

24 May 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you had a good week. Today we break up for half term, but before we do, I would like to share with you some of the things we have been doing this week, as well as some relevant information regarding future events.

Football Success: Pheobe (Year 10)

Phoebe won the Huntingdonshire FA Cup final this Sunday with her football team. It was a close game with them eventually **winning 6-5**, but Pheobe's resilient nature and team commitment gave the team the dedication they needed to be successful in the cup.


Congratulations Pheobe - we are extremely proud of you!



Russell Group University Talk

On Monday, a group of our Year 10 students participated in a special talk about applying to university, with a focus on the Russell Group Universities and Oxbridge. This hour-long session was aimed to spark conversations about higher education and to empower our students to make informed choices about their futures.

Year 9 Into University Events

 Over several days this week Year 9 students have been working with Into University; taking part in workshops about their future goals and careers. The students have engaged in several team building activities, as well as creative and interactive activities. During the workshops, students have had talks from a local law firm, ARU, and the YMCA to talk about university courses, as well as different ways to enter the workplace via apprenticeship schemes. The workshops ended with the year 9 students spending the day at Open Reach, where they learnt about different careers in engineering, including a tour of their training school and museum.

Recruitment Event

On Wednesday we held our first recruitment event, opening our doors to people who may wish to work for us. Thank you to the fantastic group of Year 10 students who took the visitors on tours around the site. It was great to speak to a variety of existing teaching and support staff looking to move to us from other schools in the city, as well as people interested in training with us.

PECT Eco Awards 2024

On Thursday five of our Eco Warriors were invited to attend the PECT Eco Awards 2024 at the Key Theatre in Peterborough. The students walked from CoPA to the Key Theatre (to be environmentally friendly!) and spent the morning making a display based on the variety of plants they have been planting across the Academy grounds recently, and what they plan to do in the future. They also took part in workshops where they carried out practical work based on DNA with staff from ARU Peterborough, and worked with Jumped Up Theatre where they looked at how we perceive fashion and the sustainability impact it has.

In the afternoon, the students presented their display to many eco experts as well as staff and students from the other competing schools. Our students were a credit to CoPA and we received so many compliments from the experts, as well as the other schools, about how our students spoke with confidence and passion about what the Eco Warriors are doing and the impact they are having. They were also able to discuss with other schools what they have been doing and so were able to get some ideas about what could be done at CoPA to continue making our Academy more environmentally friendly.

Once the students finished their own presentation, it was time for the presentation ceremony. We are so excited to announce that **CoPA won the PECT Sustainable School of the Year Award, and one of our students also won the Eco Ambassador of the Year 2024 Award.** We are so proud of them and the effort they put into showing how CoPA is trying to do our best for the environment. We especially loved seeing them being rewarded for it - well done Eco Warriors, you did an amazing job!

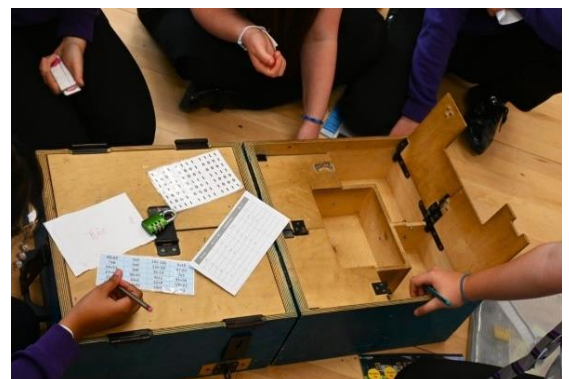


Year 7 Maths Problem Solving Workshop

Also on Thursday, all Year 7 students enjoyed a maths problem solving workshop.

In small teams they had to solve challenging problems and use clues to find the code that would unlock their mystery box.

Use of problem solving, teamwork and resilience were essential for success and every group managed to open their mystery box. The fastest time of the day being 36 minutes. Students really enjoyed the workshop, and we are looking into extending this activity to other year groups.



Students of the Week

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

English	Oluwatoyin Oyatolu (Year 8)
Maths	Student D (Year 10)
Humanities	Student L (Year 7)
Science	Student K (Year 8)
Performance	Ryan C (Year 9)
Languages	Student B (Year 10)

Year 7	Student M
Year 8	Shania Monte-Hepburn
Year 9	Student C
Year 10	Student B
Year 11	Harrison Pusey-Fovargue

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.

Year 10 PPE Exams

We have published our Year 10 PPE timetable this week; to ensure that students, parents and staff have an accurate picture of progress in each subject going into Year 10, we ask our Year 10 students to sit a full set of exam papers. We will produce a full report detailing their results by the end of the academic year.

The exam timetable is detailed on the Academy website which can be accessed by the following link:

<https://www.cityofpeterboroughacademy.org/page/?title=Examinations&pid=114>

Year 11 Half Term Revision

Year 11 students continue to study hard and sit their written exams. We have a full programme over the half term to continue to support their revision:

Period	Tuesday 28 May	Wednesday 29 May	Thursday 30 May	Friday 31 May
9:30am-12pm	Science: Chemistry	English	Geography Paper 2 & Spanish Higher	Maths Higher & Foundation
12:30pm – 3pm	Science: Physics & History (1:30pm – 4pm)	English	Geography Paper 3, Spanish Foundation & Music	Maths Higher & Foundation

Year 11 GCSE Exams

Exams for the week following Half Term are as follows:

Date	AM Exam (9.00am)	PM Exam (1.30pm)
Monday 3 June 2024	Maths P2 (non-calculator)	Russian: Listening & Reading
Tuesday 4 June 2024	Spanish: Listening & Reading	History
Wednesday 5 June 2024	Geography	Statistics P1 Health and Social Care
Thursday 6 June 2024	English Language P2	Contingency Afternoon
Friday 7 June 2024		Combined Science: Trilogy Biology Separate Science: Biology

Uniform

Please can I ask you to help us in maintaining high standards in student uniform. We ask that all students wear shoes, not trainers. Girls are expected to wear the Academy skirt or school trousers. We do not accept leggings, or stretchy skirts.

Our full uniform policy can be found here: <https://www.cityofpeterboroughacademy.org/page/Uniform>



Key Dates for the Summer Term

27 May – 31 May	Half Term
3 June – 21 June	GCSE Written Exams continue
17 June – 28 June	Year 10 PPE Exams
21 June	Year 11 Leavers Day
24 June	Year 7 Parents Evening
28 June	Year 11 Prom
3 & 4 July	Year 6 Transition Days

And finally...

We are sad to have to say goodbye to a few staff leaving us this Half Term. We thank them for their hard work in supporting many students and wish them well in their next ventures.

Goodbye and thank you to Mrs R Naz, Mrs N Konovalova, Miss C Carson, and Mr S Maudsley.

I hope you and your families have a safe and enjoyable half term.

Yours faithfully



Mrs N Treacy
Principal