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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I do hope you had a lovely half term and were able to enjoy some of the limited summer sun we seem to be having.

As we prepare to welcome your children to the City of Peterborough Academy (CoPA), we would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our comprehensive Careers Programme. Whilst decisions regarding careers may seem a long way off in Year 7, it is important to begin to think about this, the skills required in different jobs and different pathways available to students.

### **Careers at CoPA**

At CoPA, we have our aptly named "Careers at CoPA," programme which is designed to equip our students with the skills, knowledge, and opportunities to thrive in their future careers. This is led by Sam Maudsley who is our Careers lead at CoPA.

We understand the importance of guiding our students towards making informed decisions about their future paths. Our Careers Programme has been thoughtfully designed to provide a structured framework that helps students explore their interests, develop essential skills, and make well-informed choices about their career aspirations. Our overarching goal is to ensure that every student at CoPA is well-prepared to succeed in the rapidly changing world of work.

Here are some key highlights of the Careers at CoPA programme:

**Careers Education:** We provide a comprehensive careers education curriculum that is integrated into our students' overall learning experience. Through a series of workshops, interactive sessions, and engaging activities, we help students develop key skills such as communication, problem-solving, teamwork, and critical thinking. These skills form the foundation for success in any career path they choose.

**Careers Guidance:** Our careers advisor is committed to providing personalised guidance to each student at CoPA. They will work closely with students to identify their interests, strengths, and aspirations, and help them explore different career pathways. Our advisor also provides information about various vocational and higher education options, ensuring that students have a clear understanding of the opportunities available to them.

**Work Experience:** We recognise the importance of real-world experience in preparing students for their future careers. Through our extensive network of industry partners, we facilitate work experience opportunities for our students. These placements allow students to gain valuable insights into different professions, develop practical skills, and build their professional networks.

**Employer Engagement:** We actively engage with local businesses and professionals to create meaningful connections between our students and the world of work. Through workshops, industry visits, and guest speaker sessions, we expose students to a wide range of career opportunities and enable them to interact with professionals from various fields. This engagement helps students understand the requirements and expectations of different careers and fosters a culture of learning beyond the classroom.

The Careers at CoPA programme is an integral part of our commitment to providing a well-rounded education that prepares students for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. We firmly believe that by focusing on their personal and professional development, we can help our students achieve their full potential and lead fulfilling lives.

We encourage you to actively participate in your child's career journey by attending our careers events, engaging with our Careers Lead, and supporting your child's exploration of different career options. Together, we can inspire and guide them towards a bright and successful future. If you have any questions or require further information about our Careers Programme, please do not hesitate to contact our Careers Department. We are here to support you and your child throughout their time at CoPA.

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As we look into the final term of this year, we have many events that will be taking place to support your child's transition. Next week we will be sending an outline of our CoPA transition day on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

A reminder that we have our parent meeting appointments starting next week. This is to offer all parents/carers a chance to meet with a member of staff in June. This would be to allow an opportunity for you and your child to come onto the school site, ask any questions you have and for us to give you any further information.

These meetings will be 10 minutes long and by appointment only on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 3.30-4.30pm
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 3.30-4.30pm
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 3.30-4.30pm
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 3.30-4.30pm

To take advantage of this offer and book in please click on the following link, giving your preferred day and we will contact you with an appointment:

<https://forms.office.com/e/KfgdVhaNmU>

We want families and students to feel comfortable and confident about the transition from Primary to Secondary school and these meetings will be an opportunity for you to meet key staff and familiarise yourself with the school. We urge you to take advantage of these 1 to 1 meetings before the summer break to assist with any worries you or your child may have.

Additionally, we have an opportunity for a summer transition camp for our new CoPA cohort. This will take place on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September. These will be free offers but are optional for families to send their children to. These days are only available to students who will be attending CoPA in year 7 in September.

Please register your interest for your child to attend the transition days by completing the following form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/x6GzPzjwY7>

These places are not confirmed and will not be confirmed until the end of July. Registering your interest is to support with numbers for these events.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



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