

28 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

This half term felt very much like a winter half term until the past couple of days due to the weather. The students and staff have been very much focused on settling back onsite and getting back into the usual school routine whilst still, for Stage & Screen, rehearsing for the summer show.

Mr Hayman organised LeAF Live on Monday 24th May - this was a really successful online event with audiences through Facebook from as far away as Dubai. A massive thanks to the Year 9, 10 and 11 students involved, our two LeAF alumni (Oscar and Joe), Mr Hayman, Absolute Music and SoundStorm for this event.

Mr Lake, Miss Aplin, Miss Magookin and our coaches have been working hard to produce a show to our high LeAF standard in 12 weeks rather than the 10 months they usually have. If you have not yet booked your tickets through the Lighthouse, please ensure you do so soon as they are selling fast and our first show back will not be one you want to miss.

Years 11 and 13

This half term has been focused on Year 11 and Year 13 students sitting their Teacher Assessed Papers in controlled conditions to allow their grades to be calculated. Today we say thank you, goodbye and good luck to these students on site. LeAF wish them all the very best for their futures and are sorry their experience of LeAF has been hit due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

I would like to thank my student leadership team from Year 13 for all their efforts this academic year, especially to Liam and Beth, our Head Boy and Girl. T6 will see the voting take part to decide our new team ready for September 2021.

We look forward to the majority of our Year 11 students returning to LS6 in September when hopefully they will be able to experience the full LeAF Post-16 life once again.

Years 9, 10, and 12

Following May half term, LeAF Studio will be 'un-bubbling'. Students in each year group have already been spoken to, however for your information the following expectations will be in place from Monday 7th June:

- The canteen will be back in action, students will require their Parentpay account to be in credit to allow purchases at break and lunch. The canteen is not able to provide food on credit.
- Water coolers will be back in action across the site. As it is the summer term, students should ensure they have bottles to refill. Please note: **no energy drinks (including Lucozade)** are allowed on site. If students are caught with these on them, they will be disposed of.

- Students will be given revised timetables with new roomings on the first day to allow teachers to be based back in their main classrooms.
- All KS4 students are to attend in academic polo shirts for lessons. Training uniform should be brought into school to be changed into for their training sessions.
- KS5 students are to be in LeAF LS6 agreed uniform.
- Mobiles are not allowed inside the school unless directed for use by the teacher. They can be used in the canteen, quiet room and outside at breaks and lunch only. They will be removed from students if caught outside of the agreed areas.

Goodbye

Coach Patrick is leaving us after 8 years to focus on his personal training passion within the fitness sector. I would like to thank Coach Patrick for all he has done across LeAF and wish him well for the future.

I wish you all a safe half term and look forward to welcoming back our students on Monday 7th June.

Yours sincerely



Mrs N Lapskas
Principal

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