

March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: New to Year 7 September 2026 - Welcome to City of Peterborough Academy

As I take up my role as Head of Academy at City of Peterborough, I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you. It is an enormous privilege to have joined such a kind and ambitious community, and I am both excited and honoured to be leading the school into the next chapter of its journey.

Having worked in education for over twenty years, I bring with me a strong track record of academy improvement and a deep commitment to educational excellence; my first position as Senior Assistant Principal with responsibility for curriculum and student pathways, and more recently as Deputy Principal overseeing standards, progress and student outcomes. My extensive senior leadership experience, has enabled me to raise standards, broaden opportunities, and ensure that every young person is supported to thrive. I am now delighted to be joining City of Peterborough Academy, an academy where values, aspirations and outcomes already sit proudly at the heart of its community. Our values of respect & kindness, excellence, aspiration, character and honesty underpin our purpose and nurture value and investment.

Thank you for choosing City of Peterborough Academy for the next step in your child's educational journey. We are committed to ensuring our warmth of welcome, the strength of relationships and the clarity of purpose runs through everything the academy stands for. Our promise to you is to ensure your child continues to thrive both in character and academic achievement. As a parent myself, I understand the hopes, expectations and trust you place in the academy each day. I want to assure you that I will work tirelessly to ensure City of Peterborough Academy continues to flourish. Working together with staff, students, families and the wider community, I am confident that we can continue to move from strength to strength, building on the academy's strong foundations to provide the very best for every child.

Throughout the year, we will keep you informed through our usual communication channels and share key opportunities for you to come into the academy and engage with staff, support your child's journey, and celebrate their successes. I firmly believe in the power of strong partnerships between home and school, and we are committed to working closely with families to ensure every student feels supported, challenged and inspired.

We will shortly be starting the process of transition, which will include visits to our academy site in July. Information about this will be sent to you in due course. The Transition team will begin to meet with Primary School staff next half term and will work closely with them to gather teacher assessment data, SATs scores and any other relevant details regarding how we can best support your child's transition to City of Peterborough Academy.

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Transitioning into secondary school is a significant step to make and I can assure you that we will do everything possible to make sure the transition is smooth, safe, and supportive. If you do have any specific concerns regarding your child, we will be holding a Parent & Staff week from Monday 15 June – Friday 19 June, where you will be given an opportunity to book a meeting with one of our key staff. We want to ensure we are able to meet with **all** of our new cohort therefore ask all parents/carers of children transitioning to year 7 book a session via the following link:

[Year 6 to 7 Transition Parent Meetings 15-19 June \(please respond\)](#)

Any families who do not make an appointment by 25 May 2026, we will assign a session to and advise you of the session you have been allocated.

Transition days are Wednesday 1 July and Thursday 2 July for all new students. We will send out more information regarding this closer to the event. We will also be holding a Year 6 Information Evening after the first transition day on Wednesday 1 July where you can speak directly to City of Peterborough Academy staff or you can contact us on our dedicated email at transition@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org

For further information about the work of the Academy, please take the opportunity to visit our main academy website: www.cityofpeterboroughacademy.org where you will find lots of relevant information. There is a designated area on the site where all Transition information will be posted.

You can also follow us on X @CityofPeterAcad or on Facebook @CityofPeterboroughAcademy.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you at our Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 1st July, and to welcoming our aspiring students as they join our City of Peterborough Academy community.

Kind regards



Mrs. Copland
Head of Academy