

8 December 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope this letter finds you well – we've had a creative and festive week this week.

That Christmas Feeling

Our fantastic student leaders supported the lovely decoration of the Christmas trees around the Academy. The trees look fabulous and have brightened up the school just in time for the festive period:



Parliament Assemblies (Years 8 and 10)

This week Year 8 and Year 10 participated in an 'Introduction to Parliament' with a guest speaker from the Education and Engagement Team of UK Parliament. During the interactive session students considered democracy and the work of Parliament, the role of MP's and the House of Lords, how laws are made, the difference between Parliament and Government, and how young people can get involved and have their voices heard. The interactive sessions complimented and supported the work students have undertaken in tutor time through the Votes for Schools sessions each week and were able to consider how the role of democracy is a fundamental pillar of British Values and practiced at CoPA through the Student Leadership, Student Council and Student Voice opportunities.

Art Day (Year 10)

Our Year 10 Art, Craft and Design group participated in the first 5-hour print day workshop, looking at a range of printmaking skills including Gelli-plate and Mono printing. Ideas will be converted into a range of graphic design products over the coming week, allowing students to experiment with industrial design processes. The was facilitated by our own professional print making specialist Miss Turner.

Anti Bullying Ambassadors

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors delivered tea, coffee and biscuits to staff this week to share their appreciation for the kindness they add to our school (and to spread a little more kindness themselves!). **The ambassadors did a brilliant job and staff were very appreciative!**



Performing Arts News (Year 11)

Exciting updates from our Performing Arts department! Year 11 GCSE Drama showcased their dedication in recorded devising pieces this Wednesday – a testament to their hard work. Additionally, our Birmingham Royal Ballet Ambassadors lent their expertise, overseeing workshops at two local primary schools. These workshops are gearing up for a **spectacular performance at the New Theatre in June**. We continue to be proud to witness the commitment and talent of our students at CoPA.

Winter Showcase

It was lovely to see so many staff, students and parents enjoying a variety of excellent performances at the CoPA Winter Showcase yesterday evening. We were treated to several solos, including an original arrangement written by James in Year 10. We heard saxophone, violin and piano pieces, took part in a quiz, and finished with two lovely pieces from the CoPA choir - thank you to all involved.

Sporting News



Basketball results this week are as follows:

- U12s vs St John Fisher: Lost 8-2
- U16s vs Kings School: Lost 28-4
- U16s vs The Peterborough School: Won 18-2

Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to this week's Students of the Week:

English	Jack D (Year 10)
Maths	Student G (Year 8)
Humanities	Mitchelle Wambui (Year 8)
Science	Omolola
Performance	Jack Swindale (Year 11)
Languages	Student M (Year 8)

Year 7	Eda Derin Cinar
Year 8	Kathryn Clark
Year 9	Student A
Year 10	Master Cecots
Year 11	Ali

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.

Community Afternoon Tea

Our Year 11 Heroes are organising an afternoon tea for older people in the community; this will be held on Friday 15 December 2023 between 2.00pm – 3.30pm. If you know any older people in the community who would like to join us for tea, cake, bingo, musical entertainment and a really warm welcome, please complete this [form](#) or email Mrs Hilliard jhilliard@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org.

And finally...Christmas Events Reminder



Wednesday 13 December 2023
Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Wednesday 20 December 2023
Last day of term – Students finish at 12.20pm



Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy
Principal