



11 & 18 OCTOBER 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.

Dear Parent / Carer...

I hope this letter finds you well. I apologise that we did not get a letter out to you last week. There has been a huge amount happening in the Academy, some of which is detailed within this letter...

Year 8 Fire Break Course



Last week, Miss Scarff took ten boys from Year 8 and 9 to Stanground and Yaxley fire stations to take part in the weeklong Firebreak course. This programme allowed the students to get hands-on experience of being a firefighter; being trained by actively serving firefighters in search and rescue, first aid, and the day-to-day life of a serving fire fighter. The students have taken part in hose running, ladder training, mess duties, education about arson and knife crime and completing drills on the drill ground, as well as entering smoke filled buildings to rescue and resuscitate CPR dummies.

On Friday, the boys successfully 'passed out' in a parade where they showed off their fantastic new drill skills, completing manoeuvres that a senior fire fighter described as worthy of a trainee of six months or more. The boys displayed **fantastic teamwork and communication skills** and watching them pass out was incredibly inspiring. The boys had great support from some of their families, their year teams, senior members of the fire service and even some Peterborough Utd players in the audience to cheer them on!

The students (and Miss Scarff) have all received two AQA qualifications for their participation; one in emergency first aid and one in active citizenship. Hopefully, some of them will go on to have incredible careers in the fire service as well. Well-done to these students and thank you to Miss Scarff for facilitating them to have such a great week.



Year 7 Meet the Tutor



On Wednesday 9 October Year 7 had their first Meet the Tutor Evening, where Form Tutors met face-to-face with over 90 students and their families.

Parents and Carers discussed with Tutors, how students have started their Secondary School journey at CoPA. Feedback on Behaviour, Attendance, Uniform and Learning was given, alongside the opportunity to voice any concerns.

If any Parents or Carers were unable to attend the evening, but would like to discuss their child, please email year7@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org and a member of the Year 7 Pastoral Team will get back to you.

GCSE Success/ Post 16 Evening

Also on Wednesday evening, we saw the Academy host our annual Post 16 Careers Events. Over 250 people attended our event and were treated to 30 different local education providers, businesses and careers experts being on hand. They were available to advise and support our Year 10 and 11 students about what their next possible steps could be after completing their GCSE examinations. We look forward to continuing to build on our relationships with all providers, in supporting students with their careers provision in the terms to come.

Year 11 are now entering into their PPE exams, starting on Monday. The exam timetable is below:

Monday 21 Oct	Tuesday 22 Oct	Wednesday 23 Oct	Thursday 24 Oct	Friday 25 Oct
8:50-10:35	8:50-10:20	8.50 – 11:05	8.50 – 10.05/10.35	8:50 -10:20
English Language = 170 1h45m	Maths 1/4 = 170 1h30m	English Literature 2h15m	Combined/Separate Science Biology 1h15m/1h45m	Maths 2/5 (Non Calc) = 170 1h30m
13:30– 14.50	13:30 – 14:35/14:50	13:30 – 15:00	13.30 – 14:30	13.30 – 14:30
History 1 = 78 1h20m	Spanish writing F1h05m/H1h20m	Geography paper 1 = 48 1h30m	Dance 1h = 8 Food 1h30m	History 2 = 78 1hr
Monday 4 Nov	Tuesday 5 Nov	Wednesday 6 Nov	Thursday 7 Nov	Friday 8 Nov
8:50-10:05/10:35	8:50-10:20	8.50- 10.05/10.35	8:50- 10:30/10:55	8:50-10:35
Combined/Separate Science Chemistry 1h15m/1h45m	Maths 3/6 = 170 1h30m	Combined/Separate Science Physics 1h15m/1h45m	Spanish Listen / Read = 72 FL35m/ FR1h05m HL45m/HR1h20m	Sociology paper 1 = 25 1h45m
13.30 – 15:00	13.30 – 15:00	13.30 – 14:30	13.30 – 15:05	13.30 – 15:05
History 3 = 78 1h30m	Geography paper 2 = 48 1h30m	Sociology paper 2 = 25 1h	Polish writing Catch-ups	Catch-ups

Spanish Restaurant Visit



Thursday 10 October: Eating tapas at Bar Iberico, Nottingham provided an exceptional learning opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the Spanish language and culture. This experience went beyond just enjoying delicious food; it allowed students to engage in conversations in Spanish, enhancing their language skills in a practical setting. The vibrant atmosphere of the bar, filled with the aromas of traditional Spanish dishes, created an inviting environment for students to practice their speaking and listening skills.

As they sampled a variety of tapas, from patatas bravas to our students' favourite...churros, students gained a deeper understanding of Spanish gastronomy, fostering a greater appreciation for the diversity of Spanish cuisine. This was an invaluable experience for our language learners at CoPA, as they bridge the gap between classroom learning and authentic cultural experiences.



Thursday 10 October brought about the celebration of World Mental Health Day - staff were invited to wear yellow in support of the day.

Mr Downie, Mrs Fleming, and Mrs Warner, as well as members of the Mental Health Ambassador team, designed a variety of activities throughout the day... All students started the day with a presentation around What is Mental Health, how they can improve it themselves, and how the Academy can help. Students were then invited to take part in a quiz, sign a pledge (which will form a new display in the canteen), as well as write thank you cards for parents, staff or friends.

As a school, we are excited to be launching the Wellbeing QR Code and 'I need to talk' email address! These are alternative ways for our young people to seek the support and guidance that suits them in an easier way. As we know at times, it's not always easy to just ask...

These will be on our new wellbeing poster in school, close to the phone boxes, so students can see them as they enter and leave site. Our Mental Health Ambassadors will also always have these. Students will know them by the fact they wear a green lanyard. If you have any questions regarding your child's mental health please speak to Mrs Fleming, our mental health lead for the school.

Here is the QR code for Wellbeing support:



Year 8 Careers Trip



Year 8 had the exciting opportunity to visit Anglia Ruskin University for the whole day, on Wednesday 16 October, where they had an enjoyable tour around the building! Several ARU members, including staff and students, also spoke to them about what University entails and answered any questions the students had. They also had the pleasure of spending an hour with one of the construction lecturers who got them to build a massive pyramid out of sticks, commenting that they were **the best school he's had, so well-done Year 8!**

Artist in Residence - KS3

Today we welcomed artist Kate Munro who has worked on projects all over the world. She will be working with a small group of students over the coming weeks to create a piece of work for the Norfolk and Norwich festival.



Students engaged in a range of activities built around team building, exploring environments and mental well-being. We look forward to sharing the students journey with you, their experiences, and the work our students will help to develop over the next few months.



Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for 11/10/24 are:

English	Student S (Year 11)
Maths	Student L (Year 11)
Humanities	Student O (Year 9)
Science	Maddie Tuson (Year 8)
Performance	Miss S (Year 10)
Spanish	Student L (Year 9)
EAL	Student J (Year 8)
Year 7	Student A
Year 8	Harley Harrison
Year 9	Student F
Year 10	Student K
Year 11	Student S

Our Students of the Week for today are:

English	Student A (Year 10)
Maths	Lujain Alahmad (Year 11)
Humanities	Student M (Year 10)
Science	Student P (Year 10)
Performance	Adam Cimerman (Year 7)
Spanish	Student J (Year 9)
EAL	Student A (Year 7)
Year 7	Student D
Year 8	Student C
Year 9	Oluwatoyin Oyatolu
Year 10	Miss S
Year 11	Student T



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.

Pauline Quirke Academy Scholarship: Update

In addition to the three Year 11 students who have received a sponsorship, Oliver J in Year 11 has also received this and is attending the performing arts Academy. **Congratulations Oliver!**



Attendance

We were delighted to send out congratulation letters out to over 100 students last week who are currently on 95 – 100% attendance.

We aim for all students to attend school for this percentage of time and would like to draw your attention to the updated attendance policy which can be read here:

<https://www.cityofpeterboroughacademy.org/attachments/download.asp?file=2223&type=pdf>

Other Important Information

Year Group Email Addresses

Year 7:	year7@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org
Year 8:	year8@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org
Year 9:	year9@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org
Year 10:	year10@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org
Year 11:	year11@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org

Local Governance

We recently wrote to you on Groupcall outlining the changes due to made to Local Governance of the Academy. Thank you to everyone who has replied already expressing their interest in being a part of this group. The deadline for registering your interest has passed, with the election process now running from 4 to 15 November 2024.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who regularly wears our uniform correctly.

We have worked to clarify the uniform expectations which includes photos of our students wearing perfect uniform. This includes PE and dance kit.

If you would like to be reminded of our updated uniform policy, you can view the information here: [City of Peterborough Academy - Uniform](#)

And finally...

We are a week away from a half term holiday. Our last day is Friday 25th October, but for now...have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy
Principal

