

6 SEPTEMBER 2024



Principal Letter

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

This letter is available in different languages upon request

Welcome Back

Firstly, I trust you all had a good summer break.

We are delighted to have welcomed back students in Years 8 to 11 this week and excited to formally welcome our new Year 7 students, as well as students joining from other schools, into our community.

We have been impressed by the way that Year 7 students have adapted to secondary school so quickly and cannot wait to watch them grow as CoPA students.

We have continued to improve the site over the summer with new toilets in the Year 11 area, new meeting room pods, and accessible access to the sports hall.

At the start of a new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention various matters. I hope you will find it useful to have summary information all in one place.



Examination Success

We are hugely proud of our Year 11 Student Leavers who gained **great results** for GCSE and Vocational subjects in August. The students excelled themselves with 64% of all grades awarded being graded at 9- 4 or equivalent.

This is great testament to the hard work of everyone concerned, particularly bearing in mind the challenging times students have faced in the last few years and the return to normality after Covid.



These students are now attending Sixth Forms, Colleges, or Apprenticeships across the city and **we wish them every success in the next stage of their lives.**





Thorpe Park Reward Event

On Wednesday we took 66 students from the current Years 8, 9 and 10 to Thorpe Park as part of their rewards from the previous academic year.

These students were rewarded for their fantastic commitment to their studies and to the CoPA community. With only one other school at the park, they experienced minimal queuing and maximum rides.

Student Photographs

I can confirm that student photographs this year will be taken on Monday 9 September 2024. Photographers will be taking photos of Years 7 and 9. There is also time scheduled in for any other students who are new to the Academy to have their photograph taken too.

These will be available for parents to purchase from DSP Photography – details on how will be sent to you with your proof over the following weeks.



Uniform

Please support us in ensuring your child is wearing the appropriate uniform as stated in our policy.

The uniform policy can be found on our website. If you require any support with uniform, please contact us via: cpa_enquires@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org

Enrichment

We have changed the school day so that all students have lunch at the same time. Although this makes social times busier, it allows us to run activities at lunchtime and open more spaces for the students to go.

The enrichment timetable now includes both lunch clubs and activities run after school.

The Enrichment timetable has now been completed. You can find a copy of this published at the end of this letter. Clubs start on Monday 9 September.

If your child wishes to attend any of the published sessions, they just need to go along to the published room on the day either at lunch or at the end of the day.

Year 11 Subject Support after school

Many subjects will be offering both voluntary drop-in sessions and invited support for students starting from Monday 18 September. Once this information has been collated, Miss Donnell will communicate this to all Year 11 students and parents.

School Attendance

Maximising attendance remains a priority for the school. There is an expected **minimum attendance target of 97% attendance** for all students.

To support your child to achieve this, you will be made aware if attendance is becoming a concern, e.g., when attendance falls to 97%. By raising awareness early, we hope to prevent attendance falling to the 90% threshold, at which point schools are duty bound to follow up and could instigate legal action for non-attendance.

Your support in helping raise the profile of good attendance would be very much appreciated.

Emergency First Aid and Medical Conditions

The Academy always ensures that First Aid trained staff are available should the need arise. It is vital we know about any medical conditions your child may have including any changes or updates on this information e.g. allergies, asthma, EpiPen usage etc.

You can keep us updated via:

- Change of Details/ Data Collection Form available from Reception or update details link on our website
- In writing via letter or email
- Forward a letter from the Hospital
- Permission to Administer Medications Form available from Reception only

USEFUL INFORMATION

Updating Contact Information

Have you made any changes to your contact information that we currently hold for you?

Please keep the Academy informed of any changes to your address, telephone numbers or email addresses. This is particularly important so that we can contact parents/ carers in the event of an emergency or first aid issue. You can also update other details such as your child's photo permissions. To do this, please contact us by emailing any updates to our enquiries/ admin team via: cpa_enquiries@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org.

We also send update forms to student home addresses on a termly basis.



Key Safeguarding Staff



Mrs Warner continues to lead the Safeguarding Team.

I have included the safeguarding information flyer at the end of this letter. If you have safeguarding concerns about your child or any other child at the school, please contact a member of this team.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' (FSMs) and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school including funding extra teaching staff, textbooks, school trips, transport, and uniform.

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

You only need to register once at the school. Pupil Premium students automatically qualify for FSMs. To register, either collect a Notts CC paper form from Reception or register via the link on our website [here](#).



Parents Evenings 2024/25

Please see below advance warning of our Parents' Evening dates for this year:

Year 7 (<i>Meet the Tutor Evening</i>)	Wednesday 9 th October 2024	In person
Year 7	Monday 23 rd June 2025	Online
Year 8	Monday 28 th April 2025	Online
Year 9 (<i>Options evening</i>)	Monday 20 th January 2025	In person
Year 10	Monday 3 rd February 2025	Online
Year 11	Wednesday 27 th November 2024	Online
Year 11	Monday 17 th March 2025	In person

Please be aware that some of these take place virtually and some in person as indicated within the table above. Details will be sent out nearer to each event regarding the appointment booking system.



Traffic On Reeves Way

We saw some issues with traffic build up at the end of the school day on Thursday. This causes distress to all involved and we want to **work with our community to ensure that students are safe** when leaving our site and that we are not causing disruption to our neighbours.

We share our entrance with Medeshamstede Special School; many of their students require taxi transport to and from school. This increases traffic significantly from 3pm.

Ideally CoPA students would walk, cycle or use public transport to travel to and from school. However, if this is not possible and you are needing to drive them, **please do not park on the double yellow lines** in the entrance area to the school or on Reeves Way around this entrance.

We strongly discourage parents from driving onto our site as we do not have designated parent spaces or a turning circle. Driving onto the site decreases the safety of students and further increases delays for vulnerable Medeshamstede students.

You may want to arrange to meet your child away from the school entrance.

We have contacted our neighbourhood police to provide us with support and will continue to monitor the situation.

And finally...

I hope your child has had a successful and happy first week back at school. I look forward to working with you to ensure we continue to build a school community we can all be proud of.



Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy
Principal





If you have a concern relating to the safety of any student at CoPA please speak to one of the following:



Mrs Giaquinto
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Warner
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Fleming
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Parkinson
Safeguarding Officer
/ Admissions and
Attendance Officer

You can also raise a concern via email or online:

- Wellbeing – ineedtotalk@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org
- Bullying – <https://copa.thesharpesystem.com/>

Reach for Excellence

ENRICHMENT @ Lunchtime at CoPA



MON

Sanctuary
Mrs Waters – A84

Library
Miss Mahmood – Library

Wellbeing
Mrs Fleming – A95

Homework club
Mr Mugova – B16

KS3 boys football
Mr Ahmed/Mr Swaby – ASTRO

Basketball (Yr7/8)
Miss Bainbridge - Sports Hall

Multisports (KS4)
Mr Vaughan – courts

Quiet Space (invite only)
Miss Zaluska – A85

Gym – (Yr 7/8 Boys)
Mr Creasy – Gym

Polish Club
Mrs Olkowska – B03

Boost Club
Mrs Dawli- B36

TUE

Sanctuary
Mrs Waters – A84

Library
Miss Mahmood /– Library

Quiet games
Mrs Zebrowska - Library

Wellbeing
Mrs Fleming – A95

Homework club
Mr OJo – B16

Korean language and Culture
Ms Hales – B29

H/S and CD revision (Year 11 only)
Miss McKeown – B07

Gym (Yr 9 Boys)
Mr Wilkinson - Gym

KS3 girls football
Mr Vaughan– ASTRO

Basketball (Yr10/11)
Mr Pearson - Sports Hall



WED

Sanctuary
Mrs Waters – A84

Library
Miss Mahmood – Library

Wellbeing
Mrs Fleming – A95

Homework club
Mrs Rossiter– B16

GCSE art club (yr 10/11)
Mrs Coggan – A43

Gym (Yr 10/11 Boys)
Mr Wilkinson - Gym

KS4 boys football
Mr Swaby / Mr Roberts – ASTRO

Multisports (KS3)
Mr Vaughan – courts

Basketball (Yr7/8)
Mr Creasy - Sports Hall

EAL hwk and games
Mrs Baranauskiene – B19

Quiet reading
Mrs Simpson – A96

D&D
Miss Waite – B02

GCSE food revision (Yr 11 only)
Mr Jameison – B07

RE Film and book club
Mrs Tomlinson – A82

GCSE Music support (KS4 only)
Miss plaice – A64

THU

Sanctuary
Mrs Waters – A84

Library
Miss Mahmood – Library

Wellbeing
Mrs Fleming – A95

Homework club
Mr Wilkinson– B16

Quiet Space (invite only)
Miss Mescall– A85

Solo Playing
Miss Plaice – A64

Craft club
Mrs Hegde – B48

Debate Club
Miss Bhimani – A71

Mindful Colouring
Ms Parker / Miss Roughton – B51

Lego Club
Mr Akanmu – B43

Gym (Yr 7/8 Girls)
Mrs Watson- Gym

KS4 Girls football
Mr Vaughan – ASTRO

Basketball (Yr10/11)
Mr Pearson - Sports Hall

FRI

Sanctuary
Mrs Waters – A84

Library
Miss Mahmood – Library

Wellbeing
Mrs Fleming – A95

Homework club
Mrs Sandy – B16

GCSE art club (yr 10/11)
Mrs Coggan – A43

EAL Homework support
Mrs. Garwolinska – A10

GCSE Music support (KS4 only)
Miss plaice – A64

Pride Club
Ms Gillespie-Beal – B04

Gym (Yr 9/10/11 Girls)
Mrs Watson- Gym

KS4 Boys football
Mr Vaughan – ASTRO

Basketball (Yr9)
Mr Snitkas - Sports Hall

