

12 January 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I trust you all had a good Christmas break. It has been great to see the CoPA community back for the Spring Term where we continue to move the Academy forward to bigger and better things.

CoPA Ethos and Values

We asked the community back in November 2023 to think of values that we hold as a community as we are keen to move on from “Be Kind, Work Hard”.

In my first assembly of the New Year, I announced that our ethos is that we “REACH for Excellence”, with REACH standing for our 5 Values (as shown in this image):



We are now working with a design company to ensure our values are displayed around the Academy – I look forward to sharing this with you once completed.

Following on from this, Mr Ferrara and Mr Vaughan have been delivering this week’s assemblies to explain to students how the values will be linked to the new rewards and to the **rewards shop, which will be opening to students next week.**

R	Respect and Kindness
E	Excellence
A	Ambition
C	Character
H	Honesty

Year 7 Fundraising for the Teenage Cancer Trust



Year 7 took part in their first Charity Fundraiser for the Teenage Cancer Trust just before the Christmas break. Students asked family and friends to sponsor them, as they were set the challenge of completing two laps around the field. Once students completed the two laps, they were rewarded with a hot chocolate.

This week we have had our final sponsorship money handed in, and a fantastic total of £290 has been raised. This money will all be donated to the Teenage Cancer Trust. **Well done to all who took part.**

SLT Parent Surgery

On Monday all SLT staff were stationed in the library to meet with parents who wished to ask questions. Thank you to everyone who came. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the school, please contact us via cpa_enquires@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org

Year 10 PPE Week

Year 10 started their Spring term by sitting their first set of Pre-Public Exams (PPEs). It is the first time they have sat exams in the formal exam hall. We have been very impressed by the way that the students approached their exams with a calm and mature manner. Staff are now working hard to mark the scripts. Results will be sent home on Friday 2 February 2024.

City-wide Academy P8 Values Ranking

The Peterborough ET published Academy P8 Values this week in rank order. We are proud that CoPA ranks 6 out of the 13 Academies in the City for progress made by last year's exam students, posting a P8 of 0.25.

Read more here: <https://www.peterboroughtoday.co.uk/education/the-top-performing-peterborough-secondary-schools-according-to-progress-8-scores-4473114?page=2>

Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to this week's Students of the Week:

English	Student N (Year 11)
Maths	Ameer Ramatally (Year 11)
Humanities	Student B (Year 10)
Science	Kerry-Marie Maher (Year 11)
Performance	Mia V (Year 7)
Languages	Student G (Year 11)

Year 7	Miss Hardy
Year 8	Zara Dos Santos Vong
Year 9	Student J
Year 10	Student H
Year 11	Student A

If not done so already, 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.

Year 9 Options and Parents Evening

We look forward to welcoming Year 9 parents and carers to the Academy next week on Monday 15 January from 4.00pm. There will be a presentation from Mrs Budner in the Main Hall, with an additional presentation taking place at 5.45pm for those that can't make the first. The presentations will take approximately 15 minutes. Maths, Science and English staff will then be available in the canteen to provide feedback on students in Core lessons. Options subject staff will also be available to provide information on what to expect from their subjects.

Themed Food Day: Pizza



We are looking to introduce more themed food days to our canteen. We are starting on Thursday 18 January, where we will have Pizza Day for students. They are invited to join us in a little slice of heaven for our superb Pizza Thursday. As well as pizza slices, there will be many other favourites available for students.

New Staff Starting in January

The community has welcomed new staff to the Academy:

- 👤 Mr K Beeby – Deputy Principal
- 👤 Mr D Field – Trust Deputy Principal (working across GAT schools)
- 👤 Mrs M Henman – Lead Teacher of Maths

- Miss L Petrasciuk – Deputy Head of Year 10
- Mr W Creasey – Apprentice PE and Sports Assistant

Later in the term, we will also be joined by:

- Miss A Scarff – Deputy Head of Year 11
- Mrs T Watson – Lead Teacher PE

We are continuing to strengthen our staffing and are currently advertising for:

- Deputy Principal
- Teacher of Maths
- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of English
- Vocational Lead

And finally...

Thank you to parents and carers who continue to support us in ensuring students are attending in full academy uniform. Those students who do not have full uniform are being supported by pastoral staff to ensure they have the correct uniform by next week.

The full uniform list can be found in section 4.1.2 of our policy here:

<https://www.cityofpeterboroughacademy.org/attachments/download.asp?file=2160&type=pdf>

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mrs N Treacy
Principal