



# Principal *Letter*

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

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*Dear Parent / Carer...*

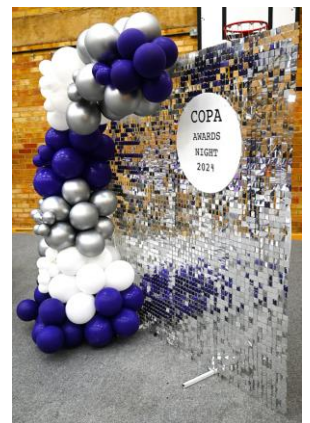
I hope this letter finds you well. We have had a lovely few days celebrating our community. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the events this week:

## CoPA Annual Awards 2024

It was an absolute joy to host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Event on Monday. In addition to rounding up the year, we were treated to performances from some very talented students, and I was honoured to present certificates and trophies to 108 COPA students from Year 7 to Year 11 Leavers. Well done to the students who won the awards and thank you to parents, friends and carers who joined us at the event.



A big thank you to Mr Vaughan who coordinated the evening and to all the staff who nominated students, supported on the evening, and presented awards.



## Year 7 Celebration Assembly and Breakfast

On Tuesday we hosted our first open celebration assembly for year 7 where we were able to invite parents in to enjoy the assembly with the students and join us for breakfast after the event. Thank you to the 50 family and friends who joined us, well done to the Year 7 students who were recognised for the great start they have made to the year and thank you to Mrs Foulkes-Arnold for coordinating and hosting the event. We hope to host many more of these events in the future.







## Winter Showcase

The excitement carried on into the evening on Tuesday, with some of our students showcasing their many talents during the Winter Showcase. We had actors, singers



and musicians taking to the stage to perform in front a crowd, and they did amazing - if they were nervous, we couldn't tell! Well done to all the students involved, we can't wait to see what's next for you all.



## Big Christmas Prize Draw

Wednesday afternoon, the term was completed with everyone tuning in to the biggest Prize Draw we have ever had with more prizes than ever to be won:

- **Attendance Draw** – the names of all students with at least 97% attendance were entered and each of the 3 lucky winners that were drawn won a £20 restaurant voucher.
- **Mystery Prize Draw** – the names of all students were entered into this draw where 30 students won gifts donated by YDP and other Peterborough Charities
- **Family Hamper Raffle** – all families were entered to win food hampers made up from food donated by staff and friends of CoPA. 11 families were drawn for this prize and have received their hampers in time for Christmas.
- **End of Term Raffle** – once again, students rushed to trade in their REACH points in exchange for raffle tickets with a chance of winning one of 5 big prizes.

Well done to the 5 lucky winners of a chrome book, a large chocolate hamper, a £25 gift voucher, non-uniform for you and a friend, and a queue skip for you and a friend for 6 weeks.

## Staffing News

On Wednesday we said a sad goodbye to Mr Wilkinson who left CoPA to go onto other ventures. Mr Wilkinson has worked at the Academy for 8 years. I would like to thank him for everything he has done over that time to deliver a great education to many students over those years and wish him and his family well in the future.

Mrs Gillespie-Beal has also decided to step away from her Head of Year 8 post to concentrate on teaching both Drama and English. We have appointed Mrs Granger to the post who is currently working at another school in the city. She will be joining CoPA at the end of January. In the interim, Mr Ferrara will be looking after the students in Year 8.

And finally...

However you choose to spend yours, have a happy holiday. We wish you all the very best and look forward to welcoming our students back in the New Year (on Tuesday 7 January).

Yours faithfully  
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