

26 April 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you had a good week - we have had a positive one:

Year 8 Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Monday's online Year 8 parents evening. If you were unable to attend or wish to gain further information, please contact the Head of Year 8, Mr Hunneyball, by emailing ahunneyball@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org.

Year 10/11 Restless Earth Workshop

On Tuesday, geography students from Years 10 & 11 participated in the "Restless Earth" Workshop run by the British Cartographical Society. As part of the disaster planning workshop, students researched and mapped the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami. They were split into teams of five where they assumed one of five roles: co-ordinator, humanitarian, military, search & rescue and medical. The aim was to chart where the headquarters of each role should be based to help deal with the disaster. The winning team won a tectonic map each to take home.

Trust Academy Shield

As part of the Trust Academy Shield, a group of students travelled to Weston Favell Academy in Northampton and participated in the following sports:

Year 7 & 8 Girls and Boys Cross Country in which the students ran over a mile within races around different terrains, with some of the students coming close to the top ten runners.

Year 9 Girls Netball team took part in a round robin tournament with a wide number of games, they won at least two of the games at the event.

Year 9 Boys Dodgeball also experienced a round robin tournament and won one of the games.

The students were fantastic and displayed the highest level of behaviour, something which was acknowledged by other Academies staff. They were supportive of each other and enthusiastic about the activities they took part in. We look forward to the next academy shield games!

CEO Visit

It is always a pleasure to welcome the Greenwood Academies Trust CEO, Wayne Norrie, to the school. He visited us on Thursday; after meeting with me to talk about our progress, I was proud to take him around the school visiting several lessons. He then met with a group of Year 11 students to talk to them about their preparations for exams, as well as their plans for Post 16 and what it is like to grow up in Peterborough as a young person.

Junior Maths Challenge

On Thursday morning, 120 Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Junior Maths Challenge. This is a 60-minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge set by the UK Mathematics Trust. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. Students were faced with questions such as:

Which of these is equal to one million millimetres?

A) 1 metre. B) 10 metres. C) 100 metres. D) 1 kilometre. E) 10 kilometres

On some questions in the challenge an incorrect answer would result in marks being deducted, so guessing isn't an option. Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates could be achieved as well as invites to future competitions. The completed challenges have been submitted to UKMT and results will be announced in due course.

Youth Parliament

Before the Easter break, CoPA held the Peterborough Youth Elections. We were so proud when our very own Saveera (Year 11) was elected as a candidate to represent Peterborough. This week she held her first ever focus group on the topic of mental health, supported by Mr Downie (Head of Mental Health Ambassadors). She planned her questions with the local MP to ask, as well having a selection of students give their opinion on their day-to-day stresses of how the school helps to settle those worries and what can be done by the Peterborough Youth Council to provide better mental health support and facilities for young people. **The selected group of Year 7-9 students were excellent in their maturity of difficult topics.** We wait to see how the feedback will go with the local council and if anything can be done to push the issue of mental health in schools.

Students of the Week

Well done to our Students of the Week for this week:

English	Rosie
Maths	Usman
Humanities	Jeremiah Edokpa (Year 8)
Science	Laika Bushnaq (Year 8)
Performance	Rebeka

Languages	Devine
Year 7	Student D
Year 8	Aniza Nadeem
Year 9	Student S
Year 10	Benjamin Thompson

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 Prom Shop

All Year 11 students are invited to CoPA's first **PROM SHOP** on Thursday 2 May between 4-6pm in our Dance Studio. We have had over 60 dresses donated, as well as a few suits – which students are welcome to come and look at. If a student likes an item, all we ask is for a small donation of their choice that we will put towards PROM. Students have changing facilities available to try items on and take them away the same day.

Parents are welcome to come and attend with students; please ensure you sign in via the main reception.

If anyone has any dresses or suits they would like to donate to the school, please contact Mrs Foulkes-Arnold, her email address is vfoulkes-arnold@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org



Triple Homework Points

Next week and the week after, there is a big focus on positive rewards for Homework.

Starting from Monday, running for two weeks, we will be:

- Rewarding every child who completes their homework with triple points.
- Giving Golden Tickets for really good homework.
- Sharing some of the excellent homework successes.



We would appreciate your help at home in encouraging and supporting students to complete their homework, for the next two weeks and beyond.

Key Dates for the Summer Term

30th April – 2nd May
Year 11 Spanish Speaking Exams

Friday 3rd May
Culture Day

Monday 6th May
Bank Holiday – Academy Closed

Thursday 9th May
Written GCSE Exams Begin

13th May – 24th May
KS3 Assessment (in lessons)

27th May – 31st May
Half Term – Academy Closed

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs N Treacy'.

Mrs N Treacy
Principal