



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

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1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy term at LECA I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our thanks goes to Mr Taylor who has been the interim Headteacher since 1st November 2021. Mr Taylor has worked tirelessly to ensure your children receive an education they deserve during a challenging period of time. His presence around the Academy has supported staff and students alike, either through his daily interactions but also stepping up and teaching when COVID impacted on teacher attendance. We wish him luck in his next venture and appreciate his experience and energy that has supported this school will be an asset to his next.

Next term we welcome LECA's new Principal, Ms Lauren Phillips. I know that she is very much looking forward to working with the students, staff, parents and the LECA community. We know that Ms Phillips is ambitious for our students. She wants them to be highly successful and confident individuals who achieve the best GCSE examination results so they can progress onto Sixth Form / College and be in a position of choice and opportunity. To achieve this it is important that we secure a much more focused and positive working environment, which puts learning at the centre of everything we do. Over the past few weeks it is apparent that basic standards of uniform, appearance and behaviour need to improve so we are able to establish the effective learning environment which will enable our students to be highly successful. LECA is a centre of learning and so we have a collective responsibility to ensure our students are ready to learn on a daily basis, barriers are removed and behaviour supports learning.

When we return back from the Easter break, please ensure your son/daughter is wearing the correct uniform; if there are any difficulties in getting uniform items please inform your child's progress leader by Tuesday 19th April 2022. Any student who arrives to school in incorrect uniform will be automatically placed into a same day detention. Just a reminder that in September 2022 all students will be required to wear a shirt/blouse and tie. The reverse blouse will no longer be considered a part of LECA's uniform. If this causes any financial difficulty, please contact the Academy to discuss potential solutions.

The booklet enclosed, which is also available on the website, outlines the expectations and guidance on uniform, standards of professional dress and behaviour expectations from April 2022 of **all** students in the Academy. Many of the expectations remain the same, but there are some changes. Please take time to read this through with your son/daughter and explain what is expected of them.

As I shared earlier in this letter, LECA is a centre of learning. Too much time this half-term has been spent by staff dealing with interruption to learning due to behaviour expectations not being met. I am sure you agree we need to ensure staff are not being drawn away from the

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core focus of student learning and achievement. It is imperative therefore that your son/daughter's behaviour supports learning and failure to do so will result in sanctions being issued.

As we come to the end of the Spring Term 2022, Ms Phillips will be arranging opportunities to meet with the Parents/Carers to support her in shaping the vision of LECA so it becomes a high performing centre of learning.

We look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Wednesday 20th April 2022. Until then, we wish you a wonderful Easter break. Let's hope the sun shines for us all.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CD', is positioned above the typed name.

Mr Craig D'Cunha
Executive Headteacher