



Principal *Letter*

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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...

I hope you have had a good week. We are nearing the end of our exam season, and the students have been working extremely hard, I am very proud.

DROWNING PREVENTION

HOW TO KEEP KIDS SAFE IN THE WATER



Stay Safe Around Water This Summer

As temperatures rise, more people, especially children, head to rivers, lakes, and pools to cool off. But warm weather also brings increased risk of drowning and water-related accidents.

Why water safety matters:

Drowning can happen quickly and silently, even in shallow water.

Most incidents occur during summer months.

Strong swimmers can still get into trouble in open water due to cold water shock, currents, or hidden hazards.

Simple steps to stay safe:

Always supervise children near water.

Stick to designated swimming areas.

Learn the Water Safety Code: Stop & Think - Stay Together - Float - Call 999

Talk to young people about peer pressure and risky behaviour.

Let's enjoy the sunshine safely - be water aware, not water unaware.

Stay Safe

2025 ARU Speak Out Challenge

On Wednesday night, Seyi bravely walked out onto the stage and was the first finalist to give her speech at the 2025 ARU Speak Out Challenge. Despite being filled with nerves, she did not falter. Seyi blew us away with her impassioned words, promoting kindness and empathy towards fellow students. In true Seyi style, her focus was building a brighter world for everyone else. We were so proud to see her give such an eloquent and empathetic speech that was raw and came right from her heart.

Seyi showed us why young voices need to be heard!
A huge **congratulations** from us all here at CoPA

Remember to purchase your tickets for the 'Oklahoma' production

A vibrant poster for the 'Oklahoma! Youth Edition' production. The background is a scenic illustration of a farm at sunset, with a blue car, a red barn, and two people in cowboy hats. The text is overlaid on this image.

 CITY OF PETERBOROUGH ACADEMY
PERFORMING ARTS
proudly presents

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

Oklahoma!

YOUTH EDITION

Friday 4th July 2025
at 7.00pm (Doors open at 6.30pm)

Saturday 5th July 2025
at 6.00pm (Doors open at 5.30pm)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM VERICOOL

£3-ADULTS (17+) £2-CHILDREN (16& BELOW)
£7.50-FAMILY TICKET (2ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)



As a Royal Shakespeare Company partner school, we have been working very hard on our section of King Lear for the Playmaking Festival. Five schools each perform a section of the play, with CoPA taking on the dramatic and tragic finale to the play. This will be performed at Ormiston Bushfield Academy on Tuesday 8th July and tickets are available here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/peterborough/peterborough/rsc-playmaking-festival-2025/2025-07-08/19:00/t-moynajo>

Please make sure you're booking for **Tuesday 8th July** - there is also a performance on Monday, but CoPA are not performing then!

Year 11

Year 11 will soon reach the end of their secondary school journey, with a final week designed to mark this important milestone in both a meaningful and celebratory way.

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The week will begin with the final GCSE examinations, taking place on Monday and Tuesday. Students will have the opportunity to complete their final assessments and bring their exam period to a close.

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On Wednesday, students will take part in a special Leavers' Day celebration, running from 11:00 to 13:25. This event will give them a chance to reflect on their time at school, sign shirts, say their goodbyes, and enjoy a leavers' assembly recognising their achievements and shared experiences.

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The week, and their time at school, will end on a high note with the much-anticipated Year 11 Prom, which will be held at the Holiday Inn, Thorpe Wood. Students will arrive dressed for the occasion and enjoy an evening of music, dancing, food, and celebration, creating memories to last a lifetime.

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It promises to be a week of final efforts, reflection, and well-earned celebration as Year 11 prepare to take their next steps beyond school.

Tall Ships- Voyage update

This week, ten Year 9 students have taken part in an unforgettable Tall Ships voyage, developing their confidence, teamwork, and sailing skills while exploring the stunning south coast of England.

As part of the experience, students crewed a vessel and took on a variety of responsibilities, including hoisting sails, navigating routes, steering the vessel, and working together to manage life on board. They embraced the challenges of living and working in close quarters and demonstrated resilience, communication, and leadership throughout the voyage.



Their journey has taken them to several iconic coastal destinations, including Cowes and Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight, the historic harbour town of Poole, and across the scenic waters of the Solent.

This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity not only introduced students to the world of sailing but also encouraged personal growth, independence, and the building of lasting friendships. The group represented the school with maturity and enthusiasm, making the most of every moment at sea.

Year 9 - Why not Law? Workshop

On Wednesday, Year 9 students participated in an engaging and informative PRIME “Why Not Law?” workshop, facilitated by Broadfield Law. The session aimed to introduce young students to the legal profession, demystify career pathways into law, and inspire them to consider the legal sector as a future option, regardless of background or prior knowledge.

Throughout the session, students engaged in a range of interactive activities, including:

- Insightful talks from legal professionals, who shared personal journeys and the varied roles within law firms.
- Hands-on legal case studies and mock trials, giving students a taste of real-world legal reasoning and teamwork, by recreating the trial of whether a Jaffa Cake is a biscuit or a cake?
- Discussions on legal rights, diversity in law, and access to the profession, promoting inclusion and raising awareness of career-building programmes.

The workshop aimed to:

- Break down misconceptions about who can become a lawyer.
- Highlight the importance of transferable skills such as communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving.
- Connect students with positive role models and real-world opportunities in law.

The session was well-received, with students reporting greater confidence in exploring law-related subjects and a stronger understanding of the pathways into the legal profession.

Activity Day

A **reminder** to parents and carers that payments for Activity Day trips must be made by the following deadlines:

- All trips (excluding Cambridge): Payment deadline – **Thursday 4th July**
- Cambridge Shopping Trip: Payment deadline – **Thursday 13th June**

All payments must be made via Vericool. If you do not currently have access to Vericool or are experiencing any issues with the platform, please contact our admin team as soon as possible for support.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring payments are made on time so that all arrangements can be finalised smoothly.

Year 7 Rounders at the Peterborough Schools Tournament

On Tuesday, our Year 7 rounders team—Chloe B-M, Aneeba, Chloe K-D, Nicole, Paula, Zainab, Habiba, Lola, and Leva, travelled to TDA to compete in the Peterborough Schools Rounders Tournament, which featured 11 schools.

Placed in a group of five, the team needed to top their group to reach the final. They got off to a fantastic start with a strong 8.5-rounder win against Ken Stimpson, followed by another convincing victory over Hampton Gardens.

In a closely contested third match against Kings, the teams were evenly matched, but CoPA narrowly lost by just 1.5 rounders. Heading into the final group game against Arthur Mellows, it was all to play for. A win would see CoPA through, while a narrow loss could still allow Kings to advance.

Both teams fielded tightly, making scoring difficult. In the end, Arthur Mellows edged the game 3–2, which meant Kings progressed to the final.

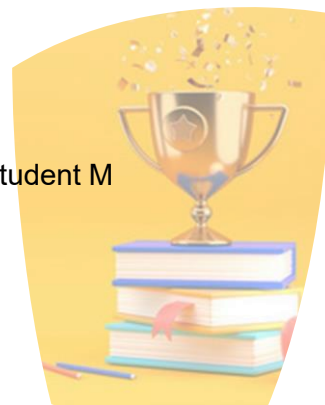
Despite just missing out, we are incredibly proud of the team's performance in their first tournament appearance. Their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship were outstanding, and we're excited to see how they grow and improve next year!

Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for this week are:

English	Konnor M (Year 7)
Maths	Barwar B (Year 10)
Humanities	Student D (Year 9)
Science	Student M
Performance	Alfie Moore (Year 10)
Spanish	Student G

EAL	Student L
Year 7	Student Reed & Student M
Year 8	Giulia Carlim
Year 9	Student M
Year 10	Student Nisar



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.

Key Term Dates

18 June*	Year 11 Leavers
19 June *	Year 11 Prom
23 July	Last Day of Term

**Corrected*



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

