



**LODGE PARK  
ACADEMY**  
Broadening Horizons  
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Mrs M Wood

18 July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Principal's End of Term Update**

We are now at the end of our academic year 2017-2018. I am writing to you to update you on our positive and exciting changes that have taken place and are continuing to take place.

All these planned changes are part of our vision to move LPA on its journey towards becoming **a good school**.

Since **February 2018** when I became Principal of LPA the following changes have taken place:

#### **Restructure of our staff**

Some of our staff are sadly leaving and we wish them good luck and best wishes in their new ventures. Our new staff are joining us in September and we are extending our warmest welcome to our new colleagues. These are as follows:

Vice Principal Curriculum/Inclusion – Ruth Roberts  
Vice Principal - John Shanahan  
Assistant Principal - Nicola O'Brian  
Subject Leader for Science – Ben Dickens  
Subject Leader for History – Harriett Cornwell  
Subject Leader for ICT – Andrea Keightly  
Subject Leader for Media – Carl Lyons  
Subject Leader for Music – Peter Mercer  
Subject Leader for Geography – Jane Iliffe  
English Teacher - Susan Connor  
English Teacher - Melissa Hargreaves  
English Teacher - Susan Lees  
English Teacher - Raj Malhi  
Maths Teacher - Shanice Irons  
Maths Teacher - Dale Norris  
Geography Teacher - Colin Fitzpatrick  
Art/Photography Teacher - Ruth Rudkin-Nunn

## **Communication**

We have responded to your complaints about the inconsistent quality of communication between our staff and yourselves. As a result we have put the following in place:

### **Home Academy Contract**

We have a zero tolerance of low attendance, poor punctuality and anti-social behaviours and our "Home Academy Contracts" in partnership with you, sets targets for us and for you to support your child's targets. Detentions, where appropriate, are used in a limited way. Some students are not allowed to go on trips and sports fixtures and this is proving effective in changing patterns of behaviour and attendance.

Overall we are reforming our students' behaviours; through our values of respect, tolerance and resilience; implementing community service and 'reflection' sessions instead of a diet of detentions.

In this way, we have significantly lowered the number of students who have been fixed term excluded or have high levels of sporadic absence or consistently poor behaviours.

### **Twitter and MYEd**

We have 2,500 followers on Twitter and will continue to tweet our good news stories about our students as well as on MYEd.

Moving forward from September we are focusing much more on a more consistent approach to **rewards** for our students as the vast majority of our students are keen, hardworking, polite and eager to learn.

### **Parent/Carer Forums**

A significant number of parents/carers have met with me in these popular forums where I presented my vision for the Academy and explained how the Academy will become a 'good school'. The slides of my presentation will be on our website.

The forums will continue on a monthly basis initially from September so that my senior leadership team and I can update you all on our progress. It is a two way process which means you can present to me your concerns or issues and give us feedback on our changes and direction of travel.

We want our students to become sociable, develop excellent communication skills and develop confidence so that they contribute to our Academy life. Therefore I have introduced a '**No Mobile Phone**' Policy. This has been extremely successful and I am delighted that all our students have played their part and are now communicating with one another during our break times, lunch times and enjoying their time together. They are a credit to our Academy and we are very proud of them.

### **Engage and Achieve Centre**

We have a successful centre that offers our students opportunities to work in smaller groups and in 1:1 on their English, Maths and Science. This means we can ensure where

- students have gaps in their learning owing to cover staff
- are struggling in bigger classes
- are high ability students who need booster learning; they can get the quality teaching they need.

This is offered as a facility after school and is popular with our Year 10 students moving into Year 11.

### **Uniform**

There are **no changes** to our uniform policy but we will not accept our girls or boys wearing **leggings** and '**skinny fit**' trousers. The vast majority of our students take pride in the way they look and dress for school and it is a pleasure to see them as ambassadors for our school. Please see our slides on the correct uniform including no jewellery, no make-up and no trainers.

There will be a staff dress code from September.

### **Transition/Transfer of new Year 7 students**

We welcomed our Year 7 students to our Academy on 12 and 13 July. They enjoyed the two days with us, met our sixth formers, our staff and other students. They were very well behaved and enthusiastic and looking forward to joining us in September.

We will be allocating 'reading buddies' and mentors who will be our sixth formers and Year 10/11 students. They will support our Year 7 students and provide a 'listening ear'.

### **DEAR – Drop Everything and Read**

This will happen during form time so each student must have a book with him/her and read at the start of lessons while the teacher takes the register in silence.

### **Academy Day**

The new Academy day is as follows:

8.15am in school (Breakfast club)

8.35am to form room

8.40 – 9.00am Form Time

9.00 – 10.00am Period 1

10.00 – 11.00am Period 2

11.00 – 11.20am Break

11.20am – 12.20pm Period 3

12.20 – 1.20pm Period 4

1.20 – 2.00pm Lunch (lunchtime clubs)

2.00 – 3.00pm Period 5

3.00 – 4.00pm Enrichment activities and clubs (schedule to be published in September)

### **Refurbishment and Face-Lift**

The Academy will be undergoing some changes so that our environment can inspire our students.

Finally, I am very proud to announce that the Northamptonshire Telegraph will be including an article about our Academy in the next couple of weeks. The reporter had a successful visit to our academy, met our students, visited lessons, and our art gallery and complemented us on our inspirational art work and Sports trophies, around the academy. Make sure to get your copy!

### **Results Day**

A Level Results Day                      Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018                      9am to 12noon

GCSE Results Day                      Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018                      9am to 12noon

Please come to Main Reception and move through to the Hall to collect your results.

Year 11 Students - The photographer from Prom Evening will also be in attendance to hand out your **free** prom photo as well as any additional photos you may like to purchase at a cost of £8 per photo.

### **Year 11 Prom & Year 13 Formal**

In June we said a sad farewell to our year 11 and 13 students. All have worked extremely hard and celebrated the end of their studies by attending the year 11 Prom and the year 13 Formal.

### Year 11 Prom



### Year 13 Formal



### CCF

Lodge Park Academy took part in their Annual Central Camp in Wathgill North Yorkshire this year from the 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The Cadets enjoyed a challenging and varied training programme, which saw them take part in shooting, adventure training at the Catterick adrenalin centre, military skills training, radio communication training, obstacle course, leadership training, training in a built up area (TIBUA) and drill.

The Cadets were taught how to carry out the new skills, and then had the opportunity to put their new found skills into practice, in the form of a practical exercise. The Cadets performed extremely well throughout the week, the staff saw measurable improvement in their performance and team work as the week progressed. A number of the Cadets were often pushed to their limits, but persevered, and often excelled beyond a level expected for cadets that have spent very little time together before the Camp began. It wasn't all work however, the Cadets did get the opportunity to cheer England on in the World cup finals!

The Camp provided a fun filled week for the Cadets, and they are already looking forward to the 2019 camp that is likely to take place at Beckingham in Lincolnshire.



### **Ambleside**

Perfect students and glorious weather in the beautiful Lake District.

Year 7 students had a great week in Ambleside working on a number of challenges and developing resilience. Staying in Ambleside Youth Hostel on the side of Lake Windermere students woke to sights of the lake and sailing boats, as well as RAF jets before embarking on 3 days of activities. With activities including dragon boat racing, kayaking, ghyll scrambling, horse riding and high ropes, 46 students were put through their paces and conquered many fears. Well done to all those staff and students that attended, a most enjoyable week all round.



### **Parent/Carer Contributions**

We are looking for you to support and help us in the following ways:

- Dinner time supervisors (1 hour at lunchtime)
- Parent volunteers with lunch-time and after school activities and clubs
- Parent governors (information attached)

Please complete the reply slip at the end of this letter to register your interest and return to Lynn Booth  
[lbooth1@lodgeparkacademy.co.uk](mailto:lbooth1@lodgeparkacademy.co.uk)

**End of Term**

We are closing the academy for the summer break at 12.30pm on Friday. All Free School Meals to be collected at break time.

We look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back in September.

Wishing you a pleasant summer break.

Yours sincerely



Mrs M Wood  
Principal

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**Reply Slip**

Full Name ..... Student's Name .....

I am interested and would like to receive more information about the following (please tick):

- Dinner time supervisors (1 hour at lunchtime)
- Parent volunteers with lunch-time and after school activities and clubs
- Parent governors (information attached)

Signed .....



## Lodge Park Academy is looking for Governors

**Dear Friends,**

We are looking for Governors to join our Local Governing Body at Lodge Park Academy. The role of the Governing Body is to support and challenge the Principal and Senior Leadership Team. There is a full and comprehensive training programme provided by the Trust. We meet at least three times a year to share successes and work on improving the academy. We attend events and support the Senior Leadership Team in community engagement and work with the Principal to ensure every child is supported and feels safe.

Please visit our website: [www.lodgeparkacademy.co.uk](http://www.lodgeparkacademy.co.uk)

If you would be interested in joining our team, please contact me for further information and we can arrange for you to visit the academy. We would love to hear from you, you'll be made very welcome.

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