LEAP NEWS





LEAP WILL ROCK YOU

On Friday 24th March students from College put on a show at the Citadel all school classes were invited to attend. See Page 8

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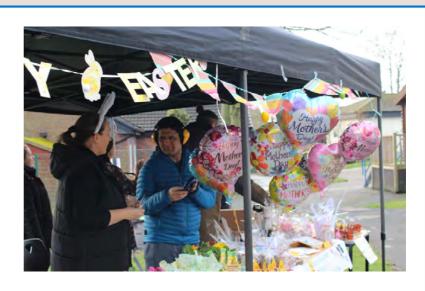
LEAP 3

STUDENT VOICE

Lunchtime clubs was the topic of the Student Voice meeting this term. See some photos of our clubs on Page 6.

WE 'LEAP' INTO SPRING WITH A FAIR FIT FOR A MAYOR

LEAP organised a Spring Fair with live music, refreshments and wares to sell and it was attended by some VIPs. See Page



Our Spring Fair was a great success. Read more on Page 7









Dear students, parents and carers,

Welcome to this half term's newsletter.

After half term, we have got two exciting workshops. On Monday 17th April, we have got a Succulent Wall Art workshop with Emma from Emma's Wild Garden and Wednesday 19th April, we have got an upcycling small items of furniture workshop with Rachel from Quirky Designs Co.



Dear students, parents, carers welcome to the last newsletter of this term. Post 16 students have had many successes this term from Khovan winning the Warrington Guardian Sports Award, Yanick singing and entertaining visitors at the Disability Equality Northwest autism event at Preston Town Hall to Courtney completing her Access to HE Diploma in Education (equivalent to 3 A 'Levels).

We are incredibly proud of the young people across Post 16 education and their numerous individual achievements, demonstrating their skills and qualities. The student and staff performance of LEAP Will Rock You was phenomenal, and we are very grateful to have the support of Andrea Claire as our production manager, we are excited to start planning our next event for 2024.

The Preloved Project is running a range of wonderful inclusive workshops which the students and staff enjoy hosting supporting the local community and functional skill development, please do drop in to the Preloved bijou cafe for a latte or other specialist coffee served by our very own barista Owen.

We are working with Stiklings, Circus Arts Instruction team, to prepare for our show on 22.5.23 this will be a culmination of all the skills that students have developed over the intensive workshops they have engaged in, the show will be titled 'All About Me', demonstrating individual skills and talents the young people have and they are so looking forward to sharing with yourselves and other visitors at The Shakespeare North Theatre in Prescot. I do hope you enjoy reading all the news articles about the activities across the curriculum that your son's/daughters have been accessing this half term.

All that is left is for me and the Post 16 team is to wish you all a Happy Easter break and we look forward to seeing all our students back on 17.4.23 at 9;00 am.

Best wishes, Julliet and staff at LEAP, LS1 and LS2

LEAP Staff Updates & Training





Phil, Steve and Gemma are completing their government funded National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL). This is an 18 month course and will equip them with skills necessary to successfully implement sustainable changes to secure improved student progress across all curricula areas.





Danielle our job coach has just completed Supported Employment Techniques training. The course covered the underpinning knowledge of the core values of supported employment, job searcher engagement, the principles of vocational profiling, employer engagement, job matching and in work support. This has given Danielle better knowledge for supporting our students in to work or supported vocational pathways such as supported internship and apprenticeships.





To continue to support our students Gemma and Louise are completing Introduction to Training in Systematic Instruction (TSI) in April this will also support Danielle as our job coach for our growing infrastructure for supported internship pathways. Look out for more information in the next newsletter.



Cal Ruddy is a volunteer who supports LS2. This is how he summed up his experience so far:

It's been wonderful getting to know the students and staff and everyone has made me feel so welcome at Wargrave. I feel like I've already built up a good rapport with the students and it was great to pass on my performing arts skills to some of the students in the lead up to their production.

I've thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in every aspect of the college routine and I feel like I've grown in confidence since I started in December.

The Wargrave Motto 'On a journey together learning about life' definitely sums up my time at Wargrave so far. It's been lovely to see the students making progress in so many different areas and I'm very grateful for this opportunity. "

STUDENT VOICE





This half term, the student council have been working hard to implement lunchtime clubs in LEAP. They have planned this through feedback to our class representatives across college. Tarran and Yanick are our gaming club leads and Alicia is our art club lead. Every week there are different activities going on in the common room where students from all our college classes can spend time together. We have also been able to promote the student voice through this by choosing different topics to create a picture around such as drawing/painting our favourite thing about college. This has enabled students to share what is going well and to offer suggestions for how we can make their college experience even better. So far this has been a great success with different students joining each week and socialising with others where they wouldn't normally get the opportunity to.







Tarran has recently joined the student council. He says;

"It is important to have a student council because it can make the student voice heard and get action taken to improve the facilities. The student council has a great impact on quality of life at college. I enjoy being part of the council because I am able to help improve everyone's experiences and make a positive impact on the college."

LEAP Welcomes Spring with a Fair - 17 March







Students made an array of items to be sold at the event. During their classes, they created decorative plant pots as well as creating Mother's Day and Easter gifts. On the day students helped to set up the stalls and the café area where refreshments were sold. They also greeted visitors, worked on the stalls selling items to customers, plus made and served hot and cold food and drinks in the café.



Attendees were treated to a musical interlude by student, Yanick, who took to the stage with his guitar and performed a number of songs, including two songs that he wrote himself. College volunteer, Cal Ruddy, also joined in with the festivities.





In attendance was the Mayor of St Helens, Cllr Sue Murphy, Cllr Terry Maguire, representatives from the local authority and work experience partners. Other guests included family, friends and school learners from Wargrave House School and College.

Quotes from the Fair

Julliet Doherty, Head of Adult Services at the College, said:

"Our Spring Fair is a wonderful event that allows our students to be fully involved and enables them to gain experience and learn new skills that will help them in later life ...and the sense of pride the students have following the fair is palpable." Cllr Sue Murphy said:

"I always enjoy attending these events and the progress that I can see in the young people is remarkable and measurable on every visit.

LEAP Will Rock You

LEAP students and staff performed LEAP Rocks you on 24th March at the Citadel, we all had the most amazing experience, as Andrea says we were born ready!!! Thank you to all who came to support us!!!!!



On 24 March at 1:15pm LEAP and Upper Sixth Form staff and students presented their outstanding Performance of 'LEAP Will Rock You!!'

This was attended by classes from Wargrave House School and Sixth Form, Rainford High, Manor College, LEAP parents and our therapy team. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of hit songs, wonderful acting, singing and dancing was had by all.

The students had worked very hard to showcase their multiple talents across the afternoon, they were supported by Andrea Claire as theatre director and staff as always modelling all aspects of participation.

Thank you to Shaun for videoing the event for us to share on social media. Alicia designed a beautiful programme for all audience members to read and keep, while Morgan was the ultimate front of house host guiding audience members to their seats and checking names off on the visitor register. A whole team collaboration that concluded with everyone dancing together, interacting and having a fun time.

Watch this space for more updates on our next theatre production.



Bingo Night was a Success









On 2nd March staff, students, and families were joined by our work partners Earlestown Cricket Club and Housekeeping from Mercure Hotel at a Sixth Form and LEAP bingo night. There were lots of winners, even those who had to compete in a dance off to win!

It was a fantastic night, enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Newton Sports Club for the room hire and Baz Noogie Night Discos.

A great night was had by all!

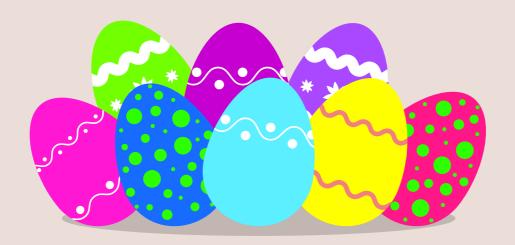




Easter Bunny Makes An Appearance At LEAP



We welcomed the Easter Bunny and some of his friends on Friday 31st March. All of our students received a chocolate egg and a chance to meet our furry friend. A big thank you to Councillor Terry McGuire and Business For Youth for their visit.



Information from our SENSE Team

An Important Reminder About Medication

Any medication sent in to school needs to be in the original packaging with a completed parental consent form.

Medication will be sent home at the end of every half term.

We are introducing a receipt system so either yourself, or the escort collecting your child/young person will sign to say they have received this at the end of half term. At the beginning of half term you or the escort will sign to say they have handed it over to school or as and when you send medication in during the term time.

If you have any queries around medication contact

KirstyBrown@wargravehouse.com

Information from our SENSE Team

OUR TOP TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR LEARNER SAFE ONLINE

Not sure what advice to give your child? Our pointers have got you covered.

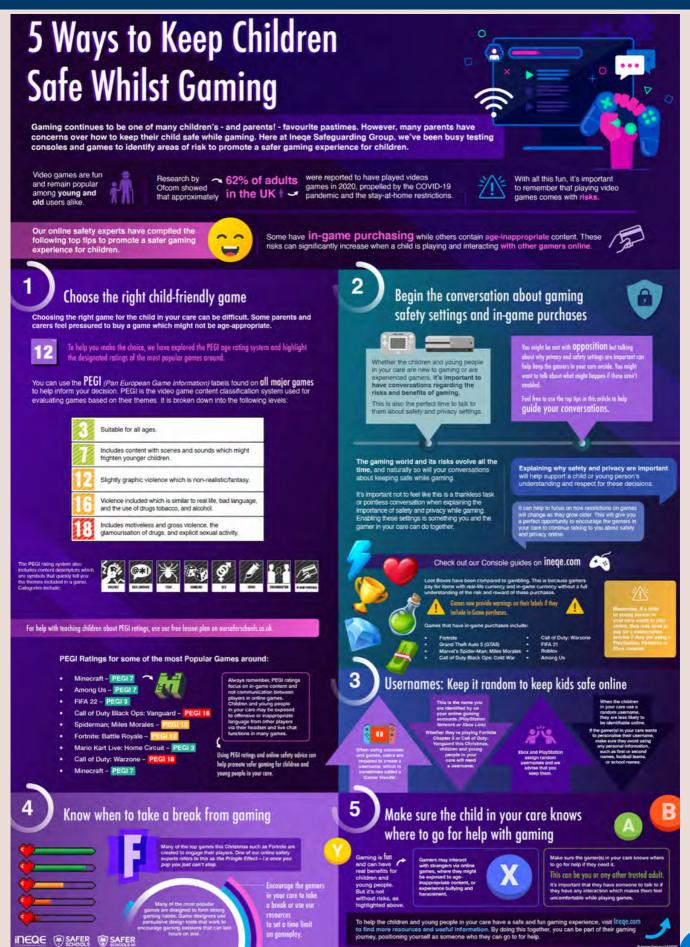
- 1. Be careful about talking to people you don't know and trust in real life anyone can pretend to be a child online. If you do talk to people you don't know, don't give away personal information such as what street you live on or where you go to school, or share your location with them. Say no to any requests they send you for images or videos of yourself, and stop talking to them.
 - 2. Set your profiles to private, to limit what others can see
- 3. Think carefully about what you share and with who. Once you've shared an image, you've no control over what the other person does with it. Remember, it's illegal to take, share or view sexual images of under-18s, full stop.
 - 4. Be mindful of your digital footprint. What you post online now could come back to bite you later, like when applying for jobs, college or university.
- 5. If you see something upsetting, or someone bullies you, tell an adult you trust. Report it too.
- 6. When reading news online, ask yourself what the source is, when it was published, and whether it could be a hoax or made up. Read beyond the headline too.
- 7. Remember, people try to make their lives look more exciting and interesting online. There's a lot people can do with photo editing to make their photos look better. So don't assume everything you see is a true-to-life representation.
 - 8. Watch out for hoaxes and scams, like messages you're meant to forward on or that ask you for payment details or your password.
- 9. Take any content that seems to glamourise gang lifestyles with a very large pinch of salt it's not as glamourous as it looks. Be wary of schemes promising easy cash for receiving and transferring money too, they're almost definitely criminal activity.
 - 10. Watch out for loot boxes or other parts of games where you pay money to take a chance on getting a reward you can get sucked into spending lots of money on them.

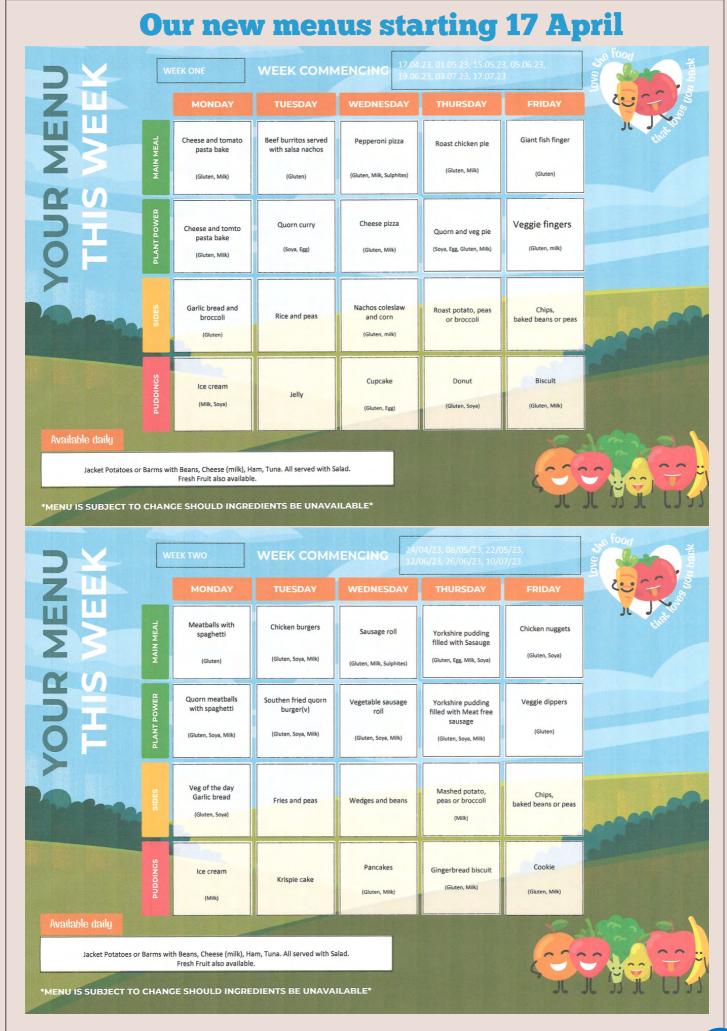
Further information

This factsheet was produced by Safeguarding Training Centre from The Key: www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding

Information from our SENSE Team

OUR TOP TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR LEARNER SAFE ONLINE







COME AND UPCYCLE YOUR SMALL PIECES OF FURNITURE

Rachel from Quirky Designs Co. will help to give your small piece of furniture a fresh new look.

Please bring your own piece of furniture or let us know if you need one from us!

DATE Wednesday 19th April 2023

TIME 11:00am til 2:30pm

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FACEBOOK

The Preloved Project at Lyme & Wood







You're invited





LS 1 had an amazing trip to Jodrell Bank for science to see the giant telescope they weren't disappointed!





LS 1 finished their term off by visiting some alpacas with BASE 6. Our students learned about caring for the animals and got to walk with some of them.





LS 1 chose an alternative sport for their P.E. lessons. All our students really enjoyed playing crazy golf with dinosaurs, they had an amazing time. The hail shower was unexpected but added to the fun!



Well done to all our LS1 students for making amazing progress in English, maths and SFLE mini qualifications personalised to them!





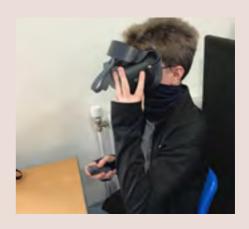


Students Alicia, Alfie and Yanick developed their catering and Hospitality skills in Coole's kitchen at Haydock Races on Thursday 22.03.23 Yanick is pictured here with Chef Yanick! Alfie serving Eton Mess desserts and Alicia on the coffee machine.



LS2 students have been working on their Career Pathways during Career Week term. Students were helped to determine their skills and qualities and how they can use these effectively in the 'World of Work'.

LS2 students tested out the Virtual Reality equipment and scenarios before it was successfully rolled out through the whole organisation.







The work with Stiklings (our circus trainers) is now moving on at pace, as LS2 prepare for a production that is based on their individual circus skill abilities and strengths. We recently stepped the challenge up a notch and started to 'play with fire'. Students are not only tapping into their creativity but building on their employability skills, particularly following health and safety protocol and making dynamic risk assessments.





Alfie and Vincent check in the donations



Alfie distributes the food donations

"Alfie said of his placement: I have become good at following instructions and I have improved my listening skills. I am now better at communicating with unfamiliar people".





Tarran is an established member of the team that looks after our small animal collection. He has now also secured a placement with Enovert working on their ecological projects at Lyme and Wood Pitts Country Park.

"I have become more focused on health and safety since I started working with the animals. I've written a booklet for staff and students that shows how to identify that an animal is fit and healthy. I'm also developing my research skills looking at environmental issues."



Ali says of her placement in Reception "I am now more comfortable with taking external calls (from strangers and parents). I am more responsible because of this placement where I am trusted with accessing areas I wasn't allowed to go before."





Ali working in the Reception Office of Wargrave House School



A big congratulations to Khovan who was recently the proud winner of the Warrington Guardian Sportsperson of the year for his outstanding achievements in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. They wanted to hear about the achievements of Warrington's finest and Khovan fought off strong competition by demonstrating that he was at the top of his game in BJJ.

On Tuesday 29 March students Alicia and Yanick attended an Autism Awareness event at Preston Town Hall. Alicia helped to man a stall and shared information about our school and college with visitors.

Yanick wowed the audience, performing 3 songs.



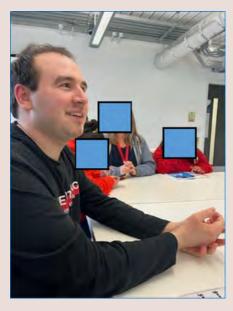




We have just had amazing news about Yanick he has been awarded the Rotary Young Citizen Peacemaker Award. This is a national award, and he was nominated by Steve Hogarth and Julliet Doherty. LEAP will be celebrating after Easter with a special award party for Yanick, his friends, family, rotary members and college team.

We are incredibly proud to have had two
National winners from Post 16 in Khovan
- Sports Hero in 2022 and Yanick Peacemaker in 2023. Incredible young
men and role models.

Well done Yanick a worthy winner.



In LEAP 1 Morgan has been busy making props at story house for an upcoming production. He worked with the group and Chris the Young leader delegated jobs for each Young person to do. Morgan's job was to measure and cut card to make cardboard books.









This half term LEAP 1 visited Zoo2u in Holmes Chapel. Students had the opportunity to hold a skunk, tenrec, hedgehog, hog nosed snake and a cockroach.

The staff from Zoo2u got each animal out individually and explained what each like to eat, the animal's native country and how they like to name each animal after their native country. Students really enjoyed the hands-on workshop and a fun fact we found out that the small tenrec is related to the African elephant!!!!







This Half term LEAP 1 worked with the stickling's at Lyme and Wood Hub.

The students watched Jamie and Gina demonstrate how to work with fire safely. Students took turns to wear the correct PPE and hold a fire stick while others made bubbles to take a photo in preparation for our "All about Me show" in May.









LEAP 1 visited Warrington Youth Zone. They had an amazing time the staff were really helpful, and students got the chance to record a pod cast, make music, sing in the music room and be creative in the art room.





LEAP 2 had an upcycling workshop with Rachel from Quirky Designs Co. where the students (and staff) worked on developing our upcycling skills. Owen and Courtney worked on their pyrography skills, creating a beautiful pattern on a sideboard. We also worked on skills such as gold leaf, pyrography, sanding and much more!











THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

LEAP 2 Gold Award



This morning we had a visit from author Wes M Henshaw.

He used to live overlooking Wargrave House and now spends most of his time in Australia where he lives. He has recently published his first (of 5) novels. These are fantasy based, Wheel of Time meets Game of Thrones style.

As a Well Done for all of Courtney's hard work on her Access to HE and DofE Young Leaders, and knowing Courtney is an avid reader he has paid her a visit at the Preloved Project to sign a copy (signed copy no3) and discuss his book, writing process and to see the fabulous shop and cafe.

Courtney has been running more successful Snack 'N' Craft sessions on a Monday morning as well as working on her Young Leaders award for Duke of Edinburgh.









The highlight of LEAP 3s term has to be the amazing work they have done alongside Sticklings circus company.

The students have all grown in confidence and lots of safety precautions were put in place so the students could be fully engaged with a very dangerous skill. We can safely say they all had a flaming good time!









