



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Friday 24th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we said a very fond farewell to Year 11 who celebrated the end of the exam season. Our sincere thanks to Mr Tatham who organised a brilliant leavers' assembly with lots of personalised messages and gifts; there were more than a few tears but also lots of smiles and laughs! I would also like to offer our thanks to Ms Gathergole and her catering team who provided students with a very professional and delicious three course leavers' lunch. The students' conduct throughout the day was exemplary and this was a very special event for students and staff alike. We wish them all the very best for the future and look forward to seeing them again at the forthcoming prom.

"New LECA" vision statements

In assemblies last week, students voted for their favourite vision statements and I'm delighted to publish these for the first time below. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to shaping these. We look forward to continuing to work together to make them a reality for our students' experience at the academy:

- **Active Learners** are independent thinkers, unafraid to question and embrace self-improvement with resilience. Consistently demonstrating initiative, and are intrinsically motivated to take risks (within their learning).
- We want our students to be **Active Leaders** who are observant and listen to each other with empathy, and who are supportive of one another ensuring all are included. An Active Leader will be proactive, show selflessness and build successful teams through delegation.
- At LECA we want **Active Citizens** who are respectful of themselves, each other and their surroundings. Pupils should be resilient, show kindness and believe in equality. Students should have pride in their work and hold high aspirations.

Term dates for 2022/2023

Following my arrival at LECA, we have made some slight amendments to the inset day dates for next year; I therefore attach the revised version. Please note that when the term commences in September, Year 7 and 11 will return Monday 5th September 2022 and Years 8, 9 and 10 will return Tuesday 6th September 2022.

Behaviour & Uniform Standards

Following the announcement of the academy's Ofsted grading to students and parents, we are concerned that behaviour and uniform standards have dipped from the improvement that we have seen since Easter. As a result, we will have a renewed focus from Monday with the return of line-up at the start of the school day to ensure that uniform standards can be monitored more closely and ensure that there is a calm start to the day. I appreciate that families will be

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concerned regarding the outcome of the Ofsted report but it is important that students are surrounded by positive messages about the direction of travel forward. I would therefore be grateful for your support with providing this reassurance. We will also be informing students about end of term rewards assemblies for those who consistently show a positive attitude to their learning.

Events for parents

We have had a number of events at the school this week for parents. We welcomed families of prospective Year 7 students Monday to outline our school improvement plans following the publication of the Ofsted report, and existing families to LECA's first Art & Photography exhibition showcasing stunning work from GCSE courses and those students who have completed the Artsmark Silver Award. Our sincere thanks to the Art department for organising this wonderful celebration of the students' work. We also welcomed some families on our first tours of the school. Going forward, these will be provided as and when they are requested by parents. Please do contact Jo Hedges if you would like to book a slot (Jo.Hedges@leacademy.org).

Next week we look forward to welcoming our parent working party, Monday 27th June at 6pm to review drafts of a new rewards policy, lost learning protocol and home school agreement. We also have our next coffee morning, Tuesday 28th June at 9:30am. This is open to all families and it would be lovely to see some new as well as the regular faces!

Events for students

This week we have also had a number of interesting events for students. A group of Year 10 students attended a taster day at the College of West Anglia, Year 7 students participated in a live joint drawing and reading session with Manga artists and our Student Commissioners attended a Trust-wide conference in Ely. Our week has ended with talks for all year groups from the UK Parliament. Our thanks to Ms Smith, Mrs Radcliffe, Ms Richardson, and Miss Elliott for organising all these opportunities.

Students of the week

We would like to thank the Year 10 students who served the Year 11 leavers' lunch on Thursday. They provided a very professional "Silver Service" to ensure that the Year 11 students and staff had a wonderful afternoon. We would also like to recognise an outstanding achievement by Millie in Year 8 whose team became National Futsal Champions over the weekend. Millie has also been offered a place at Arsenal Football Club, having played at MK Dons for the last two seasons. A huge congratulations to all of these students!

Littleport Rotary Club donation

A huge thankyou to Ms Rice, Teaching Assistant who recently wrote to Littleport Rotary Club to secure some additional funding to support resources for SEND students. We were delighted to receive a generous donation from this organisation this week which will mean we are able to fund resources to provide Lego therapy, a specialist sensory room and equipment for intervention room. We look forward to sharing updates regarding this provision with families and the rotary club.

Safeguarding update

Healthy Schools Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are working with LECA to deliver their Healthy You, Healthy Schools Stop Smoking and Vaping Programme to students. This is a free service that supports students in making healthy choices and gain support in quitting smoking/ vaping. If you feel your child would benefit from this service, please do contact Miss Elliott (laura.elliott@leacademy.org).



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Wishing you and your families a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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