

Principal: Mrs N Lapskas

7th February 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

Can you believe we are half way through the academic year?

Year 11 update

At the time of writing this letter, our Year 11 students have 50 school days left until they commence their exams. They are receiving regular progress assemblies, including support and guidance regarding revision. The final Pre Public Exams (PPE) commence 26th February until the 9th March 2018. Each student has their own personalised timetable for these internal exams.

Students have also received their examination entries sheet this week which need to be confirmed as correct by signing and returning to their tutor or speaking with Mrs Hawkins with any concerns. Please check your child has completed this process.

Careers Update

On Wednesday 24th January LeAF Studio held its first careers fair. It was a phenomenal success drawing prestigious Universities and Colleges from across the country. Representatives arrived in the early morning in order to set up their displays to entice our students. The fair led with an inspirational talk from Ansbury Career Guidance to stimulate the students' imagination and encourage a productive dialogue with the representatives. Students found the fair inspiring and opened a whole world of opportunities for their futures.

Following the careers fair we received a lovely email from Amanda Tooms-Peel, Principal of Reynolds PA:

I just wanted to say thank you for welcoming us into your very inspiring school yesterday. All three of us had such a wonderful day and it was a pleasure to see such well-mannered and prepared students who are obviously passionate about their futures.

We also gained the following links:

- Nottingham University have offered our students a chance to train and have access to their lab testing
- Solent University were impressed and are interested in developing an internship program with LeAF

Sport Specialism update

This academic year LeAF Studio has explored a range of opportunities to increase competitive matches for our football squads. One of these additional competitions, the ESFA Small Schools Trophy, has provided our students with the chance to play against schools of a similar size to LeAF Studio across the country, both at home and away.

We are very proud of the manner in which all of our students have engaged with this opportunity, and both the Year 9 and Year 10 squads have now successfully reached the semi-finals of this national competition.

Stage & Screen Specialism update

We are pleased to announce 100% of Stage & Screen students in Year 13 have secured placements at Performing Arts Colleges this September.

On Thursday 8th February we are showcasing this year's Rock Challenge entry at Bournemouth Pavilion. We are defending our Premier title this year, with our main event in Portsmouth on Saturday 28th April.

General information

Thank you to those parents that have paid the voluntary contributions, however, with only 8% of the school having made any contribution, I am sad to have to inform you we are currently having to revise whether we can continue with our onsite physiotherapists.

The physiotherapists have a 3 week waiting list, so there is a need for the service, having already held over 200 appointments with students. However, as a school we will not be able to continue funding this with such limited voluntary funds. If you have any suggestions that may allow to continue offering such a service then please email studioschool@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk.

If you wish to support the school to ensure we can continue to enrich the students' time at LeAF Studio (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.

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 (SEND Co 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.

Parent view

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/give-your-views>

In order to help us continually improve we would really like any current parent/carers to complete an Ofsted review of LeAF Studio via the above link. The link can also be found on the homepage of our website. Many thanks in advance.

Forthcoming Events

- 20/02/2018
 - **Year 10 workshop by SSCT** - 'Under pressure'
 - **Year 10 Parents Evening** - students have appointment slips
- 21/02/2018
 - **Year 11 collapsed day** - Science practical exams
- 26/02/2018 until 09/03/2018
 - **Year 11 PPE Exams** – final practice, make sure they count!
- 27/02/2018
 - **Year 10 Work Experience Launch Parents Evening** – 6pm start
- 13/03/2018 & 14/03/2018
 - **Year 11 mock speaking exams** - French & Spanish
- 23/03/2018
 - **Year 10 workshop by SSCT** - 'Act now'
- 29/03/2018
 - **Academic day** – details to follow

Many thanks for all your support this half term.

Yours sincerely



Nadine Lapskas
Principal