

LPS NEWSLETTER

A message from the Head

Welcome to our Autumn Term Newsletter. After a long hard term I imagine that everyone is now looking forward to a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. In contrast to last year, when many family festivities had to be cancelled, I hope that you are able to get together safely with your loved ones this Christmas and enjoy yourselves.

It has been nice to get back to something resembling normality this academic year. Even though we have maintained many of our protective systems and procedures this term our staff and students have enjoyed returning to normal lessons and we have been able to put on a whole range of additional enrichment activities and events. These included a knife crime awareness programme, culminating in a visit from Alison Cope [Whose son Joshua died as a result of a knife attack] and a reward ceremony, an Alter Ego Theatre Group play called "Tough Love" and a visit from Jonathan Ashworth MP [Shadow Health Secretary], who came to talk to our students at the end of UK Parliament Week.

In addition to these educational activities and workshops our students have also been involved in a number of fund raising and fun activities, including a Halloween fun & games afternoon in aid of our Loros Rocket Around Leicester Appeal and a Children in Need cake stall and wear something yellow day.

I hope that you enjoy reading this edition of our Newsletter and wish you all a happy and relaxing Christmas break.

Shaun Whittingham (Head Teacher)

Dates for your Diary:-

We break up for the Christmas Holiday on
Friday 17th December 2021

School opens for the Spring Term on
Wednesday 5th January 2022.

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Centre News !



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Staff & students joined together to take part in a Halloween themed fun and games afternoon. Everyone enjoyed themselves and also managed to raise some more money to go towards our LOROS – Rocket Around Leicester – Appeal.



Staff & students enjoying Halloween Fun & Games



**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR
NEIGHBOURS ON CARISBROOKE
ROAD WHO PROVIDED OUR
STUDENTS WITH SOME TASTY
HALLOWEEN TREATS**

**Well Done
Everyone!**

So far we have raised

£1,038

towards our LOROS
Rocket Around Leicester
Appeal



TOUGH LOVE

In PSHE lessons students have been learning about healthy and unhealthy relationships. Everyone has developed their understanding of the key features of a positive relationship whilst exploring the key signs of coercive behaviour.



Alter Ego- Creative Solutions visited the school to deliver a theatre style performance "Tough Love" This performance raised awareness of Coercive Control and Domestic Abuse in teenage intimate relationships.

The performance was very powerful and hard-hitting and dealt with a very sensitive subject. All students responded in a very positive and mature way

Ton Liney
[Senior Manager – PSD Lead]



Knife Crime Awareness



Alison Cope answering questions asked by our students

Students have been busy in lessons learning about Knife Crime as part of Knife Crime Awareness Week. We were fortunate to have an Anti-Violence campaigner Alison Cope visit us. Alison shared with students the story of her son's unique life and death in order to teach young people about the realities and consequences of youth violence. Her powerful and moving presentation told of the importance of prevention, the emotive realisation of how choices affect loved ones and how young people retain hope for the future. During the week students explored the theme of Knife Crime and produced some amazing work. An assembly, led by Leicestershire Police, was held to celebrate the achievements of the students.

Ton Liney [Senior Manager – PSD Lead]



Students attended a Knife Crime Award Ceremony & were presented with certificates and prizes

UK Parliament Week

(15th – 19th November 2021)

Students have been working extremely hard over the last two weeks as part of UK Parliament Week. Across all subject areas students have been developing their knowledge and understanding of Government and Politics. Everyone has been learning about Democracy, debating a Parliamentary Bill, writing a Manifesto, designing a Polling Card, making rosettes and analysing data and statistics. A Senior M.P. Jonathan Ashworth, the Shadow Health Secretary visited our school to talk to students about his role as an M.P. This was a fantastic experience for everyone. To finish off UK Parliament Week, we held a live Election to elect representatives for our Student Council.

Congratulations to Isabella Patterson and Nevardo McLeam for successfully being elected.

Ton Liney [Senior Manager – PSD Lead]



Jonathan Ashworth [Shadow Health Secretary] speaking to some of our students during our UK Parliament Week].



INTRODUCING OUR NEW TASKFORCE TEAM

We are delighted to be able to inform you all that we have been selected, by the DfE, to establish and run a multi-agency, specialist, Alternative Provision Taskforce Team. We have already started to co-locate specialist workers from across health, education, social care, youth services and youth justice full-time in our newly refurbished specialist team room, based at our Carisbrooke Education Centre. We expect our new Taskforce Team to remove the need for referrals to outside services and provide opportunities for specialist and LPS practitioners to build relationships with vulnerable young people who are at high risk of disengaging from education and becoming involved in serious violence and county lines gangs.

The team will work closely with some of our established local partners, including; The Education Welfare Service, our Police School Liaison Officer, Connexions and the Education Psychology Service.

The programme began in November 2021 and will run for 2 academic years, with a focus on reducing truancy, NEET rates, involvement in serious violence and improving mental health and well-being.

Our Taskforce Team is led by Rebecca Edwards [Assistant Head of School] and is made up of the following staff ...

Project Co-ordinator – Laura Hunt

Administrator – Rubina Suleman

Family / Youth Worker – Kelso Simon

Family / Youth Worker – Mell Rose

Post 16 Transitions Manager – Carl Roberts

Children's Youth Justice Worker – Niamh Finnegan

Speech & Language Therapist – Emma Marfleet

Mental Health Worker - TBC



Leicester Partnership School is working in partnership with Leicestershire Police and Leicester Social Services to support Operation Encompass

What is Operation Encompass?

If there is an incident of domestic abuse concerning one of our students Leicester Social Services will inform us of this. They will not provide us with any details of the incident, they will only provide us with the name of the child and their date of birth and the date on which the incident took place. We will pass on this information to staff who are working with this child so that they are able to offer additional support to the child if this is required.

We will treat all information in the strictest of confidence and only pass this information on to staff who need to know this information.

This forms part of the Leicester Partnership School's commitment to safeguarding the well-being of all students and providing them with the support they need when they are faced with challenging and potentially upsetting circumstances.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPERATION ENCOMPASS PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF OUR STAFF TEAM

