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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; I'm pleased to share a snapshot of ours with you.

World Book Day Bookmark Competition Winners

In previous editions of the Principal's Weekly Letter I explained that various competitions would be running for World Book Day, one of which was a bookmark competition. I am excited to share the top three entries and winners of this competition:

- 1st prize - £20 voucher: Mia Volkovaite**
- 2nd prize - £10 voucher: Aneeba T**
- 3rd prize - £5 voucher: Amelia Zarychta**

The winning bookmarks are shown in the photo to the right – how wonderful are they?!

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all the incredible artists that entered the competition – you all did an amazing job. Well done all!



Xidus Pain: Rap Workshops

This week, Year 8 students have been involved in a workshop with local rapper, Xidus Pain.

This workshop has given students a chance to listen to Rap songs that relate to mental health - both positive and negative and being able to talk about how lyrics can tell a story about emotion and wellbeing. They have then gone into groups to create their own lyrics related to well-being. Some of them have then gone on to perform these to their peers. We are going to use these lyrics towards the end of our Rap topic when students will create the music, on Soundtrap, to their lyrics.



Xidus also gave out plenty of golden tickets, so well done to those students who went above and beyond and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Xidus for coming to support us this week, we have thoroughly enjoyed our time rapping with you!



Another great article from our student reporter Dominic Paling:

Year 11 University of Lincoln Trip

On Wednesday, several Year 11 students went to the University of Lincoln. The day started with some basic facts about life at university and how life at the University of Lincoln is. This was followed by a tour of the University campus where students got to go into different parts of the university; including the sports centre, the modern arts centre. As well as this, the students got to go into one of the largest buildings; The Isaac Newton Building.

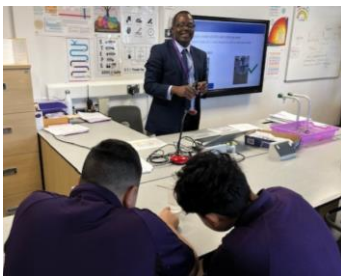
After the tour had finished, everyone went into the largest lecture hall in the Isaac Newton building where a few activities took place. One of these activities was a course builder, where students had to choose 3 courses that the university delivers and give reasons as to why they would pick them, including gaining an understanding of the tariff point system.

Students came away from this trip with a deeper understanding of what life at university is like and gave them an idea whether it may be something for them in the future.



Student Author:
Dominic Paling

Year 5 and 6 Bishop Creighton Science Visit



On Tuesday we hosted 50 students from Bishop Creighton Primary. The students spent time in the Science labs with Mr Mugova and Miss Richardson carrying out a variety of experiments.

As they were leaving, the students fed back how much they 'enjoyed a real Science lesson in a big school', 'how kind the helpers were', how much they 'loved CoPA and would like to come back tomorrow' and asked if they could 'come back another day to do some more lessons'.



Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for this week are:

English	Student R (Year 7)	EAL	Yazan Enyzan (Year 11)
Maths	Student S (Year 10)	Year 7	Ruby Crowson
Humanities	Miss Aafreen (Year 8)	Year 8	Aiden Keane
Science	Ellie-Mae Sansom (Year 10)	Year 9	Mr Dowd-Clarke
Performance	Phoebe Cooper (Year 11)	Year 10	Student K
Spanish	Student T (Year 9)	Year 11	Shayen Oyenta

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.

Year 11 Exam Preparation

Congratulations to students in Year 11 who received their OCR Enterprise results back this week. A significant number of these students have now completed the course reaching or exceeding their MEG grade. Staff are now advising students who did not reach their MEG on this occasion in terms of resits in the Summer. Well done also to Food students who have completed their practical exam this week. Next week it is the turn of the Dance students who complete their practical assessment on Monday.

Thank you to the many parents who attended the in-person parents evening on Monday.

We are running revision sessions over the Easter Break and would love to see any many students as we can:

	Monday 7 April	Tuesday 8 April	Wednesday 9 April	Thursday 10 April	Friday 11 April
Session 1 9.30 – 12.00	GCSE Biology LPA	GCSE Chemistry FMU GCSE Combined Biology LRO	GCSE Physics FMU GCSE Combined Chemistry LRO	History (Germany and Cold War) FBH	Sociology KSW – Paper 1 Families and Education
Session 2 12.30 – 3.00	GCSE Biology LPA	GCSE Chemistry FMU GCSE Combined Biology LRO	GCSE Physics FMU GCSE Combined Physics	History (Medicine and Elizabeth) FBH	Sociology KSW – Paper 2 Crime and Deviance & Social Stratification
	Monday 14 April	Tuesday 15 April	Wednesday 16 April	Thursday 17 April	Friday 18 April
Session 1 9.30 – 12.00	GCSE Music CPL Maths Foundation MHE Maths Higher MBU	Geography Paper 1 VSI, MAT & SDO Sport Studies Coursework RBR & SSN	English Lit SRO	Eng Lang SRO	Good Friday – Academy closed to all
Session 2 12.30 – 3.00	GCSE Music CPL	Geography Paper 2 VSI, MAT & SDO			

Please note, if students are attending all day, we are not able to provide food at lunchtime for them.

CoPA Open Friday's: Parent Tours

We were pleased to host visitors who had signed up for our open morning. We have one morning left this term, next Friday 28 March. We already have 10 families signed up for this date so have closed the form, however we will run further tours in the Summer Term.



Proposed Uniform Change

CoPA has adopted polo shirts as part of a summer uniform for a number of years. We will continue to do this after the Easter break.

However, I am proposing that we do not move back to shirts and ties and change to polo shirts and jumpers permanently for the whole school year. Key stage 3 will continue to wear purple polo shirts with purple jumpers while KS4 will continue to wear black polos and jumpers.

Polos will be expected to be CoPA branded sourced from ChromaSports. All other aspects of the uniform will remain the same.

Annually, we spend a significant amount of school funds on replacing student ties that are lost. This is simply not a good use of money.

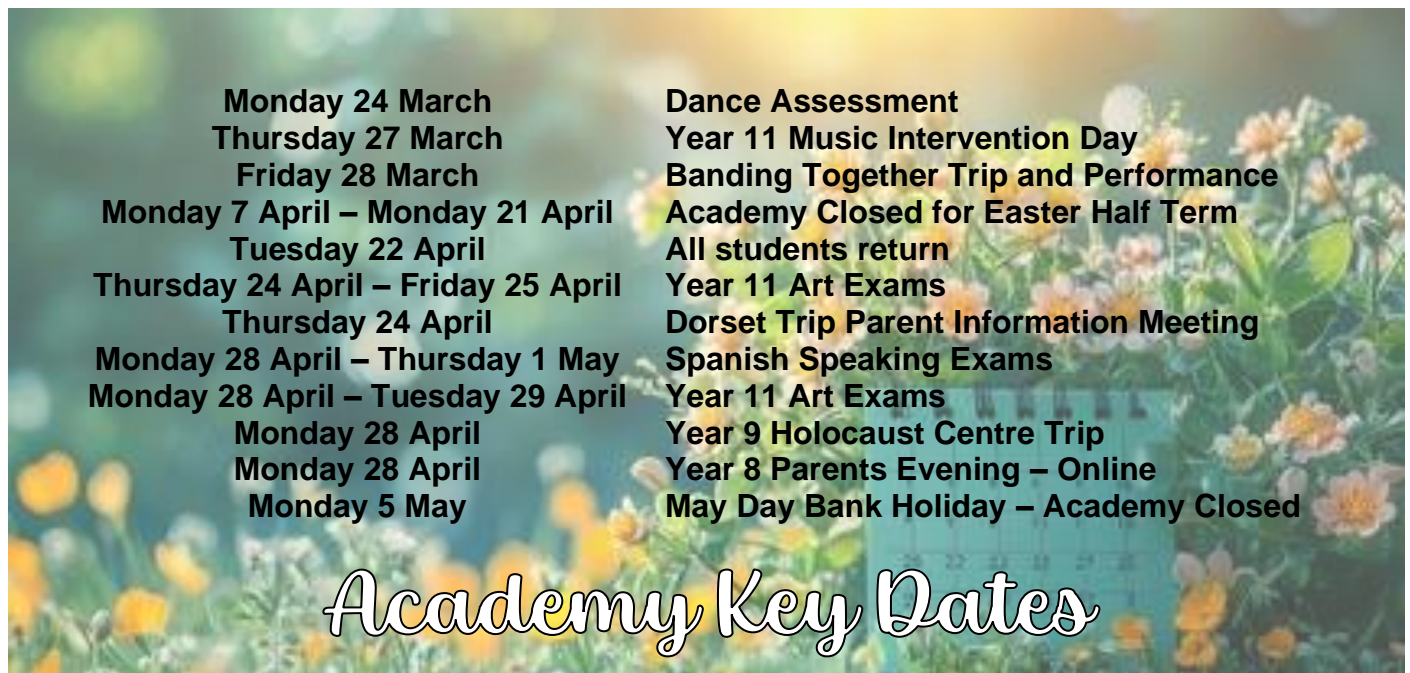
If you would like to provide feedback to this proposed change, please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WnSRoNi3ek2yphNZBT1FELBInbmmo0REnElgHaZADwhUMIkxQU44VDRWNIYzUzhDOFNQTTINMlcwTC4u>

Year 8 Parents Evening: 28 April 2025

The link for the forthcoming Year 8 parents evening opens on 31 March for parents to making bookings. Please use this link from that date to schedule your meetings: <https://copa.schoolcloud.co.uk>.

Please note that this parents evening will be online based.



Monday 24 March
Thursday 27 March
Friday 28 March
Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April
Tuesday 22 April
Thursday 24 April – Friday 25 April
Thursday 24 April
Monday 28 April – Thursday 1 May
Monday 28 April – Tuesday 29 April
Monday 28 April
Monday 28 April
Monday 5 May

Dance Assessment
Year 11 Music Intervention Day
Banding Together Trip and Performance
Academy Closed for Easter Half Term
All students return
Year 11 Art Exams
Dorset Trip Parent Information Meeting
Spanish Speaking Exams
Year 11 Art Exams
Year 9 Holocaust Centre Trip
Year 8 Parents Evening – Online
May Day Bank Holiday – Academy Closed

Academy Key Dates

And finally...

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy
Principal



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