

Friday 4th March 2022

Update from St Leonards Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are going to start weekly Friday updates from the Academy. This will be to provide information and also to share the amazing work, activities and achievements of our students.

I would like to start with a massive thank you to all our community for your support with our high expectations at St Leonards. Our staff have been supporting families with uniform and if you do require any further assistance at any time please contact us.

We will be reviewing uniform in the light of new government guidance during the next two terms and will be talking to parents about any possible ways to make uniform accessible.

The new mobile phone policy has had an immediate impact and the students have responded magnificently. We have that this has made a difference to focus in lessons.

World Book Day was the best I have seen. We will devote next week's update to this and the fantastic work that is going in supporting reading and literacy at the Academy.

Now that Covid restrictions have eased and staff levels are returning to normal we are excited to be planning superb enrichment opportunities for St Leonards. This Wednesday after school for example we had;

- ✓ 5 rooms full of year 11 back for math's GCSE support.
- ✓ a packed music department full of students practicing for a talent show.
- ✓ Chess club in full swing
- ✓ Our brilliant sports leaders running an after school event for our feeder primaries in the sports hall.

We also had about 70 Y11s and their parents attended an evening event about the most (and least) effective ways to revise and had the opportunity to collect past papers and talk to the English, Maths and science teams. We are planning more opportunities to get parents back into the school.

We recognize that these are difficult times and this week students have been learning more about the situation in Ukraine and had the opportunity to discuss it. Our safeguarding team will also be conducting assemblies on wellbeing for students. Students are aware that all staff members are here to talk to and as a school we operate an emergency safeguarding phone for any student who is feeling like they are immediate at risk and we also offer the NEEDTOTALK email for students to reach out to.

Finally congratulations to our year 10 CANDO students who have recently completed their level 1 certificate in indoor climbing.

Have a great weekend



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