



# LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

*An Active Learning Trust School*

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to offer my thanks for the support and best wishes I have received from students, staff and parents in my new role as Principal at LECA. We are immensely proud of the rapid progress we have made this term which would not have been possible without your support – thank you. We have laid the foundations for a number of key positive changes for September and are extremely excited about the prospect of re-opening the doors with these in place!

We are hugely proud of how well everyone has coped with the extreme heat over the past week and it was great to see how many students continued to attend and focus in their lessons, even with the additional challenge. Those who made it to the peak of temperatures Tuesday were rewarded with an ice lolly which we hope they enjoyed. We are also delighted that we were able to provide students with their well-deserved end of year rewards assemblies and a special surprise treat from the ice-cream, donut and candy floss van! We hope they enjoyed this lovely end of term and they put their certificates somewhere safe as a recognition of all their hard work. Reports have now been sent for all students and are also available on Go4Schools.

## **Events for students**

On Friday last week, we welcomed the Littleport Lions Korfbal Club to deliver sessions in PE lessons to help students experience this fun sport which is similar to basketball and netball. Our thanks to Mr Mortlock for organising this activity who says, “*Students were brilliant and engaged well in a new sport which became really competitive*”. If anyone is interested in joining, adult sessions are held in the leisure centre on a Tuesday 8-9:30pm. On Monday, we welcomed back our students from the Dorset Walk. They did incredibly well to complete this extreme physical challenge, particularly in the soaring temperatures. Thank you to everyone who donated money to support them – we are delighted to announce that they have raised just over £1,000 for the Malcolm Whales Foundation – congratulations! And finally, this week we welcomed our community PCSO Chris McLoughlin who has been visiting local schools to present assemblies about a range of safeguarding matters, including knife crime, in order to provide students with some key messages about how to keep safe over the summer holidays. Students were able to ask questions at the end and it was great to see so many taking this opportunity.

## **Students of the week**

The award this week goes to our entire community of students who continue to be such fantastic ambassadors for the school as highlighted in our recent Behaviour and Safeguarding reviews; it has been a privilege to open our doors to them over the past term. During the rewards event, we awarded the annual Active Learning Trust Award for Resilience, named after the previous CEO Gary Peile to recognise an individual who has shown particular strength of character.

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This year's winner is Charlie in Year 10 who was nominated by our Drama Teacher Ms Murray whose words read as follows, "*Charlie's performance of Mickey's descent is the highlight of my teaching career. Watching a student who has never had any experience of the Performing Arts Curriculum before Year 10, brought tears to my eyes. It was one of the most mature and engaging performances I have ever witnessed a Key Stage 4 student produce*".

### **Leavers and starters**

As we reach the end of the academic year, we inevitably say a fond farewell to some of our staff who are moving on to pastures new. Our sincere thanks to Miss R Willerton (Teacher of Science), Dr E Wombwell (Teacher of Science), Mrs Diprose-Denyer (Science Technician), and Ms M Gonzalez (Head of MFL). We also say our goodbyes to three staff who have worked at LECA since the school first opened in September 2017, Mrs K Mulqueen (Operational DSL), Mrs L Davis (Head of Music), and Mr J Tatham (KS4 Progress Leader). We wish them all the very best for their new adventures with our thanks for all they have done for the LECA community. Mr O Hughes, Head of PE, will also be absent next year while he embarks on a year's sabbatical leave.

### **New staff appointments for September 2022**

We welcome a host of new staff for September to the LECA family. In terms of teaching staff, we welcome Dr K Feeney (Second in Science), Ms A Richardt (Curriculum Lead for Languages), Ms R Wearing (Curriculum Lead for RE) and Mr E Coussons (Teacher of PE). To the support staff team, we welcome Miss R Howlett as SEND Administrator, Mrs D Ellsmore as Attendance/Admissions Officer, Mrs L Courtman as our new Science Technician and Mrs Lee our new receptionist. We are also delighted to announce two new internal appointments. Mr S Dicks who will take the role of Curriculum Lead for Music and Mr S Townsend as KS4 Progress Leader.

**Arrangements for the start of term – September 2022:** A gentle reminder that students return to LECA on the following dates:

*Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022- Years 7 and Year 11*

*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Years 8, 9 and 10*

As ever, students are expected to arrive from 8:15am for 8:30am line-up on the school playground. On their first day, students will have an extended form time so that your son/daughter can get to know their tutor and start to familiarise themselves with new routines. Full details for these days will be provided in the week before term starts again. Please note that an updated calendar for next year can be found at [www.lecacademy.org](http://www.lecacademy.org)

### **Changes to the school day from September 2022**

From September 2022, we have shortened lunchtime by ten minutes in order to extend tutor time. This decision has been made to facilitate a revitalised tutor time programme which will now include a Citizenship of LECA curriculum during which students will create a new Citizenship charter. In addition, KS3 students will participate in the Accelerated Reader and KS4 students in the Vespa Mindsets programme.

08.30 – 09.00 – Tutor time

09.00 – 10.00 – Period 1

10.00 – 11.00 – Period 2

*11.00 – 11.20 – BREAK*

11.20 – 12.20 – Period 3

*12.20 – 13.00 – LUNCH*

13.00 – 14.00 – Period 4



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14.00 – 15.00 – Period 5

Please be aware that due to rising food prices and energy costs, in line with Highfield Littleport Academy, we have been forced to increase the costs of canteen prices for next year. We attach an overview of these costs to help support families with ongoing budgeting.

## **Form groups**

Please find details of form tutors for September attached. As per the last comms, forms are aligned with our houses from September (as they have been for Year 7 this year). For example, 8A is Ali House (yellow), 10F is Fawcett (blue). If you are unsure of your child's house, please contact [office@lecacademy.org](mailto:office@lecacademy.org) who will be able to confirm but their memories of Sports Day will hopefully remind them.

## **Uniform and Equipment**

In addition to last week's reminder, please find uniform guidance attached which will revert to 'normal' after this hot weather spell. In consultation with stakeholders it is expected that KS3 students will still need a reading book with them in school next year but this is not compulsory for Year 10 or 11. Please ensure your son/daughter is equipped with what they need for lessons (pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, water bottle). Your support in ensuring that any false eyelashes/nail extensions are removed in time for the start of term is much appreciated.

## **Safeguarding:**

As you will be aware over the past couple of months we have been expanding our Safeguarding team and have created a Safeguarding Hub, where key safeguarding trained staff are now based. We are thrilled with the success of this and look forward to continue supporting our students and their families this summer and into the new school year. Our current safeguarding team is made up of Miss Elliott (Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead) and our other DSL's Mrs Simms, Mrs Parsons-Mayle and Mr Seaton. Miss Elliott is offering a range of support for students this summer, including some drop-ins. If you feel your child may benefit from this, please do make contact. In addition to the information the safeguarding team share weekly, we also have a website that will be able to provide your family with a range of support options. You can access this by clicking <https://sites.google.com/view/lecasafeguarding/home>.

The academy is now closed for the summer break which means that staff will have limited access to communications. If you have a general query, we will continue to monitor the [office@lecacademy.org](mailto:office@lecacademy.org) address and will endeavour to help you. We look forward to welcoming Year 11 families for GCSE results day 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Wishing you and your families a restful summer.

Yours sincerely,  
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