



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at the academy as we support Year 11 students to make final preparations for the start of the external exam period. I was hugely impressed by the Year 8&9 students who received their HPV vaccinations this week. They were calm and resilient throughout the day despite a few sore arms! I hope those who did experience a few side effects are now feeling better.

Over the next two weeks, we are working on the development of the academy vision to ensure that all stakeholders have the opportunity to build this together and embed its key ideas in every aspect of school life. We have gathered staff's views at a meeting held this week and will conduct a similar activity with students in tutor time and the parent working party group next week. We look forward to finalising a shared vision for the future of the academy as we embark on this new and exciting direction.

Events for parents

It was great to welcome parents to the academy for our first coffee morning this week and discuss your children and the school's improvement journey in a more informal setting. I hope that more parents will be able to join our next coffee morning Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 9:30am. We are also looking forward to our first parents' working party meeting this forthcoming Monday 16th May at 6pm which will focus on the academy's vision and rewards system. I am keen to send out the message that this is a school for students who strive to reach their potential and are warmly rewarded for this positive conduct. We would therefore be hugely grateful for this group's ideas about how we can develop our practise in this area.

Students of the week

There have been a number of crucial events for Year 11 this week for which the students deserve to be warmly congratulated. The Art department have been very impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm they have witnessed from their Year 11s who have been undertaking their final outcomes for Photography and Art. Ms Way has commented that, "*Students have demonstrated real resilience during the course and their hard work is a credit to them.*" Congratulations also to the Year 9 students who have participated in the recent Duke of Edinburgh practise expeditions and shown strong "active leadership" skills!

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Mobile phones and social media

Please can I ask for your support to remind your child about our mobile phone use policy; Mobile phones should be in student's bags during the school day and not visible. We will be reminding students that it is a criminal offence to either film or photograph another person without their knowledge and to share footage or photographs. The police would advise that any inappropriate message should not be shared and deleted immediately.

And finally, we have written separately to Year 11 families about the final arrangements for Year 11. The external exam period for this year group starts on Monday and we want to wish our first Year 11 cohort the very best of luck over the next few weeks.

Wishing you and your families a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Lauren Phillips
Principal