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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 Parent / Carer...

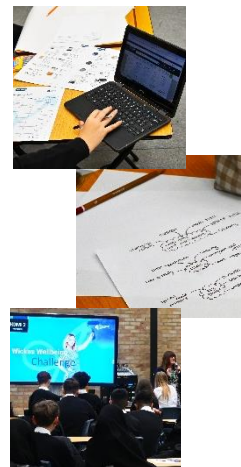
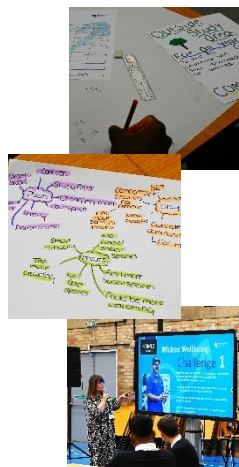
I hope this letter finds you well. It has been a long and busy term. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and thank you to the students for continuing to "REACH for Excellence". It is certainly time for a week of rest...

Year 10 Wickes Challenge

In last week's newsletter we were unable to tell you about the fantastic Wickes Wellbeing Challenge that our Year 10s took part in. I am happy to be able to share this, and some photo's, with you today.

Students were placed into teams of five and were asked to redevelop an area of the school by creating mood boards, budgeting, and designing, as well as pitching their ideas to a team of judges.

A huge congratulation to our winning team, pictured below, who will now go to the national finals on the 12 November and compete against thirteen other schools to then receive funding to help make their idea come to life!



PPEs – Year 11

Well done to Year 11 who have been sitting exams all week. A reminder that after half term, there will be a second week of written exams.

We will continue to offer breakfast from 8.00am for all Year 11 students during the two weeks they are sitting written exams. Subject staff are on hand to supply any last-minute tips if required.

Morning exams all start at 8.50am and afternoon exams begin at 1.30pm.



Students learned about Diwali in assembly this week. Students in Years 8 and 9 made rangolis (colourful pictures out of sand) and lit candles in diyas (small colourful pots), with the help of Veeral and Sandra in Year 10.

Students considered the symbolism of light chasing away the darkness and reflected on how they could bring light to their own communities.

Happy Diwali
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Happy Diwali to anyone who is celebrating next week!

Primary School Visits

Mr Vaughan, Miss Foulkes–Arnold and I were joined by a fantastic group of five students (Jersey, Chloe, Saif, Raheema and Ada) visiting all four Greenwood Academy Trust Primary Academies this week: Dogsthorpe, Newark Hill, Bishop Creighton and Welland.

We presented on “What it is like to be a student at CoPA” to all Year 5 and 6 students and were able to answer lots of questions from the primary children. We are looking for ways to create stronger links between our schools s will be booking in visits for the primary children to come to CoPA before Christmas.

Student Celebration

Ismael Arif in Year 11 has only gone and done it again! Boxing in both the Kettering semi-finals and finals...bringing home gold!

Ismael showed off his impressive skills winning unanimously in the semis against an undefeated fighter, going on to compete against another skilled opponent in the finals and securing another unanimously win and becoming the Development National Champion for his age group.

We are incredibly proud of Ismael's dedication and self-discipline; he is a role model to his fellow students.

If you or your child would like to share a personal accomplishment with us to share in future newsletters please contact my PA, Miss K Cliffe, via kcliffe@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org.



End of Half Term Live Raffle Draw

I had the pleasure of going live on TEAMS to the whole community this afternoon. With the help of Mr Vaughan the names of students who had completed homework in the last two weeks were entered into a prize draw and we were able to present vouchers to 10 lucky winners, 2 per year group, whose names came up on the random name selector. Well done to all the winners and keep up the hard work.

We also drew the raffle for all of those students in Year 10 and 11 who attended the GCSE Success evening earlier in the term. Well done to Alfie in Year 10 whose name was drawn winning a JD Voucher to spend over half term.

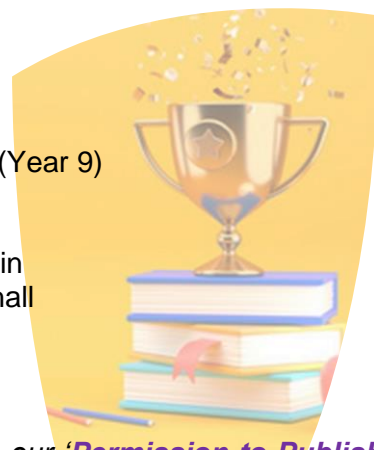
Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for this week are:

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| English | Jack R (Year 10) | EAL | Student G (Year 9) |
| Maths | Ada Cinar (Year 10) | Year 7 | Student R |
| Humanities | Student A (Year 9) | Year 8 | Student N |
| Science | Student A (Year 10) | Year 9 | Helen Martin |
| Performance | Flori Koboci (Year 10) | Year 10 | Chloe Mulhall |
| Spanish | Student M (Year 9) | Year 11 | Student B |

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.



Staffing News



We are delighted that the following staff will be joining us at CoPA after half term:

- Miss E Stimpson (Family Key Worker)
- Miss J Da Silva (Deputy Head of Year 11)
- Ms M Ferreira (Inclusion Mentor)

Key Dates for Autumn Term 2

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| 28 October – 1 November..... | Half Term Break..... |
| 4 November..... | All students return to school..... |
| 4 November – 8 November..... | Year 11 PPE week 2..... |
| 22 November..... | Year 11 PPE Results/Reports Published..... |
| 25 November..... | Year 9 Battlefields Trip..... |
| 5 December..... | CoPA Community Culture Day..... |
| 6 December..... | Staff Training Day (school closed to students)..... |
| 11 December..... | Christmas Lunch..... |
| 12 December..... | GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening for Year 11 Leavers.. |
| 16 or 17 December (TBC)..... | CoPA Annual Awards Evening..... |
| 18 December..... | Last day of Autumn Term..... |

More information on key dates will be shared within newsletters closer to the scheduled dates.

And finally...

A huge thank you to all parents, carers, and students for working with us this half term. Have a safe and restful break. Students return to school on Monday 4 November to start Autumn Term 2. We look forward to seeing them again.



Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy
Principal

