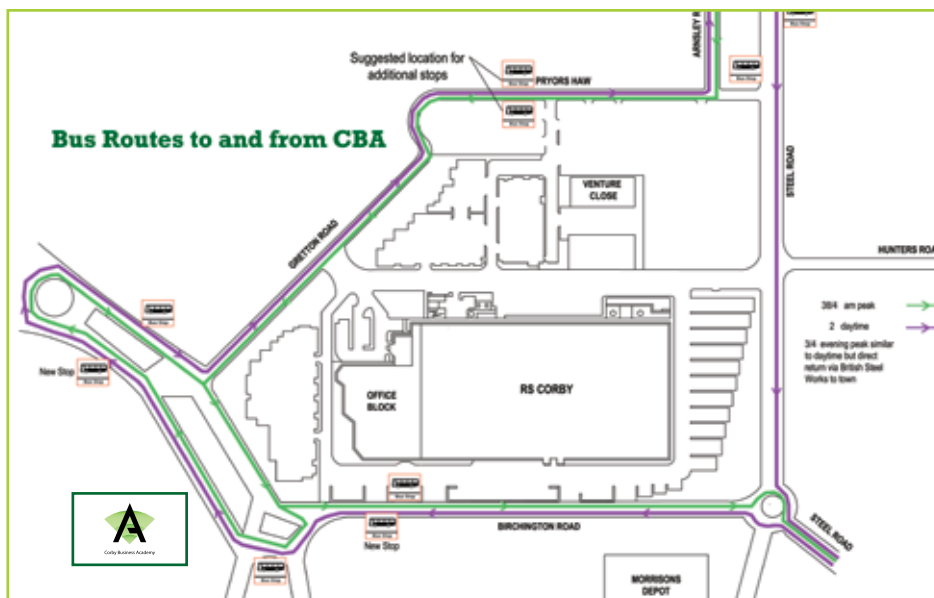
- £7.30 for 7 days
- £24 for 28 days
- £65 for 13 weeks

Nick Small, from Northamptonshire County Council, said: "We have always recognised the importance of the bus service to the school and have very much valued the dialogue with the Senate and other school staff.

"This is just an interim service and we hope to have a new timetable around the start of the new academic year in September that offers extra morning and later afternoon journeys.

"The more the service is used the more likely we can consider extra journeys."

He said NCC may consider putting on later buses once they are confident that enough young people and families will use them. The new timetable will be available on the Academy's website soon.



# STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Younger students have been given advice on cyber-bullying and staying safe online. PCSO Alex Franklin has been working with Year 7 and 8 students and handed out bookmarks and information with advice on where students can turn if they have concerns. He said: "It's about this age that we start to introduce students to the dangers of the internet, because they start having more access to the internet and will be looking at different websites.

"We want to make them more aware of the possible dangers and what they can do if they come across something they don't trust."



# ONLINE PARENT REPORTING SYSTEM

The response by parents who have taken part in a trial online reporting system has been overwhelmingly positive.

They report that the process is very straight forward and they like being able to see all their child/children's details.

It was rolled it out to Year 7 parents at the recent Parents' Evening and it will be offered to other year groups at their Parent Evenings over the next few months.

Anyone who would like a password before then can collect one from IT support desk, provided that they bring some photo ID and evidence of their home address with them. IT will provide information on how to log on.

# BUS PASSES AND SWIPE CARDS

Families are reminded that the cost of replacing a lost bus pass is now £10.

Students must carry their swipe cards with them at all times.



# RAISING ASPIRATIONS

## STUDENTS AND THE HEROES JOURNEY

An inspiring workshop got students thinking about their future, their attitudes and their approach to school life.

Human Utopia, the organisation which runs the programme and the Heroes scheme, were back at CBA again this term.

They spoke to Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 about issues including the barriers that can stop them from achieving and whether they take school for granted.

Year 11 were shown photographs of a school in a developing country, where they don't have electricity, laptops, lights or even glass in the windows.

One of the presenters, Lauren, who is a former Hero herself, said: "This [CBA] is unimaginable to them.

"Are you taking advantage of what's on offer here? You don't need a lot of money – you need a lot of determination and ambition.

"What can you achieve in your last three months at school?"

Year 11 took part in workshops about their futures and afterwards student Jessica Nunes said: "It was an opportunity for us to think about our lives, our futures and what changes we can make. It's given me confidence and I'm going to work harder so I can do what I want to do."

Carlo Missirian, one of Human Utopia's co-founders, said:

**"There are a lot of wonderful people in this community. It's great to come back and see them growing and the older year groups have embraced the idea – I think they're trying to change their attitudes and are contributing to what CBA is striving to be."**



## IMPROVING LITERACY

The Accelerated Reader programme has continued to help students take great strides in improving their literacy.

Librarian Amy McKay reports: "Key Stage 3 students are still pushing ahead with Accelerated Reader. Students passed 708 quizzes and read 14,328,945 words in January alone. The winning form group for January was 7MASA, with their help Year 7 were the victorious year group too.

"Participating students are already beginning to see huge improvements in their reading abilities. Ryan McColl and Nathan Jury have improved their reading age by over two years since starting the scheme last term. Both boys have made such huge improvements by persevering with regular reading and quizzing sessions and a determination to succeed.

"Similar improvements have been made by students throughout KS3."

Ryan McColl, one of many AR superstars.



Maxwell Sam's winning form

## STUDENTS' WORK HITS THE BIG SCREEN

A group of students who helped to write and film a video about anti social behaviour saw their work screened at The Cube this term.

The council-run project was promoted at CBA and a number of students signed up to take part.

Students from across the schools in Corby had to be interviewed to win a spot on the team, with only a small number making it through.

The group then spent seven weeks making the film, which is due to be shown at the Odeon Cinema in Kettering soon.

Filed around Corby, the story focuses on a woman whose handbag is stolen and how the finger is quickly pointed at

a group of young people.

The students who took part included Vimbainashe Msonza, Hayley Monahan, Santa Janulyte, Carmen Dobbs and Charlie Prentice, along with a number of other CBA students.

They went along to a special screening at The Cube, which was packed out for the occasion.

Carmen said it was a great feeling to see their work on the big screen, saying:

"It was awesome. It came out so well.

"I didn't think I would enjoy doing the project as much as I did – I loved it."

Hayley said "I think it's important to get this message out about anti social behaviour because it's not always young people who are to blame."



# COMMUNICATIONS (COMMS)

## STUDENTS LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER

The roles are being reversed in one English class where students stand up in front of their peers and ask questions.

At the start of each lesson, the volunteer asks the class to recap what they learnt in their last lesson and asks for their input.

English teacher Simon Smith says his students take their role seriously and usually have a Powerpoint presentation prepared.

He said: "It's an opportunity for the more able

students to reinforce their own knowledge while developing other students' learning.

"It also gives me the chance to work with those who might need extra help."

Year 7 student Lewis Cross is among the 'student' teachers and he said: "It helps me to learn because instead of just hearing what the teacher says or having my own point of view, I also get to listen to other people's views and ideas."



## A FRIGHTENINGLY GOOD PIECE OF WORK

This piece of creative writing by Year 7 student Morgan Holt shows the imagination and talent inside the classrooms at CBA.

His task was to write an imaginative descriptive setting using adjectives, adverbs, similes and metaphors.

English teacher Simon Smith said: "It's a fantastic piece of work and Morgan should be very proud. It is at a high level and typifies what is expected of gothic writing."

## IN THE DEVIL'S BEDROOM

*To sleep in this room is a suicide mission, not for the faint-hearted. The insipid light shone dimly through the archaic curtains. History contained in the room is still present and you can hear demented torture treasured in the walls and floors.*

*A mysterious presence walks the hallway outside. You can hear the heartbeat of what might be under the floorboard, or what was. The room sucks the life and soul from you, it scares you until you go mentally insane in the devil's bedroom.*

*In the corner of your eye you can see the gates to hell and you can hear screams of people who sinned in the life before... in the devil's bedroom.*



## MCGRAW HILL LITERACY PROGRAMME

The Academy has developed a literacy initiative to raise the attainment of students to improve their progress for GCSE. The McGraw Hill scheme focuses on decoding and comprehension skills that are required for success at GCSE level.

Those students who have been identified will access the programme during English lessons. This scheme has been extremely successful in many academies and student progress has accelerated.

This programme was launched to Year 8 and 9 students during the last week of term.

If you would like to discuss this further contact either Jenny Anderson or Kim Isaksen.

## READING FOR MEANING

Intensive workshops to develop comprehension skills have been launched again this term. The six-week programme teaches comprehension skills through the exploration of ambiguous language.

The programme is based around the language used in riddles and was delivered successfully to Year 9 students last year.



## PHYSICAL & NATURAL SCIENCES (PNS)

### ENGINEERS IN THE MAKING

A talk on the careers available in the engineering industry gave a group of Year 11 girls some ideas.

The Gifted and Talented students went along to the University of Northampton for the STEM event – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths – which looked at different ideas to get more girls interested in engineering.

The speaker was Kate Bellingham, the National STEM Careers Coordinator for the Department for Education, and she spoke about the stereotypes around engineering.

Director of Science Elaine Ponton said: “It’s about letting girls know that there are lots of different routes into engineering – apprenticeships, degrees, college courses, a year in industry.

“There are so many different jobs available in this field, from mechanical engineering to chemical, biochemical, biomedical and marine.

For more details visit [www.yini.org.uk](http://www.yini.org.uk).



Photographs courtesy of the National HE STEM Programme

### THE SKY IS NOT THE LIMIT

A vivid demonstration of science in action was given to students to encourage them to aim high and think about where their studies could take them.

Key Stage 4 students were captivated when Director of Science Elaine Ponton held a special science-themed assembly complete with a ‘big bang’ experiment.

She demonstrated the reactions that can happen between chemicals and played a short film which highlighted how science can help us to understand the world around us.

Ms Ponton also used a quote by astronomer and astrophysicist Carl Sagan to remind students of the power of science: “We’re made of star stuff”.

She ended the assembly by telling students: “For you, the sky is not the limit.”



### FIRST INTER-ACADEMY DANCE SHOW

Dancers from the three academies in the Brooke Weston Partnership united to stage an evening of dance this term.

Students from CBA, Brooke Weston Academy and the secondary phase of Kettering Science Academy took part in the first event of its kind, which featured a range of dance styles including jazz, contemporary, street, break-dancing, pedestrian and lindy hop.

It was held at the Core Theatre at The Cube on Thursday, February 17th and included exam pieces and performances by the academies’ dance clubs.

CBA’s Dance Teacher Francia Dickinson said: “Taking part in something like this can help our dancers to improve their grades because they perform on a bigger stage to double the amount of people they’re used to performing to.

“Some of our Sixth Formers choreographed pieces for the younger girls from our dance clubs.

“We want this event to be the first of many and next year we want to make it even bigger and, hopefully, include pupils from the primary phase at Kettering Science Academy.”



# MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAIT)

## WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

CBA lifted the trophy in the first inter-academy Maths Day Challenge for Gifted and Talented students.

They faced their peers from Kettering Science Academy and Brooke Weston Academy in the first event of its kind at KSA.

Throughout the day all students were involved in a range of team challenges, which tested their mathematical skills, their ability to work well as a team and problem-solving skills.

Student Harrison Tomkins said: "Some of the tasks were hard to do but we worked well to try and figure out the right answers."

Student Polly Jones added: "It was challenging but really fun."

### In the winning team were:

- William Bell
- Danni Calvert
- Josh Champion
- Alex Cotter
- Aimee Coy
- Roisin Curran
- Matthew Hanna
- Polly Jones
- Alex Lawless
- Kit Panther
- Kristien Warren
- Harry Tomkins

Some of the Maths whizzes



Claire Howsam, the Gifted and Talented Coordinator, said:

**"I would like to take this opportunity to commend the outstanding achievement that all students demonstrated; they were a credit to our Academy, working well in their team to win first place. Well done."**

## MORE MATHLETICS SUCCESS



Keen students have helped put CBA in the Mathletics Hall of Fame once again this term. They have been logging onto the Mathletics website both in lessons and at home to participate in the online games.

Competition is fierce between classes across the UK and the world but CBA students have been doing the Academy proud.

The aim is to correctly answer as many questions as possible to climb the scoreboard as thousands of other students compete simultaneously across the world.

One highlight was Year 9 student Katie-Anne Middleton reaching first place in the World Top 100 Students.

She said: "It's quite competitive and you want to be top. It's helped me with quick-thinking. "My class was cheering me on when I got to the top position."

Other successes include Year 11 student Sophie Gibson who reached 95th position in the UK Top 100 Students Hall of Fame.

Matthew Hanna in Year 8 achieved

19th position in the UK and in 64th position in the world.

Year 8 students Adam Ohman and Abigail Buckland and Year 9 student Eleanor Jones have also triumphed.

Maths Teacher Maxwell Sam said: "We now have more and more students across the Academy working very hard to appear on the Hall of Fame and it is reflecting in their progress in their various classes."

Mathletics World Hall of Fame		Time Remaining: 30 21 24 m
World Top 100 Students	World Top 50 Students	UK Top 100 Students
27 Ms Wakefield : Year 5	Ruskin Junior School, United Kingdom	
28 Mrs Gilbert : Year 4	Nancy Reuben Primary School, United Kingdom	
29 Mr Jowett : Year 2	Whyteleafe Primary School, United Kingdom	
30 Ms Devine : 6th Class	Beaumont Girls School/Cork, Ireland	
31 Miss Walker : Year 3	St Paul's C of E Primary School, United Kingdom	
32 Mr Sam : Year 9	<b>The Corby Business Academy, United Kingdom</b>	
33 Mr Bertram : Year 5	Rufford Park Primary School, United Kingdom	
34 Mr Royle : Year 5	German Swiss International School, Hong Kong	



Champion Katie-Anne Middleton



Parents can now also register with the Mathletics website and receive a progress report of their child's performance.

They can visit <http://scs.3plearning.co.uk/ParentCentre/registration.asp> and contact CBA teachers Maxwell Sam or Liz Philips for their child's usernames and passwords by emailing [msam@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:msam@corbybusinessacademy.org) or [lphilips@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:lphilips@corbybusinessacademy.org)

# ARTS MUSIC & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN (AMID)

## SINGERS GOING FOR GOLD AT OLYMPICS WORKSHOP



A group of students are going to audition for the Olympics singing team after attending a vocal workshop at the Royal Opera House.

Connor Wilson, Alice Hill, Kevin Ogowang, David Graham, Andile Chiwuta, Molly Walker, Shannon Maynard-Phillips and Josie Murrie travelled to London on January 30th for the exciting event.

They performed alongside 200 other young people, starting off with a group performance and working on their projection while learning a number of different pieces from Africa, Eastern Europe and Detroit.

There were a number of professional vocal coaches who worked with the students throughout the day.

Music Teacher Felicity Cornish said: "All the

students were a real credit to the school, working extremely hard and behaving professionally at all times.

"CBA students also made their own individual marks, with Andile demonstrating some singing techniques and Kevin and David each performing a beatboxing solo." Shannon said: "My favourite part was when we all got separated into different groups and we didn't know anyone in our group. We were completely out of our comfort zones and had to work as a team to make our song sound good."

The workshop was held ahead of an Olympics singing team selection event in March, which all eight students are planning to attend.



## FOCUS ON YEAR 8 ART STUDENTS

Year 8 Art students have been following a variety of approaches in their Term 2 studies. Students have been studying the face and all aspects associated with the face, such as looking at African masks and looking at how the face is represented throughout different art movements.

They have been experimenting with different media and produced some excellent work. Students found out about masks from around the world before beginning to design their own, with help from restaurant staff who saved packaging to be used in the project. Both I and Ms Hopkins are extremely pleased

with the excellent work produced by our Year 8 students. Have a look at how they found out about masks from around the world, before beginning to design their own. Well done Year 8.

**Jacqui Brown** – Director of Art



Angie saves some packaging from the restaurant



# BUSINESS, HUMANITIES & ENTERPRISE (BHE)

## YEAR 9 TRIP TO DUXFORD: STUDENT REPORT

On the last day of Term 2, I went with Year 9 to the Imperial War Museum Duxford as part of our History programme.

When we arrived we went to the Air Space room where everything is about British aviation. You can see Concorde but my favourite in this hangar is the Sea King Helicopter because it is so big. It is used for air rescue.

There is also a Lancaster Bomber. The one in Duxford was built in 1944 and used by the Canadians, but others were used in the Dam

Buster raids and dropped the bouncing bombs in Germany during World War II. They have one of the bouncing bombs, they are huge. There are five different air hangars. My favourite is the American hangar where there is the stealth plane the Blackbird, which is massive, and the A10 Thunderbolt.

**Nathan Jury** – Year 9



## A TRIP TO PARLIAMENT

Year 9 students visited the home of the government with a trip to Parliament. Professional tour guides took us around the House of Commons, House of Lords, debating chambers, the Queen's Robing Room and the historic Westminster Hall.

The House of Commons was much smaller than we imagined it to be. It is a very intimate chamber where the MPs face each other and debate the issues of the day.

We were not allowed to rest on the green leather benches where the MPs sit.

The Chamber was completely destroyed in 1941 following an air raid attack in the Second

World War. It took nine years to rebuild and we were told that Winston Churchill insisted that the archway leading into the Chamber remained unrepaired because he wanted politicians to remember the human suffering and misery caused by the devastation of war.

The trip was well worth the journey to London and back; we all came back tired but better informed about how laws are made in Parliament. Let's hope one day one of our students will be voted as MP for Corby and get to sit down on the green leather chairs.

**Samantha Stacey** – Humanities Teacher

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In preparation for Fairtrade Fortnight, Year 8 students enjoyed learning about the contribution of Fairtrade. They looked at a case study from the Windward Islands where in recent years it has become much harder for farmers to earn enough money to support their families as prices have fallen world-wide and changes in world trade rules have meant they face increased competition from multi-national companies.

**Alex Allan** – Business and Enterprise Teacher



## A LOOK TO THE EAST

Investigating China has been a popular subject for Year 7 students and it has also developed their enterprise skills. They have learnt about the many aspects of China, including size, the aging population and associated challenges, growth of manufacturing, changes in consumer and national purchasing patterns, movements of people within and into China and tourists attractions.

# CAREERS FAIR

## WHAT STUDENTS SAID:

Year 9 student Ellie Macleod said she hadn't yet made her mind up about her future but said: **"It was good because the people I spoke to told me to concentrate on doing the things I'm interested in."**



Year 11 students Kieran Brignano and Hayden Close spoke to professionals in the fields they are interested in.

Kieran said:

**"I want to go into the RAF or the Army and when I spoke to them, they told me to think about my grades. They said even if I have the grades I need to get into the services, I should aim for higher grades to keep up with the competition."**



Hayden said:

**"I'm looking at IT so I spoke to a company about the different ways of getting into IT and the different courses you can do. It makes you think about the variety of grades you need and the time you have to spend on education."**



Shannon Davidson from Year 8 said:

**"I wanted to see what careers I can do in the RAF after I have done my GCSEs and what skills they look for."**

Year 9 student Jemma Hill said:

**"It gives you a better idea of the choices out there and more information on the things you might want to do."**



## COMPETITION WINNERS

One company at the Careers Fair donated prizes after holding a competition for students.

Computer Products Ltd handed out flash drives and digital photo keyrings to Klaudia Chalubinska, Kieran Brignano, Hayden Close, Steven Forsyth and Alex Campbell.

They won a competition to identify popular logos and company slogans.

The company Evolve Your Future also donated a £25 voucher.

# SIXTH FORM

## CAREER COACHING

An Enterprise Coach has started visiting CBA every week to help guide Year 13s through their next steps.

Jay Taylor spoke to Sixth Formers to tell them about the Enterprise Coaching project in Corby and how it can help them to achieve their goals, whether it's university, college or work.

He will now see the students on a one-to-one basis every Friday morning to see how he can support them.

Mr Taylor said: "More importantly we are there for the students who don't know what they want to do once they have completed their last year with CBA.

"Any student is more than welcome to ask for a chat and can contact me through Mrs Bartley-Smith or they can call or email me on 07713 087950 or Jay.Taylor@Northampton.ac.uk."



*Jay offers his advice*

## VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY

A trip to Adrenaline Alley gave Sixth Formers the chance to see what volunteering opportunities are available to them.

They went along to the skate park to see where they could support the project. CBA has close links with Adrenaline Alley, having supported its bid to win Lottery funding to provide an accessible area for those with disabilities.

Following the Sixth Form visit, several Year 12s have decided to volunteer their time there.

The volunteering programme includes free training to develop skills, national accreditation opportunities, a loyalty reward for every hour worked and flexible hours.

If you're interested in joining the team contact Kim Collins on 07545 301553 or email kimcollins@adrenalinealley.co.uk.



**WE SEE** A DESIGN ENGINEER

## APPLYING TO THE SIXTH FORM

Many Year 11s have already been thinking about their next steps after finishing their exams this summer, particularly following the success of the Careers Fair. CBA's Sixth Form prospectus is now available in reception or to download at

**[www.corbybusinessacademy.org](http://www.corbybusinessacademy.org)** and application forms are also available on the website.

Vice Principal for Sixth Form Avril Bartley-Smith said: "It's good to see so many students planning their future and talking to Sixth Form tutors.

"The subjects available in the new prospectus are the result of current Year 11 students' career aspirations and telling us the subjects they wish to study."

External applications are also welcome and tours of the Academy are available on an individual basis.

Anyone with any questions about the Sixth Form can contact Mrs Bartley-Smith on 01536 303123 or email [abartleysmith@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:abartleysmith@corbybusinessacademy.org).



## REAL-LIFE CASE STUDIES

Travel and Tourism students paid a visit to another Corby hotel to get a better understanding of customer service in action.

The Year 12 BTEC group went along to the Hampton by Hilton, following a visit to the Holiday Inn last term.

They looked at the facilities on offer, had a tour round and talked to staff to get an inside view into life in this industry.

The students will next be comparing the two hotels in terms of the quality of service they offer.



# THE UNIT

## DSP RATED AS GOOD

The Designated Specialist Provision (DSP) has received high praise from the Local Authority as part of the DSP Monitoring visit. During the visit the Local Authority observed teaching, looked at the quality of the provision and viewed the provision as Ofsted standard of 'good'.

The monitoring team revealed that we are now a more inclusive provision than when they visited this time last year. The team were impressed with the inclusion of students across the Academy with students from the UNIT and resourced provision accessing mainstream lessons and movement from the UNIT to the resourced provision.

The quality of teaching has improved, with the strong features of teaching highlighted as being: high expectations, strong planning and a variety of activities that are promoting independent learning. The overall view of the provision was that it was good with a number of outstanding features.

We now strive for excellence and will be developing the curriculum at Key Stage 4 and 5 within the UNIT.

**Jenny Anderson** – Assistant Principal for Inclusion

## UNIT STUDENTS SHARE THE LOVE WITH VALENTINE HEART PENDANTS



## THE BIG BAKE-OFF

Some tasty treats have been served up this term as UNIT students tried out some delicious recipes.

Nikki Spence's class picked their favourites from a cookbook and, as part of their enterprise studies, they shopped for ingredients, baked the goods and looked at marketing their bake sale.

With a selection of fruity teacake, cherry bakewell, double orange cake and lemon drizzle cake, staff and students were spoiled for choice and there are plans for another cake sale in the near future. All proceeds go to the UNIT's kitchen garden.

## THE ISSUE OF RECYCLING

UNIT students have been discovering the benefits of recycling as part of this term's environment topic.

Nikki Spence's group has been looking at what items can be re-used or recycled to reduce waste at home.

Vice Principal Avril Bartley-Smith donated two compost bins which are being used in the kitchen garden and Anglian Water donated some water butts.

The Kitchen Garden Club is going from strength to strength, with several volunteers from the UNIT keen to help out by looking after the chickens and sorting out the compost bins.

Local Food



# LIBRARY

## MANGA MAGAZINE PUBLISHED

Students who attend Manga Mania can now add published artist to their list of achievements, as the very first Manga Mania magazine was published this month. Containing artwork, comments, reviews and puzzles by students from all years it is a must read for everybody. Copies of the magazine are available to read in the Library now. Shannon Davidson described making the magazine as "like the world of imagination in my head is moved onto the paper." Jess Dick said that attending Manga Mania has helped her make lots more friends and encouraged her to learn

Japanese. Jaydon Mould describes Manga as "like my life in a capsule of awesomeness". Next term Manga Mania will start their next project – an exhibition. Very ambitious, but totally achievable given the levels of talent involved. Between now and Term 6 students will work on projects they want to exhibit. Projects already under consideration include paintings, anime films, costumes and presentations in Japanese. All students are welcome to take part in this project; we meet every Wednesday during Session 4 in the Library.

**Amy McKay** – Librarian



Fighting talk from Dr Campbell

## LET BATTLE COMMENCE

Battle of the Books will launch on World Book Day (March 3rd) this year. Battle of the Books is CBA's annual reading competition which sees students pitched against staff in a ferocious battle of literary skill. Individuals are partnered up (one member of staff versus one student) and given the same book to read; they must then compile a list of questions on their book and quiz each other. The staff team have won for the past two years, so the students have a grudge to settle this year. Competitors of all abilities are welcome.

## PREMIER READING STARS

A fun and exciting reading competition has been launched in the library. Premier League Reading Stars is a project based on the football league teams. Each team consists of four players and the aim is to score points by reading as many books as possible. The scheme got off to a flying start with students eager to take part. A transfer window will open every few weeks to allow teams to improve their chances. Year 9 student Sean Langan said: "I don't normally read much but this is making reading interesting and exciting." The project will run for 8 weeks and the winning team will collect some prizes and silverware.

**Bernie Smith** – Assistant Librarian

## CHECKMATE

CBA's Annual Chess Tournament will start next term. Matches will be played on Tuesdays during Session 4. Staff and students have until Friday, March 4th to sign up in the Library.

Right: Last year's champion Kristoff Varga fighting off runner up Mark Winkler.



# SESSION 4

## A WARM WELCOME AT SPANISH CLUB

Did you know that Spanish is spoken in 21 countries in the world?

The students attending Spanish Club know this – and it's only one of the reasons for attending Miss Boni's club every Thursday. Student Lana Perry says she attends the club because "it's interesting to learn and it's good to know a couple of languages to get a good job."

Michael AKA "Miguel" Wood in Year 7 says: "I come so if I go to a Spanish-speaking

country on holiday, I can speak their language and show them more respect."

Michael often goes to the Dominican Republic with his parents and Lana visits her grandma in Spain once a year.

There are lots of reasons for joining Spanish Club but whatever your reason, we can't wait to see you there.

*Hasta la vista chicos y chicas.*

**Candie Boni** – Language Teacher



## SPORTS ROUND-UP

### NETBALL UPDATE

The Year 7 and 8 netball season has kicked off, with the first game for Year 8 against Kingswood on February 2nd. They led the first half 5-1 but a strong Kingswood side came back and drew 6-6. They played extremely well.

The team then played Brooke Weston, winning 16-1. Player of the match was Bianca Ursu.

The Year 7 team also beat Brooke Weston 9-7 and player of the match was Hannah Gibbons.

### TRY SOMETHING NEW

Trampolining Club starts on Thursday evenings after half term, running from 3.45pm to 5.45pm. All years are welcome.

See Amy Harris for details.

### DODGEBALL COACHING SESSIONS

A dodgeball coach is currently running a Session 4 club on a Monday night for all students.

It is an 8-week programme in preparation for a dodgeball tournament being held at CBA.

### HOCKEY

Hockey Club is open to all year groups and is run in Session 4 by Mr Sam from MAIT.

The Year 7 and 8 girls unfortunately lost their first two games by a small margin but considering it was, for some of them, their first ever hockey match for CBA, they showed extreme grit and determination.

They are looking forward to the next match against Bishop, with Nicole Andrejczuk saying: "I loved it! It was my first hockey match ever and I can definitely play next time."

Well done girls.



## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

This new and exciting club is run by the Year 10 mentor team. The mentors were awarded £500 after making a fantastic presentation to bid for the funding. They worked with Year 7 to decide what club to run for them and Photography Club came out as the most popular.

The club has been running for most of Term 3 and has so far been a huge success.

The group have been set their first challenge by Mrs Farrar – they are going to produce a display on all the Children's University accredited clubs. This will be displayed in the central mall after half term.

The club also supported the Brooke Weston Partnership dance event at The Cube this month.

The project has proved to be so popular that additional Year 9 students asked to help out with the running of the club.

If you are in Year 7 and are interested in joining the club ask Miss Dunstone for more details.

**Natasha Dunstone** – Active Teacher



A photo taken by one of the club's members

## TRAMPOLINE COMPETITION

Students are invited to take part in a trampoline competition being held next month.

The North Northamptonshire School Sports Partnerships are running the event at Kettering Buccleuch Academy on March 24th.

Students may be entered into the following competitions:

- U14 Key Stage 3 Boys Levels 1-3
- U14 Key Stage 3 Girls Levels 1-3
- U16 Key Stage 4 Boys Levels 1-3
- U16 Key Stage 4 Girls Levels 1-3

The events will start at 2pm and will finish by 5.30pm.

Anyone who is interested in taking part should speak to Amy Harris.

# ACADEMY NEWS

## CHARITY HEADSHAVE PAYS OFF

An amazing £1,180 was raised by 3 students who showed their support for a friend with cancer.

Luke Rielly, Andre Da Silva and Stewart Gavin wanted to do something to help when their friend Chris Hargin was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

Luke, who is in Year 10, said: "At first Chris was a bit embarrassed about taking his hat off because he didn't have any hair, so we decided to do the headshave to make him feel more comfortable."

A hairdresser at the Autumn centre volunteered to help them out and soon the boys were sporting a closely-cropped look.

They handed over the money to Chris and his family to help them cover travelling expenses and anything else they might need.

Luke said: "We're pleased with the support we had – if it wasn't for everyone else we wouldn't have been able to raise all this money."



## IT'S A RAP

A message about anti-social behaviour was top of the playlist for two students who recorded a rap.

The Year 11s – Ryan McKimm and Molly Walker – went to Corby Radio last term to record the raps they had written about anti-social behaviour.

Humanities and Citizenship Teacher Samantha Stacey said: "In a room with foam soundproofed walls, headphones and recording equipment, they each took it in turns to record their outstanding lyrics."

"At first a little nervous of being in a recording

studio surrounded by all manner of hi-tech equipment, they quickly got into the swing of things and each produced a fantastic rap to complement the work undertaken in the Crime and Justice Unit in Citizenship.

"They really enjoyed the fantastic opportunity Corby Radio offered them."



## JOURNALISM PROJECT

Students from Years 10 to 13 have been participating in a fantastic opportunity this term. Writing workshops have been delivered by children's author Steve Bowkett to develop their skills.

Steve has inspired the students with his fantastic talent for creative writing. The focus of the workshops has been exploring metacognition or 'thinking about the thinking you do'. This has led on to motivating sessions involving games for creative thinking, developing reasoning skills and creative story writing.

At the end of the project each student will be commissioned to produce their own piece of creative work which will be entered into a competition with other local schools. The best pieces of writing will be published by a local newspaper.

If you would be interested in participating in similar projects see Mrs Isaksen.

**Kim Isaksen**



## HORSING AROUND

Twins who are excelling at horse riding are looking forward to more competitions in the coming months.

George and Megan Tebbutt, from Year 8, are hoping to compete in the Trail Blazers series of competitions later this year.

They can choose different equestrian disciplines from dressage, showjumping and showing.

Qualifiers take place around the country from April 2011 and the top five riders from each area then go to the championships held at Stoneleigh Park in August 2011.

Both George and Megan competed in the Oliver Townend Eventer Challenge qualifier in November.

Once the serious business of competing is over, George and Megan have lots of fun riding their ponies at Holkham Beach.



George riding his pony, Cowboy and Megan riding her pony, Toby

# ACADEMY NEWS

Rewards winner Chrissie Moore with her flip camera.



## Good Behaviour and Effort Rewarded

The rewards scheme is back with the latest round of students receiving their prizes for displaying excellent attitudes this year.

Those who won a flip camera for their behaviour and attitude to school work were Andrea Paisa, Emillie Hopkins, Josh Cresswell, Tara Legett, Samantha Loveday and Chrissie Moore.

Those who received a mobile phone because of their attendance record were Ben Page and Eve Pavitt.

Kirsty Farrar, Vice Principal in charge of Aspirations, said: "For students who get 100% attendance, as well as being entered into the draw to win £10, they will be put in again to win an additional prize.

"We're keen to promote positive behaviour in school – well done to those students who picked up a reward."

## Gracias Celia y ¡hasta la vista



Celia Prats Téllez has been on a four-week placement in the Modern Foreign Languages department this term and staff and students have enjoyed working with her.

Miss Téllez is from Spain and started working at our partner academy, Brooke Weston, three years ago.

She planned to work as a foreign language assistant for one year, but enjoyed it so much that she stayed and is now a teacher in the Graduate Training Programme of the National Centre for Languages.

During her time at CBA, Celia observed and delivered lessons, worked with EAL students and helped at Spanish Club.

A new student was very grateful to Miss Téllez and Miss Boni who gave his family a tour of the school and answered questions in Spanish, his first language.

Miss Téllez said: "I have learnt a lot from this experience at CBA. Both staff and students were really nice towards me and they made me feel at home.

"I had the opportunity to work with a variety of students, including those who have various learning challenges and those for whom English is an additional language, which was a whole new and rewarding experience.

"I wish all the best to CBA and I am very thankful to everyone, especially Dr Campbell for giving me this opportunity and the MFL department."

## Multi Sports Festival For Partnership Academies

Year 7 students from the Brooke Weston Partnership academies competed in archery, dodgeball and rowing competitions in the first cross-academy Sports Festival.

More than 135 students took part in the event at CBA on Thursday, February 17th with students from CBA, Kettering Science Academy and Brooke Weston Academy all having a go at five sports.

The event, held in conjunction with the Corby, Oundle and Thrapston School Sports Development and the Kettering School Sports Partnership, also allowed Sixth Formers to get involved with the organisation and running of the activities.

CBA's Director of Sport Amy Harris said: "It's the first time we have done something like this and it was a great opportunity for students to have a go at a range of different sports, some of which they might not have done before. There are a lot of talented students across the Partnership."



## Special Occasion for Gold Winner Tom

A student who was the first in Northamptonshire to achieve the Gold award in the Children's University programme has been invited to a special award ceremony next month.

Tom Woodward had to complete 100 hours of accredited after-school clubs to achieve the gold award and graduated with many other CBA students in the summer.

He has been invited to a reception at County Hall in Northampton on March 17th as he was the first to get gold.

His participation included art and design, animation and Human Utopia activities.





# UGANDA

## Trio Kick-Start Fundraising For Uganda Trip

The latest Sixth Formers to be selected for a life-changing trip to Uganda are busy making plans for their fundraising campaign.

Connor Wilson, Chrissie Moore and Lauren Dunn will visit the Discovery Centre in Uganda during the October half term, but they need to raise £4,000 first.

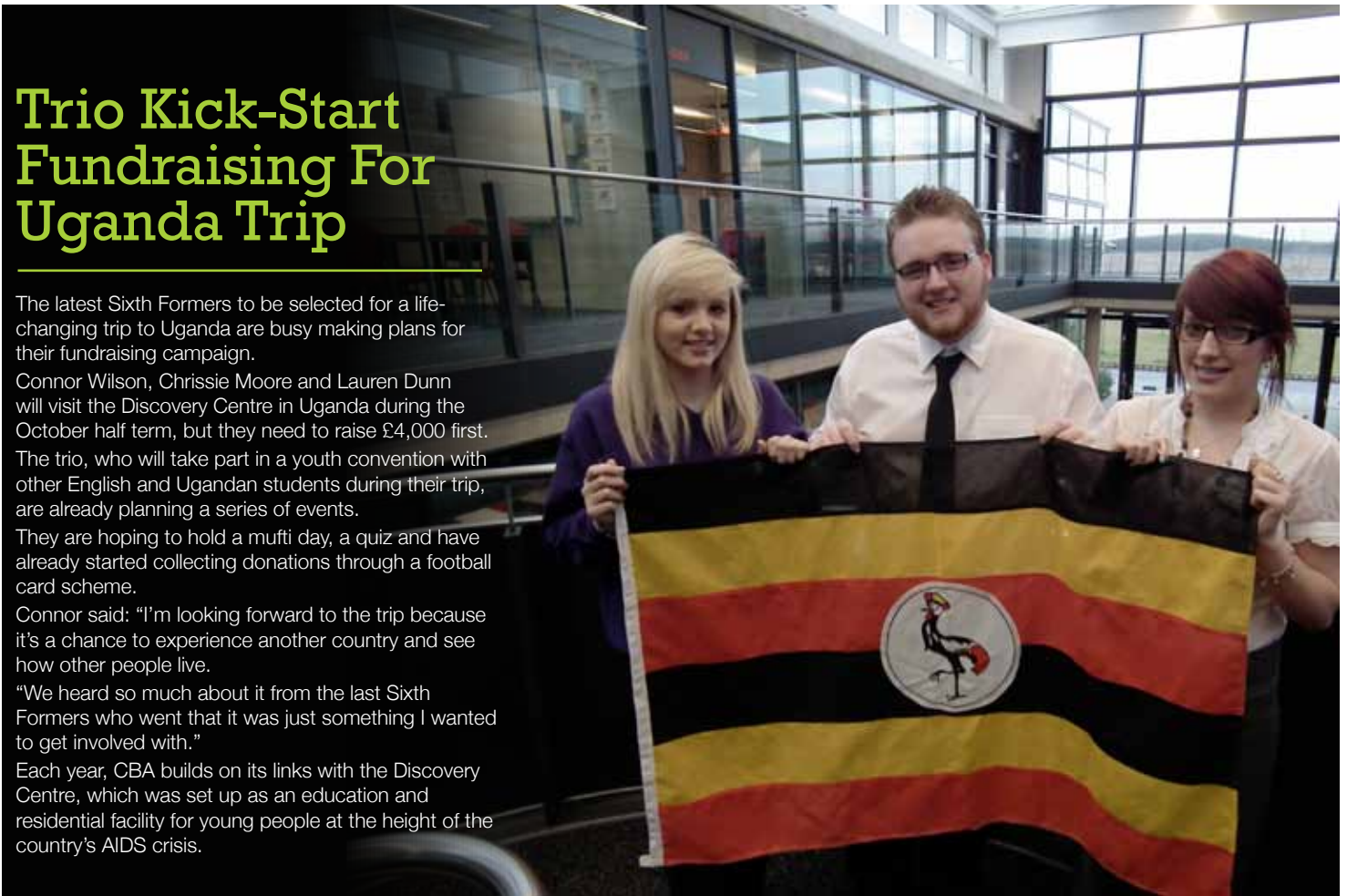
The trio, who will take part in a youth convention with other English and Ugandan students during their trip, are already planning a series of events.

They are hoping to hold a multi day, a quiz and have already started collecting donations through a football card scheme.

Connor said: "I'm looking forward to the trip because it's a chance to experience another country and see how other people live.

"We heard so much about it from the last Sixth Formers who went that it was just something I wanted to get involved with."

Each year, CBA builds on its links with the Discovery Centre, which was set up as an education and residential facility for young people at the height of the country's AIDS crisis.



## Cheque Handed Over For Uganda Appeal

CBA students have given a helping hand to pupils in a developing country through their fundraising efforts.

A cheque for £250 and two flip cameras were donated to the UK Co-ordinator of the Discovery Centre in Uganda.

Richard Johnson from the centre paid a visit to the Academy on January 31st following Year 7's charity cross-country run last year.

The students ran laps of the field and collected more than £1,500 in sponsorship – smashing their target of £1,000.

The money donated will go towards paying for internet costs for a year for the children and young people who use the Discovery Centre, helping to establish a link between students there and those at CBA.

## Students Play Cupid

Valentine's Day messages went back and forth across CBA this term thanks to a special service set up by the Uganda fundraisers.

Heart-shaped cards complete with personalised messages were delivered to the lucky recipients on February 14th.

Sixth Formers Connor Wilson, Chrissie Moore and Lauren Dunn and others in Years 12 and 13, sold the cards and wrote

in students' messages to each other. Lauren's mum Karen and CBA's book club members made homemade cards, which were sold alongside roses for the more romantic students. Uganda Appeal wristbands are now on sale for £1 from the Student Reception and the Library – there are a limited number left so make sure you get yours soon.



# CBA

## Senate Member Profile Fraser Gillan, Year 11

### Why did you apply to the Senate?

I wanted to make a difference and actively get some of the views of other students across so my year group is well represented.

### What issues have been raised by Year 11?

Special friend support and recently, bus transport issues to the villages.

### What do you enjoy most about CBA?

It's more business-like and you're treated as an adult.

### Favourite lessons?

Science and maths.

### Dream job?

I want to be an RAF pilot.

### Dream holiday destination?

Skiing in the Swiss Alps.

### Favourite films?

Taken, Die Hard and Bad Boys.

### Best advice you've been given?

I'm quite competitive so I do get told not to be so hard on myself.



## Year 9 Options

A Year 9 options booklet will be available after the half term and students need to think carefully about what subjects they would like to take in Key Stage 4.

The booklet will contain an options form which must be completed and returned by 1pm on Friday, March 11th.

An options evening is being held on Wednesday, March 9th from 5pm to 7pm.

For advice on the different subjects speak to Vice Principal John Henrys by emailing [jhenrys@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:jhenrys@corbybusinessacademy.org).



## Drama Group Gets Year 9 Thinking About Their Options

A series of energetic and thought-provoking drama performances encouraged Year 9 students to think carefully before deciding what subjects to take in Year 10.

The show by Impact Universal (pictured left with students) demonstrated how making the right choices now can pave the way for future success.

The show included a sketch with 'Dr Who', a student who is unsure about taking different subjects to her friends and another young person who rejects further education and training.



For more details visit  
[www.chooselearning.com](http://www.chooselearning.com) or  
[www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com).

One of the characters, Ella, told them:

**"Whatever course I choose and whatever I want to do – it all starts here.**

**"You are your own person and you don't have to follow anyone.**

**"My future starts here; first stop, option choices."**

## CORBY BUSINESS ACADEMY – SESSION 4 ACTIVITIES

DAY	FACULTY ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	STAFF
<b>MONDAY</b>				
AMID	Brass Ensemble	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Garry Fountain/Clive Wears
AMID	CBA Vocalize	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Clive Wears/Felicity Cornish
AMID	Drumming (with a difference)	AU2	3.30 - 4.30	Mr Malitski
PNS	Racquets – all years (CU)	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.45	Steve Wedgewood
PNS	Dance – Year 7	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.00	Francia Dickinson
PNS	All years Fitness Club	Fitness Studio	3.45 - 4.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	Dodgeball	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Adam Smith
PNS	A Level PE Coursework Session	PNS	3.45 - 4.45	Various
PNS	GCSE PE Revision Sessions	PNS	3.45 - 4.45	Various
BHE	Young Enterprise	BHE	3.30 - 5.30	Alex Allan
COMMS	Drama Club (CU)	Drama Studio	3.45 - 4.45	Vicky Clements
LIBRARY	Philosophy Club (CU)	LIBRARY	3.45 - 4.45	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
AMID	Junior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Clive Wears/Pamela Carter
AMID	Glee Club	AU2	4.00 - 4.45	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Textile/Craft Club – KS3	AU11	3.45 - 4.45	Cath Davis/Ena Fry
AMID	Design – KS3	AMID	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	Licence to Cook (CU) – KS3	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
AMID	Art Club (CU) – KS3	AL8	3.45 - 4.45	Elizabeth Hopkins
Inclusion	Kitchen Garden Club (open to all)	UNIT Garden	3.45 - 5.00	Nikki Clark
PNS	AS Physics / AS Biology	PNS	3.45 - 5.00	Elaine Ponton/Zoe Bird
PNS	Basketball (CU) – all years	Sports Hall	3.45 - 5.45	James Ashton/John Atkinson
PNS	Dance – Year 8	Dance Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Francia Dickinson
PNS	Hockey Match Night	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam
PNS	Dance – Sixth Form	Dance Studio	3.45 - 4.45	Christie Moore
PNS	Fitness Club – all years	Fitness Studio	3.45 - 4.45	Natasha Dunstone
MAIT	ICT Coursework Catch Up – Year 13	ML7	3.30 - 5.45	Kam Zaman
MAIT	Target Group Maths	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	MAIT – Staff
MAIT	Maths Puzzle Club – KS3	MAIT	3.30 - 4.30	Marion Freeman
COMMS	Health and Social Catch Up – KS4	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Kim Asher
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Viv Gilbert
BHE	GCSE French Support Sessions	BU3	3.45 - 4.45	Karen Turney
BHE	Young Chamber Committee Meeting (every 2nd week) (CU)	BHE	3.30 - 5.00	Alex Allen
BHE	Extended Project Qualification – Year 11 and G&T	BHE	3.30 - 5.00	Kirsty Farrar/Claire Howsam
LIBRARY	Chess Tournament (CU)	LIBRARY	3.45 - 4.45	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
AMID	String Ensemble	AU2	3.00 - 4.00	Felicity Cornish
AMID	Music Technology Club	AMID	4.00 - 5.00	Felicity Cornish
PNS	Dance – KS3	Dance Studio	3.30 - 5.45	Daryl Handy
PNS	Dodgeball	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Andy Duncan
PNS	Photography Club	PNS Central Area	3.15 - 4.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	Netball Match Night	Netball Courts	3.15 - 5.00	Amy Harris
PNS	Judo – all years*	Sports Hall	4.00 - 6.00	Laurence Kenyon
PNS	Fitness Club – KS3	Fitness Studio	3.45 - 4.45	Jordon Joseph
PNS	Dance Club – Years 8 and 9	Dance Studio	3.45 - 4.45	Daryl Handy
LIBRARY	Manga Mania (CU) – KS3	Library	3.15 - 4.45	Amy McKay
<b>THURSDAY</b>				
AMID	Senior Concert Band	AU6	3.30 - 4.45	Clive Wears/Felicity Cornish
AMID	Enterprise Projects – KS3	AMID	4.00 - 5.00	Dave Mitchell
AMID	Catch-up Sessions – KS4	AL8	3.45 - 5.00	Jackie Brown
AMID	Art Club – KS3/4/5	AU1	3.45 - 5.00	Elizabeth Hopkins
AMID	Child Development Catch-up Sessions – KS4	AMID	3.45 - 5.00	Cath Davis
AMID	Food/Hospitality Catch-up Sessions – KS3/4	AL7	3.45 - 4.45	Doreen Dicks
COMMS	EAL Sessions	COMMS	3.30 - 5.00	Viv Gilbert
MAIT	ICT Coursework Catch Up – Year 11	ML7	3.45 - 5.00	Kam Zaman/Karl Lomax
MAIT	Maths Challenge (CU)	MAIT	3.45 - 4.45	Marrion Freeman/Heather Thomson
MAIT	Maths module revision and support – Years 12 and 13	MAIT	3.45 - 5.00	Sam Anderson/Peter Garratt
MAIT	Maths Club – Year 9 Level 8	MU5	3.45 - 4.45	Gerri Rowe
PNS	Animal/Garden Club/Winter months Astronomy – alternate weeks – all years (CU)	PL4	4.00 - 5.00	Neil Price
PNS	Girls Football (CU) – KS3	Football Pitch	3.30 - 4.45	Steve Wedgewood
PNS	Mixed Hockey (CU)	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Maxwell Sam
PNS	Football Training (CU) – Year 8	Astro	3.45 - 4.45	Stuart Baker
PNS	Fitness Club	Fitness Studio	3.45 - 5.45	Natasha Dunstone
PNS	Trampoline Club – all years	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	Amy Harris
PNS	Street and Freestyle Dance Club	Dance Studio	3.45 - 4.45	Peter Garrett/Luke Reilly
PNS	Volleyball Club – all years	Sports Hall	3.45 - 4.45	External Coach
BHE	Spanish Club (CU)	BL5	3.45 - 4.45	Candie Boni
BHE	GCSE French Support Sessions	BU3	3.45 - 4.45	Karen Turney
BHE	Film Club	Small Lecture Theatre	3.45 - 5.00	Ian Nicol
BHE	Mystery History Club	BHE	3.45 - 4.45	Sam Stacey
BHE	Business Studies Coursework Catch Up	BU1	3.45 - 4.45	Alex Allen
LIBRARY	Corby Book Addicts	LIBRARY	3.45 - 5.00	Amy McKay
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 5.30	Amy McKay
<b>FRIDAY For all students school closes at 3.30pm</b>				
LIBRARY	OPEN	LIBRARY	To - 3.30	Amy McKay

\* Judo: there is a cost incurred for this activity.

Parents/Carer(s) please note the above CBA After School Activity Timetables for the relevant Faculties. The late buses are available Monday Tuesday and Thursday at 5.45pm and on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 5.00pm. If your child wishes to attend any of the activities above or requires the late bus please ensure they book a place at Student Reception. NO LATE BUSES FRIDAY

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



I can't believe we're zooming through 2011 already. It's been another great start to the year and since I last wrote to you all, I'm pleased to have welcomed some new additions to the Governing Body. Clive Chenery and Laura Callaghan are our two new elected Parent Governors and Ian Hill, who is a retired Ofsted Inspector (so has come in very useful what with our recent inspection). As I've mentioned the inspection, let's start with a HUGE congratulations to all staff and students for contributing to a fantastic report. It was clear to the inspectors how much pride you all have in your surroundings and how keen you all are to succeed. Ultimately, we are all part of the same team, working towards the same goal of achieving success for ourselves and our school. We need to continue to work together to build on these successes for ourselves and each other. During the feedback session with the inspectors, it was clear that all of our hard work over the last two and a half years has paid off, and I don't mind admitting that I couldn't hide my smile when the 'outstanding' and 'good' grades kept flowing.

As always, there have been key successes since I last wrote to you all, so I urge everyone to read the articles and to look at the website regularly. I'd like to make a special mention to Jordon Joseph, who has picked up yet another trophy after he was named Volunteer of the Year by Northamptonshire Sport. The work Jordon has done for cricket at CBA is outstanding and we are proud to be associated with him and his hard work, so thank you Jordon and congratulations. I could go on, but I'll end up taking over the entire magazine so I'll end with a final thank you to everyone who makes me so proud to be a part of Corby Business Academy.

**Kerry James** – Chair



Parents in  
Partnership  
towards a common goal

## PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Parents in Partnership is holding a craft fair on April 23rd in Corby town centre, in the former Game shop, from 9am to 4pm.

Anyone who is interested in having a stall should email [erica@davecalvert.co.uk](mailto:erica@davecalvert.co.uk).

All proceeds will go to CBA.

The group is also appealing for new members. Chair Holly Toseland said: "We'd love to have more parents on board to bring different ideas

in. It doesn't matter how much time you can give – it can be as little or as much as you'd like."

The next meeting is on Monday, March 14 from 6.30pm.

All future dates are on CBA's website

[www.corbybusinessacademy.org](http://www.corbybusinessacademy.org).

If you are interested in joining PIP email [PIP@corbybusinessacademy.org](mailto:PIP@corbybusinessacademy.org)

## REPORTING SYSTEM FOR STUDENTS SET TO LAUNCH

A new online reporting system which allows students to report any concerns they have in school or in their community is set to be launched at CBA.

The SHARP System – the School Help Advice Reporting Page – gives schools the chance to address the issues being flagged up by students.

With funding in place for the system to be rolled out in all schools in Corby, CBA's PSCO Alex Franklin said he wants the Academy to be the pilot school.

He said: "The idea is that CBA will be able to look at what is concerning students and

adjust any talks or activities to address what they've identified as a problem.

"This is something that's been running in schools in London and we've had good reports back from there."

For more details visit:

[www.thesharpsystem.com](http://www.thesharpsystem.com)



## "listening to your views"

We hope you have enjoyed this issue of In Press.

We are always keen to hear the views of parents.

If you have any comments or suggestions email Vice Principal Sarah Ashby on

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