

9 February 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you have had a good week - it has been another busy one here at CoPA:

### **Student Council Meeting**

This week we had the Term 3 Student Council meeting with over 60 students in attendance. The students gave great feedback and ideas from their forms about Activity Day, Classrooms and the school environment as well as student leadership in the school. **Some invaluable contributions from all students** which the SLT will now work on actions to address these ideas.

### **GAT Basketball Festival**

On Tuesday, our Year 8 and 9 basketballers attended the GAT Basketball Festival at Nottingham Wildcats Arena. Players from the Wildcats took on a coaching role as they put the squad through their paces in an intense Warm-Up and coaching session prior to the beginning of the tournament. All of the GAT Secondary Schools were in attendance to compete in a notoriously tough competition in which Nottingham Academy often excel. Our CoPA Cavaliers produced some excellent team performances picking up a number of good results, most noteworthy was limiting an excellent Nottingham side to just a 2-point victory.

Congratulations for their approach and excellent efforts to Finlay, Damian, Jeremiah, Patryk, Oskaras, Preston and Anas.

### **Progressive Masculinity Workshop**

This week we hosted Paul from 'Progressive Masculinity'; he led a 2-day workshop with Year 10 students and challenged stereotypical models of masculinity. The group completed sessions including what it means to 'be a man', communication, emotional control and aspirations. The training engaged students through a series of facilitated practical and discussion-based activities using models from relevant and high-profile public figures. The impact on our young men can be seen in the evaluative comments below:



*"It was great to be able to talk about these issues openly."*

*"This made me really think about the future and the man I want to be."*

*"I liked that we could talk honestly."*



The group were a **credit to the Academy** and will now go on to support their peers after some follow up work.

## Jekyll and Hyde National Theatre Production



Thursday, we were thrilled to host the renowned National Theatre, who performed "Jekyll & Hyde" exclusively for our Key Stage 4 students.

This exceptional opportunity captivated and inspired our students, providing them with a unique insight into this classic tale.

This opportunity enriched their cultural experience and enhanced their understanding of literature.

We are confident that this performance will be remembered as a highlight of the academic year for our Key Stage 4 cohort.



# JEKYLL & HYDE

## CEO Visit

Wayne Norrie, Greenwood Academies Trust CEO, visited CoPA on Thursday to catch up with our progress. After a brief meeting with me, we toured the school, visited the National Theatre Production, the Progressive Masculinity Workshop and a Year 8 cooking lesson before he sat down with a lovely group of Year 7 students to talk about their experience in school. At break, he caught up with our Year 11 student Leaders.

I later received this email from him:

*"I drove away today with a huge smile on my face. Thank you for such an uplifting morning. I really enjoyed spending time with those wonderful Year 7 pupils, and it is always a pleasure to speak to your Student Leaders".*

## Year 10 Heroes Training

Friday, the new Year 10 Heroes continued their Heroes journey by taking part in peer mentoring training. Here, they continued to develop their leadership skills, resilience, and empathy in preparation for becoming peer mentors to Year 8 students. They will offer support, advice, and a friendly face on a one-to-one basis where Year 8 students can talk freely about matters important to them, all whilst building confidence in talking to new people.

## Students of the Week

English	Student RR (Year 10)
Maths	Master Ogbere (Year 7)
Humanities	Ellie-Mae Sansom (Year 9)
Science	Student RD (Year 11)
Performance	Student J (Year 11)
Languages	Student D (Year 11)

Year 7	Student M
Year 8	Sophia Cruz
Year 9	Raheemah Manan
Year 10	Sydney-Jane Madden
Year 11	Student M

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 11 Photographs

If you are ordering Year 11 photos, please be reminded that the ordering deadline date for **free delivery** to the school is this **Sunday, 11th February 2024**. Any orders placed after the deadline will be subject to postage & packaging costs with delivery direct to you at your home address.

### Free Breakfast for All

We are delighted to let you know that we will be providing a free breakfast provision in school for **all students** from Monday 12th February.

The breakfast, that will be provided by the National School Breakfast Programme, will run from 8.00am in the canteen, every day; and will include bagels and a variety of cereals.

Please ensure you promote this with your child and send them in each morning to collect their free breakfast.

## Attendance Flash Rewards Week



Next week, the last week of term, our Flash Rewards returns:

This is for all students - if they attend 100% of next week, they will be put into the FLASH REWARD PRIZE DRAW!

This will be another very exciting Friday afternoon Teams draw! The students with 100% attendance will have a chance of winning the following prizes:

- 👉 Queue jump for the winner and one friend for the whole of next half term.
- 👉 One non-uniform pass on a Friday for the winner and three friends.

These prizes are per year group so there are five lucky prospective winners amongst us.

Please discuss with your child so that this motivates them and spurs them on to a positive end of term.

## Year 11 PPEs

Year 11 are set to undertake their final set of PPEs prior to this summer's final GCSE examinations. Students have been prepared fully from teachers in school to ensure they make sufficient progress since the Autumn PPEs. Students are expected to be completing independent revision outside of school to support their learning and embed the knowledge obtained from teacher input.

As a school we ask that you support students in ensuring they arrive to school on time each morning, so that they are then familiar with the expectations come the summer. We also request that students feeling under the weather are encouraged to attend their exams, as for their GCSE's all students are expected to be in attendance.

## Parent/ Family Support and Information Evening

We are excited to announce that on Thursday 14 March between 3.30pm – 5.00pm we have our very first Parent/Family Support and Information Evening.

We are aiming to support parents and members of the local community in services and support groups that will benefit you and your families. Currently we will be providing stall and support from the following:

- Longhurst education (Provide free qualifications for our parents in eng/maths/comp)
- Healthy you - (provide free advice, gym membership, fitness classes, meal planning and advice)
- Health watch - (discussion on NHS how they can help and develop the community offer)
- Centre 33 (Mental health, homelessness support)
- YDP (Camps, support, holiday clubs)
- Mind (MH support and language support)

There will also be a Swap and Go uniform and coat stand as well as food to warm you up, plus much more. Be sure to look at our flyer and put the date in your diary.

## Save the Date: Year 11 Prom



As the year continues to pass by, preparations are underway for our Year 11 Leavers Assembly and Prom. With Prom scheduled to take place on the Friday 28 June, students have recently formed a committee to oversee the prom and liaise with the year team and senior leaders in how they would like their prom to be held this year, whilst also looking for ways to raise money to fund such an occasion.

Lastly, we have said farewell to Miss Cook who is going on Maternity Leave today. We wish her and her partner all the best for the safe delivery of their baby and look forward to hearing news when baby arrives.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mrs N Treacy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with some loops and flourishes.

**Mrs N Treacy**  
**Principal**