



CITY OF
PETERBOROUGH
ACADEMY



PROSPECTUS

Our Vision

We are an **inclusive community** with a **big heart** where students **belong** and **flourish**.

Our young people are supported to achieve **academic excellence** and encouraged to **seize opportunities** which will lead to a **life of success**.

As **global citizens**, we will **dream big**, build **mighty futures** which are guided by an unwavering belief in our **future potential**.

Values

Respect and Kindness

Excellence

Ambitions

Character

Honesty





A Message from the Head of Academy

Dear Parents, Carers and Prospective Students,

Welcome to City of Peterborough Academy.

As Head of Academy, I am proud to lead a school community where respect, kindness, ambition and honesty are at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to providing every student with the opportunity to achieve their very best, both academically and personally, in an environment where they feel safe, valued and inspired to succeed. Through academic excellence, high expectations and exceptional support, we nurture big dreams and help create mighty futures for every young person. We encourage our students to embrace challenge, seize opportunities and develop into confident, compassionate individuals who are ready to make a positive contribution as future global citizens.

Starting secondary school is an exciting milestone, and we work hard to ensure that every student is known, supported and encouraged to flourish. Through high-quality teaching, a broad and ambitious curriculum, and excellent pastoral care, we help our young people develop the knowledge, skills, resilience and character needed to thrive in school and beyond.

Here at City of Peterborough Academy, students benefit from a wide range of enrichment experiences and a careers education that broaden horizons and raise aspirations. We want every young person to discover their strengths, realise their potential and leave us equipped with the confidence and ambition to shape their own mighty future.

Thank you for considering City of Peterborough Academy. We look forward to welcoming you to our community and helping your child turn big dreams into mighty futures.

Mrs A. Copland



Amy Copland
Head of Academy



Uniform

Uniform

At City of Peterborough Academy we expect all students to wear full academy uniform every day. By wearing our Academy Uniform our students.

- Strengthen pride in our academy through our appearance, both inside school and within the wider community.
- Promote a sense of belonging and excellence, reflecting our values every day.



Example of Uniform Expectations for Students in Years 7 to 9

Academy Day

SESSION	TIME START	TIME END
Tutorial	8:35	9:05
Period 1	9:05	10:05
Period 2	10:05	11:05
Break	11:05	11:25
Period 3	11:25	12:25
Period 4	12:25	13:25
Lunch	13:25	14:05
Period 5	14:05	15:05



The CoPA Experience

At City of Peterborough Academy, we understand that moving from primary to secondary school is an exciting milestone and, for some students, a daunting experience. We are committed to making this transition as smooth and positive as possible through a strong pastoral system and a dedicated team of staff who ensure every student feels supported from day one.

Our students are supported to achieve academic excellence while developing the skills, resilience, and character needed to thrive beyond the classroom. As global citizens, they are encouraged to dream big, build mighty futures, and make a positive contribution to their communities. Through an unwavering belief in the potential of every individual, we aim to inspire our young people to lead lives of success, purpose, and fulfilment.

Transition to Year 7

The City of Peterborough Academy journey begins in July with our exciting transition programme. New students take part in a range of engaging activities designed to help them settle into Academy life, make new friends, and experience learning at CoPA. These events also provide an opportunity for students and families to meet the Year Team and key staff who will support them throughout their journey.

Pastoral Care

At City of Peterborough Academy, we are committed to ensuring every student feels safe, supported and valued. Our experienced pastoral team works closely with students and families to promote wellbeing, attendance, positive behaviour and personal development.

Through dedicated tutors, Heads of Year, safeguarding staff and specialist support services, we provide guidance and care at every stage of a student's journey. Whether celebrating success, overcoming challenges or preparing for the future, our pastoral team is there every step of the way.

By building strong relationships and a culture of belonging, we help every student thrive academically, socially and emotionally.



Curriculum

Core

Our Core Curriculum provides the essential foundations for future success. Through English, Mathematics and Science, students develop the knowledge, literacy, numeracy and analytical skills needed to excel across all subjects and confidently progress to further education, training and employment.



Vocational

Our Vocational Curriculum offers students practical, industry-relevant learning experiences that connect classroom learning to the world of work. Through hands-on projects and real-life contexts, students develop valuable technical skills, independence and career-ready knowledge.

Performance

The Performance Faculty inspires creativity, confidence and self-expression through Music, Drama and Dance. Students have opportunities to perform, collaborate and develop their talents while building resilience, communication skills and a lifelong appreciation of the arts.



Humanities

Humanities encourage students to explore the world around them, past and present. Through subjects such as History, Geography and Religious Studies, students develop critical thinking, cultural understanding and the ability to engage with important global issues.

Languages

Learning a language opens doors to new cultures, opportunities and perspectives. Our Languages Curriculum develops students' communication skills, confidence and global awareness, enabling them to become informed and successful citizens in an increasingly connected world.



Celebrating Success at CoPA

At City of Peterborough Academy, we believe every success deserves recognition. Our exciting rewards programme celebrates students who demonstrate our values, work hard and go above and beyond.



Golden Tickets

Awarded for exceptional effort, achievement and positive attitudes, with weekly prize draws and additional rewards.



Reach for Excellence Tokens

Earned for demonstrating CoPA values around the academy and within the community. Tokens can be exchanged for rewards or converted into positive points.



Head of School Breakfast

Outstanding students are nominated by staff and invited to a special breakfast celebration with academy leaders.



Positive Points & Rewards Store

Students earn positive points for effort, achievement and positive behaviour. Points can be spent in the CoPA Rewards Store, offering a range of prizes and incentives throughout the year.



There are lots of ways to be recognised and rewarded, including:



Pizza Lunches



Flash Rewards



Attendance Breakfasts



Reward Trips and Special Events



Activity Week Experiences

At CoPA, excellence is noticed, celebrated and rewarded, creating a culture where every student is encouraged to aim high, get involved and be proud of their achievements.



Student Opportunities

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) gives students the opportunity to build confidence, develop valuable life skills, and discover new talents. Through volunteering, physical activity, skill development, and adventure, participants learn resilience, independence, and teamwork, helping them to realise their potential and prepare for future success. At City of Peterborough Academy, DofE encourages our students to challenge themselves, embrace new experiences, and develop the confidence to achieve their ambitions.



Tall Ships

The Tall Ships programme offers students a unique opportunity to develop confidence, resilience, teamwork, and leadership through sailing adventures. Starting as beginners, students build their skills and take on increasing responsibility as they progress. Older students often mentor younger participants, creating a supportive environment where everyone is encouraged to challenge themselves, grow in confidence, and develop skills that will benefit them throughout life.





Student Opportunities

Skills Builder Partnership

The Skills Builder Partnership was founded by educators with the vision that every young person should develop the essential skills needed for success in education, employment, and life. These highly transferable skills, including teamwork, communication, leadership, and problem-solving, are embedded throughout the curriculum and wider Academy experience. At City of Peterborough Academy, the Skills Builder framework supports our commitment to preparing students to thrive in the classroom, succeed in their future pathways, and become confident, capable global citizens. In recognition of our outstanding commitment to skills development, CoPA was awarded the Skills Builder Silver Status in 2026.



Skills Builder
PARTNERSHIP
Global

Royal Shakespeare Company

As a proud Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) Associate School, CoPA brings Shakespeare to life through performance and creativity. Students take part in annual Playmaking Festivals, collaborate with professional actors and directors, and access opportunities such as the RSC Next Generation talent programme. Our outstanding work has been recognised nationally, with CoPA featured in the RSC's Annual Impact Report.

At CoPA, Shakespeare is something we study, perform and make our own.

"The play's the thing." – Hamlet



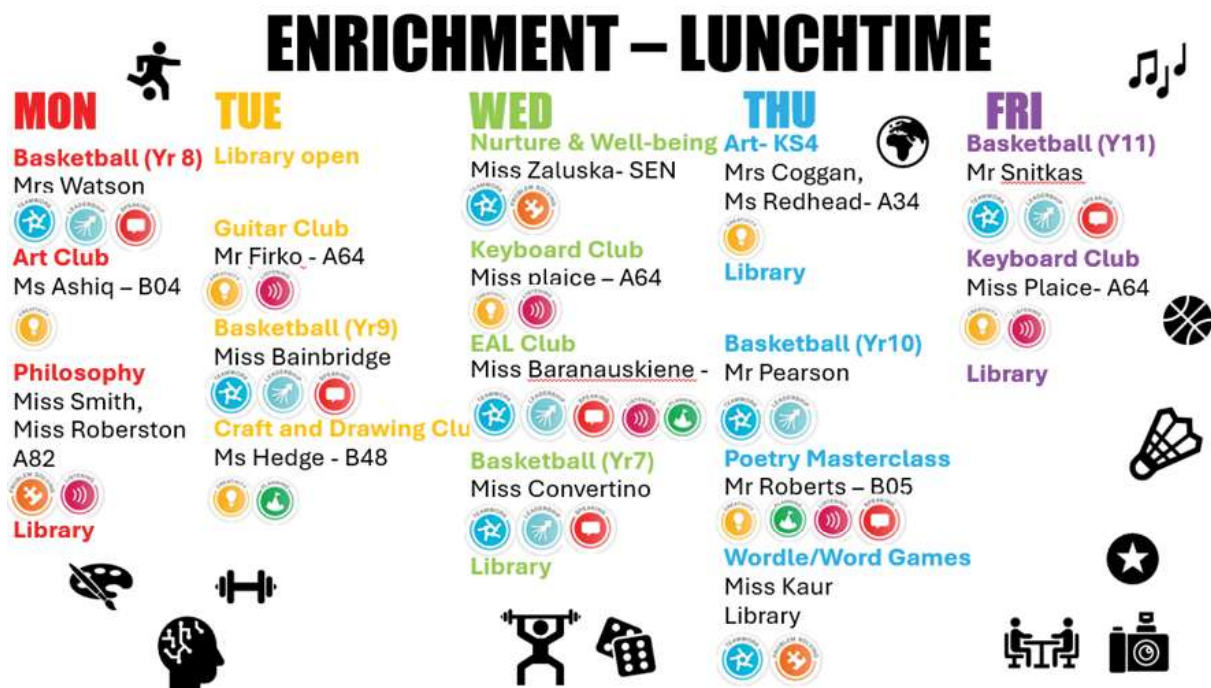


Enrichment

At City of Peterborough Academy, we believe that some of the most valuable learning takes place beyond the classroom. Our diverse enrichment programme gives students the chance to discover new interests, develop their talents, and build confidence through a wide range of activities, clubs, trips, and leadership opportunities.

From sport, performing arts, STEM and creative arts to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and community projects, there is something for everyone. These experiences help students develop essential skills such as teamwork, resilience, communication, and leadership while creating lasting memories and friendships.

Our enrichment offer is designed to broaden horizons, raise aspirations, and inspire students to step outside their comfort zones, ensuring they leave City of Peterborough Academy as confident, well-rounded young people ready to succeed in their future.





Enrichment

ENRICHMENT – AFTER SCHOOL

TUE

Living Sport Invite only
Miss Bainbridge – Small Hall

Boys Cricket
Mr Snitkas
Field

Band Practice
Miss Plaice – A64

Polish GCSE
Miss Demkiewicz – B14

MON
Library Online Games/Quiz'
Miss Kaur
Library

WED

Mixed Athletics
Mr Snitkas and Mr Pearson
Field

Deduction Games
Miss Allhadad – A64

Girls' Gym Club (All Years)
Mrs Watson – Fitness Suite

Midsummer Night's Dream Rehearsals 1505-1600
Ms Gillespie-Beal

THU

Library

Geography Games
Ms Atkin, Mr Downie – A97

Duke of Edinburgh
Miss Convertino – See CC announcements for weekly details.

Boys' Gym Club (All)
Mr Pearson – Fitness Suite

Girls Rounders
Mrs Brown and Miss Bainbridge
Field

Friday Night Football
Mrs Watson

Alumni Profile: Jason

The enrichment programme at City of Peterborough Academy gave me the opportunity to discover a talent for sprinting that I never knew I had. With the encouragement and support of my teachers, I was able to develop my ability, build my confidence and compete at a national level for a number of years. Sprinting became more than just a sport for me. It taught me the importance of focus, determination and discipline. These are qualities that have stayed with me long after leaving the academy and have been invaluable as I've entered the world of employment. I'm incredibly grateful to the academy and the teachers who supported me in discovering and nurturing a talent that became such an important part of my life.





Student Leadership

At City of Peterborough Academy, we believe every student has the potential to lead, inspire, and make a difference. Our Student Leadership Team provides opportunities for young people to develop confidence, responsibility, and the skills needed to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Led by our Head Students, Ariana and Luqman, and supported by our Deputy Head Students, Ana-Maria and Samuel, alongside our wider Extended Student Leadership Team, these students play a vital role in shaping Academy life. Working in partnership with staff, they represent the student voice, organise events, support younger pupils, and help create an environment where every student feels valued, supported, and able to flourish.

Our Student Leaders

Our student leaders champion key priorities across the Academy, including:

- Student Recognition – celebrating student achievements, effort, and contribution across Academy life.
- Community and Culture – strengthening our sense of belonging and promoting a positive, inclusive Academy community.
- Aspirations – encouraging students to dream big, embrace opportunities, and achieve their ambitions.
- Inclusivity – ensuring every student feels respected, represented, and able to thrive regardless of their background or experiences.

“As ambassadors for our values of Respect, Excellence, Ambition, Character, and Honesty, they lead by example and inspire others to make a positive contribution to both the Academy and the wider community. Through these leadership opportunities, students develop the confidence, character, and skills needed to create meaningful change today while building mighty futures for tomorrow.”

- Ariana & Luqman





Alumni Profile: Ariba

City of Peterborough was a vital stepping stone in my journey to finding myself. I was supported every step of the way by my teachers and pastoral staff who saw my potential and stayed constantly in my corner. I think back fondly of all the extracurricular activities, classroom support, school trips, and the tight knit community of CoPA. The schools book club was vital to me as well as the Outward-Bound trip to North Wales.

The enrichment I gained motivated me to go on to sixth form and study English Literature, History and Sociology. I really enjoyed these subjects and learnt the importance of post 16 learning. I went on to pursue a degree in English Literature at Bangor University, North Wales. I have graduated and I am now pursuing a career in teaching in secondary schools. Going to University was an incredible experience where I have created lifelong memories and friends. I am grateful for my teachers who never doubted me and I will always remember their works of wisdom. City of Peterborough isn't just a school; it's also a community full of people that truly believe in you.





Aspirations



Unifrog

At City of Peterborough Academy, all students have access to Unifrog, an award-winning careers platform that helps them explore future pathways, including university, apprenticeships, and employment. Through personalised guidance and interactive resources, students can discover opportunities, make informed decisions, and take confident steps towards achieving their ambitions.



Our Results

In 2026, City of Peterborough Academy celebrated our strongest KS4 results yet with an average grade of 4.2 and 25 grade 9s (A*). We also secured 56% of our students a grade 4 (C) and above in their Maths and English GCSEs.



About our Trust

Greenwood Academies Trust

The Sponsor of the City of Peterborough Academy is the Greenwood Academies Trust (GAT). Information about the Trust can be found on-line at www.greenwoodacademies.org and the Chief Executive & Chair can be contacted on admin@greenwoodacademies.org. The Greenwood Academies Trust is a not-for-profit educational organisation. The Trust offers high levels of educational expertise & we seek to deliver long lasting & productive relationships with the communities we serve.

The Greenwood Academies Trust (GAT) is the sponsor for 37 academies at present, educating approximately 18,000 students across seven local authority areas including Nottingham City, Nottinghamshire, Leicester City, Northamptonshire, Peterborough & Lincolnshire.



Wayne Norrie
Chief Executive

They are:

- Beacon Primary Academy, Skegness, 4-11
- Bishop Creighton Academy, 4-11
- City of Peterborough Academy, 11-16
- Corby Primary Academy, 4-11
- Danesholme Infant Academy, Corby, 3-7
- Danesholme Junior Academy, Corby, 7-11
- Dogsthorpe Academy, Peterborough, 7-11
- Green Oaks Primary Academy, Northampton, 3-11
- Hazel Leys Academy, Corby, 3-11
- Ingoldmells Academy, 4-11
- Kingswood Primary Academy, Corby, 3-11
- Kingswood Secondary Academy, Corby, 11-18
- Mansfield Primary Academy, 3-11
- Mablethorpe Primary Academy, 3-11
- Medeshamstede Academy, 4-18
- Nethergate Academy, 5-19
- Newark Hill Academy, Peterborough, 4-11
- Nottingham Academy, 3-18
- Nottingham Girls' Academy, 11-18
- Purple Oaks Academy, 3-18
- Queensmead Primary Academy, Leicester, 3-11
- Rushden Primary Academy, 4-11
- Seathorne Primary Academy, 3-11
- Skegby Junior Academy, 3-11
- Skegness Academy, 11-18
- Skegness Infant Academy, 3-7
- Skegness Junior Academy, 7-11
- Stanground Academy, Peterborough, 11-18
- Studfall Infant Academy, Corby, 3-7
- Studfall Junior Academy, Corby, 7-11
- Sunnyside Primary Academy, Northampton, 4-11
- The Wells Academy, Nottingham, 11-16
- Waterside Primary Academy 4-11
- Welland Academy, Peterborough, 4-11
- Weston Favell Academy, Northampton, 11-18
- Woodvale Primary Academy, Northampton, 3-11



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