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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 Parent / Carer...

I hope this letter finds you well. What a week we have had...

Culture Day IV 2024



Last week, on Thursday 5 December, we celebrated the students that make up our CoPA community.

We are fortunate to be able to say we have 65 nationalities that make up our Academy!

With this, students were welcomed in wearing cultural dress throughout the day and provided cultural foods that they could share with their peers.

KS3 students received a cultural talk from **COMPAS** (**COMM**unity **PartneR**Ship Group).

Whilst all students had an assembly delivered by our student leadership team which explored an array of different nations, discussed cultural foods and explained traditions from the respective countries. The assembly also featured several cultural dances and fashion show to complete the student's presentation.





WW1 Workshop

On Monday and Tuesday this week, KS3 and KS4 History students were invited to a WW1 Workshop led by Sergeant Ritchie Parsons. In the sessions students were able to travel back in time and experience what life was like, both living and fighting in the trenches, using modern virtual reality!



Year 9 & 10 Bletchley Park Trip: Exploring the Roots of Computer Science

On Tuesday, our Computer Science students and teachers had the incredible opportunity to visit Bletchley Park, the birthplace of modern computing and a site of historical significance. The trip was an inspiring journey through the past, showcasing the vital role of computing during World War II and its evolution into the technology we use today.

From the moment we set off, there was a buzz of excitement among students and staff alike. At Bletchley Park, we delved into the fascinating history of codebreaking, including the efforts to crack the Enigma code and the Lorenz cipher, which were instrumental to the Allied victory. Students viewed iconic artefacts like the Enigma machine, Lorenz machine, and the Bletchley printer, gaining a deeper appreciation for the ingenuity of the wartime codebreakers.



Students also visited the historic huts where the codebreakers worked, saw personal items and historical documents, and watched a short film titled 'D-Day', which highlighted Bletchley Park's critical role in planning the Normandy invasion. The film showcased how intelligence gathered there influenced one of the most pivotal moments in World War II.



A highlight of the day was the workshops, including one on Personal Cyber Security, where students learned how to stay safe online and protect personal data, connecting the lessons of Bletchley Park to modern challenges in the digital age.



The visit also included exploring early computing machines like the Bombe, which brought the concepts of cryptography and algorithms to life. These experiences reinforced the importance of logical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration—skills that are at the heart of Computer Science.



The trip left students inspired, with many engaging deeply with the exhibits and reflecting on how the foundations of computing have shaped our modern world. The visit to Bletchley Park was more than an exploration of computing and history - it was a celebration of innovation and teamwork.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this enriching experience possible - with a special thanks to Ms Morgan.



Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Seasonal excitement continued Wednesday, with students and staff wearing their best festive jumpers. The CoPA kitchen staff served over 400 Roast turkey lunches with all the trimmings with the help of many CoPA staff who mucked in serving, washing up and entertaining the queues of students.



Year 11 Narrowly Defeated By TDA!

The Year 11 Basketball Team took on TDA on Thursday. TDA started off on the front foot creating multiple chances and missing lay-up after lay-up. CoPA grew into the game and Thai scored the first points of the game. Soon after this though TDA equalised, CoPA saw this a wake-up call as they started playing excellently and Brandon scoring on 3 consecutive attempts. CoPA were very dominant going into the 2nd quarter being 9-2 up.

After some changes were made at the break the boys didn't seem to settle and adapt to the pace of the game fast enough, resulting in TDA scoring early on, given them momentum as they scored twice more in quick succession levelling the game. CoPA quickly responded as Brandon, Zac and Thai all scored one after another to make it seem like the boys were sailing away with the game; putting them 17-11 up at the end of 2nd.

The next 20 minutes of the game were even, both sides were compact and hard to break down, CoPA's strong defense of Thai, David and Brandon could not handle the pressure as TDA scored twice to start the comeback. However, CoPA were not fazed by this pressure as Todd scored after some great team play. The rest of the quarter was end to end with both sides scoring multiple times to make the game 24-23 to CoPA looking like we were in for a scintillating finish.

At the start of the 4th, the hard work of CoPA was put to waste and TDA were fired up and ready to win the game, TDA scored three times early on and left CoPA with some chasing to do. CoPA gave it their all with Zac and Brandon scoring but eventually TDA came away as winners with the final scoreline 34-30. The manager (Mr. Snitkas) was visibly frustrated as he commented: "We threw it away." Although there was little comment, he told the boys to keep their heads up and there was lots of positives to take from the game as he handed Brandon player of the match for his relentless effort.



Photos taken by: Olivia, Bartek, Evie & Ellie



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Year 7 & 8 GSUS Conference

On Thursday and Friday this week, GSUS Live transformed our RE classroom into a multimedia learning experience. They have been delivering sessions with our Year 7 and 8 students, covering issues such as rejection, fear, reconciliation and forgiveness.



The three stories presented were very engaging and the use of technology enabled our students to have careful and thoughtful responses to difficult questions.

Many of our students have reported that they really enjoyed having a 'different' lesson and the opportunity to experience the workshop.

Thank you to Sam from CROPs who came into school to deliver the session.



Year 7 Indoor Athletics

Today, Friday 13, we took 14 students to compete in the annual Greenwood Dale Year 7 Indoor Athletics hosted by the Skegness Academy.

Our students were magnificent, with excellent character shown throughout.

Notable performances include Summer's first place in the 6-lap race and Yad's second place finish in the 4-lap race. Our Academy came 7th overall.

A large banner for the Kingsgate Christmas Donation. The banner features the text "65+ Nationalities ONE COMMUNITY" and "CITY OF PETERBOROUGH ACADEMY". It includes images of a "Love Christmas" card, a flag, and a student holding a flag. Below the banner is a photo of students in purple uniforms and Santa hats holding red sacks filled with goodies.

Kingsgate Christmas Donation

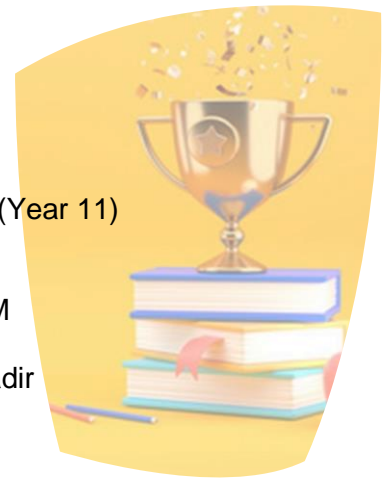
Kings Gate donated 50 red sacks filled with goodies. Students selected by safeguarding staff received these this afternoon.

Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for this week are:

English Student A (Year 10)
Maths Student V (Year 10)
Humanities Student H (Year 8)
Science Student S (Year 10)
Performance Student S (Year 9)
Spanish Student S (Year 7)

EAL Student S (Year 11)
Year 7 Student D
Year 8 Student J
Year 9 Student LM
Year 10 Student A
Year 11 Tazhan Kadir



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.

NEXT WEEK

We are excited to be hosting our **Annual Awards Ceremony on Monday from 6pm**. If you have had a letter informing you that your child has been nominated for an award, we look forward to seeing you.

On Tuesday we are hosting our **Year 7 End of Term Assembly** where over 90 student's parents/carers have been invited to join us for the assembly and refreshments at 10am.

A reminder that we are hosting the **Winter Showcase on Tuesday**. If you would like to join, please come along for some fantastic seasonal performances – there may also be a singalong!



Lastly, **students will finish for the Christmas Holidays at 12.20pm on Wednesday 18 December** - Please ensure students attend in full school uniform up until this time.

PUBLIC AND PPE EXAM TIMETABLE Tuesday 7 – Wednesday 15 January

Monday 6 Jan	Tuesday 7 Jan	Wednesday 8 Jan	Thursday 9 Jan	Friday 10 Jan
	8:50-10:20	8.50 – 10:20	8.50 – 10:35	09:00 – 10:15
Training Day	Spanish – listening, reading and writing 1h30m	Maths – 1h30m	English Language 1h45m	Enterprise & Marketing 1h15m Yr11 (public exam)
	13:30 – 15:00	13:30 – 15:00	13:30 – 14:30	13:30
Training Day	Geography – 1h30m	History – 1h30m	RE – 1h Sociology – 1h	Food – 1h10m
Monday 13 Jan	Tuesday 14 Jan	Wednesday 15 Jan	Thursday 16 Jan	Friday 17 Jan
8:50-10:05/10:35	8:50-10:20	8.50-9:50		
Science Combined – 1h15m Separate – 1h45m	Maths – 1h30m (non-calc)	Catch-ups	Timetabled lessons	Timetabled lessons
Statistics Yr11 1h30m	Catch-ups	Catch-ups		

Year 10 January PPEs

Please find table to the left listing the upcoming Year 10 PPEs taking place within the first two weeks of January.

And finally...

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy
Principal

