



LITTLEPORT AND EAST CAMBS ACADEMY

An Active Learning Trust School

Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather outside may be on the turn but inside the academy it has been an extremely positive and busy week! The students are wearing their uniform with pride and it was great to see the extra special effort that many made for their school photographs on Thursday. Students were provided with an order card with details about how parents can order their photos online. If these cards did not make their way home, please contact Jo Hedges who has all students' photograph details and can advise you on how to access them. If you do not have access to the website please let her know and we can arrange access on school site. As always, Mrs Hedges can be contacted on: Jo.Hedges@lecacademy.org.

Staffing

Due to circumstances beyond the academy's control, Mr Richardson and Mrs Garvey are still absent from work. We recognise that this is a less than ideal situation but are doing whatever we can to minimise the impact of their absence. Our thanks to the Maths department who are rotating the classes that they teach to ensure that no individual class is adversely affected. We have also now secured stable cover for the two Year 9 tutor groups affected:

- Mrs Wigglesworth is now taking Ms Jacklin's tutor group so she can fulfil the role of Acting Progress Leader for Year 7
- Mrs Minchin will take Mrs Garvey's tutor groups

Thanks for your patience and support with this challenging situation.

Food opportunities

We continue to monitor the impact of the reduced lunchtime this academic year. We rotate the first and second sitting fortnightly between KS3 and KS4 but both sittings have the full allocated 20 minutes. Please do let your child's form tutor know if you have concerns that they are not eating or finishing their lunch so we can ensure all duty staff are aware and can support to ensure this happens. If it is not the students' allocated sitting time in the canteen, they are still allowed in the building to access the toilets.

This week we were delighted to open out new Breakfast Club provision from 8am. We are concerned that there are students by the bike sheds at this time who are not accessing this provision and do not have supervision until the main gates open at 8:15am. Please do encourage them to come inside the building through reception where we have staff supervision.

Events for parents

It was great to host our first coffee morning of the academic year and welcome some of our parents in for this information occasion. I can't stress enough how valuable this is for to find out more about your experiences as parents and we would welcome more people joining this group. The next coffee morning is scheduled for Wednesday 5th October at 9:30am. We look forward to welcoming parents for two events next week:

- **Parent working party** – Monday 26th September – 6-7pm to consult on the academy's uniform policy for September 2023 and a revised anti-bullying protocol.

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- **Year 11 Further Education Transition evening** – Wednesday 28th September – 6-8pm

Key Stage 4 Targets (Mrs Starling, Vice Principal)

This week teachers have been sharing target grades, with students in Key Stage 4. These targets come from the national, education charity, Fischer Family Trust (FFT), who use the prior attainment of students (Key Stage 2 results) and contextual factors to generate target grades, in each of the student's subjects. The grades shared this week are the minimum grade your child is expected to achieve, at the end of Year 11, but it is in no way a restricted target and we will be actively encouraging your child to go beyond this minimum target. Target grades can be increased, by a subject, where a student is consistently exceeding their FFT target. In Year 10, this will only become evident when a significant portion of the GCSE course has been covered and assessed. In cases where students do not have Key Stage 2 test results, we will use data from reading and progress tests, in Maths and English, to provide an alternative target grade; these will be shared with those students in the coming weeks.

Year 7 CAT Tests

Students in Year 7 will begin their CAT tests on Monday 26th September. These tests are nationally recognised benchmarking tests in numeracy and literacy skills, the results of which will be used alongside their SATs results and reading test results, to ensure that we are supporting your child's academic progress throughout Key Stage 3. These tests require headphones, so if your child has a pair of headphones, with a jack plug (Bluetooth headsets will not work), please can they bring these to school on Monday. There will be a second round of tests, in the week commencing 3rd October, as there are 4 CATs tests in total. All results will be added to GO for schools and can be discussed further at the Progress event, in the last week of this half term.

PE Fixtures this week (Mr Mortlock, Acting Head of PE)

This week Year 7 played their first ever fixtures in Netball and Football. Although both fixtures resulted in losses, they were extremely close games and it was great to see this year group representing the school. Congratulations to Rubi H and Leo F who were awarded Player of the Match (in Netball and Football respectively) and Frankie P who was the most improved player. We're delighted to announce that Year 9 footballers won 4-1 achieving a great result and playing with great maturity. Congratulations to Mantas A. who was awarded Player of the Match. Our thanks to the parent who wrote in to say how proud we should be on this team for their organisation, communication and brilliant team work! Congratulations to all the students involved.

Ely Magistrates Court Experience day

This week Mr Townsend and Mrs Smith took some Year 9 and 11 students to take part in a Community Safety Partnership Magistrates Court Experience on Knife Crime. Councillor Liz Every wrote to me afterwards to feedback, "*We had an enjoyable and informative morning today. It was good to see them so engaged.*"

Safeguarding – online risks (Mrs Elliott, Safeguarding Lead)

We know that every young person faces different risks when it comes to their digital lives. During the first few weeks of this school year we are already seeing a range of safeguarding concerns in relation to online risks. These have included, cyber bullying, young people accessing inappropriate content and young people telling us they are not sleeping due to being on their phones overnight. As a safeguarding team, we have previously recommended and had positive feedback about a parental app that allows you to keep your child safe online. The app we would recommended is Qustodio. More information can be found here: <https://www.qustodio.com/en/> Of course, we are sure there are other apps out there that are great too! If you are currently using one, please do let Mrs Elliott know and we can share this with parents/carers too!

Wishing your families a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely, Lauren Phillips (Ms)
Principal