



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a noticeable air of excitement at LECA this week as we welcomed the arrival of the Littleport Players panto set in the main hall and the start of festive decorations sparkling around the academy. Mrs Emmess will be writing to all families next week regarding our fundraising activities for Littleport Food Bank as we will be encouraging all students to participate in some "Active Citizenship" opportunities to help other people. There will also be more information about our end of term rewards events and festive themed celebrations for the last week of term. We understand that the students' excitement is building but it's also important that they stay focused on their learning until these events at the very end of term – thanks in advance for your support with this.

Coffee Morning feedback

It was lovely to meet with parents this week for our November Coffee Morning and hear that our revised plans for lunchtime sittings seem to be working much better with KS3 students getting their food and canteen places first; this is allowing all students longer to eat their food and stay inside for longer. On average, we are calling KS4 students after the first ten minutes. There were several queries about our extra-curricular timetable which I showed them from the student bulletin. I'm delighted to share this at the end of the letter so parents can encourage their child to participate and make the most of these opportunities. We are concerned to hear that families are receiving automated emails from Sparx late Sunday evening so will liaise with the company to see if there is a way to avoid this in future.

Uniform update

Thanks to the majority of our families who are ensuring that their child arrives to school in the correct uniform and meet's the academy's high expectations regarding this. Unfortunately, there have been a few concerns over the last two weeks and so we wanted to take this opportunity to remind families about the following key areas:

- All students are required to wear a branded school blazer and a school tie – this includes Year 11 students
- Fake eyelashes are not permitted
- Nose piercings are not permitted – students must remove these or wear a clear, plastic retainer

There have been a number of students arriving at school this week without ties. Unfortunately, we have run out of pre-loved ties that we usually loan out at reception as so many haven't been returned. If your son or daughter has any of these, please can you ask them to return them. If your child has lost their tie, we have some new ties available at LECA for you to purchase. Please contact Jo Hedges directly at: Jo.Hedges@lecacademy.org.

For your convenience, I attach a copy of the finalised Uniform Policy which also includes details of how families can seek support with uniform if they need it.

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Parental code of conduct

Mrs Skillern, Head of School at Highfield Littleport Academy and I continue to meet regularly to discuss how we can work collaboratively to utilise provision for both communities of students. During one of these meetings, we felt that it would be useful to draft a shared parental code of conduct, especially as there are many staff at HLA who are also parents of LECA students. The aim of this code is therefore to ensure that we:

- Work in partnership with parents to support their child's learning
- Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents
- Model appropriate behaviour for our pupils at all time

We are also aware that, at LECA, we re-drafted the Home School Agreement which was discussed with current Year 7 students during transition but won't have been seen by families of children in other year groups. However, this home school agreement was reviewed and drafted in collaboration with the parent working party during the Summer Term. We are hugely grateful to those parents who gave up their time to help construct these clear expectations of students, staff and parents to ensure that we all work effectively together to support your child.

This week's House competition – Eco Quiz, Ms Froment (Teacher of Science)

Eco club have been putting in extra hours over lunchtimes this week to successfully make and deliver an eco-themed Kerboodle Eco quiz. They put together 2 different quizzes suitable for KS3 and 4 and used their own knowledge, some they had gained from the recent Youth COP27 event they had been too and some research of their own. They completed this with very little adult input, great team spirit and determination to raise awareness for all things Eco. It has been a hugely successful term for Eco club; the club has grown in number, developed a really strong effective team across year groups and completed some major steps to move the LECA Eco Garden from plan to reality. More news on that to come in the New Year.

Fixtures, Mr Marshall (Acting Curriculum Lead for History)

Our Year 10 Basketball team made LECA proud this week playing our first fixture of the year against Ely College and Witchford. The team won 9-6 against Witchford and drew against Ely 6-6 with an amazing comeback from 6-0 down with 2 minutes left. Congratulations to the Players of The Match were Louis I, Oskaras U, Kene U, Rhys L, Ben V, Henry S, Haydn L because of their amazing total effort as a team!!! Thanks to all students who participated and represented the academy in these matches.

Scholastic book fair, Mrs Burley (Learning Resources Officer)

The Scholastic book fair started at lunch time in the library on Wednesday with lots of great books and stationery available for students and staff to purchase. Mrs Burley said "*It has been great to see a large turn out and a buzzing enthusiasm from students as they peruse the books and write their wish lists to take home*". There has been a wonderful team spirit, as we have not been short of Student Librarians and staff to help run the book fair. The last day of the book fair is Tuesday. All purchases need to be made through:
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1243091>

Year 11 Photography and Art, Mrs Way (Curriculum Lead for Art)

The Year 11 Photography and Art mocks went smoothly with students creating a range of really creative outcomes in both 2D and 3D which will contribute towards their GCSE coursework. We are excited to hear that there will be an externally set project theme set by the exam board in the New Year; this has not been a part of the course since before the pandemic.

Dates for your diary

- Parents' Coffee Morning – Thursday 15th December, 9:30 to 10:30am (*please note this has changed from Wednesday 14th as previously advertised*)
- Year 11 Parents Evening – Thursday 8th December 2022
- Parent Working Party meeting – Monday 12th December 2022 – To review the Equalities Policy, assessment/feedback to learners and the new Active Award proposal.



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Tristan Corbett

Thanks to those who have already contributed towards our electronic book of condolence. Please do encourage your child to complete this by Friday 9th December if they would like to leave the family a message at the following address:

<https://bit.ly/LECATristancondolences>

Our thanks to the Student Council who are organising a commemoration ceremony for Tristan where we will plant a tree on the LECA site to remember him. We are hugely grateful to local company, Barcham Trees, who have kindly agreed to donate whatever tree the family would like. We will also be introducing an annual award in Tristan's memory which the family would like to be for outstanding creativity.

And finally, best wishes to all our students and local community who will be treading the boards this weekend in the Littleport Players annual pantomime which we are delighted to host at LECA.

Hope you and your families have a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Lauren Phillips (Ms)
Principal

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Extra-Curricular timetable

Day	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	ALL YEARS Young Carers – 114 – 12:30pm – 1pm	Years 7/8 Netball Club – 3pm – 4:15pm ALL YEARS Football Club – 3pm – 4:15pm KS3 Art Club – G18 – 3pm – 4pm ALL YEARS Homework Club – LRC – 3pm – 4pm ALL YEARS Technology Club – G22 – 3pm – 4pm Year 11 – Maths Foundation – 203/218 – 3pm – 4pm ALL YEARS Creative Writing Club – 112 – 3pm – 4pm
TUESDAY	ALL YEARS Pride Club – Rm 103 – 12:20pm – 1pm Student Commissioners – Week 2 – Rm 109 – 12:35pm – 1pm Year 7 Coding Club – LRC – 12:20pm – 1pm	Years 9/10/11 Netball Club 3pm – 4:15pm ALL YEARS Dungeons & Dragons Club (Week 1) – 109 – 3:10pm – 4:30pm KS3 Cooking Club – G23 – 3pm – 4:30pm ALL YEARS Basketball Team Training – 3pm – 4:15pm ALL YEARS Musical Club – 106 – 3:15pm – 4:15pm ALL YEARS Homework Club – LRC – 3pm – 4pm Years 10/11 Invite Only Further Maths – 217 – 3pm – 4:30pm
WEDNESDAY	ALL YEARS Eco Club – 12:20pm – 1pm KS4 Spanish Club – 113 – 12:20pm – 1pm ALL YEARS Engineering Club – G22 – 12:20pm – 1pm ALL YEARS Wellbeing Wednesday – LRC – 12:20pm – 1pm Year 11 English Intervention and Support – 107 – 12:20pm – 1pm	ALL YEARS Homework Club – LRC – 3pm – 4pm ALL YEARS Repair Shop – G22 – 3pm – 4pm ALL YEARS Drama Club – 106 – 3pm – 4pm Year 11 English Intervention and Support – 107 – 12:20pm – 1pm
THURSDAY	ALL YEARS Basketball Drop In – 12:30pm – 1pm ALL YEARS Book Club – LRC – 12:20pm – 1pm ALL YEARS German Club – 113 – 12:20pm – 1pm	ALL YEARS Homework Club – LRC – 3pm – 4pm
FRIDAY	ALL YEARS Basketball Drop In – 12:30pm – 1pm ALL YEARS Games Club – LRC – 12:20pm – 1pm	ALL YEARS Homework Club – LRC – 3pm – 4pm