



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have faced the challenges of Monday's mist and several bursts of rain which has inevitably unsettled some of our regular academy routines and opportunities for students to let off steam during unstructured times. Nevertheless, students have settled to their studies and it's been great to see more students wearing coats to school to keep them warm as temperatures plummet. On Wednesday, we hosted the HPV Vaccinations and were proud to witness the students' resilience and exemplary conduct as they recovered from these and promptly returned to lessons. My sincere thanks to all the staff who ensured that this event ran so smoothly! You may have also noticed that we have welcomed a new receptionist to the LECA staff – we're delighted to welcome Mrs Hayley Eagle to the team. This week teachers have been busy marking Year 11 mock papers and it's been great to hear about the substantial progress this year group have made since their end of Year 10 exams. As per last week's comms, once the marking is complete, we look forward to sharing these gains with you.

Teaching and Learning update

As leaders this week, we have spent some considerable time reviewing students' books in order to check that all learners have written feedback from their teachers. We have now asked all staff to use assessment grids on green paper so it is easier for students and their families to spot where this feedback to learners has taken place. We will be keen to hear from you at the forthcoming parent events about your views about how these are helping students with their learning. In addition, this week Mr Jones has delivered assemblies and written to KS3 families about the formal launch of our reading recovery programme to support students who find reading challenging. We've also taken the opportunity to try and address some of the frequently asked questions we've received about the Accelerated Reader programme that has been in place for all KS3 students since September. This is an exciting step forward in the academy's school improvement journey and I look forward to meeting with students who make rapid progress with the additional reading support in due course.

Additional May bank holiday, Monday 8th May 2023

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May. We have been advised by the DFE that all schools and colleges will therefore be closed.

COP27 Cambridgeshire Youth Climate Change Event, Ms Froment (Teacher of Science)

On Wednesday, eleven LECA students had the opportunity to go to the COP27 regional youth event hosted by Sawston Village College. Thirteen schools took part. Students were able to take part in a COP style conference working out what their 'country'- (LECA was given Egypt) would spend funds on and why. Countries were asked to vote and much like the real COPs. We experienced the realities of having world issues played out. Students also had the opportunity to plant trees and attend workshops. Finally, students were able to collate ideas to take back to their schools on what they could do. The group of over 100 students reached that consensus to establish a 'Regional Eco Council'. Fantastic day, full of like-minded people taking a hugely positive stance on all things Eco. I was very proud to have taken the students

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ranging from Y7-10 who were amazing representatives for LECA and proved to be the Active Citizens we aspire for them to be.

Boys' fixtures – Mr Mortlock (Acting Head of PE)

Year 8 boys' football team performed bravely on a big pitch against a strong Neale Wade side. They never gave up and kept battling throughout. This was their last football match of the season and the students have improved lots from last year having been close in most games. Well done to all - it's been great to see them develop.

Girls' fixtures – Ms Emmess (Assistant Principal, Teacher of PE)

The Year 8 and 10 netball matches against Neale Wade were exciting games, with strong attack during half the match. Although both teams lost, 12-21 and 6-12, they won two quarters each. The girls fought hard and played well defensively, making it difficult for the opponents to get the ball in to their shooters. Well-deserved POM to Y8 Megan M and Y10 Thalia S.

Dates for your diary

- Next Coffee Morning - Tuesday 22nd November, 9:30 to 10:30am
- Year 11 Parents Evening – Thursday 8th December 2022
- Parent Working Party meeting – Monday 12th December 2022 – To review the Equalities Policy and assessment/feedback to learners.

Tristan Corbett

On Thursday, I conducted special assemblies and wrote to the families of Year 9 and 10 students at the request of the family of Tristan Corbett, who was a LECA student until the end of last academic year and whose younger sibling is still a student at the school. They asked me to share the very sad news that he is currently in hospital and is not expected to return home. We are communicating regularly with the family and have expressed our deep sadness at this news. I have emphasized with staff and students the importance of kindness as one of key values and how significant this is going to be over the next few days and weeks as we come together as a community to prepare ourselves for further news.

Pastoral support

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all families that the safeguarding team are available at break and lunchtime to all students in G20 if they would like someone to talk to about this. We also have two trained counsellors who support our students. You may also want to signpost your child to the following external organisations that offer young people support:

- www.samaritans.org
- www.youngminds.org.uk
- www.winstonswish.org

If you have concerns about how your child is coping with this news, please contact our safeguarding team at the following address: reporting@lecacademy.org.

Thank you for your help and understanding at this difficult time. We are aware that there are a number of our staff as well as students that have known Tristan since primary school and they are all going to need our support, kindness and understanding.

Hope you and your families have a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Lauren Phillips (Ms)
Principal