

# Cambridge Park Academy

## Summer 2026



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

As ever, it has been a delight to welcome everyone back after the Easter break and the sunnier weather certainly helps to put a spring back into everybody's step after what was a long winter!

It is always nice to reflect back on the previous term and the obvious highlight amongst many was once again our Easter Bonnet Parade! Seeing so many of our pupils, regardless of age, throwing themselves (literally at times) headlong into the action really is an amazing sight. Given the level of need and social anxieties that are so often a barrier for our pupils, the level of engagement is just brilliant and it makes it all the more worthwhile that we are able to host our parents and carers to share the fun!



Our ongoing work with parents and carers is important to us and I recently met with both our Local Governing Body (LGB) and our Parent and Community Advisory Board (PCAB) and just wanted to give both groups a special shout out for the work that they do to support our school community.

Our LGB is a more traditional school Governing Body who formally support (and challenge!) us to ensure the school's vision and ethos are upheld along with the delegated powers to make decisions alongside school leaders to influence positive change. It is a critical role and our Governors give up much of their time over the course of the year to support us in making the school the best that it can be.



Our PCAB is a relatively new group and is made up of parents, carers and community representation who have a more informal influence in what we are doing in school and how we can improve our support for pupils, parents

and carers in particular. This latter group has proved really successful in spotting the small but important things that we may miss as they have that wonderful 'parent's eye view' for school life. Again, this is a vital role and I would like to pass on our thanks for the work that both groups do to keep CPA moving forwards.

If anybody would like further information on how to be a part of either group then please don't hesitate to get in touch with us!



Another group that deserve a special mention are our Safeguarding Team who often have one of the most challenging roles in school but who are there for our pupils and families at every step of the journey. They were recently recognised for their 'outstanding service to children's safeguarding in NE Lincs as part of the Local Authority's annual awards ceremony -- well done to Darren, Hayley, Tracey and Bryony (see picture and further details below!)

Whilst still on the theme of special mentions, there is always one group that top the bill and that is our pupils! On any given day, they never cease to make us laugh, cry and everything in between. As a staff team we are blessed to have such a wonderful community of young children, older children, teenagers and young adults and they certainly ensure that no two days are ever the same for us!



I hope our latest Newsletter gives you a wider sense of what is going on at CPA and a huge thanks to all of those who have contributed to this issue and to you, our fantastic parents and carers for all of for your ongoing support

**Here's to a fantastic summer term and if we don't see you before, we will see you at CPA Fest 2026!**

**Mr Steve Kernan (Principal)**

### Useful dates for the Spring Term

08.5.26	Coffee Morning
11.5.26	School Photographs
22.5.26	Coffee Morning
22.5.26	End of Summer term 1
01.6.26	Start of summer term 2
05.6.26	Coffee Morning
15.6.26	Daffodil & Foxglove Parents Evening only
18.6.26	School Prom
19.6.26	Coffee Morning
23.6.26	Leavers Assembly
03.7.26	CPA Fest
26.6.26	Final Day for Year 11s and 14s
July 2026 Date to be confirmed	Duke of Edinburgh Assessments - Bronze/Silver Awards
03.7.26	Coffee Morning



13.7.26	Reports/Parents Evening
17.7.26	Coffee morning
17.7.26	Sports Day
22.7.26	End of Summer Term 2
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Teacher training days



Welcome back to the Summer Term from me Miss McGuire. Our Primary classes had a wonderful Spring Term, filled with hands-on learning and plenty of memorable moments. You may have heard that two very large dinosaurs were spotted roaming around Cambridge Park causing mischief on the

Pirate Ship and even running through the school corridors!!

This term, pupils will be exploring the theme “**Growth and Change**”, learning how humans and animals develop. Some classes will also have the chance to meet baby animals on a farm visit, bringing their learning to life. As we move into the final half term of the year, our theme will



shift to “**Castles and Knights**”, where pupils will discover medieval life, explore impressive buildings, and some may even enjoy a medieval banquet experience.

We were also delighted to welcome families to a parent training session on developing communication skills. Led by our Independent Speech and Language Therapist, Michelle Baynham, the workshop offered practical ideas to support communication at home and in the community.

Finally, Cambridge Park is proud to continue serving as the regional Hub for the **Neuroinclusive Education Network** (formerly the Autism Education Trust). This status enables us to ensure that our staff receive the most up-to-date, research-informed training, while also allowing us to share our knowledge and expertise with colleagues across the region. We are delighted to contribute to a wider community of practice that supports high-quality, neuroinclusive education for all

Here’s to the warm weather and a lovely Summer term!





A warm welcome back to Summer term from myself – Mrs French - I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed time with family and friends. Here's hoping for warm weather and lots of smiles as we enter our final term of the year!

The Spring term was filled with exciting learning opportunities and memorable experiences across the school. Our Eco Ambassadors worked hard to care for our environment by picking litter, preparing flower beds ready for summer planting, and helping to look after the school site. Many classes enjoyed Easter egg hunts and seasonal activities, while our Foundation learners visited the local church to learn about the Easter story, deepening their understanding through real-life experiences.



Learning across the school was vibrant and engaging. Foundation learners explored the theme of dinosaurs, having great fun investigating prehistoric life and even welcoming some very special dinosaur visitors. Key Stage 4 students focused on media productions linked to space, while our Year 11 students successfully completed their Art and Design Entry Level controlled assessments, showing creativity, commitment, and perseverance. A highlight for the whole school was World Book Day, where pupils and staff embraced the joy of reading with a fantastic array of costumes ranging from Mario to Minions, celebrating stories and imagination together.



Looking ahead, the Summer term promises to be just as exciting and inspiring. Learners will explore a variety of engaging themes including the jungle, under the sea, growth and change, and castles and knights. Pupils in KS4 will study the Norman Conquest and explore how children's lives have changed over time, making meaningful connections between the past and present. In Science, pupils will investigate animals by comparing Australia and Antarctica, as well as studying creepy crawlies in Biology, sparking curiosity about the natural world. The term will also include a range of exciting trips and experiences to enrich learning beyond the classroom. Planned visits include trips to the farm, The Tower of London, and Lincoln Castle, alongside plenty of opportunities for swimming. We are looking forward to a summer term full of exploration, discovery, and continued achievement for all our learners.



Just before the Easter break, our safeguarding team at CPA were recognised by the Local Authority Safeguarding Partnership for their outstanding and dedicated work.



This was celebrated at Grimsby Town Hall where they received a certificate to recognise the relentless and rewarding work that they do. We would like to thank all our families for their partnership work with us and as always if you have any worries or support needs please contact the Academy.

After a challenging Autumn term for attendance the spring term was a huge improvement, and we managed to raise our school attendance to over 94%. We have started the summer term of strongly and we ask that everything possible is done to continue this, so we can be ambitious and finish the year above 95%. We have one pupil that has surpassed 430 consecutive days without being absent which is an excellent achievement. They are an inspiration to us all and we would like all pupils and young people with the support of families to attend the maximum number of days.



### Mr Gardiner

### A little information about our Personal Development (PD) curriculum offer from our PD Leads Mr Hunter and Mrs Green



Personal Development (PD) is a key focus across the school, including: RSE, PSHE, Careers and wider opportunities.

Recently we have been focusing on British Values and Protected Characteristics:



From September 2026, schools will follow updated government guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE). Most learning will stay the same, but there are some clearer priorities:

- **More focus on keeping children safe**
- **Stronger teaching about online safety**
- **Greater emphasis on mental health and wellbeing**
- **Teaching about different families and healthy relationships**
- **Clear, factual teaching about sex, gender and the law**
- **No fixed ages for specific topics – more autonomy to decide what is appropriate and when**
- **More openness with parents and carers**



## **What this means for our school...**

We are currently reviewing our RSHE curriculum and policy to ensure it fully meets the updated statutory guidance while remaining appropriate to our pupils and consistent with our school values.

We would like to reassure you that:

- RSHE will always be taught in a sensitive, inclusive and age-appropriate manner
- Safeguarding and pupils' wellbeing remain at the heart of our approach
- Parents' views are important, and we will continue to communicate openly about our curriculum

**Further information, including opportunities for consultation and access to our updated policy, will be shared with you in due course.**

Here's some highlights from this year:



## **Parental Engagement & Family Support at Cambridge Park Academy**



From Iain Ceclich and Hayley Whitney-Smith

*“If you ever need support, advice, or just a conversation — we’re here.”*

***“A Really Helpful Workshop for Parents & Carers”***



Earlier this term, we were really pleased to welcome Mirium Barber from BG Solicitors to Cambridge Park Academy to deliver a workshop supporting families as young people transition into adulthood.

The session was very well attended, with over 30 parents and carers joining us, and the feedback was extremely positive. Families shared how helpful it was to receive clear, practical advice in a relaxed and supportive environment.

The workshop covered a range of important topics, including:

- Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA)
- Deputyship and the Court of Protection
- Financial planning for the future
- Disability benefits and managing finances

We were also kindly joined by two Mental Capacity Assessment Support Workers, who explained the assessment process and how they can support families throughout this journey. Parents and carers particularly valued being able to ask questions and better understand what support is available and when.

We were pleased to offer this session free of charge, helping to make expert advice accessible to all families. Due to the success of the workshop and the fantastic feedback received, we are happy to share that we plan to run similar sessions again next year.

If you would like further advice or support, please don't hesitate to contact the school. You can call and ask for Iain Ceclich or Hayley Whitney-Smith, who will be happy to offer guidance or signpost you to appropriate support.

### **Easter Bingo Fun at CPA**

Our Easter Bingo morning at Cambridge Park Academy was such a lovely event and a real highlight of the term! It was fantastically well attended and created a warm, safe, and welcoming space for families to come together and enjoy some time together.

There was plenty of laughter, excitement, and friendly competition, with eyes down, dabbers at the ready, and lots of cheers as prizes were won. The room was full of smiles, fun, and that lovely buzz you get when everyone is just enjoying the moment.



Events like this are so important to us — giving families the chance to relax, connect, and share joyful experiences together (and of course... who doesn't love a prize or two?).

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the morning such a success. We're already looking forward to many more moments like this together at CPA



### \*\*\* Pop-Up Prom Shop – Coming Soon\*\*\*

We're really excited to share that our Pop-Up Prom Shop is returning to Cambridge Park Academy on Wednesday 13th May — and if last year is anything to go by, it's going to be amazing.

Following the huge success of last year's event, we're delighted to once again be working in collaboration with Oasis Immingham to offer this fantastic opportunity for our students and families. The Pop-Up Prom Shop gives young people the chance to borrow prom dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories completely free of charge, helping to make prom accessible, inclusive, and stress-free for everyone.



Last year's event was full of excitement, confidence-boosting moments, and big smiles as students found outfits they loved — and we can't wait to do it all again.



To find out more and register your interest, please use the link or QR code below.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/XwwY8RY1Hy>

We're really looking forward to welcoming families and helping our students feel their absolute best for prom.

*Thankyou all for your continued support,*

**Mr Kernan and the CPA Team**



**Cambridge Park Academy**

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