

6 October 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. It's been another hugely busy week here at COPA:

Ecuador Expedition

On Tuesday, Year 9 and 10 students attended an assembly from Dean, who works for CAMPS International, about a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Students learned about a scheme providing an opportunity to go on a 4-week expedition to Ecuador and explore the world-renowned Galapagos Islands. All trip expenses will be fundraised through different events supported by COPA staff across the next 18 months. If you have any queries, please either click this [link](#) to see the CAMPS International website. Or email Mr Maudsley via smaudsley@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org.

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

Thank you to all our Year 7 parents who attended meetings with the Year 7 tutors on Wednesday. Strong partnerships with carers/ parents are key to a child's success, and we have already responded to some of the feedback we received.

Year 10 and 11 GCSE Success Evening

On Wednesday, we also hosted our annual post-16 event. We had nearly 40 post-16 providers attend the event, which included: sixth form, colleges, and apprenticeship providers, as well as CoPA staff on hand to provide exam preparation tips and advice. **It was incredible to see so many enthusiastic Year 10 / 11 students and their families attend the event**, which provided them with invaluable insights into their future academic and career paths. The feedback that we have received from the providers has been extremely positive and they are already looking forward to attending future CoPA events.

Thank you to all students and parents/ carers who attended this event, the success of the evening would not have been possible without your support.

Year 11 Kevin Hayes Revision Workshop

Year 11 students were amazed by Kevin's magic tricks on Wednesday, whereby he demonstrated to them the skill of mind mapping, and how powerful it can be in revising and remembering lots of knowledge in a very short amount of time!

Staff are now using these skills in continuing to prepare their students for the forth coming **PPE exams starting on Monday 16 October**.

Year 8 and 11 IntoUniversity Revision Workshops

On Thursday and Friday this week, a group of Year 8 and 11 students attended workshops with our partners from IntoUniversity. Year 8 looked at different revision techniques and allowed students the opportunity to explore the numerous techniques, as well as identifying which is best suited to them. Whereas Year 11 looked at the differences between A-Levels, T-Levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships, allowing students the chance to research the different options that are available to them and discovering what is involved in each one.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations for all years are due to take place here next Wednesday and Thursday. A letter has been sent to all parents to gain consent for this. If you have not had a chance to look at this yet, please complete before Wednesday 11 October 2023.

Attendance

We'd like to thank all parents for their support with attendance so far this term. There have been various illnesses going around so thank you for navigating these and keeping the Academy informed when your child has been ill. We will be writing home in the next couple of weeks to congratulate those who have started with an attendance figure of 97% or higher. **Attendance will remain a priority for us this year**, please click [here](#) to view our 2023-24 Attendance Policy.

Hot Chocolate Friday: Students of the Week

It was a privilege to host this week's Hot Chocolate Friday again, celebrating the student's success and listening to their valuable opinions about the Academy. They attended with great enthusiasm and offered up some great conversational topics. Our Students of the Week are as follows:

English	Student C – Year 10
Maths	Winifred Ogbodo – Year 11
Humanities	Owen Hadaway – Year 11
Science	Maria-Theodora Chirciu – Year 11
Performance	Matthew Art Panes – Year 11 (Music)
Languages	Student E – Year 11

Year 7	Student S
Year 8	Taiwo Olaide
Year 9	Student L
Year 10	Emily W
Year 11	Nedas Bendzius

Congratulations to this week's Students of the Week!

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.

And finally...

Next Friday is the second **CoPA Culture Day**. Students are encouraged on this day to wear their own cultural dress, and in support of the Moroccan Earthquake appeal we will be holding a multi-cultural bake sale. We would be grateful for any contributions towards this, baked goods or monetary.

We are all looking forward to making our second Culture Day as memorable as the first!
Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mrs N Treacy
Principal