

Principal: Mrs N Lapskas

17th October 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

It is hard to believe that seven weeks have passed already - what a busy half term it has been. There has been so much happening that it is impossible to sum up in one letter, but I wanted to flag up some key results and events for you.

Congratulations to many of our students, here are just a few celebrations from this half term:

- Charlie (year 9) has been selected to be goalkeeper for Dorset U14s
- Vini (year 10) has played Josh in *9 to 5* with Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society
- Grace, Amber (year 10) and Katie (year 11) have all been selected to represent Dorset in the U16 football County matches against Wiltshire and Berkshire
- Reuben (year 10) won bronze in the doubles with partner Alex at the U17 Silver Badminton competition in Warwickshire despite having a broken thumb!
- Yr12 and 13 Performing Art students have been selected to work with Safe DATE to produce adverts and short films to carry the message into schools regarding saying no to domestic abuse and sexual violence
- All football teams have participated in cup competitions, with varying degrees of success, but every squad has gained valuable experience which will stand them in good stead for the rest of the season

Thank you to those parents that have paid the voluntary contributions. To date these contributions have allowed travel to matches, offsite events and students' support through our onsite physiotherapists. To ensure we can continue to enrich the students' time at LeAF Studio (and in line with many other schools), we are requesting that parents make a voluntary contribution of £20 per term, £60 across the academic year (per student / family) to support the continuation of these wonderful opportunities. If you are able to, we would be grateful for any help – you can pay by cheque (made out to LeAF Studio), cash or online through ParentPay.

Physiotherapy is available to all students injured through their specialism. Our therapists are available Monday and Thursday. Currently we have a three week waiting list, with students being prioritised by our therapists for treatment dependent on need. Last year missed appointments cost LeAF Studio £2366, this term alone missed appointments have cost £352. If your child no longer requires their appointment, please remind them to report this to reception to allow another student access.

Please can I remind parents that any students requiring professional leave for filming / competitions need to complete a request form a minimum of two weeks prior to the event with all teacher signatures. Any work missed will be expected to be caught up during independent study / at home. Work will be placed online on 'Show My Homework' or given to your child directly.

Safeguarding

Students are aware that across LeAF Studio we are all responsible for safeguarding. If you have any concerns in regards to your child in school please do not hesitate to make contact with Miss Curtis

(Pastoral Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead), Mr Phillips (SENDCo and Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead), or myself as the Designated Safeguard Lead. Additional help for parents is on our website <http://studioschool.leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk/safeguarding.html> . This includes lots of information into Help Services within each Local Authority as well as national services such as Childline and NSPCC who have videos to support a variety of concerns, from signs of abuse through to use of social media.

Forthcoming Events

- **1st November 6pm – Year 11 Parent Information Evening**
- **2nd November 5pm** – Football programme Parents Evening (students will be required to make an appointment)
- **2nd November 5 – 6:30pm** – Winter Variety Show auditions
- **7th November 4 – 6:30pm** – Year 10 Parents Evening (students will be required to book appointments with their teachers)
- **10th November** – Year 10 have Safe Date workshops
- **13th – 24th November – Year 11 PPE Exams**
- **22nd November** – All years, Bournemouth University Sports workshop
- **8th December** – Christmas Variety Show (sold out!)
- **13th & 14th December** – Drama collapsed days for live exam
- **15th December – School finishes 12:30pm**

Many thanks for all your support this half term. I wish you all a restful half term holiday.

Yours sincerely



Nadine Lapskas

Principal