



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Monday 16th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staff and students have faced the first full week back in January with enthusiasm and energy! Learning walks this week have focused on the effectiveness of the LECA lesson structure and we have been pleased to see strong behaviour for learning from students, working effectively during independent learning opportunities. Assemblies this week were delivered by Progress Leaders and focused on the British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

This week the first real exam for Year 11 took place and I was delighted to receive this feedback from our Exams Officer, *"The students arrived on time and the behaviour was impeccable from start to finish. The exam was only one hour long and they were engaged in writing for the duration - when they left they seemed to be quite happy with the exam paper."* Congratulations to the Year 11 Engineering students who took this exam. We look forward to the forthcoming exams in Child Development and Health & Social Care and hope students are revising conscientiously for these.

Re-brokerage update

Following a number of requests made to Lynsey Holzer CEO of the Active Learning Trust, Craig D'Cunha has organised a meeting for parents to be held at LECA Monday 23rd January 2023 at 6pm. During this meeting, there will be a presentation about the progress of the school's improvement journey since the Ofsted inspection and an opportunity to ask Trust staff questions about their support for the academy. We hope that many families will be able to support this event.

Coffee Morning queries

It was a pleasure to meet with parents at last week's coffee morning and great to see some new faces. A significant part of the discussion was inevitably about the re-brokerage but we covered a range of topics; please find answers to outstanding queries below:

- Date for your diary! The Year 11 Prom will take place 7th July 2023
- Year 11 interviews for sixth form places – please can parents ensure appointments are booked outside the mock exam period so students can focus on their exams. The timetable for these was sent home this week.
- Subject ambassadors were announced in October 2022 – if any students have queries please speak to Mrs Emmess

House Events this half term and totals

After a series of house events last half term, there has been a dramatic change in the rankings for first place – congratulations to Ali House who are now in the lead with 1180 points! There are lots more opportunities this half term for students to participate and catch up so please do encourage your child to take place.

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Ali – 1180 – First place!

Kahlo – 1174
 Turing – 1146
 Fawcett – 1089

<u>Week commencing</u>	<u>House Event</u>
9 th January	Badminton competition
16 th January	DT competition – Building a trebuchet
23 rd January	Basketball competition
30 th January	Science competition
6 th February	Reading challenge

County Lines parent event Monday 16th January 2023, 6pm - In conjunction with Littleport Parish Council (Jo Coe) and local Police, LECA is running a first of its kind informative event focussing on the risks County Lines drug supply poses to local young people. The event aims to bring awareness to parents, carers and family members about this very real concern in our community.

Safeguarding information – Andrew Tate

Over the course of this academic year we have been made aware that some of our students are following a social media influencer, Andrew Tate. At LECA this has caused distress to some of our students and as such a wide piece of work has been carried out, which although in its early days is seeing success, with students sharing they feel empowered to call out such views and feeling more confident in themselves again.

As we are sure you are aware Andrew Tate has received significant attention and publicity recently, much of it in online chat forums and other internet sources. Tate, a former kickboxer and reality TV participant who was removed from Big Brother in 2016 after a video emerged of him beating a woman outside the show, went on to promote himself as a social media influencer and self-described misogynist. He has since been banned from Instagram and Facebook platforms, following an earlier permanent ban from Twitter. His TikTok account has also now been closed. However, we are aware that he remains to have high levels of presence on social media, including having daily blog posts that anyone can sign up to read.

Charities such as NSPCC and the End Violence Against Women Coalition, and many others, have drawn attention to Tate's harmful potential to spread his violent, misogynistic and sexist views among his many younger followers via the internet, where much of his "content" can easily be found, despite the social media bans. As a school we would recommend that you take the time to familiarise yourself the information provided from the above charities.

We would also ask if you could be mindful and vigilant of the time your child spends online, either participating in online forums or just surfing the internet, and speak to them if you become concerned by any of the content or your child's response to this at any time. Please do let a member of the safeguarding team know if you have any concerns as we are happy to support your child.

Flu Vaccinations

There are 150 Year 7-9 students who have signed up for the vaccination which has been rescheduled from last term for Tuesday 17th January.



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Forthcoming events for parents:

Monday 16th January – County Lines information evening (6-7pm)
Monday 23rd January – Trust Update meeting for parents (6-7:30pm)
Thursday 26th January – Year 9 Parents Evening
Wednesday 8th February – Principal Coffee Morning (9:30-11:00am)
Thursday 2nd March – Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 15th March – Principal Coffee Morning (9:30-11:00am)

A gentle reminder that on Friday Year 11 will be participating in their mock interview day and there is also an opportunity for them to watch a filmed production of *An Inspector Calls* Wednesday after school in the main hall.

We hope that you and your families have had a restful weekend ready for another busy week ahead!

Yours sincerely,

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