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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.

*This letter is available in different languages upon request.*

*Dear Parent / Carer...*

I hope this letter finds you well and that the change in temperature hasn't dulled your week - as it hasn't ours!

**Wickes**

## Wickes Challenge Final

Last week our Wickes Challenge finalists headed down to Watford to compete in the National finals. Our students came up against 14 schools from across the country stretching from Torquay to Durham!

Students delivered a pitch to improve an area of our school using Wickes products and included tasks such as costings, marketing and how the area could be utilised for the wider community. Our team just missed out on the final 4, however, **our students did our Academy incredibly proud and were spoken highly of** with their enthusiasm and questioning throughout the event.

Well-done to our team of Ada, Raheemah, Szymon, Robson and Wilhat!



FORM THE FUTURE

## Form the Futures- Apprenticeship

Last Thursday our Year 10's received a talk about apprenticeships as a possible option of study for when they leave secondary school. Students were advised where to find opportunities and about the array of industries they could seek an apprenticeship within.

Lots of students have expressed an interest since and we hope to continue to explore apprenticeships further when it is National Apprenticeship week in February.

Some of our Year 11's, who have expressed a desire to start an apprenticeship next year, also received a workshop in how to search and apply for opportunities across the UK.

# Knife Crime Assemblies



Our PCSO, Mark Ambrose, has been with us all week in assemblies talking to students about the dangers of carrying knives and why some young people get themselves involved in this behaviour.

If you would like further information and support regarding knife crime or are concerned about a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Mrs Warner, via [ewarner@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org](mailto:ewarner@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org) or visit the following link:

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/safety-wellbeing/child-knife-crime/>.

## Black History Month Competition Winners

In celebration of Black History Month our Humanities Department ran a competition open to the whole student body involving completing a Black History Month specific crossword.

All successfully completed correct entries were then placed in a drawer where two winners were selected at random. Each winner walked away with a £10 voucher and a box of chocolates.

**Well-done to Oluwatoyin Oyatolu and 'Student D', both in Year 9.**

If you would like to try the crossword yourself, please find this attached to the email – good luck!

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

## Year 7 Road Safety Assembly

This week during assembly, Year 7 students were delivered a presentation on road safety by Jenny from Peterborough City Council.

Students were shown real life experiences, which opened up conversations and discussions about how to keep safe whilst walking and crossing the roads.

Students learnt about statistics, looked at the different types of crossings in Peterborough, and why it is important to wear a seatbelt in a car - and the impact it can cause if they don't.

Overall, this experience enabled students to increase their awareness of road safety and build their knowledge on how to stay safe.





## Peterborough City Cross Country

Today, 13 students from Years 9 and 10 represented the Academy at the City Cross Country Championships held at Ferry Meadows.

Our students presented well and ran some expectational races in what were challenging conditions with the cold.

A special mention to Patryk in Year 10 who came 16th in the Year 10 and 11 boys' race and has therefore qualified to represent Peterborough at county level later this year.

## Year 11 PPE Results Day and Parents Evening

After weeks of marking and moderation, Year 11 students received their PPE results and progress reports this afternoon. Many of them are applying for sixth form places and college at present, having visited sixth form Open Evenings throughout this term.

Parents Evening for these students takes place next Wednesday. If you have not booked yet, please book here: <https://copa.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

## Safety of Children at the End of the Day



Please can I again remind people to try and avoid coming onto the school site at the end of the school day or parking in the entrance or in the immediate area. We are continuing to work with the Trust to try and improve this area for all parties involved but this will not be a quick fix.

In the meantime, if you need to drive to the school at the end of the day, please drive slowly, be aware of students crossing roads and be kind to those around you.

We try to have as many CoPA staff outside as we can to look after the students – please can I ask that you respect these staff.



# Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for this week are:

<b>English</b>	Jack W (Year 7)
<b>Maths</b>	Mashal Fazel (Year 8)
<b>Humanities</b>	Konnor M
<b>Science</b>	Aneeba T (Year 7)
<b>Performance</b>	Student Y (Year 7)
<b>Spanish</b>	Rutendo Taru (Year 9)

<b>EAL</b>	Student I (Year 11)
<b>Year 7</b>	Lottie Sansom
<b>Year 8</b>	Aiden Keane
<b>Year 9</b>	Student S
<b>Year 10</b>	Student S
<b>Year 11</b>	Anastasija Petrova



**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.*

## Key Dates

**Wednesday 27 November**  
**Thursday 5 December**  
**Friday 6 December**  
**Wednesday 11 December**

**Thursday 12 December**

**Monday 16 December**  
**Wednesday 18 December**

Year 11 Parents Evening Online  
Culture Day  
Staff Professional Day – closed to all students.  
Christmas Lunch/ Festive jumper/t-shirt day – all other aspects of school uniform should be worn.  
GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening – invitation sent to Leavers from August 2024  
COPA Annual Awards Evening – invitations sent to all winners.  
Last Day of term - Academy closes at 12.20pm

# YDP Christmas Camp

With Christmas just around the corner, YPD would like to invite your children to join their YDP Christmas camps.

**Lots of fun and laughter guaranteed.**

If your child receives benefit related school meals, you may be eligible for our fully funded camps.

Details can be seen in the poster to the right and the application link is below:

**HAF - YDP XMAS**

**PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL** **Department for Education**

**Y.D.P. YOUTH DREAMS PROJECT** **HAF** **WE BELIEVE IN YOUTH!**

## Christmas Camps

Is your child eligible for benefit related free school meals?

If the answer is yes, you can apply for **FREE\*** Christmas camps for 5 – 16 year olds at 1 venue of your choice (listed below).

\*Fully funded by the DFE

23, 27, 30 DEC	<b>SJF HIGH SCHOOL (PE1 5JN)</b> 9-1pm
23, 30 DEC 2-3 JAN	<b>BISHOP CREIGHTON (PE5 1DB)</b> 9-1pm
27, 30 DEC 2-3 JAN	<b>HAMPTON GARDENS (PE7 8HR)</b> 9-1pm
23, 30 DEC 2-3 JAN	<b>DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY (PE1 4LH)</b> 9-1pm
23, 27, 30 DEC 2 JAN	<b>WILLIAM LAW (PE4 5DT)</b> 9-1pm
23, 27, 30 DEC 2 JAN	<b>WOODSTON PRIMARY (PE2 9ER)</b> 9-1pm
27, 30 DEC	<b>MANOR DRIVE ACADEMY (PE4 7EP)</b> 9-1pm
<b>TEEN CAMPS:</b>	
23 DEC 2-3 JAN	<b>STANGROUND ACADEMY (PE7 3BY)</b> 10-2pm (for children aged school Yr6-Yr11 ONLY)
30 DEC 3 JAN	<b>JACK HUNT (PE3 9PY)</b> 10-2pm (for children aged 11 - 16 ONLY)
23, 27, 30 DEC	<b>SJF HIGH SCHOOL (PE1 5JN)</b> 10-2pm (for children aged 11 - 16 ONLY)

**APPLY NOW!**

Visit [youthdreamsproject.co.uk/ypd-projects-haf/](https://youthdreamsproject.co.uk/ypd-projects-haf/)  
(Links you to HAF's new Online Booking System)

**Option to pay extra on the day to stay for the remaining 2 hours @ £3 per hour**

**Contact Us** [luke.kennedy@youthdreamsproject.co.uk](mailto:luke.kennedy@youthdreamsproject.co.uk) @Youth Dreams Project @YDPLtd 07583 688413 [www.youthdreamsproject.co.uk](http://www.youthdreamsproject.co.uk) @youthdreamsproject @Youth Dreams Project We Believe in YOUth

And finally...

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Stay safe in 'Storm Bert'.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs N Treacy**  
Principal

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