



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another brilliant week at the academy which has ended with our first Trust review of the progress that we have made this term. I'm delighted to share with you that the review team recognise a marked shift in improved behaviour and a greater sense of team with staff, students and parents recognising the progress made. My favourite quote today has been the description of the students as, "*A real asset to LECA*". We know this but it was lovely to hear our visitors use these words because we are immensely proud of the way that they have responded to the culture of high expectations that has now been established. Our sincere thanks for your ongoing support with this.

Events for parents

This week we welcomed parents for our fortnightly coffee morning and I'm immensely grateful for the offers of support with our second hand uniform project which we hope will provide financial relief for members of our community – please see full details below. Our final coffee morning will take place Tuesday 19th July at 9:30am. It would be lovely to see some new, as well as familiar faces. It was also a pleasure to meet with the families of our September Year 7 cohort for the transition family event during which we were treated to a wonderful performance of the Gary Barlow song "Sing" which our new students had learned over the past few days. It is clear that Year 7 have talent and we look forward to many more performances from them. We had two extremely positive transition days with them and look forward to welcoming them fully to the LECA community in September.

Events for students

We have been extremely impressed by the way in which our KS3 students have completed their English, Maths and Science tests over the past two weeks. They have undertaken these with impressive levels of concentration and focus. We look forward to sharing the results with you before the end of term. We have only received positive feedback about our Year 10 students who have participated in work experience. It's been great to hear how it has provided inspiration and built motivation/ confidence for our students. In some cases it has even led to job offers! We look forward to hearing all their experiences in full when they return to school on Monday but a particular mention for one student who has been based in a government office this week! I believe they have had a really interesting time.

Students of the week

At LECA, several of us have had the privilege of watching Lucy in Year 10 teaching Year 7 Spanish classes with superb skill and professionalism. We hope that when Lucy has completed her degree she will consider returning to train as a teacher with us. Our thanks also to the PE subject ambassadors who helped to run a sports event at LECA for local primary school

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students. They have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship skills for which we are extremely proud. I hope they enjoyed this fantastic opportunity!

Safeguarding update

This week we have had some students raise concerns in relation to Discord, a social media app. Discord is a free app for mobile and PC that lets people chat via text, voice, or video in real time. Combining the internet-calling features of Skype with Reddit-like discussion boards, it's broadened from gamers-only to a social networking site for communities of all types, including those with non-gaming interests like anime, TV series, music, and more. It can also be an easy-to-use group-chatting tool for friends. Users on the app should be at least 13, however we are aware that users do not have to verify their age. To find out more information about the app, click this link [Parents' Ultimate Guide to Discord | Common Sense Media](#).

Second hand uniform

We have been very lucky in receiving lots of pre-loved uniform donations and are looking to offering an opportunity for parents/carers to size-up for September! We will have the uniform out in the dining hall on Monday from 3-5pm. If you cannot make it - but know what you would like, please email Jo.Hedges@lecacademy.org and we can see if we have it available for you. A cash donation is always welcome (we donate to East Anglian Air Ambulance) or a donation of outgrown uniform when the time arises. If anyone would like to drop-off any uniform that they no longer need on Monday to add to our stock - that would be amazing.

Hot weather plan

As you may be aware, the weather forecast for next week is extremely high temperatures. In light of this, we have decided to provide students with the opportunity to wear their LECA PE kit all week if this helps them feel more comfortable. Please do encourage them to continue to bring their water bottles, caps and sunscreen if they are going to be in direct sunlight.

Today we have watched the school hall transform into an enchanted forest for the very first LECA Year 11 prom. We are extremely excited to welcome the students this evening and hope they enjoy this memorable event.

Wishing you and your families a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Lauren Phillips
Principal