

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors,

May I be the first to wish you all a Happy Easter and also to wish you an enjoyable Easter break. As we are all aware it has been another term in our schools like no other we have had before, and has presented many challenges to us all.

During the term we have had a mix of remote learning at home and a number of our students attending throughout the whole term. Before schools fully opened on the 8th March, some of our Trust schools had over 40% of students attending and the majority engaged with the hybrid model of both live learning, where lessons were delivered on Teams by teaching staff, and through structured learning activities. I am so proud to say that feedback on this across all the schools was universally positive and students felt supported through the associated personal interactions. It would be true to say that much of this practice will be continued in our schools in the future and staff, students and parents have embraced this style of learning.

Alongside the teaching and learning developments using platforms such as Team and See-Saw, we focussed on being at the heart of the community. Nothing demonstrated this more than the Leger Library Bus which visited our community bringing books to our children and this initiative was even made into a Department for Education video, which I hope you have all seen. If not, you can view it here <u>DfE Video</u>

Our return after the 8th March has been successful and attendance at all schools is above both Doncaster and national averages. I believe this reflects the commitment of us all to ensure all students return to some kind of normality as soon as possible. Whilst it would be true to say a very small minority of students have struggled with this transition, the vast majority have once again thrived and are very happy to return.

The challenge of completing thousands of COVID tests during the school day, particularly at Campsmount, has certainly been a new experience but the staff and students involved took this in their stride. I would also like to particularly congratulate all involved with Spa Academy Askern who, only 18 months since joining Leger Education Trust, have been judged to be a 'Self Improving' school by the Local Authority. This is a remarkable improvement over this time and I know parents and the community recognise that this school is now providing the quality of education the community deserves.

As a Trust it is important to promote and share our values of Pride, Ambition, Integrity and Responsibility. I am so pleased to announce a member of staff and a student from each of our academies who have been nominated as the individuals who have best demonstrated our Integrity value this half-term. A huge congratulations to them all:

<u>a</u>	Campsmount	Staff Student	Mr Adam Makings Tarnjot Singh
₫	Spa	Staff Student	Mrs Cathy Lindley Henry Fradgley
₫	Littlemoor	Staff Student	Ms Amy Patrick Kacper Bednarz
a	Moss Road	Staff Student	Miss Alexandra Tarry Francesca Robson
₫	Trust	Staff Community Partner	Mr Jack Wardle Mr Geoff Hall

Our Community Partner winner, Mr Geoff Hall, sadly recently passed away. Geoff was a serving governor

at Campsmount Academy and had held the position for over 40 years, a highly impressive contribution. I feel this is a fitting tribute for all that Geoff has done for both the Trust and the community and he will be remembered fondly.

Finally, as we approach the Summer Term there are still areas of uncertainty, not least the details around examinations for 2021 and beyond, but also much to look forward to.

As a Trust we are developing our Communications Strategy in order to ensure we get the correct messages to the correct people. If you have any comments or wish to contribute to this important project, please email info@leqereducationtrust.com.

Thanks to everyone for making our Trust so special.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Dale

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