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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 BACK!

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I trust you all had a good Christmas break. It has been great to see the CoPA community back for the Spring Term where we continue to move the school forward to bigger and better things.

Equipment

I presented an assembly on Tuesday explaining to students that as a GOOD school we would expect students to bring a basic set of equipment to school. Thousands of pounds have historically been wasted by providing students with pens and other learning equipment. This is money that we would like to invest in continuing to make CoPA better for everyone.

From Monday, form tutors will be checking that students have the basic equipment required each morning. Students will be required to purchase equipment from the school shop if they do not have it using their Class Charts points.

Please could I ask that you support us by encouraging your child to bring a bag to school containing the basic equipment they need for learning. If families require support in doing this, please ensure you contact your child's Head of Year.



School 'Timings of the Day' Change

We have made some small changes to the school day to allow form tutors extra time in supporting students to get ready for their lessons. This does not affect the start or end time which remain the same.

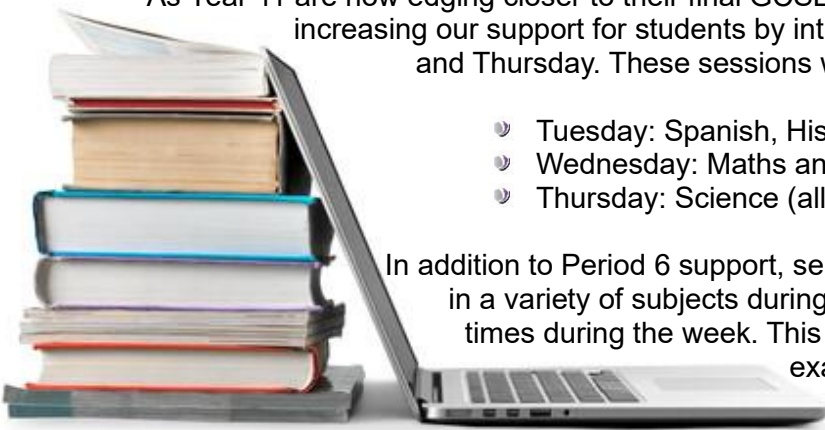
We have added 5 minutes to the form period at the start of the day and taken 5 minutes from lunch time as shown in the table on the right.

There is also a copy of these Timings of the Day on our website for your convenience.

Time	Detail
08:35 – 09:05	Tutorial
09:05 – 10:05	Period 1
10:05 – 11:05	Period 2
11:05 – 11:25	Break
11:25 – 12:25	Period 3
12:25 – 13:25	Period 4
13:25 – 14:05	Lunch
14:05 – 15:05	Period 5
15:05 – 15:50	Enrichment: Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 / Period 6: Year 11

Year 11: Period 6

As Year 11 are now edging closer to their final GCSE exam period in the Summer Term, we are increasing our support for students by introducing Period 6 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These sessions will run from 3.05pm until 3.50pm.



- Tuesday: Spanish, History, Geography (all)
- Wednesday: Maths and English (selected students only)
- Thursday: Science (all)

In addition to Period 6 support, selected students are receiving bespoke tuition in a variety of subjects during form period, and additional Maths at other times during the week. This will be reviewed after the next set of PPE exams in February.

If you are concerned about your child's progress and preparation for their exams, please contact Mr Vaughan, Head of Year 11 via Year11@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org.

Staffing and Recruitment Updates

New Staff in January

The community has welcomed new staff to the Academy:

- Mrs Brown: Assistant Principal (Performance)
- Miss Gidney: HLLA (Maths)
- Miss Richardson: Science Teacher
- Mr Gilbert: Science Teacher
- Mr Olusanya: RE Teacher
- Mr Mayacen: Languages Teacher
- Miss Kaur: Literacy and Library Catch-up Support Assistant



New Staff coming soon

Later in the term we will also be joined by:

- Mrs Granger – Head of Year 8 (Mr Ferrara will step in to look after the pastoral needs of Year 8 until Mrs Granger starts.)

Recruitment

We are continuing to strengthen our staffing and are currently advertising for:

- Teacher of RE
- Teacher of Humanities
- Primary Intervention Teacher (Maths) – Maternity Cover
- Senior Administrative Assistant
- Attendance Officer
- Exam Invigilator
- HLLA (SEN) *Advert coming soon*

Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for this week are:

English	Student I (Year 11)
Maths	Student A (Year 7)
Humanities	Student A (Year 9)
Science	Student R (Year 10)
Performance	Student O (Year 7)
Spanish	Student F (Year 9)

EAL	Student A (Year 10)
Year 7	Matas Saukaitis
Year 8	Iqra
Year 9	Mohamed Ahmed
Year 10	Student O
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.



Year 10 PPE Exams Week

Year 10 started their Spring Term by sitting their first set of "Pre-Public Exams" (PPEs). It is the first time they have sat exams in the formal exam hall. We have been very impressed by the way that the students approached their exams with a calm and mature manner. These exams will continue into next week. Staff are now working hard to mark the scripts.

Results will be sent home on 30 January with an online Parents Information Evening to discuss your child's progress on Monday 3 February. Booking will open for this evening on 21 January.

Year 9 Options

Year 9 have an Options Drop Down Day on Friday 17 January where they will be able to experience some of the subjects available to them within the options process.

We then look forward to welcoming Year 9 parents and carers to the Academy on Monday 20 January from 4pm. There will be a presentation from Mrs Budner in the Main Hall. Maths, Science and English staff will be available in the canteen to provide feedback on students in core lessons. Options subject staff will also be available to provide information on what to expect from their subjects.

The booking system is now open to book an appointment to see your child's teachers on this evening. You can do this by scanning the barcode to the right or by clicking this link: <https://copa.schoolcloud.co.uk>



Key Dates for Spring Term 1

13 – 17 January	Year 10 PPEs
Friday 17 January	Year 9 Reports / Options Drop Down Day
Monday 20 January	Year 9 Options Evening 4.15pm – 7pm (booking open now)
Wednesday 22 January	Year 11 Photographer in Academy
Tuesday 28 January	Year 7 Warwick Castle Trip
Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 January	Year 11 Food Exams
Thursday 30 January	Year 10 Reports / Year 11 History Revision Trip
Monday 3 February	Year 10 Parents Information Evening 4pm – 6pm (booking opens 21 January)
10 – 14 January	Year 11 PPEs: Week 1
17 – 21 February	Half Term

And finally...

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy
Principal

