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Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. We have had another event filled week here at CoPA:

## **Year 11 Art Printing Workshop**

Last week, in the Art & Design department, we were lucky enough to host three days of dry point etching with **our brilliant Year 11 GCSE art students**. Cambridge based 'Curwen Printmakers' joined us for highly focussed, exciting, experimental workshops. Each student created several prints that related to their chosen AQA exam themes. Students learnt new skills and were amazed by their outcomes. Using acetate, scribers & specialist inks, dry-point etching is an age-old way of making print after print of the same image whilst experimenting with colour & chine Colle. We are in no doubt that 'Curwen Printmakers' have boosted their portfolios & we look forward to seeing the prints alongside their exhibition in the Summer.



### **Sporting Updates:**

### **GAT Badminton Tournament**

Stanground Academy hosted the Year 9 GAT Badminton Doubles Championships on Friday 8 March. Honeyluv Boakye and Queeneth Amaechi were selected to represent CoPA in the Girls' competition, Finley Dalton and Jay Roberts Quilter were chosen for the Boys'.

Although both pairings lost their initial tie in the group stages, both pairs recovered and fought through the group stages to qualify for the semifinals. Honeyluv and Queeneth won their match relatively comfortably to win a place in the final, where they would face tournament favourites Brunts Academy. The CoPA girls played excellent Badminton, being narrowly beaten to the Brunts girls who both play Badminton at a county level. A fantastic effort from Honeyluv and Queeneth.





Following their opening game defeat, Finley and Jay responded well winning their remaining games to set up a semi-final against an undefeated Wells Academy pairing. The COPA boys won a close contest which game down to the last point, won by a Finley Dalton smash. Buoyed by that dramatic win, the boys went on to beat Skegness Academy in the final, the pairing they had lost to in their opening match.

#### **Girls Football**



A big shoutout and well done to the Year 7 and Years 8 and 9 joint girl's football teams.

They showed fantastic resilience and team spirit in their first official matches of the season against St John Fisher, Stanground and Sir Harry Smith.



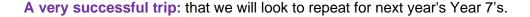
## **Year 11 History Revision Trip**

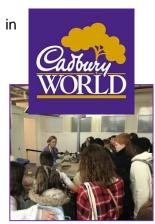
Last week, on Monday 4 March, our history department took 30 Year 11 students to The Cresset to take part in revision workshops. Here they watched performances by 'School History Scene' which were designed to support their GCSE history course. The students played the role of a jury in a trial of Adolf Hitler, judged the significance of medical pioneers throughout history, and marked exam responses using hints and tips from an experienced examiner. We hope that this experience will support our students with their ongoing revision ahead of their first history exam in just 9 weeks' time!

### **Year 7 Cadbury World Trip**

On Wednesday, almost 50 of our Year 7 students headed to Cadbury World in Birmingham. **Students were very excited** to see what the day had in store!

Firstly, students were able to have an educational talk from Cadbury around their products, the different types of Cadbury across the world, as well as seeing how Cadbury ensure their products are Fairtrade. They then got to go into the factory and experience everything from how chocolate was first discovered, when John Cadbury set up his first shop, to how they used to make chocolate. After enjoying their free sample, students made sure they made the most of the gift shop (I hope parents of these students at least had a share in any chocolate returned!).





## **Community Support Evening**

On Thursday night, CoPA hosted the first Parent Community Engagement Event. This saw many companies and community charities come together to offer our local community their services. The evening provided information on mental health, healthy eating, free gym memberships, free health advice, free adult education, and qualifications, how to get signed up to doctors, dentists and apply for free school meals. Our student translators were on hand for families who needed them. We had free books, free second-hand clothes, and something for all visitors to eat while they were here.

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents that came and supported the event.



#### Students of the Week

Congratulations to this weeks Students of the Week:

English	Student L (Year 9)
Maths	Soraia F (Year 7)
Humanities	Student A (Year 9)
Science	Ellie Lappage (Year 7)
Performance	Student J (Year 9)

Languages	Swaine (Year 8)
Year 7	Student G
Year 8	Student V
Year 9	Ada Cinar
Year 10	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.

Key Dates for Sprii	ng Term
A reminder of import	tant upcoming dates:
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Reports Home
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Feedback Evening for Parents and Students in school https://copa.schoolcloud.co.uk
28th March	Last Day of School – all students finish at 3pm as usual (no P6 for Y11)
29th March	Good Friday Bank Holiday
2 <sup>nd</sup> April – 9 <sup>Th</sup> April	Easter Study School Y11
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Training Day
16 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day back for Students – Summer Term
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Culture Day

# And finally...

We are always looking to improve and are seeking feedback from our community. Please could I ask you to take a few minutes to complete our **Termly Parent Survey**, accessible via the following link, by Saturday 27 April. Many thanks for your help and support.

Link: https://forms.office.com/e/CsC8GA7a3f

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy Principal