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Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you had a good week. We have loved seeing students back at CoPA, and have provided them with another jam-packed week!

Year 5 Science Taster Morning

On Wednesday morning, we had a visit from Newark Hill students in Year 5; they engaged with our STEM ambassadors in constructing towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows. This challenged their skills in problem solving, teamwork and critical thinking. Students were allowed planning time to think about the best shapes and structures to build, ensuring that their creations were the tallest and sturdiest.

We are really proud of our STEM ambassadors, who had glowing feedback from Newark Hill for being polite, courteous and respectful to all visitors. Year 5 and their teachers enjoyed their time with us and said they would be happy to return for more STEM activities. We look forward to welcoming back Newark Hill and other primary schools for further STEM activities.

LGBTQ+ History Month



This week saw the end of LGBTQ+ History Month. Following an assembly which was delivered to all year groups, student leaders wanted to recognise our diverse community and show their support by celebrating our individual differences. This directly supports anyone considered to be in a minority group by helping them to feel safe and contributing towards their positive well-being, but also emphasises that we are all different in lots of ways.

The CoPA community celebrated our individual differences with a non-uniform event, many students accessorised their outfits for the day with bright colours and staff across the school wore bright t-shirts to show their support.

Students also ran a cake sale to raise funds for local LGBTQ+ charities. We would like to thank all those that have contributed and **raised almost £200** in the process.

We are proud that our community supports each other and that the students talk positively about this. Next up, and a date for the diary, is Wednesday 17 April, where we will hold our third CoPA Culture Day – more information to follow on this soon.



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Peterborough Youth Parliament Voting

This week CoPA students took part in the Peterborough Youth Parliament vote for 'Make Your Mark'. They got to vote for the Youth MP they would like to lead in parliament, the key themes they want to raise and focus on, such as education, crime, health and wellbeing, plus many more.

UK Youth Parliament provides opportunities for those aged between 11 – 18, to use their elected voice to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning. Members of Youth Parliament are elected every two years from across the UK. This week was our opportunity to vote.

Students were incredible and very mature about the official polling station that we ran in the school. They should be commended for their focus and behaviour during the voting.



BAE Systems Educational Roadshow



On Thursday, both Year 7 and Year 8 participated in a workshop ran by BAE Systems (in partnership with the RAF and Royal Navy). This highly interactive show explored what electricity is and how we generate it. Students and teachers were both amazed by some of the 'shocking' demonstrations, which made some literally 'breathless' by the end of the show.



Year 11 Plan to Exams

With just **40 school days left** until the first written exam on Friday 10 May, Year 11 students sat the second week of their PPEs this week. Staff are now busy marking and making plans to address any gaps in knowledge.

Key Dates for Year 11 parents/ carers to note:

Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 March 2024:	Food Practical Exam
Monday 4 March 2024:	History Revision Trip
Monday 4 March 2024:	Feedback Evening Appointments Open for booking: https://copa.schoolcloud.co.uk
Tuesday 5 – Thursday 7 March 2024:	Art Printing Workshop
Friday 15 March 2024:	Final Reports Home
Monday 18 March 2024:	Music Recording Sessions
Monday 18 March 2024:	Feedback Evening for Parents and Students in school
Tuesday 26 March 2024:	Dance Practical Recording

Students of the Week

English	Frantisek Horvath (Year 10)
Maths	Georgia Hall (Year 10)
Humanities	Student S (Year 11)
Science	Taiwo Olaide (Year 8)
Performance	Student P (Year 9)
Languages	Student E (Year 9)

Year 7	Maddison T
Year 8	Kathryn Clarke
Year 9	Student A
Year 10	Student A
Year 11	Student S

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.

Year 10 Work Experience

80 Year 10 students are going out of school next week on a week of work experience to a wide variety of placements. We wish them all the best and look forward to sharing their successes in the next few weeks. All other students will be expected in school as normal that week following their usual timetable.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs N Treacy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs N Treacy
Principal