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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 - we have certainly had a busy one!

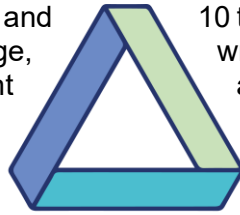
## Year 7 Warwick Castle Trip

On Tuesday, the History department took 35 Year 7 students to Warwick Castle as an extended learning opportunity to their current Medieval and Tudor Britain lessons. The students learned all about the history of the castle, from its Norman beginnings right through to its notorious Victorian weekend parties. They toured the castle rooms, climbed up the castle towers and ramparts (which included over 500 steps!), watched an amazing falconry display and managed to successfully find their way out of the Horrible Histories maze. The students all behaved fantastically and had a really enjoyable day.



# Year 9 Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 120 students from Years 9 and 10 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is an externally set national challenge, mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency. The problems on the Intermediate Maths Challenge are designed yet still challenge those with more experience. The exam papers have been submitted to the UK Maths Trust and next few weeks. Students can win results and certificates will be given in the bronze, silver or gold certificates based on their results against other students nationally.



**UK Maths Trust**

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## Year 11 History Revision Trip

Yesterday, Year 11 Historians went to visit the Palace Theatre in Newark to watch and take part in a series of grade boosting workshops. The workshops consisted of two interactive plays that dramatised 'Hitler on Trial' and 'The Doctors Show', two elements studied in the GCSE specification. Students were also invited to listen to a booster session which went through various strategies and ways to revise in History. Overall, it was a fantastic day out for both students and staff!



## Year 11 Food Practical PPE

Year 11 students spent a day in the kitchen this week conducting a practice run of their Practical food exam.

Their teacher, Mr Jameison praised their efforts saying "Thank you to our amazing Year 11 Food Students who have completed their 3 hour Mock Practical Exams this week.

Progression has been incredible, and you should all be very proud of the dishes you have produced.

Onto the final exam in March which I know you will smash!"



# Year 10 Reports and Parents Evening



Year 10 reports have been sent to parents today by email as well as paper copies provided to the students. We look forward to seeing Year 10 parents and carers at our **online teacher feedback evening on Monday** to discuss the report and the next steps. It is not too late to book a slot with teaching staff.

Please book online at <https://copa.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

# Friday Academy Open Mornings – Week 2

We were again proud to be able to open our doors to parents from both CoPA and our main feeder primaries today for the second week in a row.

This week, we welcomed 20 parents who were greeted with refreshments in our library, followed by a tour of the school hosted by both staff and volunteers from our Year 10 Heroes group.

Thank you to all who came. We value all feedback as we are always wanting to improve.

Here is a flavour of the feedback provided by a selection of visitors:

*“My child is in Year 5 and I don't want to look at any other school, I want to send my child to CoPA.”*

*“I felt a wonderful feeling this morning looking around this school.”*

*“It was really nice to see how children are learning in classrooms.”*

*“This school was better than I expected.”*

*“What a wonderful opportunity for children to be able to learn to cook.”*

*“Thank you for the opportunity for me to be able to see where my child learns. I wouldn't want them to go to any other school.”*

*“I will be telling other parents about my experience seeing CoPA this morning.”*

Next week is our last Open Morning.

Unfortunately, we have had to close the booking form as we are already up to 20 parents booked in but will plan in more events soon for any parents wanting to see us in action.

# Welcome

## Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for this week are:

<b>English</b>	Student Z (Year 7)
<b>Maths</b>	Student A (Year 11)
<b>Humanities</b>	Student R (Year 11)
<b>Science</b>	Ryan Chinhema (Year 10)
<b>Performance</b>	Student E (Year 8)
<b>Spanish</b>	Student R (Year 8)

<b>EAL</b>	Hassan Hafiz (Year 8)
<b>Year 7</b>	Patrick Stocks
<b>Year 8</b>	F Ogbere
<b>Year 9</b>	Student K
<b>Year 10</b>	Student R
<b>Year 11</b>	Disha



### 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.

## Key Dates for Spring Term 1

Year 10 Parents Information Evening 4pm – 6pm

**Monday 3 February**

**10 – 14 January**

**17 – 21 February**

Year 11 PPEs: Week 1

Half Term

# Attendance Matters

We love doing what we do and have assembled a great team of staff at CoPA to support and educate our student community. Please help us to do this by ensuring your child is in school as much as they can be.

Advice for parents can be found here: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/improving-school-attendance/>

The summer exam series for Year 11 students begins on Monday 5 May which means there are less than 50 schools days left until this date. Students who miss just one day will be missing vital information which could make a difference to their grades in the summer. Their exam entries for the summer have been completed this week and their final PPE series starts on 10 February.

We are always keen to reward students who attend school regularly and are currently reviewing our rewards to ensure we can do this more often – watch this space....

If you need support to achieve this, please contact us.

100-97% attendance	96.99-94% attendance	93.99-90% attendance	Below 90% attendance
Up to 5 school days missed	Up to 11 school days missed	Up to 20 school days missed	20 school days + a further 9 days for each 5% lower
Excellent Attendance	Attendance Monitoring	Attendance Concerns	Persistent Absentee

**Only 10% of students who are persistently absent from school achieve at least 5 grades at GCSE between 4-9**

## Well-Being Fair

Students are welcome to join us at our Wellbeing Fair on Tuesday which is being hosted by external health providers.

You can find this in the library at lunchtime.

See you there!



**WELLBEING FAIR**  
**@ COPA**

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STAFF & STUDENTS TO SPEAK TO SOME OF COPA'S EXTERNAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.

DROP IN FOR A CHAT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR OWN WELLBEING AND SUPPORT THOSE AROUND YOU.

**TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY**  
**LUNCHTIME**  
**LIBRARY AREA**

And finally...

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs N Treacy**  
Principal

