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Principal *Letter*

Our weekly letter - bringing you the Academies current week's news, as well as helpful information and reminders for future events.

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students...

Thank you for joining us for this week's newsletter - I hope you've had a wonderful week

Important: Term Time Absence Requests

Parents/Carer – Please visit our website to see the latest guidance relating to term time absence requests.

Please note that term-time absences will only be approved in exceptional circumstances and must be requested in advance. To ensure a timely response from the Academy, please make sure to complete the Leave of Absence Form at least two weeks before the requested absence.

Workshop for Parents and Carers

Helping Our Children Stay Safe ran by **The Ben Kinsella Trust**

Monday 12 May 2025 6pm – 8pm – online

The workshop will focus on:

- Youth perspectives on knife crime
- Signs and stages of child exploitation
 - Gangs and gang culture
 - Trauma's link to exploitation
- Online risks: social media, slang, and music
 - Managing peer conflict and escalation
 - Talking meaningfully about safety
- Keeping children safe: the SAFE 'T's approach
 - Additional support and resources

Scan the QR code to register



Non-Uniform Day

On Tuesday, the academy came together for a non-uniform day to support our Year 11 school prom. We'd like to extend our thanks to everyone who participated, helping us raise a fantastic total of **£514** for the event.

Exams

Year 11 exams have officially begun!

Year 11 students are welcome to join us for an exam breakfast from **8:00am** each morning and can also receive any teacher support they may need.

Students not attending for breakfast must arrive by **8:30am** each morning to allow for registration and a smooth start to the day.

We will be updating parents daily via ClassCharts with the logistics for each day, as these may vary.

Year 11 Leavers

Thursday morning saw year 11 come together for one final assembly prior to their exams starting. Staff past and present came together to create a video to provide good luck messages to our students. Year 11's official leavers day will take place on Wednesday 18th June. Further details regarding this will be communicated to parents in due course.

Prom is just around the corner!

Tickets are still available for purchase via Vericool for any students who haven't yet secured theirs. Those who have already paid a deposit can now pay the remaining balance through Vericool as well.

This year, our Prom Committee and Year 11 students have chosen a 'Met Gala – Dress to Impress' theme. Excitingly, it will be the first time in CoPA's history that prom is being held at an offsite venue.

We look forward to seeing as many Year 11 students as possible at the Holiday Inn Peterborough on **19th June**.

Half-term Revision Sessions

Tuesday 27th May – Friday 30th May

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9.30 – 12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LPA Separate Bio LRO Combined Higher Bio FMU/NTR Combined Foundation Bio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMU Separate Chem LPA Combined Foundation Chem LRO Combined Higher Chem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography

MENTAL
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AWARENESS MONTH
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Mental Health Awareness – Ice Bucket Challenge

Mental Health Awareness Week – Let's Talk About It

Next week marks **Mental Health Awareness Week** in the UK. Mrs Fleming and Mr Downie, our mental health ambassadors will be delivering assemblies focused on the theme of **community**.

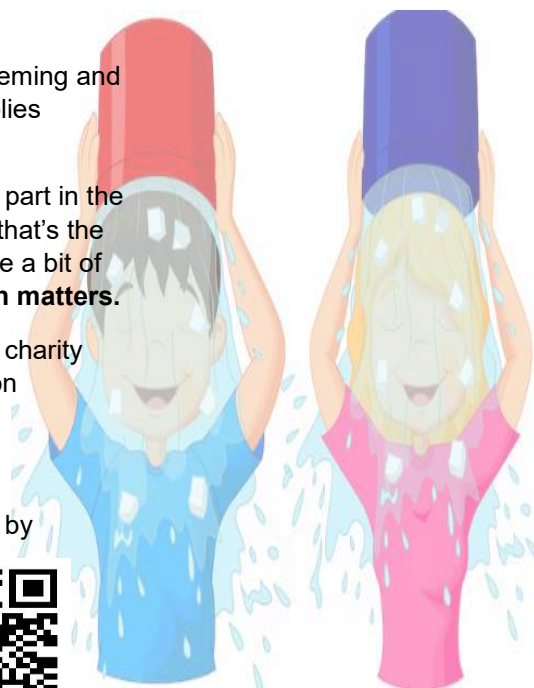
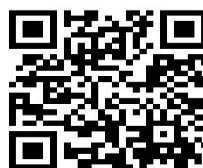
To help raise awareness, **Mr Downie and Mrs Fleming** will be taking part in the **Ice Bucket Challenge** on **Friday 16th May during tutor time** - yes, that's the one where a bucket of ice-cold water gets poured over them! It may be a bit of fun, but it carries an important message: **talking about mental health matters**.

We're also raising money for **Don't Lose Hope**, a local mental health charity offering professional counselling to people aged 4 and up. They rely on donations and fundraising to continue their vital work.

You can support the cause by donating via our JustGiving page

We have set a target of **£250** to start. Please help us reach our target by donating using the QR code.

We appreciate your support for this worthy cause.



Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for this week are:

English Student S (Year 7)
Maths Student Y (Year 8)
Humanities Student Z (Year 9)
Science Student K (Year 10)
Performance Student L (Year 8)
Spanish Student B (Year 9)

EAL Student A (Year 11)
Year 7 Student J
Year 8 Fareedah T
Year 9 Student Q
Year 10 Maria B
Year 11 Student A

Congratulations to them all!



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. Please note that if your child is 13 years old or older they can grant permission themselves as per government guidelines.

Polite Reminder - Summer Term Uniform

A reminder that students are now permitted to wear the CoPA polo shirts.

After consultation with parents, students and staff, I can confirm, we will be moving to these permanently from September. These should be purple for KS3 and black for KS4.



If students still wish to wear a white shirt for the rest of this term, a tie must be worn.

A reminder that we added back tailored shorts to our uniform last summer for the summer term only, as with pleated skirts, these must be purchased from our uniform supplier, Chroma Sports:

<https://www.chromasport.co.uk/shop/schoolwear> - **No other shorts will be permitted.**

If you have any uniform you wish to donate, we would be happy to receive it in order to make second hand uniform available to the community. Please hand this into reception or to your child's Head of Year.

And finally



Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy

Principal

