

10 November 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. In response to our student voice, we introduced our one-way system this week to prevent our first-floor corridors becoming so busy. Students and staff have been getting used to system and everyone has approached it with good humour.

The Peterborough School Scholarship

Since 2022, up to four Year 11 CoPA students who meet the academic criteria have had the opportunity of studying their A levels at The Peterborough School (fully funded by the school). We were visited this week by their Head of Sixth Form and Aleena an ex-CoPA student who is now in Year 13. Forty Year 11 students were given an opportunity to listen to what the school can offer as well as the first-hand experience of an ex-student. This visit was followed up by several of our students attending The Peterborough School's Sixth Form Open Evening.

Spotlight on an Elite Sports Student: Jack Swindale - Year 11

Last weekend Jack competed in the Swimming East Regionals Champs; his greatest achievement was in the 800m Front Crawl (F/C). Jack achieved a time of 8:37:25, beating his own PB by 31 seconds! Jack came 3rd on this occasion but this time puts him in the **5th fastest time across England!**

Jack has recently qualified for the Winter Nationals in the 100m F/C, 400m F/C and 800m F/C. He is currently training hard for this event that takes place in the next 6 weeks; we wish him the best of luck!

Act of Remembrance for Armistice Day



Ms Sandy delivered the assemblies this week on Armistice Day. Students performed their own act of Remembrance today; the whole community lined up on courtyards and, following the playing of the Last Post, we all fell silent for 1-minute to remember all those who have given their lives fighting for their country in the act of war.



Sporting News

Tuesday 7 November saw Year 7 take part in their first Netball fixture for CoPA; excellent play from our girls! We are proud of how well they are progressing in their learning of the official, competitive netball rules, skills, and tactics. However, we experienced an unfortunate 2-4 loss with St John Fisher taking the win. The Year 7 team take on Bushfield next week.

Players Player: Isabelle Taylor
Coaches Player: Student LG

Primary GAT Basketball

Our Year 10 Level 2 Sports Leaders have been working hard since September to prepare for a Basketball Event on Wednesday. The morning session saw Tutor Group 7RHa rewarded with the opportunity to take part following a recommendation from the year team for **consistent good behaviour and effort in lessons** across school. In the afternoon session two of our local GAT Primary Schools, Welland and Newark Hill, attended with a selection of their Year 5 students.

Our Sports Leaders led an hour of basketball skills, teaching the younger students the basic techniques of the game, followed by a basketball tournament.

A huge well done to our Sports Leaders that have now all passed the 'organising and running of an event' section to their level 2 award.

RSE Workshops

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, the City of Peterborough Academy welcomed Laura from 'Rabbits Relationships and Sex Education' to deliver assemblies and workshops to Year 10 and 11 students. The RSE assemblies and workshops delivered age appropriate and inclusive lessons which has supported our PSHE curriculum. To support the topics students have been considering in PSHE, Year 10 and 11 participated in an assembly which addressed the important issue of 'consent'. Year 11 students went on to participate in workshops over the two days on the topic of 'contraception'. Learning and discussing these important topics has supported students to be healthy, make informed decisions, stay safe and understand the content with confidence. Rabbits RSE will revisit us later in the academic year to further support the delivery of PSHE at CoPA.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to this week's Students of the Week:

English	Rutendo Taru (Year 8)
Maths	Ryan C (Year 9)
Humanities	Megan Balderston (Year 10)
Science	Ian Diogo (Year 10)
Performance	Gemma Stevens (Year 9)
Languages	Ellie-Mae Sansom (Year 9)

Year 7	Student U
Year 8	Student S
Year 9	Student I
Year 10	Student S
Year 11	Idris Khan

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.

Set Lunch Price Increase

We are having to increase our school meal prices this term, the new price being £2.30. This is in line with other local GAT schools and a result of the inflation we have experienced on food, salaries, and other costs such as energy. The price has been held at £2.10 for several years now, and bearing in mind the inflation impact on food (+12%), salaries of catering staff year on year (+8-9%), and also increased energy costs, a 9.5% increase to £2.30 does seem quite fair - although I appreciate this may be difficult news for many parents.

KS3 Assessment Dates

Our KS3 assessment begins on Monday 13 November with Year 7 to 9 students undertaking assessment tasks for all their subjects in a 2-week window. Staff will have given the students topic lists. Please note that all homework provided during this time will help students to revise for the assessments. Exact dates of the assessments for each subject can be found below:

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
English	Two week window 13/11-24/11	Two week window 13/11-24/11	Two week window 13/11-24/11
Maths	20/11-24/11	20/11-24/11	20/11-24/11
Science	13/11-17/11	13/11-17/11	13/11-17/11
History	13/11-17/11	20/11-24/11	20/11-24/11
Geography	20/11-24/11	20/11-24/11	20/11-24/11
RE	13/11-17/11	13/11-17/11	20/11-24/11
Spanish	Speaking: 13/11-17/11 Written: 20/11-24/11	Speaking: 13/11-17/11 Written: 20/11-24/11	Speaking: 13/11-17/11 Written: 20/11-24/11
PSHE	11/12-19/12	11/12-19/12	11/12-19/12
PE	Block 2: 6/11-10/11	Block 2: 6/11-10/11	Block 2: 6/11-10/11
Art	Block 1: 16/10-20/10	Block 1: 16/10-20/10	Block 1: 16/10-20/10
Computing	Block 1: 16/10-20/10	Block 1: 16/10-20/10	Block 1: 16/10-20/10
Dance	Block 1: 13/11-17/11	Block 1: 13/11-17/11	Block 1: 13/11-17/11
Drama	Block 1: 13/11-17/11	Block 1: 13/11-17/11	Block 1: 13/11-17/11
DT	Block 1: 13/11-17/11	Block 1: 13/11-17/11	Block 1: 13/11-17/11
Food	Block 1: 13/11-17/11	Block 1: 13/11-17/11	Block 1: 13/11-17/11
Music	Block 1: 13/11-17/11	Block 1: 13/11-17/11	Block 1: 13/11-17/11

Anti-Bullying Week



Next week we celebrate Anti-Bullying Week. We are proud members of the Anti-Bullying Alliance and have worked incredibly hard this year to ensure that students feel safe in school, that they know bullying is not tolerated, and they know how to report any concerns they might have.

Next week there will be special assemblies (led by our new Student Anti-Bullying Ambassadors), tasks in assemblies, and events around the Academy that students can join in with to promote the Anti-Bullying message. Also, on Friday 17 November, students are invited to **wear odd socks and/or a different coloured tie** to show that they support Anti-Bullying in our school.

More information on Anti-Bullying Week can be found here: <https://youtu.be/0vWCg2EIEYY>

Curriculum Information for Parents

Please find links below to our curriculum information regarding what your child is studying this term:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy
Principal