



# CITY OF PETERBOROUGH ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/ Carer

This week saw us extending a warm welcome to lots of visitors - all providing fantastic feedback on the students, staff, and Academy as a whole. Thank you to all our students that consistently display our values:

## **R**espect and Kindness

We are respectful and kind to ourselves and others. We understand and are respectful of the protected characteristics. We commit to following our rules and expectations and understand how rules create a calm and orderly community.

## **E**xcellence

We work hard to celebrate our achievements. We are proud of our efforts. We expect everyone to always give their best, building on success and learning from mistakes.

## **A**mbition

We challenge everyone to set aspirational goals and provide support to achieve them. We expect everyone to chase big dreams and have audacious goals.

## **C**haracter

We display ourselves as helpful, resilient, responsible, caring, courageous, diligent and fair individuals; we strive to be good leaders and citizens in our community.

## **H**onesty

We act, speak, and think in a truthful and trustworthy way. We can be relied upon because we have integrity. Honesty helps us build trusting relationships.

## National Sports Week

We have had a successful National Sports Week; with many students getting involved in a number of additional sports. The rowing competition was a huge success, and the two overall winners were: Toyin O in Year 8 and Danas K in Year 10. The students responded well to the assemblies and are looking forward to the Sports Days that will be happening towards the end of term, as well as using the MiMove app that was recently launched.

## Thank a Teacher Day: 19 June 2024

On Wednesday, we celebrated National Thank a Teacher Day. Students were able to collect postcards from various places within the Academy and give them to their favourite teacher; hundreds of cards were received by our hard-working teaching team. In addition, many of you completed the e-cards through the website and staff received their card via email.

Thank you to everyone who did this.



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## IQM Award

This week we had a visit from the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) Assessment Team. This is an annual process that reviews work completed at the Academy within the last twelve months, based on our chosen project and the ongoing inclusion agenda.

The day began with a performance from the cast of Annie, which certainly struck a chord and is likely to be unmatched by any other school! This was then followed by a tour of the Academy, visits to lessons, and seeing first-hand the inclusive culture and ethos that exists at the City of Peterborough Academy. The assessor also met with staff and students across all year groups.

The assessment team were very complimentary about the CoPA staff and students; saying '**staff were some of the best she had spoken to**', and citing our passion and commitment for students as a strength. She also spoke highly of the students; saying that they spoke positively about being given autonomy and regarding the support they receive.

We await the final report, but we are confident that we will maintain our flagship status and continue to build on this success next year.

## Cluster Group Meeting

It was fantastic to be able to welcome six other schools from both primary and secondary settings into the Academy on Wednesday to celebrate our Inclusive school as part of our Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) commitments.

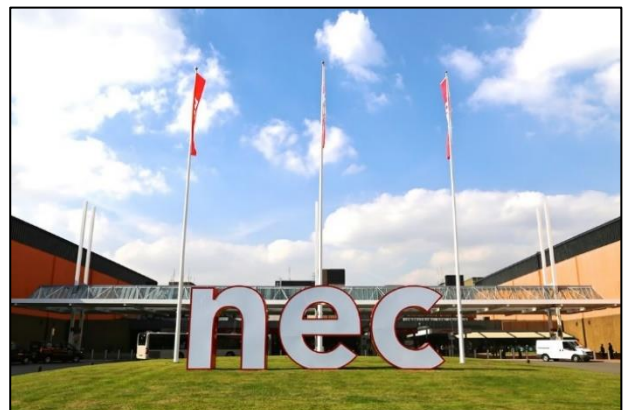
The day was full of information and enjoyment; from a British Sign Language lesson with Miss Krupa, to a seminar on CoPA Inclusion Strategy. All the schools had a chance to have a tour of the Academy; tours that were perfectly led by some of our CoPA Community members.

Every school in attendance expressed how **blown away they were by the politeness and kindness of our students**. Roger Leeke, the IQM Lead, spoke on how calm the school was and just **how impressive and impactful our Inclusion provision is** here at CoPA. Roger also mentioned at the end of the day how it is clearly a whole school community effort, both inside and out.

Another proud day to be part of Team CoPA!

## Big Bang – NEC: Year 8 Trip

Today, over 80 Year 8 students attended the Big Bang Exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham. The students were able to watch live shows such as Adventures in AI, Royal Institution, Human Guinea Pig, and Medical Mavericks. As well as the shows, students were provided with opportunities to connect with employers from the Science and Engineering sector and gain information about careers in STEM.



If your child was able to join us on this trip, please do talk to them about all the exciting activities they were apart of and observed today. It may have sparked thoughts about there future career aspirations or interests in general - which we'd love to continue to nurture and support in school.

## Students of the Week

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

English	Harley R (Year 8)
Maths	Student E (Year 10)
Humanities	Student D (Year 7)
Science	Student H (Year 8)
Performance	Student J (Year 8)

Languages	Student V (Year 10)
Year 7	Summer-Louise Bewick
Year 8	Student K
Year 9	Abbigail Pusey-Fovargue
Year 10	Archie Ellington



### Year 11 Leavers Day

Today we said goodbye to our Year 11 Leavers (Class of 2024), after nearly six weeks of GCSE exams.

Students received a variety of awards and gifts recognising their contribution to the CoPA community in their 5 years here. They were also shown how much they have changed with a montage of their Year 7 photos. Staff had created videos which were shown to students; one featuring a remake of "I want to Break Free". The presentation finished with memories that students had sent in.

Students spent time signing each other's shirts and saying goodbye to staff before leaving site. We look forward to seeing many of them again next week at Prom.

## Staff vs Year 11 Football Match

Our annual staff vs Year 11 football match took place afterschool on Friday. A close encounter played in good spirits; the Year 11's took a deserved 4-1 half time lead - however, staff staged a remarkable comeback at 5-5, but ultimately it was **the students that took the victory at 6-5**.

Thank you to all staff and students who took part.



## Year 10 PPE Timetable

Year 10 have made a great start to their PPE exams. They have been working hard in lessons and conducting themselves brilliantly in the exam hall. Their exams continue into next week:

Monday 24 June	Tuesday 25 June	Wednesday 26 June	Thursday 27 June	Friday 28 June
8:50-10:05/10:35	8:50-10:20	8.50- 10.05/10.35	8:50- 10:30/10:55	8:50-10:20
Combined/Separate Science Chemistry 1h15m/1h45m	Maths paper 2 1h30m	Combined/Separate Science Physics 1h15m/1h45m	Sociology 1h45m	Maths paper 3 (higher only) 1h30m
13.00 – 13:35/13:45	13.00-14:20	13:00 – 14:00	13:00 – 14:30	13:00
Spanish listening	History 1h 20m	Dance 1h Music 1h30m	Food 1hr	Catch-ups
Monday 2 July	Tuesday 3 July	Wednesday 4 July	Thursday 5 July	Friday 6 July
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## Year 7 News

A polite reminder to Year 7 parents that Monday is **Parents Evening** for you, **online**. This is a great opportunity to speak to our teaching staff about your child's progress throughout Year 7. If you haven't booked your appointments yet, there is still time. To book visit <https://copa.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Miss Foulkes-Arnold has started her visits to the Year 6 students joining CoPA in September, please note she will remain as Head of Year 7. Mrs Gillespie-Beal, who is going to be Head of Year 8 in September, has started to spend some time with our current Year 7 students to get to know them ahead of next year. Lastly, Miss Scarff will move from Deputy Head of Year 11 to Deputy Head of Year 8 to work alongside Mrs Gillespie-Beal.

### Key Dates for the Summer Term

24 June – 6 July	Year 10 PPE Exams Continue
24 June	Year 7 Parents Evening
28 June	Year 11 Prom
3 & 4 July	Year 6 Transition Days

## And finally...



Now that summer has finally arrived, it may be a timely reminder that we now offer black shorts as part of our summer uniform. These shorts must be purchased from our uniform provider Chroma Sport:

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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

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