

22 September 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. Autumn seems to have arrived with a bang this week!

Prospectus Parents Open Evening

We held our annual Year 5 and 6 Open Evening on Tuesday this week and were excited to show off our lovely school to over 150 visitors. Many of our student community came back to school in the evening to either demonstrate in classrooms, act as tour guides, or interpret for non-English speaking parents. We are grateful to parents who ensured students had the permission to attend, and to the students who were a credit to themselves. Angel, one of our Head Students, gave an inspirational presentation to a packed audience, followed by the other Student Leaders interviewing six Year 7 students about their first weeks at CoPA. Despite having been in the school for just over 2 weeks, they showed no sign of nerves. Students then stood up and welcomed parents in 10 different languages. It was great to be able demonstrate the true CoPA Community spirit. **A big well done to all the students who took part!**

The COPA Community Committee (CCC) and Culture Day II – 13 October 2023



The CCC had their first meeting of the academic year this week, whereby they agreed the new CCC logo (above) and began making plans for our second Culture Day to be held on Friday 13 October 2023. Students will again be encouraged to wearing their own traditional cultural dress. In addition, we will hold special assemblies, students will perform cultural music and dance, and there will be a multi-cultural bake sale to raise money for the Moroccan Earthquake Appeal.

We are looking to grow any future days and would love to hear from community members who would be willing to come into school to represent their cultural community and speak to students about their traditions and values. If you think this is something you could help with, please email your details and what you could offer to cpa_enquiries@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org.

Year 11 PPE1 Exams and GCSE Support

Although we have only been back at school for a short period of time, our Year 11 students are preparing for their first set of PPEs (Pre -Public Exams). All of these exams will be held in our Sports Hall either side of the October Half Term. The timetable has been shared today with students, and a copy sent to parents and carers by Head of Year 11, Mr Vaughan. Subject staff are providing students with revision materials and advice in lessons. They will also be available at the **GCSE Success Evening** on Wednesday 4 October. Kevin Hayes, from The Constant Change Company, will also be working with students on this day; providing training on mind mapping and memory.

Parents Forum

There has been an Academy Council in the school for several years. This group is chaired and attended by parents and other community members who work closely with the school. They meet online up to six times per school year. A meeting generally lasts for an hour and consists of the Principal and other members of SLT providing key updates on many aspects of the school, as well as answering questions from the Academy Council.

We are looking to expand our parent voice and are keen to **work in partnership with parents** in shaping the school going forward. We will be holding an Open Parents Forum on Wednesday 11 October 2023 between 3.30pm – 4.30pm. This will be held in the new school Library at CoPA. Karen Armstrong, the current Academy Council Chair, will give an overview of their work, and I will provide a summary of the priorities for the Academy this year. It would be great if you could join us for this, over a hot beverage.

If you are interested in attending or joining a parent forum, please complete this form: [Parent Forum MSF](#)

MacMillan Bake Sale – Friday 29 September 2023



In SENI this month, they have been focusing on Macmillan and the wonderful support they offer, including sign posting and information on how they support the community. As part of this work, the SENI department will be hosting a bake sale, and also creating a display in the form of a tree, whose leaves will represent our community and how it has been affected by Cancer (no matter how big or small) - this will be for students and staff (anonymously). Cakes and leaves will be available to purchase at breaktime from room A84 if your child would like to take part. All funds raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Charity.

COPA on Social Media

We are keen to keep you up-to-date and provide you with details of all our good news stories through our social media pages. If you have a Facebook or Twitter (X) account, please follow us. Equally, if you have any good news stories to share with us regarding the achievements your children have made outside of school, please let us know by emailing goodnews@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Today I had the pleasure of having a hot chocolate and a cookie with this week's "Students of the Week". These students were nominated by their Heads of Year and/or Heads of Faculty for demonstrating our CoPA values of "Working Hard" and/or "Being Kind".

Students of the Week are as follows:

English	Student M (Y7)
Maths	Daisy Balderston (Y8)
Humanities	Student S (Y8)
Science	Student M (Y8)
Performance	Student A (Y9) for Drama
Languages	Agatha Eyre Rogers – Y7

Year 7	Student F
Year 8	Student A
Year 9	Student J
Year 10	Student K
Year 11	Student J

Congratulations to this week's Students of the Week!

Please can I ask that you take a moment to complete our '[Permission to Publish Student Details Form](#)', whereby you can opt in or out of certain student details being published within newsletters (such as the above table), we'd love to share your child's success. Thank you to those that already completed this.

Student Leadership Opportunities

This week has seen the launch of our Student Representatives which we'll combine with the Head Students and Deputy Head Students to complete our Student Council. We are looking for a team of

dedicated students committed to developing the school and creating student led initiatives to **empower individuality, responsibility, and improvement.**

This opportunity is for two representatives from every form, in every year group, to be a part of a student council. We would like confident students who are willing to listen to their form group, take their ideas on board and present them at the student council meetings. To apply for this role, students will need to collect an application form from their Head of Year, and then obtain two staff support signatures to complete the form. Completed applications will need to be handed in to Heads of Year by Friday 29 September 2023.

Additionally, we have also launched Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. We are looking for a team of dedicated students who are passionate about eradicating bullying and supporting all CoPA students. We are very lucky to also be launching the Princess Diana Trust Anti-bullying training in December for the whole region. We will host students from many different schools around the county in both secondary and primary schools. If your child is interested in becoming a part of this team, and receiving the fantastic training opportunity, they will need to go to their Head of Year office to complete an application form.

And finally...

If you or someone you know would like to come and work for us, we have several opportunities available, both teaching and non-teaching. Our vacancies can be found by clicking [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs N Treacy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs N Treacy
Principal