

Cambridge Park Academy

Summer Term 2025



A warm welcome back to all of our pupils, parents, carers and staff!

Well, it seems like a long time ago since we were in the throes of Christmas and New Year festivities but time flies in schools and the spring term was no different!

Whilst it has been a busy term, it was one full of successes and smiles with plenty of highlights to reflect back on. Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade was one of those highlights and a great chance to see so many of you in attendance over the course of the day. Our visiting sheep and lambs from Farmer Jamie were certainly a hit but the real superstars of the show were our pupils who showed so much confidence and independence on the catwalk!



Our new website and facebook page are now open and accessible – it certainly took some time to get right (thank you for your patience) but hopefully you are all able to navigate things a little easier and find out key information and updates when you need to. Likewise, our social media account is thriving and is there to celebrate the many successes that happen every day at CPA. As parents/carers we do not always get



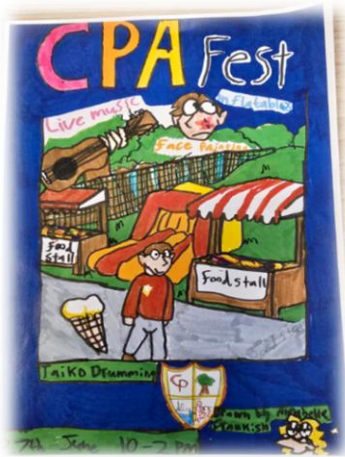
to see the magic that happens at school but our Facebook feed certainly reflects the vibrancy of provision and opportunity – if you haven't already, please take a look here... [Facebook](#)

We recently met with Horizon Youth Zone who are keen to work with us to create a wider range of opportunities for children and young adults with special needs across the region. Horizon Youth Zone is a brand new charity set to provide a safe, inspiring place for young people aged 8-19, and up to 25 for those with additional needs, to spend their leisure time. Horizon Youth Zone will open 7 days a week, offering over 20



activities every night for just 50p per visit, providing thousands of young people “somewhere, to go, something to do and someone to talk to.” This is a very exciting development and we look forward to collaborating with HYZ who will be attending our Open Evening later in the summer term – for more information, check out this link [Home Page - Horizon Youth Zone](#)

As we head into the summer term, the weather brings us plenty of opportunity to make the most of the outdoor environment both within our school and beyond. All classes have a variety of outdoor activities and visits planned and we are really excited to announce the launch of our inaugural ‘CPA Fest’ on the 27th June – please keep the date free in your diaries!



Lots more information to follow but the day will include live music acts on the main stage, visiting musicians, Taiko drummers, food stalls, inflatables, facepainting and much more.

Many thanks to Annabelle in Year 11 for her winning design for our first ever CPA Fest flyer – we hope to see you there!

Useful dates for the Summer Term:

- 12.5.25 School Photos
- 19.6.25 School Prom
- 20.6.25 Environmental Day
- 24.6.25 Leavers Assembly
- 27.6.25 CPA Fest and Final Day for year 11 and 14's
- 14.7.25 Parents Evening
- 17/7/25 Transition Meeting – Meet your Childs New Teacher
- 18.7.25 Sports Day

School Closes 22nd July 2025 for Summer Holidays.

Have a fantastic summer everyone!

Mr Kernan (Principal)





Happy Summer term! A warm welcome back from myself (Mrs French - Assistant Principal) – I hope your Easter break was spent eating lots of chocolate eggs and enjoying time with family and friends. This term, the pupils will be exploring a range of topics such as; hot places – including Africa, The Great Barrier Reef and jungles! The Elizabethan period in history, as well as plants and living things and their habitats in science! That's only naming a few!!

Looking back, the pupils were extremely busy with their learning over Spring term and have packed in lots both in and out of school.



Our Primary pupils visited the National Heritage Fishing Centre in Grimsby as part of their topic 'A Long Time Ago' in history. They explored what life was like for those out at sea and the conditions in which the fishermen lived.



Our Key Stage 3 pupils took part in the plague workshop in school as part of their black death topic and had lots of fun learning about how quickly it spread through the streets of London! Pupils also visited the Grimsby Baptist Church.

Key Stage 4 pupils have been busy this term both inside and outside the classroom. Year 11s completed their controlled art assessments, based on the theme of metamorphosis and what a fantastic job they did! Kestrel visited Hall Farm in Messingham and helped Farmer Jamie bathe cows, tidy the farm and collect eggs.



We celebrated many events in school also, including World Book Day where we saw lots of pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and many turned their wooden spoons into characters also! We also saw the celebration of Red Nose Day which was paired with wearing odd socks in support of Downs Syndrome Day. Finally, staff, pupils and parents and carers came together for the CPA annual Easter Bonnet parade which was a spectacular day. Sixth form provided lots of sweet and savoury treats which they worked hard to make at their facilities, and we also saw the addition of 2 sheep and a lamb from Hall Farm this year!



I cannot wait to see what wonderful learning Summer term brings for our pupils!



Cambridge Park Academy continues to have excellent attendance so a massive thank you for working together with us on this. We are setting an ambitious challenge to end the year above 95%.



With the weather getting better there is nothing better than getting out and exploring the local area. As well as regular updates of what's on in the local area on our school website the LA also have a local offer website page (see link below).

[SEND Local Offer | Children and Young People Activities - SEND Local Offer](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to signpost you to a programme called Adolescence which captures the challenges and potential harm of what children are exposed to on the internet and the impact it can have on them and families.

Should you have any queries about this or any other aspect of safeguarding we are always here to help and are happy to discuss any concerns that you may have.

[Children and Young People Activities - SEND Local Offer](#)

Welcome to the Activities section of the Local Offer website. We are currently working with children and young people to include information they feel is important to include in this area of the website.



localoffer.northlincs.gov.uk

D of E



This time of year is an exciting time for all our D of E pupils, for the Bronze award pupils it may be their first time away from home overnight as they will be camping at Cherry Garth and walking in the Lincolnshire Wolds. The Silver award pupils will be taking on more challenges by camping out for 2 nights and exploring more rural and challenging terrain at Walesby!

Parental engagement

We were proud to welcome parents/carers and family members to our Easter parade which was a huge success. We have lots of events and opportunities for the wider CPA community so please visit our website for details of workshops, coffee mornings and large events. The summer term promises to be the best yet!

(Mr Gardiner – Assistant Principal)

The spring term was a busy one. I had the enormous pleasure of being part of the Humber Education Trust SEND conference as a guest speaker. The conference was attended by 200 education colleagues from East riding, Hull City and North East Lincolnshire. The conference was to support collaboration within settings in curriculum design, SEND understanding and confidence, it was also a huge forum to share the amazing practice that takes place at CPA every day!



Also during Spring, Michelle Baynham, Speech and Language Therapist, delivered a whole school training session on Gestalt Language Processing (GLP). Nationally and globally, there is a shift



towards greater understanding of children who are GLPs so ensuring that we are up to date with best practice is something, as Communication and Autism Lead, that I am passionate about.

In the Summer term, I am planning to deliver a parent training session "Making Sense of Autism". Cambridge Park is the Regional Hub for the Autism Education trust. The AET is a National Autistic Society, Department for Education funded project that provides high quality up to date relevant training for professionals. However, we have recognised that parents are often not prioritised for training. Ultimately whilst we may have expertise in the knowledge and skills required to support children who are autistic, parents/carers are the experts in their knowledge of children. I look forward to seeing you attend the training.

(Miss McGuire - Assistant Head)

Celebration Stories!

We recognise that beyond school life there are so many challenges that our families face – however, running alongside that, there are also countless amazing success stories which never get fully recognised!

This newsletter we would like to celebrate the success of Mercee-Rae and her pony Peanut!

On Easter Sunday Mercee-Rae and Peanut completed their first show together at Grove Farm Liveries; this is a huge achievement for them both and they did amazing. Peanut is 5 years old and only came into work last June.

The day started with Mercee-Rae prepping Peanut by washing and brushing him, before getting herself ready for the day and putting on her show outfit. Mum reports Mercee-Rae 'wanted to be in everything' and participated in two different sections - Ridden (with a helper) and Showing. Mercee-Rae came away with 6 rosettes, 2x fifth place, 2x fourth place and 2x third place!





“Mercee-Rae did brilliantly, she absolutely loved it, took it all in her stride and was in her element. I am so proud of them both. Huge thanks to Grove Farm Liveries for all their support” Mum

Well done from us all Mercee-Rae!

CPA Parent/Carer Workshops and Coffee Mornings – Spring Term

Everyone is more than welcome to attend these events although spaces can sometimes be limited so follow the link below to book onto any sessions that may be useful – also a great opportunity to meet other parents within our school community!

Pop-Up Prom Shop – Tuesday 29th April 2025, 12:00 – 17:00 @ Cambridge Park Academy

ADHA & Autism (Navigating the Teen Years) – Wednesday 7th May 2025, 10:00 – 11:00 – Online Webinar

Sleep Workshop – Wednesday 7th May 2025, 10:30 – 12:30 @ Cambridge Park Academy

Family Coffee Morning (Occupational Therapist attending) – Friday 9th May 2025, 09:00 – 11:00 @ Cambridge Park Academy

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Workshop – Wednesday 14th May 2025, 09:30 – 11:30 @ Cambridge Park Academy

Family Coffee Morning (Bingo) - Friday 23rd May 2025, 09:00 – 11:00 @ Cambridge Park Academy

Family Coffee Morning (Horizon Youth Zone attending) - Wednesday 4th June 2025, 09:00 – 11:00 @ Cambridge Park Academy

Family Coffee Morning (Lead NELC EHCP Co-ordinator/Preparation for Adulthood attending) - Wednesday 18th June 2025, 09:00 – 11:00 @ Cambridge Park Academy

Family Coffee Morning (Carers Support Service attending) – Wednesday 2nd July 2025, 09:00 – 11:00 @ Cambridge Park Academy

Family Coffee Morning (Horizon Youth Zone attending) – Wednesday 16th July 2025, 09:00 – 11:00 @ Cambridge Park Academy

Please click the following link to book onto the online workshops and seminars.

See you soon – Iain and Hayley!

[Cambridge Park Academy - Whats on @ CPA](#)



*Take care everybody – here's to a happy, healthy and successful
summer term!*

From all the Staff Team at CPA

