



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that everyone enjoyed their half term and enjoyed welcoming the students back on Tuesday. This week we planned a deliberately quieter week in terms of activities in order to support and focus on the Year 11 mock exams which have gone extremely smoothly. We are immensely proud of the year group's exemplary conduct during these exams (*more feedback from Mr Townsend below*) but we hope these students strike a healthy balance between revision and relaxation this weekend.

Quality of Education review

On the first day back, I conducted assemblies for every year group to feedback about our progress in the school improvement journey so far and the priorities for this half term's 30 day plan. I shared the headlines from the recent **Quality of Education Review** conducted by the external review team from Unity Schools Partnership.

Positive progress:

- ✓ The school improvement plan is fit for purpose
- ✓ General behaviour has improved markedly in classrooms
- ✓ There are pockets of excellent teaching in which teachers have deep subject knowledge, plans lessons skilfully against curriculum intent, identify and meet the needs of students who are at risk of failing behind. In these lessons, students' progress very well – there is pace and scholarship
- ✓ Recent CPD and the sharing of best practice is beginning to make a difference on improving the quality of teaching
- ✓ Students feel that the improvements of recent months are beginning to have the desired impact.
- ✓ Year 7 students have made a positive start to life at LECA

Next steps:

1. The team agreed with our planned next steps and we outlined to students how this half term we will be focusing on:
2. Developing the way we share subject learning journeys
3. Ensuring there is more evidence of teacher feedback to learners in books so students understand the progress that they are making
4. Develop the whole school approach to support those who struggle to read and promote student understanding of subject-specific vocabulary.
5. Improve corridor behaviour as a minority of students are careless towards others when moving around the campus

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At the end of the assembly, we celebrated all the students who have now been appointed to Student Leadership positions – Student Council, Prefects, House Captains and Sports Captains. Congratulations to all those who have been appointed – we look forward to working closely with them in their new roles. I also mentioned that we will be sending out further details regarding the annual Littleport Remembrance event Sunday 13th November where we would welcome all students interested to join the procession.

Staffing update

This week we welcomed Mrs Bonnett who has been appointed to the role of Cover Supervisor. On Monday, our new site team member Mr Tyler will also be joining us. Mr Dicks has also returned to work.

House Events

It's been great to see the re-launched House system in action last half term. I'm delighted to be able to share with you the running totals from last half term. Congratulations to Fawcett House who are currently in the lead with 243 points! There is still a long way to go and lots of opportunities this half term for students to represent their House so please do encourage your child to get involved.

- 1) Fawcett 243
- 2) Kahlo 234
- 3) Ali 187
- 4) Turing 175

<u>Week commencing</u>	<u>House Event</u>
7 th November	Most Interesting Jobs competition
21 st November	Dodgeball competition
28 th November	ECO Quiz
5 th December	Designing a Christmas Card
12 th December	Mrs Cameron's Christmas Bake Off
19 th December	Photography Competition

SAM Learning, Mrs Starling, Vice Principal

LECA are now part of the SAM Learning family and in a new feature, basic Maths, English and Science tasks are generated automatically, for your child to engage with if they choose. The tasks are sent via email and your child can access SAM Learning, by using their school email; no other credentials are required. Unless the task also appears on Go4Schools, set by your child's specific teachers for Maths, English or Science, there is no requirement for the automated tasks to be completed, although we always encourage students to continue their learning beyond school hours, if they can. In Key Stage 4, particularly Year 11, these automated tasks would be useful for revision. I will be working with teachers and students in the coming term to review the different online platforms we use with a view to sharing a confirmed list in the new year.

Year 11 mocks, Mr Townsend (KS4 Progress Leader)

This week has been the first of two weeks our Year 11s have been sitting their Pre-Public Exams, and they have done so with enthusiasm and a great level of maturity. Thank you for supporting them. We know these periods of assessment can create pressure for young people. The fact that they have put tremendous effort in to them is very reassuring as we will be able to give them honest and bespoke advice and guidance ready for the real examinations in the summer. Please can you keep talking and encouraging the students to both prepare and get adequate rest before their exams and discuss with them how they feel they are going so next week is equally as amazing for them.

Duxford War Museum Trip, Ms Hayward (Inclusion Manager, Alternative Curriculum Centre)

On the 21st October students from the Alternative Curriculum Centre had a visit to the Imperial War Museum Duxford. The students were amazing ambassadors for LECA. They had the opportunity to explore inside several planes, apply their learning from Science lessons to practical demonstrations and speak to working engineers about their careers; they were even



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lucky enough to be offered the opportunity to view some planes that aren't normally on display to the public! It was a great success all around and the students would definitely recommend Duxford for a day out!

Colder weather

We appreciate that as the colder weather sets in more parents will want to drop off and collect their children at the beginning and end of the day. We have received a number of concerns from the community regarding dangerous driving and conduct in the car park area. Please can I ask everyone to be mindful about speed and checking mirrors carefully to ensure that all students can arrive and depart safely. We also recommend that all students bring a coat with them as there are still many trying to brave the plunging temperatures without one!

And finally, the parents coffee mornings will now be moving to a monthly rotation. We look forward to welcoming families to our next event Wednesday 23rd November 2022.

Wishing you and your families a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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