

20 October 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. The last seven weeks seem to have gone by in a flash:

Year 11 PPEs

Well done to Year 11 who have been sitting exams all week. A reminder that after half term, there will be a second week of written exams followed by Art and Photography the week after this. We will continue to offer breakfast from 8.00am for all Year 11 students during the two weeks they are sitting written exams. Subject staff are on hand to supply any last-minute tips if required.

Morning exams all start at 8.50am with afternoon exams beginning at 1.00pm. Students who have afternoon exams will all be on the early lunch from 12.20pm.

I still have some timers in my office if students wish to practice "The Pomodoro Technique" to help with their revision. For more information visit: <https://todoist.com/productivity-methods/pomodoro-technique>

Year 7 CoPA on Tour

On Tuesday 17 October, twelve of our Year 7 students had their first CoPA on Tour experience, visiting Newark Hill Academy. The Year 7 students wanted to meet Year 6 students and talk about Secondary School. They felt it was important to discuss their personal experiences, but also answer any questions Year 6 students may have about transitioning to secondary school. Our students organised a variety of wellbeing activities to do together, which was a fantastic opportunity creating a positive environment, whereby students could feel comfortable having these conversations.

These activities included making friendship bracelets, making positive pebbles, creative mask making, positive word searches, mindful colouring, origami, thank you cards, and a variety of card games and board games. Year 6 students asked questions such as, 'what do you like about CoPA?' and 'why did you choose to go to CoPA?'. Our Year 7 students asked in return, 'have you visited CoPA before?', 'what secondary school have you applied for, for next year?'.

Newark Hill Academy made us all feel very welcome. We look forward to meeting more primary schools soon.

Sporting News

Year 9 Girls Netball demonstrated a fabulous win on Thursday 12 October. Demonstrating their strength and commitment as a team over the years to beat AMVC 14-3.

Our Year 9 team are playing in the Top Peterborough schools league, and we look forward to following their journey next term.

Boys Football			
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
HG 3 – 1 CoPA	TDA 1 – 1 CoPA*	HG 6 – 0 CoPA	TDA 0 – 4 CoPA
*A strong play from CoPA, narrowly missing out on the win		TDA 14 – 0 CoPA	AMVC 5 – 1 CoPA

On Wednesday 18 October our Year 9 and Year 10 Girls' and Boys' Football teams travelled to Kingswood Secondary Academy in Corby to compete in a GAT Tournament. This tournament is comprised of all nine GAT secondary Academies. Both our Girls' and Boys' team came third across their respective tournaments. **A fantastic achievement, well done to both teams!**

Student Leadership

This term we have seen the appointment of all our student reps, which is at least two per tutor group, and our Antibullying Ambassadors. This led to our first full student council meeting where we had over fifty students who were contributing to the meeting - using ideas and suggestions from every tutor group. Stay tuned for our feedback form next term from this meeting!

Next term we look ahead to our next opportunities for all. The first week will see the launch of our Eco Leaders and our Mental Health Ambassadors. Two very exciting opportunities for students to apply for. If your child has any questions about these opportunities, please send them to:

- [Mr Downie](#) (Mental Health Ambassadors)
- [Ms Marr](#) (Eco Leaders)

Staffing News

We have been interviewing for key posts within the school over the last few weeks. Congratulations to:

- Mr P Broadbent – Faculty Leader for Maths
- Ms A Kurek – Attendance Officer
- Ms C Carson – Enrichment and OVC Lead (Maternity Cover)
- Mr J Gigner – HLLA

In addition to these internal posts, we will be welcoming several new staff to the CoPA community in January 2024. We will provide more details prior to the Christmas holidays.

Longhurst Group – Adult Learning and Qualification opportunity

An amazing opportunity has arisen for the whole of our CoPA community. CoPA is collaborating with Longhurst Group and City College Peterborough to provide free English, Maths, and Computing courses for our parents. This could be a personal challenge to upskill, add more qualifications to your CV, or simply support your children with their homework. Click this [link](#) for more details and to apply for your first course. **#CopaCommunity**

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Eleven of our (now) Year 10 students have completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) and will be receiving certificates at our Annual Awards Evening in December. These students completed their Bronze DofE Award over the 2022-2023 school year.

All students had to complete four sections for their award: Volunteering, Skill, Physical and Expedition. Students were responsible for finding their own placements, recording their evidence weekly using an online app, and securing assessors to verify their completion of each section. We are exceptionally proud of those students that demonstrated organisation, independence, and determination to complete their awards. Furthermore, we are looking forward to a further small selection of students passing their awards shortly and publishing their achievements with you soon.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh has now been launched for our next cohort, the current Year 9 students. Preparations for their award are already underway. All Year 9 student applicants are invited to an in-person meeting after half term - further details for these students can be found on ClassCharts announcements.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to this week's Students of the Week:

English	Student S (Year 9)
Maths	Student J (Year 9)
Humanities	Student R (Year 10)
Science	Bazil Malik (Year 11)
Performance	Student T (Year 10)
Languages	Student J (Year 11)

Year 7	Muneerah O
Year 8	Student R
Year 9	Gemma Stevens
Year 10	Dominic Paling
Year 11	Student N

And finally...

A huge thank you to all parents, carers, and students for working with us this half term. Have a restful break. Please note, students return to school on Monday 30 October to start the Autumn Term.

Yours faithfully



Mrs N Treacy
Principal