



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Wednesday 21st December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a festive and celebratory end of term with lots of opportunities to reward students for their positive attitudes to learning and contributions to the academy community. I had the pleasure of attending reward assemblies for every year group hosted by the Progress Leaders and it was a delight to see so many students receiving front of the queue passes for reaching 100 positive points and some students already achieving their Bronze rewards badges and certificates for reaching 200 points – this is an incredible achievement in one term and we send them all our congratulations! We also gave out badges for Student Leadership roles including House Captains, Sports Leaders, Student Council and Prefects and it's been great to see them wearing these with pride and hearing about the fantastic work that they have already achieved in these roles.

On Monday afternoon, I also had the pleasure of hosting the first Principal's Afternoon Tea for students who achieved the highest number of positive points this term. I hope the students enjoyed their sandwiches, crisps, cakes and biscuits and our thanks to our wonderful catering team for putting this together. It was a delight to speak to their students about their highlights from the term which included achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Awards, attending the Cambridgeshire Eco Conference and their favourite lessons with Mr Marshall! Huge congratulations to these students who are exemplary LECA ambassadors.

Highest positive point winners in each year group:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Amy Daisy Wills	Charlie Sam Noah	Eleni Chelsea Serhii	Rowan Lucie Fionnuala	Skye Neve Abi

On Tuesday, it was great to see the majority of Year 7 students visit the pantomime at Cambridge Arts Theatre. They were buzzing with excitement when they got back, full of stories about how Dr Feeney had been targeted with a water gun during the performance, audience participation and the array of bad jokes which they were then able to share with all of us. I'm sure they would be happy to share these with you if the Christmas cracker jokes do not provide the humour you want! And finally, on Wednesday, it was great to see the students in their festive jumpers, enjoying a range of activities and the wonderful Christmas lunch provided by our fabulous catering team! I'm delighted to be able to announce the results for the Festive House Quiz completed by students in each year group below. Congratulations to Kahlo house who won the overall competition. We will announce the end of term totals overall for each House at the start of term!

Festive House Quiz results:

- 1st Place – Kahlo House – 220 points
- 2nd Place – Fawcett House – 170 points
- 3rd Place – Turing House – 160 points
- 4th Place – Ali House – 150 points

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Donations to Littleport Food Bank

In line with our vision to promote "Active Citizens" and support our local community this year for Christmas, under the direction of Mrs Simms (Pastoral Manager) and Mrs Emmess (Assistant Principal), the Student Council and Prefects came up with the idea of a Christmas jumper and trainer day for the students on the final day of school, with the donations being in the form of a small cash donation, or food for Littleport Food Bank. The students also had a box decorating competition for the food to be donated in, which was judged by the food bank on delivery of the donations. The efforts of the students were outstanding and the academy were totally overwhelmed by the generosity of the students. They filled 18 boxes with the food donations, and raised £285.65 in cash donations.

Mrs Simms and the student prefects were driven in the school bus, Mr Winters, on Tuesday 20th December 2022, to the foodbank in Littleport where the donations were gratefully received and unloaded and the team offered their services at the foodbank by making refreshments and unpacking donations with the foodbank team. Mrs Simms said, *"It was an absolute joy and honour to run such a wonderful project. I was incredibly proud of the academy, and the students' efforts. The foodbank is such an important part of the community and we were so glad to be able to help – especially when things are so tough for so many"*.

Year 10 Hospitality & Catering event, Mrs Cameron

Last Thursday, Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students had the opportunity to cater for local NHS managers for their Christmas get together. All students prepared and cooked a buffet for around 20 people. The food included a variety of sandwiches (turkey, salmon, brie grape and chutney), homemade sausage rolls, vegetarian cheese & red onion chutney sausage rolls, mini quiches, cranberry and plain scones with cream and jam and homemade mince pies. The students who accompanied me to the venue represented our school impeccably and were proud of their achievements. The nurses who attended the event were very appreciative and complementary of the food that had been produced, some said that the mince pies were *'...the best they had ever tasted'* and the brie, grape and cranberry sandwiches were *'...delicious and yet a combination of flavours they would never have tried before!'* This is hoped to be our first of many opportunities to cater for different events; giving the students the experience of catering in action which helps them to have a deeper understanding of the Hospitality and Catering Industry. Keep an eye out in the New Year for our Pop Up Restaurant events!

House Photography competition, Mrs Way & Mrs Bellaby (Curriculum Leads for Art)

The Art department ran a House Photography competition based on the theme of The Natural World. We had some incredible entries which were really varied and of such a high standard that it was very hard to judge! We awarded prizes for first, second and third place as well as four students who achieved a 'highly commended' award. The amazing photographs are on display around the school. We plan to run further events like this in the future as it proved so successful.

Staff Leavers and Joiners

As we reach the end of this term, we bid a fond farewell to Mr Hughes and Ms Froment from the Science department who have both made significant contributions to the academy during their time here, both within their teaching roles and leading Duke of Edinburgh and Eco-Club extra-curricular activities. Mrs Garvey will be leaving us in Maths and Mr Cussons, who has been teaching PE two days a week will be returning to his full-time role at another Trust school. From the support staff, we also say goodbye to Mr Sloan, Data & Cover Manager and Mrs Howlett our SEND administrator. I would also like to offer my personal thanks to Mrs Edwards who has worked at the academy as Office and then Operations Manager since the academy's opening and has played a crucial role on the Senior Leadership team, keeping the school running smoothly through several changes. We thank them warmly for their contribution to the LECA community and wish them all well for the future. In the New Year, we welcome Mr Coombs, Teacher of Maths, Mr McCormick, Teacher of Science from January and Ms Quinlan, Teacher of Science from Easter.



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Changes to tutors/tutor groups

As a result of these staff changes, we have reconsidered the pastoral support for our students and made some minor changes to the form tutors for January. Mrs Richardson will take over 11T and Dr Razzaque and Mrs Radcliffe will look after 11K. New members of staff Mr Coombs and Mr McCormack take on 9F and 9K respectively. We recognise the vital role this member of staff has in the nurture and support on offer at school. Your son/daughter's tutor will be in touch in the New Year to ensure that lines of communication are open, whether or not there has been a change. Please note, your child's tutor group hasn't changed, but their tutor may have. If you have any questions, please contact the year group Progress Leader.

And finally, thanks for all your support over the past term for your children and the academy, it is hugely appreciated. We hope that you all have the opportunity to rest over the festive break and enjoy quality time with your loved ones.

Sending our warmest wishes for your festive celebrations, we look forward to seeing your children rested and ready for another busy term of learning when the academy re-opens to students Thursday 5th January 2023!

Yours sincerely,

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