



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Monday 13th Feb 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has dominated by the first week of mock exams for Year 11 whose conduct during these, on the whole, has been impeccable. We hope that these students benefit from the half term break to strike a balance between revision and rest, ahead of the second week after half term. We have also enjoyed some hugely impressive presentations from Year 10 students in their English speaking and listening assessments and the opportunity to congratulate students achievements in the end of half term rewards assemblies. Mr Mortlock has been working with students to consider how we can recognise students' achievements more regularly and we look forward to sharing more information about this after half term.

At several times this week, we have had to consider closing a year group as the number of staff Covid cases has increased so significantly but, due to staff's willingness to step in and support the smooth running of the school, we have managed to avoid this. However, I would like to take this opportunity to recognise this achievement and thank the staff for going above and beyond expectations of them in order to support our students. We hope that the half term will act as a "circuit-breaker" for staff and students so we have stronger attendance when we return.

Covid-19

A gentle reminder that the [latest guidance](#) for children says that they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of Covid-19 and they either:

- Have a high temperature
- Do not feel well enough to go to school

They can go back to school when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has any symptoms of Covid-19, has a high temperature and/or has tested positive for Covid-19 they should stay at home. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

Re-brokerage update

Earlier in the week, we sent you formal notification from the Department for Education that Eastern Learning Alliance has been provisionally identified as the most suitable Trust to manage LECA going forward. A gentle reminder that you have until 16th February 2023 to email your responses regarding this decision.

I have now met with Lucy Scott CEO of the Eastern Learning Alliance and we have provisionally arranged a stakeholder engagement meeting for parents to meet with representatives from the new Trust and its plans for the school **Monday 27th February 2023, 5pm** at LECA, subject to the Department for Education making their final decision. We will of course provide updates when they are released for circulation.

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Childrens' Mental Health Week, Mrs Martin SENDCo

The SEND Team have been involved in organising activities for Children's Mental Health Week. The Team have tried out different activities with students at lunch time to raise awareness and support the mental health of our students. Activities have included a session of Chair Yoga, Mindfulness, Positive Posters and postcards to staff and students and a "Grateful Jar", into which students have put all the things they are grateful for. Today, students taking part in these activities have taken home a pampering pack put together by the team, so they can have a few moments of relaxation and reflection during the half term break.

East Cambs School Art competition, Mrs Bellaby, Joint Curriculum lead for Art

A huge well done to Poppie Year 9 for winning first prize in the KS3 category at the Babylon Gallery, East Cambs Schools Art Competition. A beautiful set of monoprints and a well deserving winner! We hope families will be able to visit the work created by visiting this free exhibition between Monday 13th February and Sunday 5th March 2023.

SEND Transformation Parent / Carer Event

We attach a flyer from Cambridgeshire County Council inviting families to attend a SEND Transformation Parent / Carer Event taking place 9th March 2023 (10am-1:30pm) to find out more about how they are trying to improve the SEND system.

Vaccinators on tour: Feb half term – NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

We also attach a letter and flyer about a series of walk-in clinics across the region where you and your families can receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

Forthcoming events for parents:

Thursday 23rd February – Principal Coffee Morning (9:30-11:00am)

Monday 27th February – Eastern Learning Alliance presentation for parents (5:00pm) – provisional date

Thursday 2nd March – Year 7 Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th March – Principal Coffee Morning (9:30-11:00am)

Stars of the week!

Congratulations to Bella in Year 11 who represented LECA and Cambridgeshire at the Anglian Schools Cross Country championships a few weeks ago. She ran a personal best and has been picked as second reserve for the National Schools Cross Country championships in March.

Congratulations to Junior in Year 10 who won the National Schoolboy Boxing Championships and is now champion for Class 3 54-57kg!

Year 11 support sessions during half term

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have given up time to run and oversee support sessions for Year 11 students at this crucial time in their preparations for exams during half term. We are delighted to be able to offer a packed four day schedule of support and hope that those students who have been invited to attend make the most of these valuable opportunities.

We hope that you and your families have a wonderful half term break!

Yours sincerely,



Lauren Phillips (Ms)
Principal