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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...

Welcome to this week's newsletter - I hope you had as good a week as we have.

Shakespeare in Schools



Last week, KS3 students took part in an exciting Shakespeare Workshop led by an expert dramaturg from the West End in Schools Theatre Group.

SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP

Through dynamic training drills and scene rehearsals, our students explored how actors bring Shakespeare's plays to life—adding their own modern twist to stories written over 500 years ago.

Each student had the chance to rehearse their own mini-scene, and it was incredible to see nerves give way to confidence as our students transformed into Romeos, Tybalts, Calibans—and even ghostly Banquos!

Youth STEMM Award

On Monday Year 11 students who completed the Youth Stemm Award were presented with their medals and certificates during period 1 by Sasha Pratt-Taweh who is the Public Engagement Officer for the Babraham Institute. The students completed more than 40 hours of work on their Bronze Youth Stemm Award with the top students being Grace Roughton who did 57 hours, Tazhan Kadir who did 51 hours and Asreen Abbo who did 47 hours.

The Bronze award covered the following areas:

- Developing your skills and knowledge
- Inspiring the next generation
- Shaping your future
- Engaging the public

They are the group that has further helped strengthen our ties with the Institute.

The group (all pictured but one) consists of Grace Roughton, Tazhan Kadir, Danas Kungys, Hassan Ahmed, Shilan Shah and Asreen Abbo.

A huge congratulations and thank you to them all.



Spring Term Open Morning Parent Tours

Thank you to everyone who has visited CoPA as part of our open mornings this term. We have really enjoyed showing parents of current and future students around a school that we are very proud of.



We will be putting out further opportunities for parents to attend tours in the Summer term.

Feedback from parents who attended the academy today was lovely:

'Please can I sign my daughter to come to this school now'
'Todays experience has been wonderful'
'The teaching and lessons looked brilliant; I was so impressed.'
'Today has been an eye opener, the students learning looked fantastic'
'I want my child to come to CoPA'

A special thanks to our student tour guides and helpers Harry, Romeo, Denisas, Barwar, Yad, Saif and Jersey.

Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for this week are:

English	Amelia Foster (Year 8)	EAL	Student L (Year 8)
Maths	Paula Gara (Year 7)	Year 7	Student N
Humanities	Student J (Year 7)	Year 8	Student J
Science	Phoebe Cooper (Year 11)	Year 9	Mikolaj Osinski
Performance	Dominic Paling (Year 11)	Year 10	Student I
Spanish	Miley (Year 7)	Year 11	Student R



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.

Easter Revision

With 20 school days left until the first written GCSE exam, we are all working hard to prepare Year 11. Please be reminded of the Easter revision sessions below:

	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			

Did you know that 85% of students in the UK experience exam anxiety, yet 71% don't seek any support? We all know how hard it is to focus when stress takes over.

Kooth have developed the following webinars to help students navigate this important time in their lives:

<https://connect.kooth.com/events/event/how-you-can-support-your-child-to-manage-exam-stress-22ap>

<https://connect.kooth.com/events/event/kk-31m-tips-for-managing-exam-stress-and-how-kooth-can-support-you>



Uniform and Equipment

As we move into last week of Spring Term it is really important that we all maintain high expectations of students uniform and equipment. Overall, uniform is very good at CoPA, however, this week there has been a rise in the number of students present wearing unauthorised items and a lack of equipment when arriving to lessons.

Information regarding uniform expectations can be found on our website here:

[City of Peterborough Academy - Uniform](#)

Year 11 Prom Shop

After last year's huge success of PROM SHOP, we will be bringing it back for this Year's Year 11 students.

Year 11 PROM SHOP will be held on Thursday 8th of May from 4pm-6pm in the Dance studio.

Students and Parents are all welcome to attend. Mocktails will be available on arrival, followed by the opportunity to look through donated items of clothing and accessories. Students will have changing room facilities to be able to try items on and take home.

If anyone has any donations towards this event, please can they be brought to Miss Foulkes-Arnold.

YDP Easter Camp at CoPA

We are hosting a YDP holiday camp at CoPA for the first time this Easter from Monday 14 – Thursday 17 April 9am – 1pm. Staff from YDP have been in school this week talking to KS3 students about this opportunity. If your child is eligible for benefit related free school meals, they could attend fully funded.

Please see details of how to apply for a place on the poster attached to the email sending this letter.

Key Academy Dates

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

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



Eid Mubarak to those celebrating at the weekend. If you are celebrating Eid as a family on Monday, please can I ask that you let the school know that your child will be absent in the usual way so that we can code absence accordingly.

Happy Mother's Day
to the Mums...



...and don't forget that we **"Spring forward"** on Sunday losing an hour of sleep and moving into British Summer Time.

And finally...

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

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