



# HLA News



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Families,

We have had a great week here at Highfield Littleport Academy and as always this time of the year is jam packed with lots of different activities for the children to enjoy.

This week the kitchen and dining room extension has begun to pick up again. Work has commenced on the kitchen again. Hopefully they will be able to make up some time so that the project can finish in time for us to use it in September. The main extension planning is gathering pace. The public consultation for the plans remains open until today 28<sup>th</sup> June. Information can be found in this link <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highfieldacademy-littleport-extension> and any comments can be emailed to: [feedback.hla@rgcarter.co.uk](mailto:feedback.hla@rgcarter.co.uk). Following this a formal planning application will be submitted so fingers crossed all goes smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the parent and carer survey. Your feedback is important to us and helps us get even better. The responses were extremely positive and it was very rewarding to read the lovely comments about our school. Some parents fed back that they would be interested in the ways that we as a school can support with information, training and practical suggestions for interventions. In the coming year we have a variety of open sessions planned to support with this and give you an opportunity to also work with your child.

Due to the expansion of our school we currently have an advert for a part time caretaker (25 hours per week) to expand the capacity in our site team. If you are proactive, have a trade or a bit of a handyperson we want to hear from you. We are also looking for Teaching Assistants to start in September. Take a look at the My New Term websites with details of how to apply <https://mynewterm.com/school/Highfield-Littleport-Academy/140882>.

Unfortunately this week we had to cancel our Lower School sports event due to the weather being too hot. It is crazy how the weather can go from one extreme to the others. Looking at the calendar we are going to find it difficult to reschedule due to the other school events we have planned so students will be completing activities in their own classes.

Today was an emotional day for some of the Year 11's as it was their last day at Highfield Littleport. It has been wonderful to see how each and every student has grown in confidence and ability. We wish all of our Year 11's the very best of luck in their next step into college. All of the Year 11's have been provided with the gift of a hoodie. This was funded from all of the great enterprise work the learners have done this year.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine safely.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



## Important Information



- Please remember to complete and return your parent/carer comments sheets prior to your child's Annual Review meeting. We need to ensure we capture everyone's views.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Transition into Healthcare online information event is taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> July between 10-11.30am. For parents of children aged 13 and over. Contact the office to book.
- Please ensure you **call the office before 9.15am to report your child absent**. If we do not have a call or message we have to make contact with you.
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – KS4 STEM Activity Day at school
- ALL Week – Longtown Residential

## School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 91.6%. This is a good improvement on last week, thank you for working with us to improve school attendance. Please remember any school term time holidays will not be authorised. **According to direction from the trust families who take unauthorised holidays during term time will be face a penalty notice.**

### Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Ensure that your computer and other devices are continually protected.

**Keep the computer updated with the latest anti-virus software**

### Emotion of the Week:



This week's emotion is **AMAZED**. Try to talk about how your child might be feeling, what their body feels like when they experience this emotion and what they can do to understand and react to them.

### Mental Health Tip of the Week:

It is always good to share your feelings with someone that you trust. Don't be afraid to open up and talk about your worries, it can make you feel a lot better.



# Highfield Academy, Littleport Online Public Consultation

On the New SEND Teaching Wing Extension

Viewable between 14<sup>th</sup> June to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024



Cambridgeshire County Council is pleased to announce the development of proposals for the expansion of Highfield Academy, Littleport, to include a new teaching wing extension. The teaching wing will provide an additional 50 places, taking the total capacity to 194 places, extending the critical need for Special Educational Needs and Disability pupil places in the county.

The Local Authority acknowledges the excellent relationship that already exists between the school and the local community that it serves. The Local Authority and the project team would therefore like to invite comments from parents, carers, residents and members of the community on the draft proposals as part of the ongoing development of the scheme, ahead of the submission of a formal planning application, which is currently scheduled for Summer 2024. The public consultation is scheduled to run from June 14<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup> inclusive.



Subject to a satisfactory planning process, it is intended that the construction work will commence in Winter 2024, with a view to occupying the new buildings from the Autumn term 2025.

The online event can be viewed at the Cambridgeshire County Councils website by the following website address: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highfieldacademy-littleport-extension](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highfieldacademy-littleport-extension) or alternatively on the Highfield Academy website.

Please submit your comments by emailing [feedback.hla@rgcarter.co.uk](mailto:feedback.hla@rgcarter.co.uk) up until 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Please note that Cambridgeshire County Council, the Local Planning Authority, will also carry out consultation on the proposed development whilst the planning application is being considered.

