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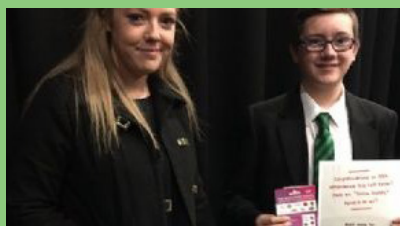
Company donates attendance prizes



Thanks to Peterborough-based Vision for Education, who have kindly sponsored attendance prizes for all of our Trust secondary schools.

The TES-owned company, a supply teaching agency, is donating £25 vouchers to each of our secondaries each half term to be awarded to a randomly selected student with a 100% attendance record.

The initiative has been running at Thomas Clarkson Academy for some time and it is now being introduced across our Northamptonshire schools. Louise Butterworth, a senior consultant at Vision for Education said: 'It is all about building relationships with schools and giving something back.' ■



Louise Butterworth from Vision for Education presented certificates and vouchers to KSA student Ana (top) and Joshua, from CBA, (above).



First Trust-wide meeting of MFL teachers

The inaugural meeting of Trust MFL secondary teachers was an opportunity to network, discuss strategy and share best practice. Nearly 30 teachers from across our five schools met for the session, led by Trust Director of MFL, Melanie Navarro-Marin.

She said: 'It is about sharing good practice and learning from each other. No one has all the answers but together we can agree on strategy and training. One of the best things is networking, getting to know people and sharing resources.'

Ms Constanze Wagner-Lees, HOD from CTS said: 'It was a great net-working opportunity amongst MFL teachers across the Brooke Weston Trust. As a result, the MFL team at CTS felt that the foundations had been laid for a very productive future collaboration on matters which apply to all. It was a pleasure to attend a purposeful and well-structured first meeting with more to come.'

Mr Stephen Reid, HOD at Kettering Science Academy said: 'The opportunity to share effective practice and meet

with subject colleagues from our partner schools was very much appreciated by the team at KSA. We came away feeling part of bigger team and with great new ideas to support our students' learning. Having had time to discuss strategies to teach the new GCSE was incredibly useful.'

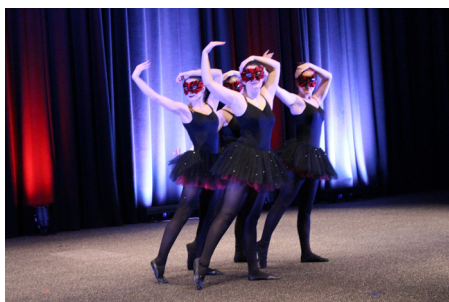
Mrs Clarisse Nijang, HOD from Thomas Clarkson Academy said: 'Meeting and sharing ideas for the first time with all MFL staff across the Brooke Weston Trust was a great way to move forward. I left feeling more confident and I now look forward to future collaboration and working as a team whilst sharing ideas and supporting each other.'

Ms Nadege Price, HOD from Brooke Weston Academy said: 'I was very pleased to meet the whole team of each academy rather than just the HODs. We need to plan more events in this style to give us a real opportunity to share resources and teaching styles. I know that another informal meeting has been discussed and I am looking forward to attending it.' ■

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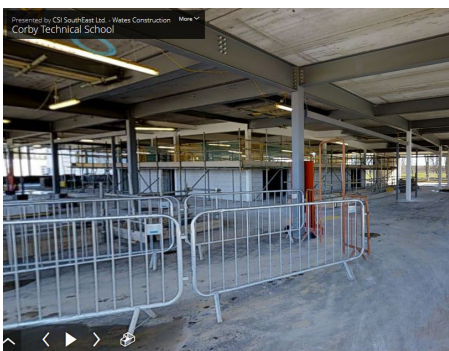
News at a glance



CBA students staged a fantastic dance recital watched by family, friends and staff.



Year 7 KSA students saw a water safety demonstration by the Fire Service as part of their geography studies.



Check out the progress of the CTS new build with a 3D interactive video available on the BWT website or at <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=MgYGpQIDjeh>



Eight members of our CCF cadets proved their mettle as they took part in 'Exercise Combat Cadet' 2017, clinching a gold medal for their performance in arduous training, patrolling and shooting scenarios.

TCA students take part in Business Enterprise Challenge

Students from Thomas Clarkson Academy took part in a business challenge to run their own company. High achieving students from Years 7 and 8 on the Kroto programme, took part in the event delivered by the Skills Service and supported by staff from Perkins and TCA.

They learned to make origami ducks and team members were given company roles and money to start up their business, which consisted of buying materials, making ducks and negotiating sales to buyers.



Although the event took place over a few hours it simulated five working days, so teams had to pay wages and rent. They could also earn bonuses for good performance or be fined for breaking rules.



CEIAG ambassador Vicky Read said: 'The students really enjoyed the experience and we received really positive feedback such as: "I developed the skills of communication and money management" and "I enjoyed being able to experience what it felt like being able to run a company". It certainly made them think about their future and the possibilities that exist, which we aim to encourage as they progress through school.' ■

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'Whistleblowing' officer appointed

Education Welfare Officer Martine Boyd has been appointed as 'whistle-blowing' officer for the Trust. If any employee has a complaint that isn't able to be dealt with informally or at school level, then they can put it in writing and a formal process of investigation will begin. Please see the policy on the BWT website for details. ■

Trust Job Opportunities

Here are the current job opportunities across the Trust. For more details visit the BWT website:

Support/Central Team:

Executive Officer (internal)
IT technician - CTS
School media officer – Wisbech
Science technician - BW
Senior Finance/HR Manager (internal)
Senior Operations Manager (internal)

Teaching:

Trust Director of Subject:
Maths, Science and Humanities
Teacher of Biology - CTS
Teacher of Geography - KSA
Teacher of Maths - BW
Teacher of Maths - KSA
Teacher of RE - BW
Teacher of Science - CTS
Teacher of Science - KSA

Brooke Weston Teaching School courses

For forthcoming Teaching School, courses please visit <http://www.brookewestonteachingschool.org/>
To book, or for more information contact Megan Fowler on 01536 396366.

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If you have any questions that you would like to address to the Trust's Chair of the Board, Mr Richard Morrison, please forward them to cfreeman@brookeweston.org by Friday 21 April.

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