



# LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

*An Active Learning Trust School*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have all worn a few more layers to deal with the plunging temperatures outside but inside the academy it has been warm and busy with lots of events and high quality lessons!

On Monday evening we welcomed a small groups of parents for what we hope will be one of many parenting workshops – this one focused on the risks of County Lines drug supply to young people and we were grateful to representatives from Littleport Parish Council and the local police who delivered the session. We hope those who attended found the evening informative and helpful.

Today we also welcomed employers from G's Fresh, The Copier Warehouse, Form the Future, WLP, Department for Work and Pensions and an Enterprise Advisor to provide our Year 11 students with a mock interview experience. It was a pleasure to watch this event in action and the maturity with which the students conducted themselves. The interviewers were hugely impressed by the students and the clarity with which the majority of them were able to outline their intended next steps. The students that I spoke to were glad they overcame their nerves and really enjoyed their experience. We hope the experience helped them prepare for their forthcoming Post 16 destination interviews.

## **Forthcoming NEU strikes**

You will more than likely be aware from the news headlines this week that the NEU have announced four days of potential strike action by teachers in the Eastern region for the following dates:

- 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

We are currently in the process of reviewing whether LECA will be open or partially open on these dates but I wanted to signpost these now to help you plan for possible childcare arrangements. At this point, we do not anticipate a full closure. We will aim to communicate arrangements for 1<sup>st</sup> February by mid-week. These proposed dates will not disrupt the planned forthcoming Year 11 mock exam period and, in the event of a partial opening, we will prioritise onsite provision for this year group.

## **House Badminton competition (from Ms Jacklin, Progress Leader Year 7)**

House competitions are back up and running after the Christmas break and what competition better to start off with than Badminton. We had a great turn out for both the KS3 and KS4 tournament, bringing 62 combined points for the overall house results. All students who attended showed great sportsmanship, resilience and enthusiasm. A big well done to KS3 Turing who won the tournament with 65 points and another big well done to KS4 Kahlo who won their tournament with 85 points.

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**Fixtures (from Ms Jacklin, Progress Leader Year 7)**

We have welcomed back the Girl's Football fixtures again this year, over the last two weeks we have had Years 7, 8 and 9 compete in the fixtures. Year 7's had their first ever football fixture against Neale Wade showing great resilience, sportsmanship and enjoyment throughout. The Year 8 match was a cold game. Despite this, the team were positive throughout and showed lots of progress throughout the game. A big well done to the Year 9's for winning their game; they showed teamwork and enthusiasm throughout. A special shout out to some of the Year 8's who played up and did an amazing job. I just want to commemorate every student who has showed up, attended the club and have committed themselves to attending the fixtures.

**Year 10 Art Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum (from Mrs Bellaby, Joint Curriculum Leader for Art)**

Y10 Art visited The Fitzwilliam Museum today as part of their GCSE enrichment studies to support their coursework. They are currently looking at the theme of 'Global Cultures' and found the museum to be an excellent source of inspiration. Pupils took part in a workshop to study and discuss selected works in the collections. They were a credit to the school, behaviour was excellent and all pupils worked hard, sketching the objects to inspire their sketchbook work and taking photos.

**East Cambs School Art Competition (from Mrs Bellaby, Joint Curriculum Leader for Art)**

LECA Art department has entered 10 pieces of amazing KS3 artwork, into the Babylon Gallery East Cambs Schools Art Competition. We will keep you posted when results are announced. Parents can visit this free exhibition from Saturday 4 February to Sunday 5 March. More information below:

[https://www.babylonarts.org.uk/gallery/view,east-cambridgeshire-schools-art-exhibition-2023\\_23012.htm](https://www.babylonarts.org.uk/gallery/view,east-cambridgeshire-schools-art-exhibition-2023_23012.htm)

**Forthcoming events for parents:**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Trust Update meeting for parents (6-7:30pm)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Year 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Principal Coffee Morning (9:30-11:00am)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 7 Parents Evening

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

This week we have sent out details about how parents can book appointments for next week's Year 9 parents evening. Please do get in touch with Mrs Hedges ([Jo.Hedges@lecacademy.org](mailto:Jo.Hedges@lecacademy.org)) if you experience any difficulties with the booking system.

We also look forward to welcoming all parents who can make it to our event Monday evening at 6pm which will feature school improvement updates from the LECA Senior Leadership Team about progress since the March 2022 Ofsted Inspection as well as the opportunity to ask the Active Learning Trust representative questions about their support.

And finally, it's lovely to end the week with some fantastic news! We send our huge congratulations to Millie in Year 9 who has made the England U15 School girls official squad – an incredible achievement!

Wishing you and your families a restful and warm weekend!

Yours sincerely,



Lauren Phillips (Ms)  
**Principal**