

LeAF Studio

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Dear Parents,

We are at the end of the first half term and what a busy one it has been. This half term has seen many successes across sport, stage and screen.

This year is the first year of competitive football at LeAF Studio. To date, all teams have played well with wins against Bourne Academy, Harwood and Poole High.

Media have been on an enjoyable trip to the Digital Horizons Skills and Careers Conference at Bournemouth Pavilion. The conference allowed students to meet professionals from the digital industry and investigate available careers.

Volleyball recent successes include:

- U15 came 3rd in National Cup
- U16 came 6th in National Cup
- Jamie Harwood played for England in NEVZA U17 beach team

Individual sport recent successes include:

- Jack Bodman became Southern Champion and has qualified for the Olympic Development Squad in BMX for 2020
- Markus Trott is now English Champion in Karate and currently in discussions for joining the Olympic Development Squad
- Macey Fenwick won South West Regionals in trampolining and double mini trampolining

Performing Arts recent successes include:

- Tom Andrew in year 13 has been spotted at an all boy performers day at the Performers College, Essex and has been offered an audition in advance of applications for next year. Tom is currently in Austria representing England in the World's Street Dance.
- Owen Miller and Ellie Rodriguez have qualified for Six Nations, UDO World's and UDO Europeans.
- Libby Stockley and Liberty Voisey won duo in Nationals in ISTD Disco; Libby Stockley also came 3rd place in solo.
- Chloe Payne recently won over 16's advanced crew - DFA 2nd place, Intermediate solos - 2nd place and Intermediate duos - 2nd place.

These are just a selection of recent celebrations we have been able to share through assemblies, Facebook, and Twitter. Please ensure your child informs us on a Monday through their Health & Wellbeing Survey or email studioschool@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk of recent competitions / events so we can continue to celebrate.

If parents have any pastoral concerns regarding their child, our new Pastoral Leader, Miss Curtis, is on hand daily to speak with parents. If there are academic concerns parents are invited to contact

Miss Dulston for Performing Art students, Mr Chapman for Sport students and Mrs Munn for any Media students.

On our return next half term, we have year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday, 3rd November. These appointments are being booked with Miss Dulston or Mr Chapman and are for a touch base on both academic and performance since joining LeAF Studio. These appointments are being held in Palladium at LeAF Studio from 5pm.

On Tuesday, 8th November, we have the Royal Marines in working with year 10 in the morning and year 12 in the afternoon. This day is for all students; stage, screen and sport. We will also be welcoming the Regional Schools Commission Office on site that day.

On Thursday, 10th November, there will be a year 10 Parents' Evening. Again, these appointment will be with the relevant Assistant Vice Principal, Miss Dulston or Mr Chapman, to discuss the first few weeks in performance, as well as academics. Should Mr Chapman be on paternity leave at this time, Mrs Munn and myself will cover these appointments. These appointments will be held in Palladium at LeAF Studio from 5pm.

Finally, I would like to thank all students who supported us last Thursday during what was a vibrant and busy Open Evening. We are currently awaiting news on whether we can accept year 9 students next year direct to LeAF Studio. As soon as we know, I will inform all, until then we are taking names from potential year 9 and applications are now being accepted for year 10 in September 2017.

I wish you an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing the students at 8:30am, Tuesday 1 November.

Kind regards



Mrs N Lapskas

Principal

