



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an action-packed week at the academy as we hosted a number of external visitors and opportunities for families!

Open Evening, Thursday 13th October 2022

Firstly, my sincere thanks to all the students that were such strong LECA ambassadors at our annual Open Evening Thursday. All the families I spoke to, provided the tour guides with the highest rating 10/10 for their tours and parents also commented on the enthusiastic, friendly and confident way in which our students encouraged their children to engage with the practical activities available in subject areas. We were immensely proud of their conduct and will be adding five positive achievement points to all students involved to say thank you for their efforts. As we approach half term, I know many students have now reached the 100 positive point marker and we look forward to distributing a week long front of the queue pass as their first reward! My particular thanks to Ruby P and Jacob C in Year 7 for their incredible speeches. We were all impressed how confident they were delivering their insights to life at LECA in Year 7 in front of the packed hall – congratulations to them! Next week, we welcome tours from families 9-10am Monday to Friday to show them LECA lessons in practice (there is still time to book: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-morning-tours-tickets-433513128437>).

Quality of Education Review

On Monday we also welcomed our external review team from Unity Schools Partnership led by Roy Blatchford CBE (former HMI). We are delighted with the informal feedback that they provided on the day and look forward to receiving their full report about the progress we have made improving the Quality of Education next week. I hope to be able to share the headlines with you in due course.

New CEO at The Active Learning Trust

Following the departure of Stephen Chamberlain as CEO of The Active Learning Trust in May 2022, we can now confirm Lynsey Holzer has been appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer. Lynsey is the current Chief Executive Officer of Evolution Academy Trust. She brings with her a wealth of experience and skills from 25 years working in education, with leadership roles in teaching and over 6 years as an Ofsted inspector. We await confirmation of her start date next week and look forward to working alongside her.

Events for Parents next week

Next week we have three events scheduled for parents.

- Monday evening (17th) we welcome our Parent Working Party 6-7pm. Mrs Starling would like to consult with parents regarding academic reporting formats and how we can help parents gain a greater understanding of your child's academic profile and progress during their time at LECA.
- Wednesday morning (19th) we are hosting our regular Coffee Morning at the slightly revised time of 10:00-11:00am due to the daily tours we will be conducting for families wishing to visit classrooms as part of our Open Mornings.
- Thursday afternoon (20th) we are holding our first annual Academic Progress Review afternoon. Please ensure you have booked your appointment to meet with your child's

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tutor to discuss how they have started the academic year in terms of attitude towards their learning.

A gentle reminder that on Thursday lessons will therefore finish at the end of Period 3 (12:20pm) so we can prepare for the event which runs from 1:30 to 4:30pm. Students who are eligible for free school meals will be able to collect a takeaway lunch from the canteen on their departure. Please contact Ms Hedges if you are concerned about your child leaving at 12:20pm for safeguarding reasons (Jo.Hedges@leccacademy.org).

Year 11 Next Steps drop down day (Mrs Emmess, Assistant Principal)

This week we held our first ever year 11 Next Steps drop down day. Our students took part in four sessions which saw a start to their post-16 applications on eProspectus, writing personal statements and having two external visitors deliver well thought out and motivating sessions. Adam Steels, from Bishop Laney Sixth Form led an informative session on further education pathways and Lewis Jenkins, from May Farm/G's Fresh organised an excellent group work session which outlined the Apprenticeship opportunities at G's Fresh and the extensive career pathways that are offered at this local business. Our year 11s now have had a solid start to understanding their further education choices. Thank you to Mrs Smith, our Careers Advisor for organising this successful event.

House Quiz

Our thanks to our librarian Mrs Burley who organised this week's House Event Quiz in the LRC and was ably supported by Ms Smith who conducted the scoring! Mrs Burley says, "*It was a close competition and students were great*". Results were as follows:

- 1st Place with 54 points Kahlo
- Joint 2nd place with 50 points Fawcett and Turing
- 3rd place with 49 points Ali

Congratulations to all students who participated in this event.

Year 10 Theatre Trip to An Inspector Calls (Ms Murray, Drama Curriculum Lead)

This week a group of Year 10 Drama students went to the Arts Theatre, Cambridge to watch a performance of J B Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'. It was the first time some had been to a theatre or watched a live performance. They were enthralled - especially with the use of pyrotechnics to create tension and suspense, with discussions about the many plot twists on the mini-bus journey home. Their behaviour was a credit to both the school and their parents. The drama department now looks forward to our next theatre trip with Year 7 in December.

PE Fixtures (last week) – PE department

The Year 7 and 9 Netball teams faced a tough opposition against Cromwell CC, with both teams further developing their defensive skills. All players showed determination throughout the match despite the challenge of getting the ball down the court. Year 7s took a lot away from this match, their first away fixture and a competitor who had very experienced netball players meant that they learned discipline and even new positions. The 21-0 loss did not reflect the way the team played together on court – a true team effort and resilience was demonstrated. In the Year 9 match, they had the chance to try new combinations, which enabled the team to be more successful in getting the ball in to the shooters. Although losing 28 – 2, they walked away from the match learning about how they play as a team and ways they can improve, with the team requesting additional training sessions! Well-deserved Player of the Match goes to Frankie P in Year 7 and both Makaylah C and Rosie W in Year 9.

We send our best wishes to our KS4 Duke of Edinburgh students who embark on their assessed Silver Canoe Expedition!

Wishing your families a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely, Lauren Phillips (Ms)
Principal