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LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL



As we approach the end of this very busy academic year, it is important to stop, look back, and smile with pride at the many achievements of our students and staff since I last wrote at Easter. Such achievements include Karolina Kontor who came third in the national Translation Bee while our musicians won their classes at the Oundle Festival. Students continue to have success at the Junior Maths contest and our Unit Provision Team was judged to be the best Special School/Unit Provision of the Year at the 2016 Northamptonshire Education Awards.

Our students were also successful in the first ever Brooke Weston Trust Sports Awards while the Active staff gained the Youth Sport Silver Award for the second time.

Much of the last two terms has focussed on examinations being sat by students in Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13. While students and staff have spent many hours after school and during holiday periods doing extra preparation, the enrichment opportunities for students continue. Some examples of the opportunities offered include trips to Loughborough University, Leicester Museum, Norfolk, Aston Villa and Barcelona. Students also had the chance to listen to screen writer and author Andy Briggs, see the incredible theatre production of Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time and know a lot more about wind turbines. At the Prom I was also reminded of how our students

have become young people ready to take their next steps to Sixth Form, Further Education or apprenticeship. Someone described the event as "the classiest Prom yet" and this is testament to all the young people who attended and the staff who organised the event.

While much of this letter is about looking back, the end of the summer term is also very exciting as we look forward to the possibilities of 2016-2017. Year 8 students have chosen their options and are ready to start their GCSE and BTec courses. Our Sixth Form Induction Days have given students hoping to join us next year a taste of what life is like in the Sixth Form. The new Year 7 students joined us on Transfer Day and enjoyed their time getting to know the Academy, the staff and making new friends. As an Academy we also face exciting times with our new school day.

Please continue to read about the life of the Academy on our website and by email. I would like to thank everyone associated with the Academy for their commitment, dedication and hard work especially those staff that left us at the end of term moving on to new positions, to promotions and to other parts of the country. //

J. Duggan

Janet Duggan
Associate Principal

LINGUIST COMES THIRD IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

A bright young linguist from CBA has come third in the national final of the Spanish Translation Bee.

Year 8 student Karolina Kontor beat other Year 8 and Year 9 students from across the country to finish in the top three at the Routes Into Languages Translation Bee Spanish final at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge.

Fellow CBA Year 8 Spanish student Charlie Cousins also competed in the national final.

CBA Director of Modern Languages Karen Turney said: "The standard of competition was very high this year and Karolina and Charlie did extremely well.

"About 7,500 students entered the competition and our students made it through to the last 120 students in the final.

"We are very proud of them and hope they inspire more students to take part in the Translation Bee next year.

"Competitions like this give our students a head start and help them to prepare for the new GCSE where the skill of translating and using three tenses is essential."



Charlie Cousins and Karolina Kontor are pictured with their certificates and medals

UNIT IS RATED OUTSTANDING AGAIN



One of our Unit classes

Corby Business Academy's provision for students with special educational needs has been rated Outstanding for the second time in a row.

Northamptonshire County Council has once again given the Academy's Unit Provision its top rating in the authority's latest annual review of the effectiveness of special schools. The Unit Provision was praised for reaching the 'highest standards of support and aspiration' for its students.

CBA Unit Director Claire Robinson said: "Our staff work hard to ensure students have a positive experience of school and that they are supported in their social and emotional development as well as their lessons.

"We always strive to improve upon what we offer young people and the breadth of opportunities that we make available to them. We are thrilled to have been praised so highly by an external organisation and are delighted that our staff know the work they do is valued."

The Unit Provision is a 75 place facility which addresses the needs of students with profound and multiple learning difficulties, severe learning difficulties and complex moderate learning difficulties.

It also addresses the needs of students on the autistic spectrum. The county council's report said all Unit students meet or exceed their targets and they are included in all aspects of the whole school life.

It added: "Leaders in the main school and in the Unit Provision are clearly very reflective practitioners who want the best for all their students. This balance of a nurturing environment alongside stretch and challenge and robust systems is a strong feature of the school."

The report also found that the Unit's sixth formers were involved in a variety of work experience and learning opportunities in the community that helped to prepare them well for life after school.

ACADEMY RECEIVES SILVER MARK AWARD



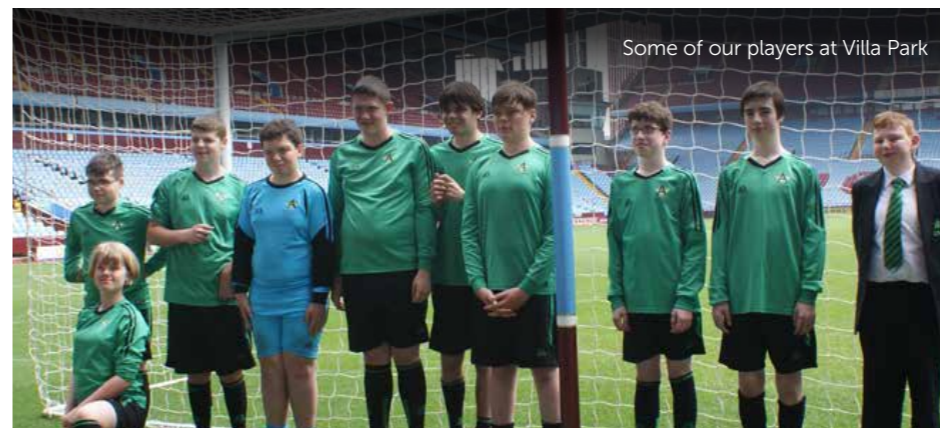
A national charity that champions sport in schools has given CBA one of its highest awards for the second year in a row.

The Youth Sport Trust has once again awarded us its Silver Mark which it gives to schools that offer high quality Physical Education and physical activities.

To achieve the award schools must demonstrate that they have a clear vision for their provision of Physical Education, physical activity and school sport.

CBA Director of PE Amy Harris said: "The award recognises that we provide high quality Physical Education and give our students the chance to take part in a range of sporting opportunities outside of lessons.

"It also shows that we provide our students with the opportunities to become involved in a range of leadership roles."



Some of our players at Villa Park

FOOTBALLERS WORK WITH ASTON VILLA COACHES

Professional coaches from Aston Villa have worked with our Unit football team.

Eleven members of our team visited Villa Park to tour the stadium, take part in a training session and compete in a match at the ground.

CBA Unit Football Team Coach Richard White said: "It was the first time that our students had worked with coaches from a Premier League club.

"They taught our players some skills and afterwards our footballers took part in a match. We had a look around the stadium, visited the players' training room and looked at the trophies the club has won over the years.

"We've had a really busy year with fixtures and we have also been to Leicester City FC's King Power Stadium.

"It's very rare for students to visit one big club let alone two."



MUSICIANS ARE VICTORIOUS

The CBA Senior Concert Band performing at the National Concert Band Festival Final at The Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. Photograph by R&P Photographic Service.

Our talented musicians have had another fantastic year.

The Senior Concert Band won Gold at the National Concert Band Festival and our musicians won every category in the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama.

At the national festival our musicians impressed the judges with their performances of Star Wars, Buster Strikes Back, Ballad for Benny and Encanto.

CBA Director of Music Clive Wears thinks the Academy's success at the national festival, which was staged at The Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, is one of our most impressive achievements so far.

He said: "Our students worked so hard to get ready for the festival and they performed brilliantly."

"It really does not get any better than being awarded Gold at the national final of this competition."

"Our students were magnificent and I would like to congratulate them all."

At the Oundle Festival our musicians won three cups and a shield after earning four first places and one second place.

They were also highly commended by the judges who said they produced technically and artistically convincing performances.

Our Senior Concert Band won the festival's Sidney McAdam Cup in the Band 18 Years and Under category and our Big Band won the Lady Margaret Proby Shield for coming first in the Junior Jazz Ensemble 18 Years and Under category.

Our Junior Concert Band won the Oundle Middle School Cup in the Band Key Stage 3 and Under section.

Our Woodwind Ensemble won the Mason Cup for coming first in the Instrumental Ensemble 18 Years and Under category and our Brass Ensemble came second in the same category.

ACADEMY WELCOMES EU REFERENDUM CAMPAIGNERS

Corby Business Academy welcomed two passionate campaigners ahead of the EU Referendum.

The Brooke Weston Trust does not align itself with any political viewpoint but we wanted to give our staff and Sixth Formers the opportunity to listen to presentations about the Leave and Remain arguments.

In the days leading up to the vote we welcomed comedian and Remain campaigner Eddie Izzard and the Director of the Grassroots Out campaign Helen Harrison, who is also a district councillor and former Conservative parliamentary candidate.

CBA Associate Principal Janet Duggan said: "Whilst the Brooke Weston Trust does not align itself with any political viewpoint we are about learning and know that any choices or decisions we take must be informed ones. Therefore we welcome visitors to our school to help us to make the right choices for us as individuals."

Helen Harrison told her audience that for her the vote was primarily about democracy and sovereignty.

She said: "This is the most important vote we are likely to have in our lifetime and every single vote will count. This referendum is about democracy. We joined a union that was about trade but gradually, and deliberately, over the past 40 years it has become a political union."

During his visit Mr Izzard spoke to the students about his passion for continuing the UK's connection to the EU and answered questions from the audience on a variety of issues, including the economy, immigration and terrorism.

Speaking after the event he said: "It's great to see the interest and enthusiasm from the students in Corby about politics and the referendum."



A group of our Sixth Formers talk to Eddie Izzard about the Remain campaign



Leave campaigner Helen Harrison addresses a group of our staff and Sixth Formers



GRAPHIC NOVEL FANS VISIT COMIC CON

A group of our avid graphic novel lovers attended the first MCM Birmingham Comic Con of 2016.

We took more than a dozen students from Years 7 to 11 to the event including members of our Graphic Novel Club which runs on Tuesday afternoons.

The students dressed as their favourite characters, saw sci-fi star Danny John-Jules who played The Cat in Red Dwarf and looked around lots of stalls featuring rare merchandise.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay went on the trip with our Assistant Librarian Christina Mangin and

one of our IT experts Fabian Cameron.

Amy said: "There was so much going on. Some of the costumes were incredible and the atmosphere was brilliant. The students were dressed up as their favourite characters and they loved being asked for their photo. One of our students had their photograph taken 30 times."

"It was a great celebration of something the students are very interested in and we all had a lovely day. We would like to say a big thank you to Fabian for giving up part of his weekend to drive us there."

MILLIONAIRES' CLUB IS A HIT WITH READERS

Students have read about 30 million words thanks to an exciting challenge.

Earlier this year we began running our own version of the Accelerated Reader Millionaires' Club during Tutor Time and in English lessons. We challenged all Year 7 and 8 students and Unit students to join the club and the response has been fantastic.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "There are students who would never have thought of themselves as readers who are now reading and promoting books to their friends."

"Initially we hoped to get about 20 millionaires but we think we will have more than 50 by the time we finish the challenge for this year. There are students who have been reading a book a night so they can get into the Millionaires' Club."

Our club is set up differently from most clubs to ensure that it is something everyone can aspire to take part in.

Amy said: "To say every student has to read a million words is unfair because students have different reading abilities. It would be unfair to say to Unit students who struggle with reading but who are trying hard that they have to reach a million words and it would be unfair to say to very able readers that they only have to reach a million words."

"Our readers have been given different targets to reach to join the club. Our millions are based on different currencies that are worth different amounts depending on students' reading abilities. So for example a very strong reader has to read two million words to join the club because they have to aspire to be a millionaire in Bahrain."



Lauren Butterworth, Charlotte Earl and Katie Thacker rose to the Millionaires' Club challenge

"We are incredibly grateful to all the English staff for their support because they have embedded this programme in the curriculum and that has made a big difference."

A celebration was held at the end of term for all our millionaires.



Our students work on the STEM bridge building project

YEAR 9 STUDENTS WORK ON ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Some of our brightest young female mathematicians and scientists were given the chance to take part in a programme run by Network Rail and Carillion plc.

The companies visited our Academy to work with a group of 45 Year 9 students on an exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project.

The students were challenged to come up with designs and models

of a railway bridge which had to be made to certain specifications and within a specific budget.

CBA Director of Computer Science Kamruz Zaman said: "Network Rail and Carillion put together this project because they want to encourage more girls to become interested in engineering careers."

"They brought in a range of different people including

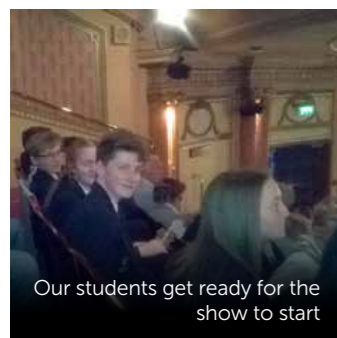


managers, engineers, graduates and undergraduates. The girls had to make models of bridges from spaghetti and marshmallows and then they had to test the bridge by seeing how much weight it could hold.

"They were challenged to create a bridge which could hold 100gm of weight for 20 seconds. The graduates built a bridge that held 300gm and one of our teams also built a bridge which held 300gm."

Our students did very well to build a bridge on a par with the bridge built by the graduates.

"Our students engaged well with the visitors and got a lot out of the experience. The visitors were very complimentary about us and we are very proud of our students' achievements. The event was a success and we hope to work with these organisations again in the future."



Our students get ready for the show to start

LITERATURE STUDENTS VISIT THE WEST END

Nearly 50 of our students saw one of the plays they are studying brought to life in London's West End.

The Year 9 and 10 students saw The National Theatre's production of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time at the Gielgud Theatre in May.

The play is based on the best-selling novel by Mark Haddon and has won seven Olivier Awards and five Tony Awards.

CBA Teacher Claire Scott said: "The show was absolutely amazing and the sets were phenomenal. Our students are studying the play text for their English Literature GCSE and it was wonderful for

them to see it brought to life on the stage.

"Seeing the show was really beneficial because it is such a challenging story.

"The students really enjoyed seeing the production and their behaviour throughout the trip was outstanding."

UNIT TEAM WINS TOP EDUCATION AWARD



Our fantastic Unit team members with their award
(Photograph by Northants Telegraph)

Our fantastic Unit team has won one of the county's highest awards for education.

The team received the award for Special School or SEN Provision of the Year at the grand final of the 2016 Northamptonshire Education Awards which was held at Wicksteed Pavilion in Kettering at the end of June.

The team, which has also recently been rated outstanding by Northamptonshire County Council for the second time in a row, received its latest award for enabling all its students to meet or exceed their targets.

Unit Assistant Manager Caren Brown said: "We are so thrilled to have won. The awards ceremony was lovely and gave all our staff a boost.

"This is a fantastic way to end a year in which we have been rated outstanding by the county council again. Each and every person in our team has contributed to its success. We are now really looking forward to welcoming new students in September."

CBA Attendance, Welfare and Safeguarding Officer Elaine Pickford was a runner-up in the Unsung Hero category in recognition of her tireless efforts to look after our students' well-being and support students and their families.

CBA Attendance, Welfare and Safeguarding Officer Elaine Pickford is pictured, far right, with her certificate
(Photograph by Northants Telegraph)



She said: "It was a pleasure to be nominated for the award. It was so nice to see that Northamptonshire recognises education, and what people do, in this way. It was an absolutely lovely evening."

The awards were organised by the Northants Telegraph, the Northampton Chronicle & Echo, the Daventry Express and Northamptonshire County Council.

The main sponsor of the event was the University of Northampton.

AWARDS FOR HAPPY HANDS AND RONAN

The Happy Hands Young Enterprise company has picked up two top accolades.



Ronan Kelly

Young Enterprise has awarded our company second prize in its national Best Trade Stand competition and Happy Hands Events Director Ronan Kelly, 16, won the regional final of the Sir John Moore award.

Ronan received a certificate and £100 at the regional awards ceremony at Loughborough University at the end of June.

CBA Associate Principal Janet Duggan said: "The Academy is exceptionally proud of Ronan's achievement which reflects his resilience and confidence when interacting with the public when taking part in Happy Hands enterprise events."

CBA Teacher Nikki Clark, who works closely with the Unit students involved in Happy Hands, was also thrilled for Ronan and the team as a whole. She said: "We are very pleased for Ronan and that Happy Hands came second in the national competition.

"We have taken part in the Young Enterprise programme for the past three years and our students are very familiar with it now and with the products Happy Hands offers. They have taken part in lots of trade fairs, including fairs with teams from mainstream schools, and they have learned what they need to do to be successful."

Happy Hands sells a wide range of handmade products including chalkboards, teacup pincushions, teacup candles and shopping bags.

MUSICIANS ARE AMONGST THE BEST IN EUROPE



Youth Brass 2000 at the 2016 European Championships

Three musicians from our Academy have been named amongst the best young musicians in Europe.

Students Louie and Evie Anderson and Joshua Gilding are all members of Youth Brass 2000 which came second in the 2016 European Championships in May.

The talented band has won a series of top awards already this year and were only one point behind the European winners.

Year 10 student Louie plays cornet with the band. He said: "It's impressive that we

were runners-up and the experience definitely inspires you to keep playing."

Louie's sister Evie, who is a Year 7 student who also plays the cornet, added: "We were the youngest band at the festival by quite a way and I think we performed really well."

The band has also won the National Youth Entertainment Championship, British Open Youth Championship, National Mineworkers Brass Band Festival and the British National Youth Championship this year.



RS COMPONENTS STAFF SHARE THEIR EXPERTISE

Adrian Mole, left, and Mark Taylor, right, are pictured with a group of our Year 10 students

Business directors visited CBA to work with our Year 10 Business Studies students.

RS Components staff members Mark Taylor and Adrian Mole worked with our students whilst they were investigating business for their controlled assessment. CBA Director of Business Alex Allan said: "Mark and Adrian

were very impressed with our students. They gave the students an insight into the background of RS Components, the size of its international markets, the structure of the company and the importance of stakeholders.

"As a result the students gained an even deeper understanding of how business

works in international markets. The students responded well to the event and asked Mark and Adrian lots of questions.

"We would like to thank the staff at RS Components for their continued support. We really value the relationship we have with the company."



The grounds of Nevill Holt

MUSIC LOVERS SEE PERFORMANCE OF RIGOLETTO

More than 20 of our Year 9 and 10 music lovers visited Nevill Holt Opera to listen to a performance of Verdi's Rigoletto.

For many of our students it was the first time they had seen an opera and they enjoyed the experience.

CBA Director of Music Clive Wears said: "For the GCSE and A Level syllabus students need to know a variety of different music.

"This trip was a fantastic way to broaden our students' musical experience. It was an inspirational trip and we enjoyed looking around the stunning grounds of Nevill Holt too."

Year 9 student Charlotte Bettles said: "It was my first opera and I thought it had a good storyline."

Fellow Year 9 student Kirsten Downs said: "I enjoyed the opera. My favourite part was the opening scene because there was a lot going on, on the stage.

"It was my first time at an opera and I would like to go to another one in the future."

Daisy Stobbart, who is also a Year 9 student, added: "The opera was really good and I enjoyed the storyline. I had never been to an opera before, and I'm not sure I would have gone to one if it hadn't been for the school, but I would like to go to another one now."



SPANISH STUDENTS VISIT NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY

Spanish students from Year 8 took part in an exciting day of languages at Nottingham Trent University.

The students were invited to attend Routes Into Languages' Getting on in Spanish event which was run in conjunction with the university to enable younger students to improve their knowledge of the language.

They watched a Spanish film, took part in activities in Spanish, toured the university's Clifton campus and took part in a Chinese language taster session.

CBA Spanish Teacher Ana Martinez Ribeiro said: "Our students have visited Nottingham Trent University twice this year so they could have a university experience related to languages.

"They were very good at the Spanish activities and were eager to participate.

"The Chinese lesson was designed for older students but our students were able to engage with this difficult language.

"They also tried to write with Chinese characters."

CBA'S DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS WORK IS RECOGNISED AT PALACE

Corby Business Academy was officially recognised as a Duke of Edinburgh Awards Work Directly Licensed Centre at a glittering occasion at Buckingham Palace.

CBA Duke of Edinburgh Awards Manager Natasha Barstow was invited to the palace to receive our plaque at a special event to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Awards.

The event was attended by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Earl and Countess of Wessex and numerous celebrities including athlete Sally Gunnell, journalist Jennie Bond, chef Ainsley Harriott, television presenter Steve Backshall and ice skater Jayne Torvill. Mrs Barstow was presented with our plaque by renowned British perfumer Jo Malone.

Mrs Barstow said: "It was incredibly special to be a part of the 60th anniversary celebrations. There was a fantastic atmosphere and it really inspired me to think how we could expand our involvement in the awards even further in the future.

"It was a brilliant opportunity to speak to people from other Duke of Edinburgh centres and find out what they are doing. It was an inspirational day."



CBA Duke of Edinburgh Awards Manager Natasha Barstow receives our plaque from Jo Malone

SIXTH FORMERS CARRY OUT GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

Our AS Level Geography students visited Norfolk to carry out vital fieldwork for their exams.

The Year 12 students visited Sea Palling, Happisburgh, Bacton, Herringham, Cromer and Salthouse in one day to study shoreline management plans and evaluate the different strategies that are used in different parts of the same stretch of coastline.

Director of Geography Maxine Hopewell said: "The students conducted bi-polar evaluations

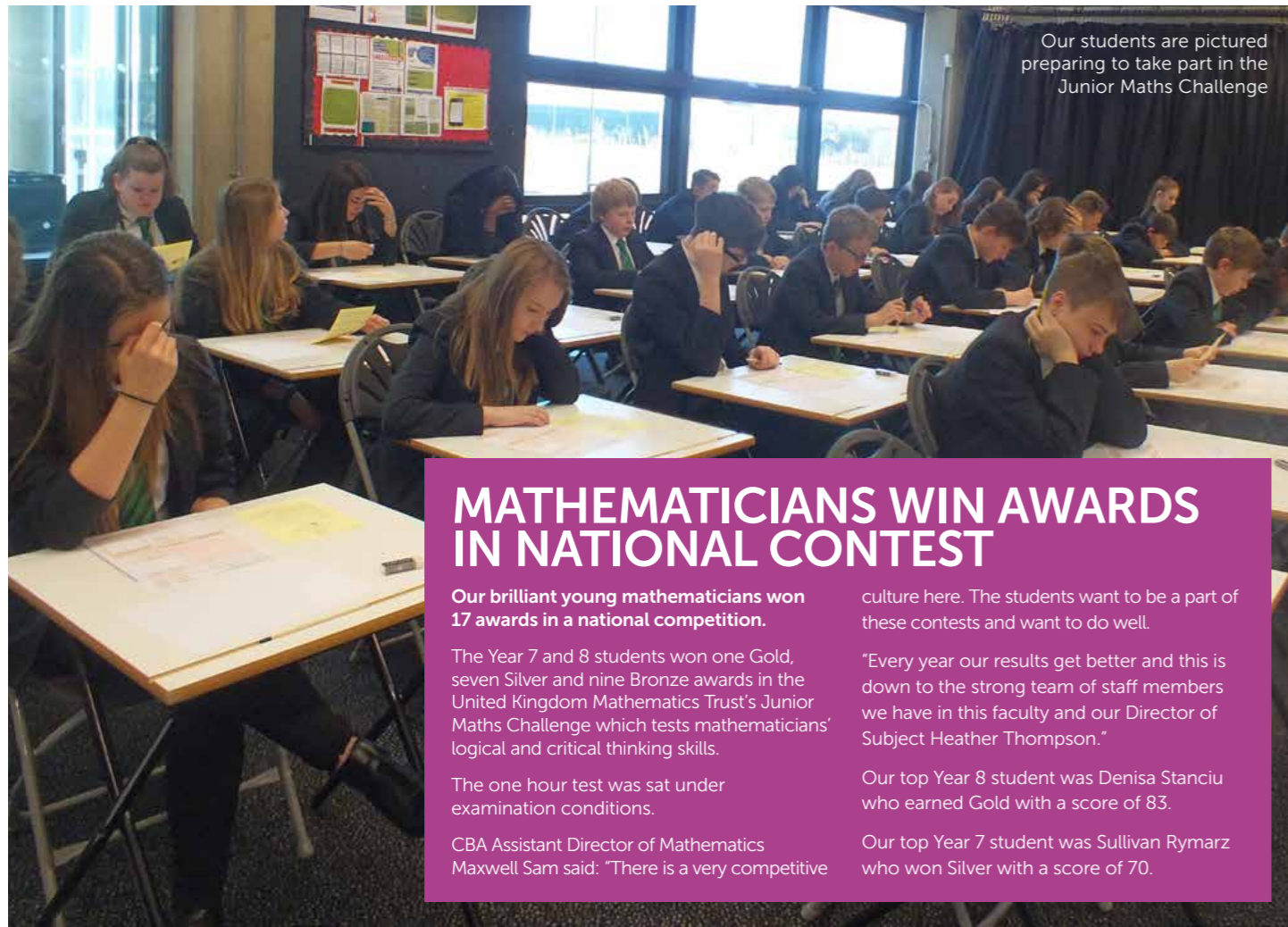
of the coastal management strategies, gave out questionnaires in Cromer and surveyed the beach at Salthouse.

"They also carried out a cost benefit analysis to work out the value of the land that is being protected by coastal defences to see whether that was sustainable.

"The students enjoyed the experience and it consolidated what they have learned in class."



Students study the beach at Salthouse



Our students are pictured preparing to take part in the Junior Maths Challenge

MATHEMATICIANS WIN AWARDS IN NATIONAL CONTEST

Our brilliant young mathematicians won 17 awards in a national competition.

The Year 7 and 8 students won one Gold, seven Silver and nine Bronze awards in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust's Junior Maths Challenge which tests mathematicians' logical and critical thinking skills.

The one hour test was sat under examination conditions.

CBA Assistant Director of Mathematics Maxwell Sam said: "There is a very competitive

culture here. The students want to be a part of these contests and want to do well.

"Every year our results get better and this is down to the strong team of staff members we have in this faculty and our Director of Subject Heather Thompson."

Our top Year 8 student was Denisa Stanciu who earned Gold with a score of 83.

Our top Year 7 student was Sullivan Rymarz who won Silver with a score of 70.



Year 10 student Harry McEwan

SUCCESS FOR MATHEMATICIAN

One of our mathematicians has been ranked in the top 25% of students in his age group in the country.

Year 10 student Harry McEwan, 15, made it through to the second stage of the UK Mathematics Trust's annual Kangaroo competition called the Pink Kangaroo.

Harry scored 89% in the later stage of competition which earned him a Certificate of Merit and placed him in the top 25% of candidates in the UK.

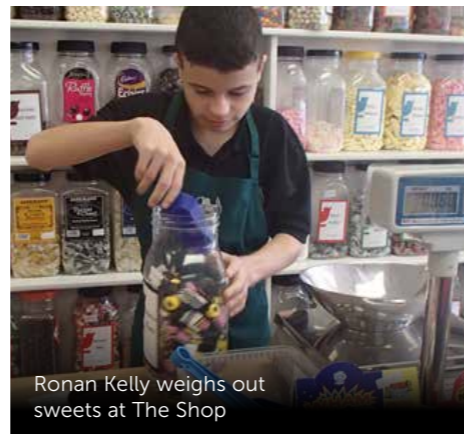
Harry said: "The competition was very hard but I had done a lot of preparation for it in class. I was really happy when I found out my score."

CBA Assistant Director of Mathematics Maxwell Sam added: "To make it through to the Pink Kangaroo is a fantastic achievement and to then make it into the top 25% of candidates is wonderful.

"Harry is a naturally gifted student who has a bright future ahead of him.

"We are very proud of him and his achievement."

The name of the Kangaroo contest recognises that the contest was inspired by the Australian Mathematics Trust.



Ronan Kelly weighs out sweets at The Shop

STUDENTS HELP TO RUN SHOP

Students from Unit have worked in The Shop in Kettering.

The Shop was opened by Wren Spinney Community Special School in Gold Street and sells a variety of old fashioned sweets.

Our students worked behind the counter at the store, weighed out the sweets, banked the previous day's takings and worked in The Shop's production area.

CBA Teacher Nikki Clark said: "During the course of their time at The Shop the students grew in confidence and developed their life skills in a real work place."

GCSE STUDENTS VISIT BARCELONA

Nearly 20 of our GCSE students took part in our first ever trip to Spain.

The group of Year 10 Spanish and Geography students visited Gaudi's emblematic temple the Sagrada Familia, the Formula 1 circuit of Barcelona-Catalunya, the Picasso Museum, the Maremagnum shopping centre near the famous Christopher Columbus statue, the CosmoCaixa science museum and the city of Vilanova i la Geltru.

Spanish Teacher Ana Martinez Ribeiro said: "The trip was fantastic. The students behaved very well and they did their best to speak Spanish.

"The students were very impressed with the Sagrada Familia because it is massive and quite pretty. We also enjoyed our time at the Formula 1 circuit where we saw motorbike training and we even had the chance to do a lap of the circuit in our minibus.

"All the students enjoyed visiting Barcelona and trying the local cuisine. The trip gave them a great chance to experience a different culture and to make new friends."

Fellow Spanish Teacher Ian Griffiths added: "This was one of the best trips I have been on. The students grew in confidence throughout the trip. They even approached a group of Spanish students staying in our complex to see if they could play football with them."



SIXTH FORMERS ARE INVITED TO BECOME VOLUNTEERS

Representatives from Victim Support gave our Sixth Formers an assembly about how they can support the organisation.

Bernie Reid and Karolina Zalewska from Victim Support talked to the students about the work of the organisation and Voice which was set up in 2014 to support anyone affected by crime in Northamptonshire.

They told the students about the volunteering opportunities that are available to them within the organisation and explained how they could contact Victim Support if they ever needed its help.

Miss Zalewska is a former CBA student who is a Criminology and Psychology graduate studying for a Masters in Sociology whilst working as a Volunteer Manager at Victim Support.

She said: "We take about 470 calls a week on a range of issues and we work with other organisations in the county to provide restorative justice to victims.

"As a volunteer you might offer support to victims face-to-face or over the telephone or you might be involved in other activities such as fundraising. It's amazing to know that by volunteering for us you are changing people's lives for the better."

CBA Head of Sixth Form Sam Anderson said: "The reason we wanted to invite Victim Support to talk to our Sixth Formers was two-fold. We wanted to encourage students to consider the volunteering opportunities that are available there and we wanted to make them aware of the organisation in case they ever need its support.



Head of CBA Sixth Form Sam Anderson and Victim Support representatives Bernie Reid and Karolina Zalewska talk to our Sixth Formers

"Several students expressed an interest in volunteering, including students who are interested in studying psychology at university."

One of the organisation's volunteers is former CBA Head Girl Megan Hogg who is studying psychology at university.

SUCCESSFUL WRITER MEETS OUR STUDENTS

An inspiring author and screenwriter who has worked on major films visited our Academy. Andy Briggs has been involved with several movies including Judge Dredd and Freddy vs Jason and has worked with legendary figures such as Stan Lee.

He has also launched a new series of books called The Inventory and its first title Iron Fist was released in May. During his visit Mr Briggs spoke to our Year 7 students, a group of invited students from Years 8 to

10 and a number of students from Kettering Science Academy and Lodge Park Academy.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "Andy has lived such an interesting life and he told the students about being an author and a screenwriter and working in Hollywood. He made the students realise that everything they are interested in – music, television programmes, computer games – are all created by writers."

"Andy talked about his latest book and he did a quiz with them to find out if they were heroes or villains because he has written the Hero.com series and the Villain.net young adult novels. Before he left he also did a book signing."

"All the students have said how much they have enjoyed his talk. Lots of them have bought his latest book and since his visit all our copies have been out on loan."



Writer Andy Briggs is pictured with a group of our students



Our students take part in the competition

UNIT TEAM WINS GOLD AT PANATHLON CHALLENGE

Our brilliant athletes from Unit won Gold at the Panathlon Challenge.

The students competed in boccia, table cricket, polybat, new age kurling, seated shotput, javelin and precision bean bag throw at the competition's Multi Sports Final which was held at our sister school, Brooke Weston Academy. CBA Special Needs Teacher Janice Hingley said: "Our students were brilliant and

we were thrilled that they came first in the overall competition. They all tried very hard and they showed great sportsmanship throughout the competition.

"When they found out they had won they all cheered and were so happy. We would also like to thank the Brooke Weston Trust Young Leaders who ran the competition so well and Brooke Weston CEO Dr Andrew Campbell for coming along to support us."

GCSE TEXTILES STUDENTS CREATE EXCITING PRODUCTS

Our Year 11 Textiles students created exciting products for their GCSE coursework.

The students were asked to pick from a range of style briefs, such as shabby chic, modern vintage and the 1960s, and created a variety of products including children's play mats, dog coats, hanging storage devices and dresses.

CBA Lead Teacher in Design Technology Abbie Parsons said: "The students worked incredibly hard and challenged themselves to produce really outstanding results."

Year 11 student Amber Freer, 16, created a high visibility dog jacket with a space theme for her dog Rosie.

The coat is reflective and includes lights and pockets for dog treats and dog bags.

Amber said: "I wanted to create a coat for Rosie to keep her safe at night. It took me a lot of time during lessons and after school to design and make the coat."



A selection of our students' work



Millie McCue's dress



Niamh Dunne's dress



Amber Freer with her high visibility dog jacket



Lauren Pulley's play mat



Georgie Lawlor's play mat



A section of Bethany Clarke's play mat

TOP ATHLETES MENTOR STUDENTS



Andrew Bridge and James Kirton work on a team building exercise with our Unit students

Two top athletes have spent time working with students at CBA.

Andrew Bridge is the most successful player in the history of the British Basketball League and James Kirton is a talented swimmer who represented Great Britain for more than six years at Olympic, World and European level.

Andrew and James visited CBA, as part of their roles as Sky Sports Living for Sport Athlete Mentors, to work with a group of our Year 9 students and students from Unit.

CBA Director of PE Amy Harris said: "Andrew and James talked to our Year 9 students about the keys to success."

"They explained that hard work, determination and going out of their comfort zone had got them to where they wanted to be."

"The athletes taught them about the competitive spirit that you need not just in sport but in life in general."

The event was Mr Bridge's second visit to CBA this year.

READERS SHADOW BOOK AWARDS

More than 50 students took part in this year's CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway book awards shadowing scheme.

This year we have run five shadowing groups for students in Years 7 to 10 who have been reading the books that were nominated for the awards.

Our Unit students also looked at the books in the running for the Kate Greenaway award.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay, who is also the national awards Co-ordinator, said: "We have had a large number of students taking part in the shadowing scheme this year and a high number of them predicted the winner."

"We want to encourage our students to engage with high quality literature that's written for their age group and the books nominated for these awards are outstandingly well written. These are books which encourage empathy and they stay with you long after you have read them."

The awards final was streamed live to about a dozen students at the Academy and lots more



The CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards

students visited the Library during the day to find out the winners.

Sarah Crossan won the Carnegie medal for her novel One which is written in free verse.

Chris Riddell became the first triple winner of the CILIP Kate Greenaway medal for his illustrations in Neil Gaiman's retelling of Sleeping Beauty.

A review of Sarah Crossan's book One has been posted by CBA Year 8 student Lola Zuhurova on our Shadowing website.

To read it visit www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/grouphomepages/index.php?GroupID=9557

CBA STUDENTS HONoured AT BWT SPORTS AWARDS

Two Corby Business Academy students picked up awards at the first ever Brooke Weston Trust Sports Awards.

Students Louise Bilby and Oliver Pratt both triumphed at the inaugural awards which were held on May 6th at the Core Theatre in Corby.

Hundreds of students and parents from the 10 BWT schools attended the awards ceremony in which young people from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4 were recognised for their commitment.

Both CBA students won in the Outstanding Contribution Award category. Louise won the Key Stage 3 award for her commitment to a variety of sports and the help she gives to various after school clubs. County swimmer Oliver won the Key Stage 4 award for the

help he gives to local clubs and the commitment he has shown to his GCSE PE where is predicted to gain an A*.

BWT Director of Sport Kirstie Smith said: "As a Trust we recognise the importance of sport in young people's lives and what it does to enhance well being, build confidence and teach team skills."

Altogether 18 awards were presented by Baroness Sue Campbell, who is the Chair of the Youth Sport Trust, and former BMX World Champion Mike Mullen.

There were messages of support and congratulation from stars from the world of England Rugby and Mr Mullen demonstrated a trick with CBA Executive Principal John Henrys.

Dancers from CBA also performed during the evening.



Louise Bilby is presented with her award

Oliver Pratt, on the right, waits to receive his award

TRIPS WIDEN STUDENTS' HORIZONS

Our students have been on more aspirational trips as part of a pioneering project.

The Race To The Top scheme is a unique programme which is designed to encourage our more able students in Years 7 to 11 to raise their aspirations.

Recently a group of our GCSE PE students visited Loughborough University to find out what an elite performer at the university has to do.

CBA Director of PE Amy Harris said: "We had a fantastic day looking at the facilities and finding out about university life. We also had a practical volleyball session and a fitness testing session where the students got to measure their speed, agility and power using speed gate cameras."

A group of students from Years 9 to 11 also had the opportunity to visit a thought provoking art exhibition on a Saturday to enhance their research skills.

They examined the internationally acclaimed collection of early 20th century German Expressionist art at the New Walk Museum and Art Gallery in Leicester.

During the visit they also investigated the museum's art boxes which contain replicas of primary resources from 1930s Germany, including letters, newspaper articles, photographs and objects used to smuggle art out of the country.

CBA Race To The Top Co-ordinator Rebecca Hill said: "The students enjoyed examining the resources and the paintings and learning about the history of the period. They asked intelligent questions during the visit and behaved perfectly."

Under the scheme students have also attended a mathematics conference at Oxford University, toured the British Library and worked with the National Space Centre during a series of workshops earlier in the year.



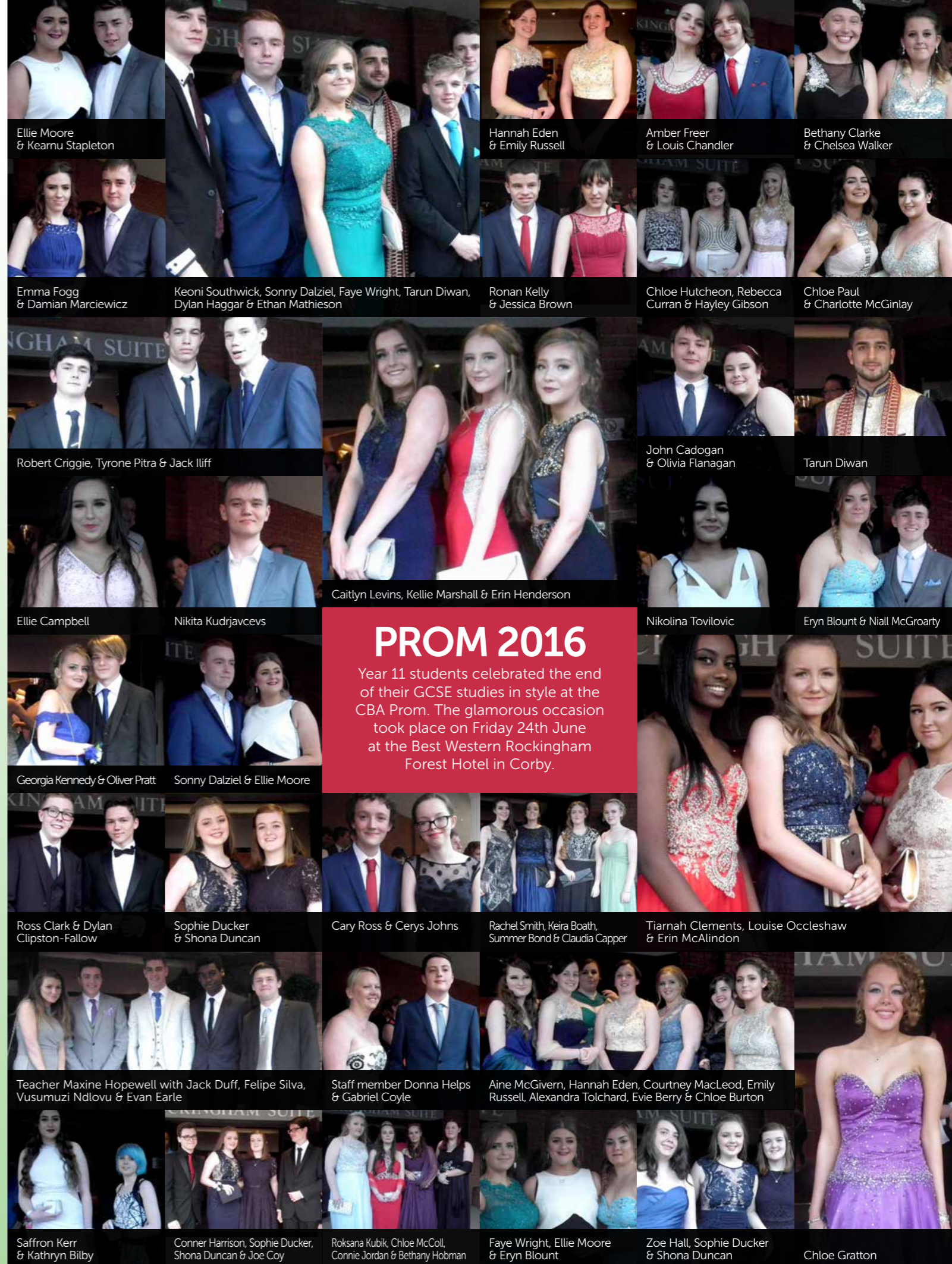
CBA Race To The Top Co-ordinator Josh Walsh, second on the left, with a group of students at the New Walk Museum and Art Gallery in Leicester



Our GCSE PE students at Loughborough University

CBA is able to run the initiative, in partnership with our fellow Brooke Weston Trust school, Kettering Science Academy, after we successfully bid for local authority funding.

Our joint programme is the only one in the county that focuses on academically more able students and is designed to develop the whole person and help them to be successful.



PROM 2016

Year 11 students celebrated the end of their GCSE studies in style at the CBA Prom. The glamorous occasion took place on Friday 24th June at the Best Western Rockingham Forest Hotel in Corby.

Ellie Moore & Kearnu Stapleton

Hannah Eden & Emily Russell

Amber Freer & Louis Chandler

Bethany Clarke & Chelsea Walker

Emma Fogg & Damian Marciewicz

Keoni Southwick, Sonny Dalziel, Faye Wright, Tarun Diwan, Dylan Haggard & Ethan Mathieson

Ronan Kelly & Jessica Brown

Chloe Hutcheon, Rebecca Curran & Hayley Gibson

Chloe Paul & Charlotte McGinlay

Robert Criggie, Tyrone Pitra & Jack Iliff

John Cadogan & Olivia Flanagan

Tarun Diwan

Ellie Campbell

Nikita Kudrjavcevs

Caitlyn Levins, Kellie Marshall & Erin Henderson

Nikolina Tovilovic

Eryn Blount & Niall McGroarty

Georgia Kennedy & Oliver Pratt

Sonny Dalziel & Ellie Moore

Ross Clark & Dylan Clipston-Fallow

Sophie Ducker & Shona Duncan

Cary Ross & Cerys Johns

Rachel Smith, Keira Boath, Summer Bond & Claudia Capper

Tiarnah Clements, Louise Occlishaw & Erin McAlindon

Teacher Maxine Hopewell with Jack Duff, Felipe Silva, Vusumuzi Ndlovu & Evan Earle

Staff member Donna Helps & Gabriel Coyle

Aine McGivern, Hannah Eden, Courtney MacLeod, Emily Russell, Alexandra Tolchard, Evie Berry & Chloe Burton

Saffron Kerr & Kathryn Bilby

Conner Harrison, Sophie Ducker, Shona Duncan & Joe Coy

Roksana Kubik, Chloe McColl, Connie Jordan & Bethany Hobman

Faye Wright, Ellie Moore & Eryn Blount

Zoe Hall, Sophie Ducker & Shona Duncan

Chloe Gratton

CHANGES TO ACADEMY DAY

Corby Business Academy is altering the length of lesson times in response to national reforms within education which centre on the provision of a broad and balanced suite of qualifications.

The Academy is moving from a three session day to a school day that is broken into five shorter sessions.

There will be no change to the start or finish of each day.

Senior Assistant Principal Alice Beckwith said: "Students will now be measured against each other based on a range of eight subjects.

"For those students who aim to compete with the highest achieving students in the country, students who will go on to university, it is becoming more important that their range of qualifications include the Ebacc which is a combination of subjects that must include English, Maths, Science, a language and either Geography or History.

"To accommodate the various pathways that our students will follow, and after a period of consultation, the Academy has decided to alter the timings of lessons within the school day.

"Our original three session day has worked well and has helped to maintain a calm atmosphere around the building, but we have become aware that for

many students concentration over the long lessons can be a challenge.

"Recent subject reforms have resulted in more challenging course content and a greater emphasis on a wide range of knowledge that will all be tested in final exams with no course work or controlled assessments.

"This means that our teaching and learning will need to adapt to prepare students for these changes. It is our belief that shorter lessons will help students to concentrate more fully.

"The shorter lessons will also mean that options subjects will now see their students more than once a week giving greater opportunity for recapping and progressing and giving these subjects greater parity with the core subjects as they stand alongside them in progress measures.

"Change can be unsettling but to prepare for next year we began to adapt the school day in Term 6 and we also have a new Vice Principal, Mr Kemp who will as part of his portfolio oversee and support staff and students through these changes.

"The key change for our students will be more movement around the school during the day and we will be rehearsing punctuality and readiness for learning.

"Could I take this opportunity to remind parents that students should come to school fully equipped so that the start of lessons are sharp and learning time is maximised."

TERM DATES

This school year will end on Wednesday 20th July 2016. The term dates for students for 2016-17 are:

Term 1: Mon 5th Sep 2016 – Fri 21st Oct 2016

Term 2: Tue 1st Nov 2016 – Tue 20th Dec 2016

Term 3: Thu 5th Jan 2017 – Fri 10th Feb 2017

Term 4: Mon 20th Feb 2017 – Thu 30th Mar 2017

Term 5: Tues 18th Apr 2017 – Fri 26th May 2017

Term 6: Mon 5th Jun 2017 – Fri 21st Jul 2017

PARKING AT CBA

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

STUDENT ABSENCE

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

JOIN OUR PARENTS BOOK CLUB



CBA has launched a Parents Book Club.

More than half a dozen people took part in the first meeting of the club which is designed to give parents the chance to engage with the books their children enjoy.

The group discussed 'Spot the Difference' by Juno Dawson and asked our librarians about our Library.

CBA Librarian Amy McKay said: "It was a lovely, relaxed evening. We talked about 'Spot the Difference' and what we are doing in the Library and the author visits we have had at CBA.

"A lot of the parents said they wished they could meet the authors who have been here and they appreciated how rare it was for schools to have so many fantastic visitors. All parents are welcome to come along to the group and they can bring their children too."

The club meets once a term. Anyone who wants to attend should email Amy at amckay@corbybusinessacademy.org

UP TO DATE CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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