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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...*

What an exciting week we have had here at CoPA - if you follow us on Facebook or X (Twitter) you may have seen a small pre-view of some of the events held. If not, we invite you to follow us (FB: City of Peterborough Academy / X: @CityofPeterAcad) – we hope to see you there!

## Student Guest Writer (Dominic P): *Reporting on our Year 9 Netball Match*

### CoPA comeback in tough contest!

The Year 9's started off slow in their match against Ken Stimpson and could not seem to grow into the game. Eventually, after some instructions from the manager they started to work together, ending the first quarter on top. Two changes were made in the 2nd quarter but unfortunately CoPA found themselves 1-0 down early on. It was a very physical battle with both sides missing some big chances but both defenses were strong going into the 3rd quarter.

CoPA started the 3rd quarter excellently and this proved as some great link up led to Zara scoring an equaliser. This gave the Comets confidence as they went straight into attack and Ana Maria scored. This put CoPA 2-1 up and looking like they would be going into the last quarter on top.

Until unfortunately for the Comets, Ken Stimpson equalised to make it honours even going into the final quarter. CoPA once again was dominant in the quarter with a tight defense and some good offensive movement. Ana Maria was sent through and scored to make it 3-2. Soon after, CoPA were on the attack again and Zara scored a tidy point.

Finally, with 20 seconds on the clock, Zara scored her third of the game to secure the manager's Player of the Match. The manager commented on the 5-2 win, "The team displayed energy today and the students' developed knowledge of the game throughout. They started frantically but finished well as they controlled the game and thought tactically and executed the gameplan."



A huge thank you to Dominic for producing the above article. I'm sure you will agree that he shows real talent for Sports journalism, and I for one am looking forward to seeing more of his work in the future.

We look forward to many more collaborations like this with our students - about our students.

## Year 10 Heroes Peer Mentoring Training

This week our new Year 10 Heroes continued their Heroes journey by taking part in peer mentoring training. Here, they continued to develop their leadership skills, resilience and empathy in preparation for becoming peer mentors to Year 8 students. They will offer support, advice and a friendly face on a one-to-one basis where Year 8 students can talk freely about matters important to them, all whilst building confidence in talking to new people.



## Basketball U14 Match

The CoPA Basketball U14 team played with determination at a tournament held on Monday at TDA. Despite facing tough competition in all three of their games, the team gave it their all in each match, showing remarkable resilience and skill.

Although they lost all three games, the players never gave up and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day; supporting each other on and off the court. Their positive attitude, teamwork, and unwavering spirit were evident.

Considering this team was only formed two weeks ago they deserve an extra level of praise! We are very proud.

MVP: Preston Neilly



## Year 7 Cultural Disco

Year 7 had their first Cultural Disco at CoPA on Thursday. 70 students enjoyed music and games with Rob from Top Notch Entertainers. 15 students from Year 8 helped to organise the event and give out winning prizes. Students had lots of fun and laughter dancing to music from cultural backgrounds to Christmas classics. Monies raised from the event will go towards new outdoor games for the Year 7 courtyard.

We look forward to organising another Disco next year.



# Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for this week are:

**English** Malayeka Faisal (Year 9)  
**Maths** Student A (Year 10)  
**Humanities** Tania R (Year 9)  
**Science** Student M (Year 11)  
**Performance** Florina I (Year 7)  
**Spanish** Student I (Year 7)

**EAL** Student M (Year 8)  
**Year 7** Student F  
**Year 8** Student MF  
**Year 9** Harry Simpson  
**Year 10** Student R  
**Year 11** Archie Ellington



## 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.

## O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree...

Our classrooms and common areas are now well and truly brimming with Christmas tree seasonal joy! We have three real trees taking centre stage in our Reception, Canteen and Main Hall areas, as well as various artificial trees dotted around the building.

Groups of students excitedly rose to the challenge of decorating the trees - we think they did a marvellous job! They even ensured that our year-round hedge sculpture wasn't left out.

Thank you to these students – we hope that when you visit, the trees bring a smile to your face as much as they do ours.



## Christmas Events Reminder

- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** GCSE Certificate Presentation (3.30pm – 5.00pm)
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** CoPA Annual Presentation Awards (5.00pm – 7.00pm)
- **\*\*RESCHEDULED\*\* Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Winter Showcase (5.00pm – 7.00pm)
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Final Day of Autumn Term (Students finish at 12.20pm)

### And finally...

Following another successful Culture Day, a feature will be made in next week's letter to share with you all. Until then stay safe, stay warm, and have a lovely weekend.



Yours faithfully

**Mrs N Treacy**  
Principal

