



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started with the show stopper of all proms Friday evening! We were delighted to welcome students for our first ever Prom and Year 11 cohort. The school was transformed into a magical enchanted forest by Purple Lamb events with life size mushrooms, overhanging trees and ribbon/balloon arches. The students arrived in designer cars, motorbikes and even a helicopter! The students conducted themselves impeccably and it was lovely to see them dancing all night with staff. Highlights were undoubtedly the YMCA dance and the long Conga that made its way through the school ground floor – proving that sounds the old disco classics are timeless. We are delighted to announce that the Ely Standard have published our press release and photographs from this event which can be accessed through the following link:

[Littleport academy stages first ever leavers' prom | Ely Standard](#)

They have confirmed that they intend to publish this as a double page spread in the next print edition. My sincere thanks to all the staff who supported but particularly to Mr Tatham who led the organisation of this incredible event and our catering team who produced a delicious buffet.

Events for parents

We also welcomed parents for a number of events this week. Our thanks to Mrs Hedges and the parents who helped to sort through uniform donations to support families with second hand versions; we hope this will be of considerable help to those who need it. Our thanks also to all those families who have made the donations to help others. Please do continue to contact Mrs Hedges if you would like some help with this. We also hosted a Total Clothing uniform sizing event Wednesday after school, welcoming many of our new Year 7 families. We look forward to welcoming families for our final coffee morning Tuesday 19th July 2022 9:30-10:30am.

Thursday evening we hosted our first ever LECA drama production with a wonderful rendition of Oliver by KS3 students. We were hugely impressed by the confidence, energy and professionalism of this show which was run entirely by students onstage and behind the scenes. They should all be very proud of this achievement and we look forward to many more. Our thanks to all the staff who made this possible but particularly Miss Murray who directed the production and students thanked with some well-deserved flowers. Later in the evening, we also welcomed Year 10 families for a key information evening about transition into Year 11 and how the students will be supported academically and with their next steps beyond life at LECA led by our new KS4 Progress Leader Mr Townsend. We appreciate that a significant amount of information was shared so we will email all families the presentation so you have it to refer back to. Our thanks to the Heads of Faculty and Mr Townsend for this high quality event.

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Events for students

The key event for students has been the return of Sports day. We were grateful for the drop in temperatures to enable this event to run successfully and safely. It was a sincere pleasure to watch the enjoyment of all in this lovely community event. Students participated in football, rounders, track and field competitions with the key focus being the opportunity for all to take part in the Sports activities. The students' conduct outside throughout the day was exemplary and we were extremely proud of the way in which they supported each other and applauded those who were fortunate to receive an award in the afternoon. There was of course also a competitive element and we're delighted to announce that "Kahlo" house were presented with the overall Sports Day trophy this year – congratulations! We look forward to many more house competitions next year.

Friday morning we bid a very fond farewell to the students participating in the Dorset Walk and we have already received photographs of the constructed tents at the campsite. We wish the students and staff participating in this incredible opportunity well in their walking challenge and look forward to further updates. If you have not already sponsored those involved and would like to, please find sponsorship details here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/littleport-east-cambs-academy>.

Students of the week

Congratulations to the graduates of this year's Scholars programme who attended Selwyn College Cambridge for their graduation event. In particular, we would like to recognise Gabriel and Oakley in Year 10 who gave confident and impressive presentations of the work undertaken at LECA. Our thanks to all of them for being such fantastic ambassadors. This week we welcomed a new student from Ukraine and we would like to thank those students who have gone out of their way to support him. Our thanks to Andrejus in Year 11, Ethan and Sam in Year 8 who have been great Active Citizen ambassadors.

Safeguarding update

This week we have participated in a Trust review of our safeguarding provision which we constantly strive to improve and I was delighted to her that the key finding was that, "*The new pastoral team is appreciated by students and parents and has made a significant difference to feeling of a safe place and someone to talk to*". My sincere thanks to those parents who participated in both this and the recent behaviour review and to our safeguarding team who continue to work long beyond their timetabled hours to support our community.

SEND Consultation response

We attach two documents produced by Cambridgeshire County Council in response the government SEND Green Paper. These allow you to see the local response to this consultation and opportunity for you to feedback directly to the DFE if you so wish.

Behaviour & Rewards

In consultation with stakeholders this term and in response to staff, student and parent surveys we are making some changes to the behaviour for learning policy for September. The main changes are that we are moving C2 Restorative Intervention to after school the next day (rather than at lunch time the same day). This will allow time for parents to be notified and ensure the consequence is an appropriate sanction for disrupting learning. Further updates to the policy will be shared in September including a revised rewards policy and minor changes to the management of internal isolation/exclusions to reduce lost learning time.



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Thank you for support with driving uniform standards this term, a reminder that we are expecting all students to wear a tie in September (i.e. no revere collar) and that students will need black, polishable shoes that are not a trainer-style/branded. Finally, rewards and celebrations are planned for Monday and Tuesday next week – assemblies, goodies and games. Wednesday is a normal school day and despite some rumours not a non-uniform day!

Houses/Form Groups

As we have done for Year 7, this year we have made the decision to move to 4 form groups for all year groups in order to align with the 4 houses. Your son/daughter will remain in the same house (Ali, Fawcett, Turing or Kahlo) but will be with the other students in their house for form. This means some of our students will have a new form teacher in September but these changes will allow for healthy inter-house competition and help to build house identity and character under Mrs Emmess' leadership. Final confirmation of tutors will follow before the end of term.

Hot weather plan

We continue to follow advice from the DFE and Cambridgeshire City Council regarding supporting staff and students during hot weather. Students will therefore be able to continue to wear the looser fitting PE kit and we encourage them to continue to bring refillable water bottles and sunscreen/hats when they are outside. In light of the extreme heat warnings for early next week, we have put in place some additional measures for Monday and Tuesday next week to support all. We have relocated all lessons on the South facing side of the building to the shade of the other sides where the classrooms are significantly cooler. There are no PE lessons taking place Monday due to the reward events but those scheduled for Tuesday will take place in the shade of the Sports Hall and be low impact games. We have been given authorisation to proceed with the trips planned and relevant families will receive details of the additional precautions for these.

As we start to look ahead to the summer holidays, I'm delighted to attach a flyer compiled by the Active Learning Trust team about places where children can eat for £1 or less this summer. We hope that many of you will be able to take up this fantastic offer!

Wishing you and your families a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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