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# Principal *Letter*

Our weekly letter - bringing you the Academies current week's news, as well as helpful information and reminders for future events.

*This letter is available in different languages upon request.*

*Dear Parents, Carers and Students...*

I hope you had a good week. With lighter mornings, evenings and the sight of blue sky, it feels like Spring is on its way.

## Year 11 PPEs and Follow

Congratulations to Year 11 students who have completed their last PPE exams this week before their external exams start in May.

Staff have been busy marking papers, and students are getting results and feedback from staff as quickly as we can. Formal reports with exam grades and updated staff predictions will be published to students and staff on Friday 14 March.

In-person Parents Evening is being held at CoPA on Monday 17 March. This is the last time staff will be able to spend time providing individual feedback to students and parents. Parents can make appointments from today using this link: <https://copa.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

With 40 school days left until the first written external exams, and practical exams taking place weekly up until that point, it is essential students in Year 11 attend every day. Please support us in sending students to school in order for us to support them in achieving the best outcomes they can.

## Celebration Breakfasts

Throughout the week we held Celebration Breakfasts for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Each Year Group breakfast hosted approximately 40 students each that either had less than 5 negative points, over 95% attendance records or any other notable accomplishment. Students were invited to pastries and juice and to celebrate each other's success. Well-done to each and every one of them.



# Year 9 and 10 Computer Science Visit – BT

Our Computer Science department embarked on an unforgettable trip to BT Adastral Park where Year 9 and 10 students were given an exclusive opportunity to explore the heart of cutting-edge technology and innovation. This hands-on experience was packed with thrilling insights and future-forward discoveries that left us all inspired and eager to dive deeper into the world of tech!

The journey kicked off with a fascinating tour of the **BT Openreach Labs**, where we were introduced to the latest advancements in telecommunications and network infrastructure. It was incredible to see the tools and systems in action, transforming the way people connect around the globe.

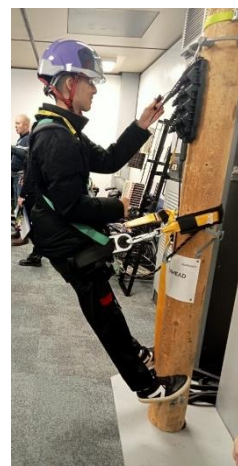
Next up was the **Network Operations Centre**, a high-tech command centre where we learned how BT ensures the reliability and performance of their network. It felt like stepping into the brain of the digital world understanding the immense scale of operations that keep everything running smoothly.

The **Technology Showcase Tour** took us on a deep dive into the innovations shaping our future. From 5G networks to smart solutions we saw technologies that are revolutionising the digital landscape. But the experience didn't stop there – we also participated in the mind-blowing **Path of an IP Packet** session where we followed the journey of data through the network. It was eye-opening to see just how data travels and connects the world around us.

One of the most exciting parts of the day was the hands-on demo of **Hologram Tech**—an experience that felt straight out of a sci-fi movie! And, of course, no tech tour is complete without seeing the **server room**, where all the magic happens. The sheer scale and complexity of it all were awe-inspiring.

The day wrapped up with an insightful lecture on career pathways including the **Apprenticeship Pathways** offered by BT. It was fantastic to hear about the exciting opportunities available for students to kickstart a career in tech leaving students with a sense of possibility and motivation.

After a long journey back to Peterborough our students' minds were buzzing with new knowledge, newfound inspiration, and a deeper understanding of networking and the tech industry. A huge thank you to BT Adastral Park for such a dynamic and enriching experience!



## Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for this week are:

<b>English</b>	Student L (Year 11)	<b>EAL</b>	Student H (Year 10)
<b>Maths</b>	Student M (Year 11)	<b>Year 7</b>	Summer Rose W
<b>Humanities</b>	Student R (Year 10)	<b>Year 8</b>	Student L
<b>Science</b>	Maria S (Year 9)	<b>Year 9</b>	Student A
<b>Performance</b>	Student M (Year 8)	<b>Year 10</b>	Student V
<b>Spanish</b>	Isaicc Pereira (Year 10)	<b>Year 11</b>	Oliver Jefferson

**Congratulations to them all!**



*If not done so already, please can I ask that you take a moment to complete our '[Permission to Publish Student Details Form](#)', whereby you can opt in or out of certain student details being published within newsletters (such as the above table). We'd love to share your child's success! Thank you to those that already completed this. Please note that if your child is 13 years old or older they can grant permission themselves as per government guidelines.*

# Mrs Ringrose Retirement



We have said a fond goodbye to Mrs Ringrose today who has been working at COPA as the Exams Officer for the last 8 years, and in several other Peterborough schools for 20 years before this.

Staff gathered after school yesterday to share in an afternoon tea and cake with Mrs Ringrose, who was also presented with a few gifts. This included an exams desk signed by staff members to remind her of the many exams she had overseen and the hundreds of students who have benefitted from her work

We would like to thank her publicly for her work and dedication to the CoPA community and wish her a long and happy retirement.

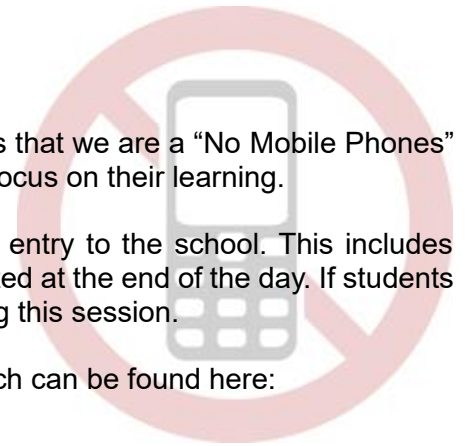
## Mobile Phone Policy at CoPA

In my whole community online assembly on Monday, I reminded students that we are a “No Mobile Phones” school. This protects everyone in the community and allows students to focus on their learning.

Students are expected to hand phones in to Deputy Heads of Year on entry to the school. This includes breakfast club and Year 11 revision breakfast. Phones can then be collected at the end of the day. If students are in corrections, phones must be handed to the member of staff running this session.

A full version of the policy is available as part of our behaviour policy which can be found here:

[City of Peterborough Academy - Academy Policies](#)



## World Book Day: Thursday 6 March

How are we celebrating WBD 2025?

We have several events running throughout the week:

- £1 book tokens to be given to all students
- Tutor time quiz on Thursday (Weds for Year 8)
- Bookmark competition (details below)
- Book suggestion box in library
- Photo competition (details below)
- The library will open for student registrations for one day only on Thursday!

### Bookmark Competition

Our annual competition has returned! Student are invited to attend the library on World Book Day to enter.

1st prize: £20 voucher | 2nd prize: £10 voucher | 3rd prize: £5 voucher

### World Book Day Photo Competition

Can you think of a weird and wonderful place to read a book? Enter the competition for a chance to win a £10 voucher!

To enter our World Book Day Photo Competition, take a photo of you reading in a unique place, and send your photo by **Thursday 6th March** to Mr Roberts at [croberts@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org](mailto:croberts@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org)

The winner will be announced on Friday 7th March 2025.



## Lost Property

We have an abundance of lost property in school, which we would like to reunite with their rightful owners. All lost property will be taken to the canteen on Wednesday 5 March and Friday 7 March at the end of the school day for students to come and check if anything belongs to them. We have coats, trainers, jumpers and glasses.

Please encourage your child to come and have a look, and hopefully we can reunite them with any items they may be missing. After this date we will take all unclaimed items to local refuges and charities, so it is important you encourage your child to attend if they have misplaced anything.

## Ramadan Mubarak

Wishing a peaceful Ramadan to everyone in our community whose fast begins this weekend.



## Key Academy Dates

**3 – 6 March**  
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**Monday 3 March**  
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**Wednesday 5 March**  
**Thursday 6 March**  
**17 – 20 March**  
**Monday 17 March**  
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**Tuesday 18 March**  
**Thursday 20 March**  
**Friday 21 March**  
**7 – 21 April**

Spanish Speaking & Food Exams  
Enterprise Workshops  
Bookings open for Year 11 Parents Eve  
Year 7 BAE Systems STEM Roadshow: AI  
Year 11 Sports Trip  
Sports Leaders: JHS  
Year 10 Babraham Trip  
Year 7 & 9 Shakespeare in Action  
Year 11 Study Skills Workshop  
Year 11 PPE Results/ Parents Evening  
Year 10 ARU Campus Visit  
ARU Celebrations  
Football Trip  
Easter Holidays

And finally...

Have a lovely weekend.



Yours faithfully

**Mrs N Treacy**  
**Principal**

