



## **Looe Community Academy**

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Academy News**

#### **Ofsted Report**

Following our Ofsted inspection at the end of last term, I am delighted to enclose a copy of the report which will be published on the Ofsted website on 11 September. We are really pleased with the outcome and now continue our journey to outstanding.

#### **Examination results**

Congratulations to the Class of 2015, many of whom have clearly worked extremely hard to secure superb results. 15% of students gained 11 or more A\* to C grades and our 'value added' for students of all abilities was again very good. Although most students attained their personal targets, the Academy was really excited by the outstanding achievements of our top students. One achieved 12 straight A\* grades, one had 11 A and A\* grades, including a double A\* grade in Further Maths; two secured their 12 A\* to C grades and two achieved 9 A and A\* grades. There were, however, some disappointments for some students and the Academy has challenged the exam boards to remark papers where we feel students have been unjustly rewarded.

#### **Educational Awards**

We are really pleased to have been nominated for an Educational Outcomes Award from the Schools, Students and Teachers (SSAT) Network for being in the top 20% in the country for value added progress.

#### **New Staff**

This term we welcome: Miss Burden, Teacher of Maths, Miss Cox, Teacher of Science, Mrs Feldberg, Teacher of Textiles, Mr Mathias, Teacher of Maths, Miss Oldham, Teacher of English, Miss Perring, Apprentice Teaching Assistant, Mr Richards, Teacher of Music and Mr Richardson, Apprentice Teaching Assistant. Congratulations to Miss Curtis who has been appointed as Leader of Learning for PE on a permanent basis and to Mr Lees on his appointment as Network Manager.

## **Summer School 2015**

Once again we delivered a very engaging and successful Summer School. The week was attended by over 40 of our new Year 7 students and included activities such as forest school, archery, mask making and cooking. Students had a great opportunity to meet and work with others and familiarise themselves with the school site ready for their September start.

## **Site Update**

We are investing over £600,000 in our buildings to ensure that we have modern, warm and safe learning environment. We refurbished toilets, installed new and replacement fire doors, replaced flat roofs, increasing the insulation and fitting new rooflights. In October we will upgrade our fire alarm system and install over 40 new windows and external doors.

## **New Students**

I am very pleased with how quickly our new Year 7 students and all of those joining us in other year groups, have settled in to their new surroundings and routines. They look fabulous in their new uniform and wear it with pride. They are already taking on challenges and setting themselves goals.

## **Be the Best you can Be!**

We look forward to welcoming back Olympian Michaela Breeze for this year's 'Be the Best you can Be!' launch on Friday 11 September. Michaela will lead on an extended whole school assembly and then meet all new Year 7 students.

## **VIVO**

We have introduced a new online rewards system called Vivo. Vivo is an award-winning rewards platform that enables schools to set up a powerful learning loop which empowers teachers, motivates students, and informs parents of their child's rewards. Vivo will go live before half term by which time you will be able to have access to your child's online reward report. Please go to <https://www.vivomiles.com/#!about> to find out more.

## **The Day**

Some research studies suggest that regular debating at home increases the chances of better academic success at school and we have invested in a resource called The Day. This will provide you with the opportunity to engage with your child whilst using a wealth of relevant and readily accessible materials that can be used at home to initiate debates. This can be accessed at <http://theday.co.uk>

## **Looe Music Festival**

During the weekend of 18 to 20 September, Looe plays host to the Looe Music Festival.

- Our musicians will be performing in the Harbour marquee at 11.00am on Saturday morning; this event is free, so please come and enjoy their performance.
- On a very serious note, in the past the festival weekend has created issues for some young people who, despite all the warnings and against everything they are taught about personal safety, ignore all the danger signs as they choose (or are pressured or enticed in to) a weekend of revelry beyond their years and often well above their emotional and physiological capacity. I therefore feel obliged to remind parents and carers to consider the very real dangers posed by the large influx of strangers to our area, the darker undertones of the gig culture and the potential peer pressure for young people to indulge to excess in adult or illegal activities. In a special assembly next week,

students will be informed by the Police, whose numbers have been bolstered for this festival, that formal action will be taken for all drug, alcohol or public order related offences, with any arrests being processed via Launceston Police Station, where parents/carers will be required to attend as their responsible adult; furthermore, students were told by the Police that Social Services will be informed of all incidents.

### **Uniform**

The Academy uniform is worn properly by the vast majority and I ask for your help in maintaining our standards by purchasing only those garments described in the uniform section of the Planner, which is replicated on our website.

### **Show my Homework**

Show My Homework is an online system where teachers upload the details of each homework as it is set so that students, parents and carers can log in to view what needs to be done and by when. Please contact Mrs Owen or Mr Damerell if you need help with this.

### **Annie**

We look forward to this year's production which will be 'Annie'. Many students will be giving up their free time this term to attend rehearsals in the lead up to our spectacular performance in February 2016; please join us to what promises to be another amazing show.

### **How to keep in touch**

The Academy website [www.looe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.looe.cornwall.sch.uk) holds a wealth of useful information and policies, including copies of letters sent home. My Headteacher's weekly bulletin on the website contains news and updates. All students receive 3 reports on progress and 2 Parents' Evenings per school year. We occasionally use text messages to make contact home. Please ensure your contact details remain updated at school. The Form Tutor is your first point of contact, but with teaching commitments may not be able to respond immediately. If you have a concern, comment or query please contact the school by telephone 01503 262625 or email our dedicated system for parents and carers at [parentcontact@looe.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:parentcontact@looe.cornwall.sch.uk). We aim to reply to all contact within 48 hours. If your issue is not resolved please contact me directly.

As you can see there is much to celebrate and much to look forward to as this academic year unfolds.

Yours faithfully



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**Headteacher**

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