

City of Peterborough Academy Parent Voice Autumn 2021: FAQs

Some of you commented on your child not getting enough homework, some of you commented on your child getting too much homework.

The Academy has had a big focus on homework this academic year, and all subjects have been asked to set meaningful and progressive homework that has an impact on learning. Students in Years 7 & 8 should be receiving a minimum of one 20-minute piece of homework each week from every subject. Students in Years 9, 10 & 11 should be receiving a minimum of one 30-minute piece of homework each week from every subject.

The Academy uses various online platforms for the majority of homework set.

Information on these platforms and access can be found here:

[City of Peterborough Academy - Homework](#)

When will I receive a report for my child?

All reports will be created and sent after a block of summative assessment, such as a test at the end of a full-term or mock exam. There may be occasions in the year where your child will receive an effort report only. This is also often followed by a Parents Evening, to discuss the contents of your child's report. All report dates and Parents Evenings are displayed below:

w/b 18 th October	Year 10 Effort Report
Tuesday 30 th November	Year 11 PPE Results, Report & Parents Evening
w/b 13 th December	Year 7 & 8 Academic & Effort Report Year 9 Effort Report
Wednesday 12 th January	Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 9 th February	Year 10 PPE Results, Report & Parents Evening
Thursday 3 rd March	Year 8 Parents Evening
Tuesday 22 nd March	Year 11 PPE Results, Report & Parents Evening
Wednesday 30 th March	Year 9 PPE Results, Report & Parents Evening
w/b 11 th July	Year 7 & 8 Academic & Effort Report
w/b 18 th July	Year 10 Academic & Effort Report

My child is in Year 11, and they were unable to attend the recent Supporting Success Evening. How do they ensure they still get the information they need?

All Year 11 students (and their parents or carers) who are in this position can request a bespoke meeting with the Head of Year, Mr Vaughan. The aim being to support the child with contacting/visiting/looking at possible Post-16 options and ensuring that any support which may help (e.g. external careers advice booking) can be provided.

What careers advice is provided to students across the Academy?

Below is a table showing what specific careers advice is provided and when.

	CV Writing Workshops	Mock Employment Interviews	Careers Mentoring	Tutorial led Careers Advice	Employability & Apprenticeship Workshops	Clifford Chance Workplace Visits
Year 7						
Year 8						
Year 9						
Year 10						
Year 11						

My child is currently self-isolating, what work is available to them?

If your child is self-isolating, they can access work via their 'Class Team' on the app, Microsoft Teams. Teachers will be ensuring that work is provided in this area, accompanied by appropriate audio support. If students have any questions regards the work, they can message their teacher in the Class Team, or alternatively email their teacher, who will get back to them at their earliest convenience.

If you need support with IT at home, we can provide this. Please contact your child's Year Team for details.

Why doesn't my child have a locker?

Providing the students with lockers is something we have considered before, but we have decided against it for two main reasons. The first of these is space. Our building structure is much the same as the original building built in the 1960s. This means that corridor space is narrow and there is a lack of indoor open space, where lockers could be fitted. The second reason is punctuality to lessons. We have made being on time to school and lessons a big focus with the students this year, and by providing lockers, this gives students a reason not to be on the shortest route to their lesson, during lesson changeover time.

Why do you use a cashless system for your catering?

We moved to a 100% cashless system during the pandemic to reduce hand contact with devices that are associated with paying cash into a kiosk. This system proved to be extremely efficient, and any system which supports children not carrying around cash with them is a much safer one. If you need support with the Vericool system, please do not hesitate to contact our finance team on finance@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org

What provision do you have to support students who are struggling with their mental health?

We have various pathways that students can access in school regarding support for their mental health. Which pathway they access is very much context dependent, and bespoke to the specific needs of that child. These pathways range from Peer Mentoring to Staff Mentoring to an external YMCA Counselling provision 2 days a week. Please ensure you ask your child's Year Team, if you think your child needs support with their mental health. We will be holding a Parent & Carer Support Evening in the winter term, with a specific focus on what we can all do to support mental health in young people.