



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it has been a pleasure to open LECA's doors for several exciting events! We have welcomed prospective and current families for tours of classroom lessons to demonstrate the progress we have made during the last six months. We also welcomed parents for the working party, coffee morning and academic progress review afternoon so it has been another busy week as well as the many student activities that I can share with you today.

Academic Progress Review Afternoon (Mrs Starling)

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to our first progress event on Thursday and such a positive way to end the term for parents, students and teachers. Many parents came to meet their child's tutor face to face, as well as taking the opportunity to chat to the heads of core subjects, careers and also Ms Martin, our SENCo. It was bustling from the start, so thank you for taking the time to come along and make the first ever Progress Event a successful one. As always, we welcome your feedback on the event and any suggestions you might have to make it even better next time.

Parent surveys

At this event, we were grateful to the significant number of families who completed our parental surveys to help provide us with vital feedback about the progress we are making. We were delighted to read that you feel we have made great progress between March and October 2022 with the % of parents agreeing/strongly agreeing with the following statements:

- The school lets me know how my child is doing – has increased from 37% to 71%
- My child does well at this school – has increased from 52% to 86%
- My child is happy at the academy – has increased from 56% to 80%

It is also clear that we need to improve the way that we deal with the concerns that you raise, particularly those related to bullying incidents. Ms McCleary did consult with parents at a previous working party meeting about a new anti-bullying protocol which we are looking forward to sharing with you next half term.

Parent working party – Academic reporting

Thank you to the select group of you who attended the parent working party on Monday this week whose views have influenced the format of the new style report that we will be launching when staff provide the first set of subject-specific progress data. We will continue to publicise the dates and topic for these several weeks in advance in the hope that more parents will attend to support the strategic work of the school.

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition (Mr Hughes)

Last weekend 9 year 11 students completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. This was a 3 day canoe/kayak expedition starting in Kempston (Bedford) and ending in Brampton (near Huntingdon). They were required to be completely self-sufficient, carrying all their camping equipment and food. This was quite a physical challenge as it involves lots of portaging (taking your equipment out of the boat, carrying it around a lock or weir, then carrying the canoe around and getting back in) as well as paddling that distance (about 38 km in total). The whole

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group worked fantastically as two teams and they were always in good form. The students spent two nights under canvas. This is a fantastic achievement and this are our first group of students to complete the Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition, particularly notable as they have managed to complete it through COVID. One or two managed to get a little wet on the last day, luckily the weather was very kind to us. A very well done to all involved.

PE Fixtures

Football – Unfortunately both teams lost heavily but did not lack effort. Year 9s lost their first game of the season after two impressive wins but were missing a few key players. Year 7s performed very well scoring a few goals but were overcome by Ely. Congratulations to Millie M who was awarded Year 9 and Logan P who won Player Of the Match in their respective matches.

Netball - The Year 7 and 9 netball teams faced a tough opposition against Ely College on Wednesday, and despite both teams losing their matches, they persevered through their strong attack, disrupting play and demonstrating what a strong defensive side they have. The girls fought through, determined as ever and made it difficult for Ely to get the ball down the court. Year 7 POM to Rubi H and Year 9 POM to Rosie W.

Year 11 Trip to Athena Sixth Form College (Mrs Smith & Mr Mortlock)

Students enjoyed a great morning seeing Athena Sixth form college in action. They got to see Psychology, Sport, History and English being taught whilst seeing the facilities on offer and ask questions. They also spent time in the common room at break with the students and staff. It gave them a great experience of life at a Sixth Form College. The students were well behaved and asking relevant questions.

As the first half term of the academic year draws to a close, we wish all our families and staff a restful half term break. It won't be a break for all so my particular thanks to the staff who are giving up their time over half term to allow us to open for Year 11 support sessions Monday to Thursday 9am-3pm. We hope Year 11 make the most of these opportunities to prepare for the forthcoming mock exam period and this year group will be able to balance revision with relaxation.

As previously advised, a gentle reminder that we have a staff training day Monday 31st October 2022 and therefore look forward to welcoming students back Tuesday 1st November 2022.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half term.

Yours sincerely,
Lauren Phillips (Ms)
Principal