



# HLA News

Friday 6th January 2023



Dear Families,

Happy New Year to all of our families. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break?

The students have settled beautifully back into school and are all ready and eager to engage in learning. They have happily shared their stories of their Christmas break and were happy to see all of the staff back in school.

I need to share with you some news from our adjoining school Littleport and East Cambridgeshire Academy (LECA). As you may be aware, the Regional Director (RD) for the East of England issued a Termination Warning Notice to The Active Learning Trust when LECA was judged inadequate by Ofsted last year. We have now been informed that the RD wishes to transfer LECA to a different academy trust which has been assessed as having the capacity to improve the academy. The decision regarding which academy trust this will be has yet to be made. The RD's East of England Advisory Board (AB) is meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January, where the proposed transfer of LECA will be discussed. Following this meeting we expect to know which trust LECA will be transferred to.

I am aware that this is a significant change for us as a trust and there may be a few logistical changes with regards to our day to day running at Highfield Littleport as we share a site. Please be reassured you will be kept updated throughout this process. We are absolutely dedicated to ensuring minimal disruption to pupils' education during the transition and that we will be supporting staff and students throughout this period of change. I envisage changes to provision at Highfield Littleport will have a minimal impact upon our students.

Learning in Puffins class has been taking a trip back through the decades! Maria was dressed up in 50's attire on Friday and they have been rocking out to some great 1970's tunes following a steady beat. The students enjoyed a great Queen classic 'We Will Rock You' – one of my favourites too!

Students in S3 have begun working with Lisa on our Highfield Hygge Hotspot café rotation. Each week students learn valuable preparing for adulthood, food technology and communication skills cooking for the café. They were gaining a understanding this week of transmission of bacteria and cleanliness. They all responded very well.

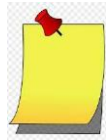
The Active Learning Trust now have a new CEO in post. Her name is Lynsey Holzer and she is spending time over the next few weeks getting to know our schools and working on development priorities. She will be visiting us in the next few weeks and we look forward to making her feel welcome.

We hope you all have a great weekend.

With all best wishes,

*Yvonne Skillern*

Head of School



## Important Information



- Please ensure parents and carers report any online safety or child protection concerns that occur outside of school to the relevant authorities. It helps if we are informed of incidents so that we can support students at school but if you feel a child is in danger parents must report this to the police or social care.
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. There will be a formal meeting organised by SOHLA soon but if you want to get in touch in the meantime please email [office@highfieldlittleport.org](mailto:office@highfieldlittleport.org) and your message will be sent on to our co-chairs.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.



### Online Safety Tip of the Week:

#### Online Presence – think about what you post online

Think about what you post. Sharing provocative photos or intimate details online, even in private messaging, can cause you problems later on. Even people you consider friends can use this info against you, especially if they become ex-friends. And even if they remain good friends, they can be hacked, their devices can be stolen, or they could accidentally forward what you sent them.

