

15 September 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you have all had a good week; it has certainly been a busy one here at CoPA!

OFSTED Monitoring Visit Letter

We received a monitoring visit from Ofsted in June 2023 following the recent inspection in February 2023, with the letter being published this week. I will be sending out a separate communication regarding this, including a link to the visit report. Both of which will also be available to view on our website.

Year 5 & 6 Open Evening – Tuesday 19 September

We are looking forward to welcoming parents of Year 5 and 6 students who wish to visit CoPA next week, between 6.00pm – 8.00pm. A group of students and I will present to parents at 6.15pm and 7.15pm. In addition, subject staff will be in classrooms with lots of activities for students and parents to take part in. Our students will also be on hand as tour guides, taking attendees around the school showing off our fantastic Academy.

Should you wish to visit during the school day, we will also be holding tours for parents on Thursday and Friday next week at 9.15am and 11.30am. To attend these tours, please book by emailing us via cpa_enquiries@cityofpeterborough.org. Please note, tour groups are restricted to a limited number so book fast to avoid disappointment.

Reading Tests in Year 7 and 8

We have started to conduct reading and cognitive ability tests this week in Year 7 and 8. These provide us with an approximate reading age for each student and allow us to understand which students require support with their reading, both in lessons and in addition to lessons. As soon as we have the results for these tests, we will share them with you.

Be Kind Postcards

Our Be Kind Postcards are available to access all around the Academy. Staff and/or students can write a postcard to any other member of the school community thanking them for “being kind”. Once completed they are posted in the post box outside of the library and delivered at the end of the week.

37 cards were written to staff this week, with many more written to students, thanking them for being kind. Receiving these at the end of a busy week is definitely going to make people’s weekend!

Year 11 Geography Field Trip - Hunstanton

55 of our Year 11 students visited Hunstanton on Tuesday and Wednesday this week to conduct their field work, which is an integral part of their GCSE Geography course. Despite the students on Tuesday having to endure heavy rain, all the students worked hard and were a credit to the school.

Year 10 Knife Crime Assembly

Our PCSO, PC Ambrose, delivered an engaging presentation to our Year 10 students on Tuesday, on the dangers and effects of knife crime. He was able to provide statistics around the extent of knife crime in our local community as well as in the wider Peterborough area.

Hot Chocolate Friday

This year, I have the absolute privilege every week of having a hot chocolate and a cookie on a Friday morning with the "Students of the Week". These are students who have been nominated by their Heads of Year or Heads of Faculty for demonstrating our CoPA values of "Working Hard" or "Being Kind".

Student of the Week categories are as follows:

English	
Maths	
Humanities	
Science	
Performance	
Languages	

Year 7	
Year 8	
Year 9	
Year 10	
Year 11	

Going forward we would love to be able to publish your child's name and year group in the above table to give them the wider recognition these students deserve.

Please can you complete this [form](#), stating if you're happy for certain details to be published should your child be selected.

Congratulations to this week's Students of the Week!

Vehicles on CoPA Site

We have a relatively small entrance to the Academy, which we also share with Medeshamstede Academy. As you can imagine, this gets very busy at the end of the school day, with nearly 900 of our students leaving site, as well as the numerous taxis that come in to collect vulnerable students from next door.

To keep our students safe, we do not allow parents to drive onto our site as there are limited staff on duty. Please could I ask that, if you can, you encourage your child to walk, cycle or use public transport home. If you do need to come and collect them in a vehicle, please do not drive onto the site or block the entrance to the Academy, and please be mindful of not blocking driveways in or around the Academy.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Enrichment News

After school clubs began running last Monday following the publication of the Enrichment Timetable last week. We have been really pleased with the attendance levels of these sessions so far and are excited to see this grow over the coming weeks. 208 students have registered in just one week!

If your child would like to attend next week, they just need to turn up to the room published (see below timetable) and register with the teacher in charge (advance booking is not required). YDP Boxing with Wayne has its first session Monday 18 September, and Girls' Gym Club will start Tuesday 19 September.

ENRICHMENT AT CoPA



MON

ARTS & CRAFT (ALL YEARS)
Miss Hilliard - A34

BASKETBALL (KS3)
Mr Pearson - Sports Hall

BOXING (ALL YEARS)
YDP Coach Wayne
Sports Hall

TUE

Y7 & Y8 GIRLS' NETBALL
Miss Stevenson, Miss Cook

BOARD GAMES (ALL YEARS)
Miss Alhadad - B19

CHOIR (ALL YEARS)
Miss Plaice - A64

FOOTBALL (Y7 & Y8)
Mr Trelliving, Mr Pearson

FOOTBALL (Y10 BOYS' TEAM)
Mr Vaughan

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (KS3)
Miss Waite - Library

CHINESE LANGUAGES
Miss Elliott - B30

GIRLS' FITNESS (ALL YEARS)
Mrs Lane - Fitness Suite

WED

MEDIA
Mr Hammond - B16

EAL BOARDGAMES
Miss Baranauksiene - A15

BAND ENSEMBLE
Miss Plaice - A64

GIRLS' FOOTBALL (ALL YEARS)
Miss Stevenson

PHOTOGRAPHY
Mr Paul - A36

NETBALL (Y9 & Y10)
Mrs Lane

FOOTBALL (Y9 BOYS' TEAM)
Mr Pearson

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE (Y7)
Mr Harrington - B34

THU

STRING ENSEMBLE
Miss Plaice - A64

ARTS AWARD (INVITE ONLY)
Miss Donnell - A82

SCIENCE CLUB (ALL YEARS)
Miss Hegde, Mrs Dawali - B48

GEOGRAPHY CLUB (Y7 - Y9)
Miss Atkin - A97

MACRAME (ALL YEARS)
Ms Gillespie-Beal - B04

FOOTBALL (Y8 BOYS' TEAM)
Mr Pateman

RACKET SPORTS (ALL YEARS)
Mr Morris - Sports Hall

NETBALL (Y9 & Y10)
Mrs Lane

FOOTBALL (Y7 BOYS' TEAM)
Mr Baines

FOOTBALL (Y9 & Y10)
Mr Pearson

FILM CLUB (ALL YEARS)
Mr Swaby - B02

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EAL HOMEWORK SUPPORT
Miss Weigelt Garwolinska - A15



BE KIND. WORK HARD.

And finally...

Thank you for your support this week in terms of sending your child in full uniform. I have been really impressed with how smart they look.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy
Principal