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Dear Parent/ Carer

We have packed a huge amount into this week!

Romeo and Juliet Production

Last Friday, as part of our partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company, the cast of very own Romeo and Juliet production went to see a professional production of the play. The show was fantastic; the students were really inspired by the energy of the actors, and they came away with lots of ideas for their own performances. We were even lucky enough to get a photo with some of the cast.

CoPA will be performing extracts from Romeo and Juliet as part of a Shakespeare festival in July.

Watch this space for more information on tickets!



Academy Council Visit to Parliament

Early on Monday morning, 51 students from the Academy Council travelled down to the Houses of Parliament in London. The students were shown around the Palace of Westminster where both Lords and MPs work and debate the issues of the day. They were able to see The Throne Room (where the King gave his speech), the House of Lords chamber, the House of Commons chamber, and Westminster Hall where the Queen was lying in state before her funeral.

After the tour the students went into a Law and Debating Workshop. This explained how acts become law. The students then engaged in a real debate about "Should exams be banned in schools". Students were split into government and opposition party, they had to give reasons for their party's opinion. Finally, they had to provide a closing argument for their party and then vote for the law.

All who attended were a credit to CoPA.



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Year 10 into University/ Business Focus Workshop

A group of Year 10 students had the opportunity to work with volunteers from Openreach at the Peterborough depot this week. Students took part in a leadership activity which required them to split into two teams and compete against one another to plan and design a campaign for a particular city to host the global games event. They participated in a vast range of tasks that required them to obtain points to become successful. In a highly close contest team Madrid outscored Chicago by five points. An excellent day where students developed a wide range of skills and gained an insight to a wide range of careers.

Operating Theatre Live

On Tuesday we hosted a company called Operating Theatre Live for the day along with 60 of our Year 10 students. **The company brought the UK's only live surgical operating theatre to our Academy.**

The students had an awesome experience working with the clinical team, scrubbing up to chart the treatment of a patient through from incident to trauma surgery. They had hands-on dissection of real organs, real clinical intervention, and surgical procedures all matched to their GCSE Science Exam.



Best of all, students and staff had a fabulous time. They have said it was:

Thoroughly enjoyed it!

I was really stuck in; it was the best experience

Inspired me to pursue medicine

Inspirational Informative

It was absolutely brilliant...if you aren't squeamish like me

Enjoyable – but sickly at times

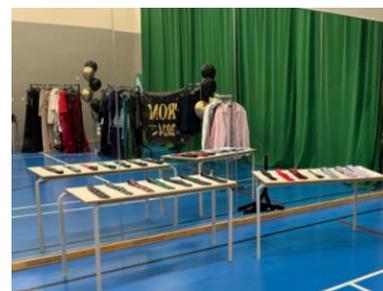
I thoroughly enjoyed the experience

Year 11 Pre-Exam and Good Luck Assembly

Year 11 got together for one final assembly before their final examinations this week, where they were given all the information that they will need for the start of the written exams next Thursday. Students were reminded of the examination rules and regulations (which can also be found on our website), as well as being issued with an exam's booklet detailing the lessons, exam prep sessions and exams happening on each day from 8 May 2024 until 21 June 2024. Please ask them to share this information with you. Mr Vaughan will also provide a weekly summary during the exam period to keep parents and carers informed throughout.

We will be starting exam support breakfast for Year 11s next Friday before the Biology exam. This will then be available for all Year 11 students daily from 8.00am until the end of the exam period.

The assembly finished with a video of CoPA staff wishing the students "Good Luck". We are really proud of what they have achieved so far and are ready to support them through the next 6 weeks.



PROM?

Year 11 Prom Shop

We were delighted to hold our very first Prom Shop at CoPA this week. Thank you to all the staff and their families and friends who donated. We were able to offer a wonderful selection of dresses and suits to our students.



Over 50 students and their families attended, and we were able to help 19 students find something special to wear for their Prom night.



We now look forward to organising a spectacular event for our Year 11 students after their exams. Good luck to them all.

Students of the Week

Well done to our Students of the Week for this week:

English	Student C (Year 9)
Maths	Student J (Year 10)
Humanities	Student U (Year 10)
Science	Student J (Year 8)
Performance	Student J (Year 10)
Languages	David Munjeri (Year 8)

Year 7	Student V
Year 8	Student U
Year 9	Alfie
Year 10	Georgia Hall
Year 11	Student C

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.

Cultural Exchange Visit

Today, Friday 3 May 2024, as part of our Culture Day we welcomed 20 students from Weston Favell Academy and Skegness Academy. As part of our partnership working with other schools in the Trust, we have teamed up with these two schools so some of our students can experience life in different areas of the country and meet a wide range of people.

We were delighted to be able to host the students on Culture Day and show them what we, here at CoPA, are all about; **celebrating each other's diversity**. The day comprised of students buddying up with CoPA Year 7 students and showing a day in the life of a CoPA student. Students went to all lessons and even got to experience the wonderful workshop with 'Punjabi Roots'. A wonderful day was had by all.



Celebrating Culture at CoPA

I write this piece at the end of a full week of cultural events, feeling very proud of our CoPA community and every student and staff member that has contributed.

We started the week with an online assembly; an outline of the events that would take place and asking students to celebrate all the things that make us different.

We knew CoPA students and staff would rise to the occasion, and they have done just that:

Hundreds of students and staff posed for **#WEARECoPA** photos in our selfie station, we have had over 160 entries into our cultural quiz and many more students have also contributed with artwork.

Then we had our first ever cultural cooking event. Students and staff worked together, against the clock to create dishes from their own culture. Six teams demonstrated excellent teamwork and cooking skills to serve up food from all around the world. The final products were bursting with flavour, and the standard...simply amazing!

And finally, **the week finished with our Culture Day 3.0.**

We take pride in our diverse community and believe in celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures that makes our academy so special. Culture Day is a special occasion where we come together to recognise and appreciate the diversity within our student body that forms part of **#CoPACulture**.

It was evident that students and staff share our pride as they arrived wearing traditional dress, draped in National flags and face paints and flooding the Academy with colour.

Each year group were treated to an assembly/ workshop delivered by our guests for the day – Punjabi Roots Academy, who had travelled from Paris to Peterborough to join us.

Punjabi Roots shared the cultural heritage of Punjabi regions and Bhangra music – with origins in its agricultural & farming industries. The moves including 'throwing the hay', 'shovelling' and 'passing the rope' were taught and then performed as a group dance. Just ask your child to show you – they have all got the moves!

We also saw our very own students showcase their talents as hundreds of students arrived during break to watch their peers. Traditional African dancing, South African vibes, walkthroughs to National Anthems and modern Pakistani music were showcased as individuals and groups collaborated.

The day finished with a 'freestyle' bhangra disco and once the Year 11 boys started things off, hundreds more got involved. **A genuine cultural melting pot was on display.**

The day (and week) has been filled with smiles, laughs, learning and fun. The CoPA community has come together and celebrated our differences and our togetherness. Well done to everyone and a huge thank you to those who were part of the organisation, planning, events, and more that made it happen.

We have loads of great photographs that we would love to share with you. Before we do this, we need to check photo permissions – come back next week to view them!

Thank you to everyone who has taken part this week. A special thank you to Mr Beeby who put the week together for everyone to enjoy.

Culture Day 4 anyone???

Triple Homework Points

Just a reminder that triple homework points continues into next week – please continue to encourage and support students to complete their homework.



Key Dates for the Summer Term

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday – Academy Closed

Thursday 9th May: Written GCSE Exams Begin

13th May – 24th May: KS3 Assessment (in lessons)

27th May – 31st May: Half Term – Academy Closed



And finally...

Please be reminded that it is a Bank Holiday on Monday 6 May, next week, meaning the Academy is closed. We look forward to welcoming the students back on Tuesday.



I hope you enjoy the slightly longer weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs N Treacy'.

Mrs N Treacy
Principal