

July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another academic year has come and gone, so fast. Years 11 and 13 students have responded amazingly to the pressures of the exams. Years 10 and 12 are completing work experience and will return in September when they will be in their final year. Year 9 are now well embedded into their life at LeAF.

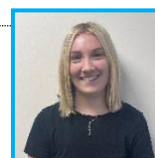
### Staffing Updates .....

Every academic year there are changes in staffing for a variety of reasons, this year departing from LEAF are Mrs Percival, Mr Stephens, Mx Weaver and Mr Welch. Joining LeAF Studio either during T6 or in September are:

**Ms Spanjar** has been a trainee at LEAF in Science since Easter, and now has a permanent teaching role within the science department.



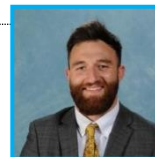
**Miss Brown** is an experienced Science and Psychology teacher and will be also the new Head of Year 9.



**Mr Tauringana** is an experienced teacher of maths and will also be the new Head of Year 10 as Miss Magookin moves to the role of Head of Specialism with Miss Aplin.



**SENCO** - LEAF have been successful in the appointment of an experienced SENCO, replacing Mr Welch with Mr Yeats, however, this appointment is unable to commence until January 2025.



**Ms Barker** and **Mr Massey** will be joining the Senior Leadership team from September 2024 alongside our new SENCO when they commence their role.

### Personal Development – Mr Jones .....

This academic year has seen real progress made in our personal development programme. This year our students have participated in three personal development days where the students have been engaged in workshops and sessions to equip them for life after school. They have looked at topics such as managing personal finances and understanding money, alongside developing IT skills and applying them in the context of the workplace. We also have speakers coming in the final week of term from The British Army, Royal Air Force, RNLI and many more to work with and alongside our students. Assemblies this year have been delivered weekly by both staff members and external organisations, such as Dorset Police on a range of themes, topics and community needs. In tutor sessions, students have consistently engaged in both PSHE and RSHE sessions and have been able to give feedback to us about their learning, so we can tailor it to their collective needs. I look forward to continuing to work with the rest of the team at LeAF, our other trust schools and the students into the next academic year.

## Performing Arts

We are extremely proud of this year's achievements in performing arts. We have performed and showcased at several events this year including An Evening With, Move It, CYD, Origins Dance and LeAF Live. The LS6 Acting Company relaunched and performed 'Our Generation' at the Lighthouse and the summer production 'Rhythm Is Gonna Get You' is due to be another fantastic night out full of talent and spectacle. If you haven't got your tickets yet there are still some available: [Order yours at lighthousepoole.co.uk](http://lighthousepoole.co.uk)



Alongside our performances and events our Year 13 leavers have secured many offers from prestigious colleges and universities. We have welcomed many visiting workshops in dance, music and acting throughout the year and continued to work hard in progressing through the GCSE and BTEC specification, to ensure the best outcomes for our students.



We have created some great community links throughout the year. Our students at the bi-annual Soundstorm showcase concert, performed songs with members of Bath Philharmonia that were written by the students of LeAF and other schools in the local area. LS6 students also performed at local primary schools as part of their BTEC course.

This year we have had the highest number of applications we have ever received in performing arts for both Sixth Form and Year 9 intake. We feel proud that so many students and families are choosing LeAF for their next step in education.

## Sports Review

Just a few of our successes across a range of sports this academic year:

- Football: ESFA Small Schools National Cup winners U15 Girls 2024
- Handball: England Handball Schools' National Finalists: U15 Girls 2024
- Golf: England Schools' National Finals: Nett School Team (Representing Dorset) 2024
- Golf: England Schools' National Finals: Individual Finalists Ollie Drewitt & Rhys Cartwright Terry 2024
- Golf: IOC National Tour Finalist: Ollie Drewitt 2024



### Extra-curricular Statistics for 2023-24:

Our students take part in 31 teams covering a variety of sporting fixtures:




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| Athletics  | Futsal   | Ruby         |
| Badminton  | Golf     | Table Tennis |
| Basketball | Handball | Volleyball   |
| Cricket    | Netball  |              |
| Football   | Rounders |              |

**138** Students in Sport Specialism

**24%** Students attended 4 or more clubs/teams

**97%** Students attended 1 or more clubs/teams

## Destinations of Post 16 Sports Students:

Reuben Moggeridge Bristol City FC Scholarship	
Kayleigh Prout LS6 BTEC Sport & Southampton FC	
Erin Swanton John Madjeski Academy & Reading FC	
Hattie Wilford Brockenhurst College A Levels & Surrey Storm Netball	
Ella Doe LS6 BTEC Sport & England Boxing Talent Pathway	
Lewis Oliver Brockenhurst/LS6 & Bath Rugby South Talent Pathway	

## Destinations of Post 18 Sports Students:

Tom Lycett Nottingham University Sport Exercise Science & England Beach Volleyball Talent Pathway	
Ollie Drewitt Point University, Atlanta, USA & then into Professional Golf	
Troy Simpson Essex University Sports Coaching Science & England Volleyball Talent Pathway	
Jacob Roberts Bath University Sports Science & England Athletics Talent Pathway	
Chloe Trent Solent University Sports Therapy & British Powerlifting	

## Inclusion

It has been another very busy term for the Inclusion team. As well as dealing with all the usual matters at this time of year, we have been busy preparing our new Management Information System, Arbor, for a September launch. This means that from the new academic year we will be making some minor changes to our behaviour and attendance policies as we replace SIMS and will allow us to further support students and parents in tracking and monitoring behaviour and attendance. In addition, the launch of our new core values – (PART – Passion, Ambition, Respect & Resilience, Teamwork) will mean an increased focus on positive rewards and you will notice that our achievement point categories will be changing in line with these new values as we embed them across every aspect of school life next year.

As always, attendance continues to remain a key priority for us as it is intrinsically linked to both academic and specialism success. From September, we will be launching a new online form for parents to request absences which will be available on the school website. This will replace the old paper form which students currently collect from reception and parents will need to complete this for any requested absence going forward. Further information will be sent out in the last week of term. For any questions or issues around attendance, please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Hawkins, at [studioattendance@leafstudio.co.uk](mailto:studioattendance@leafstudio.co.uk)



Our annual Awards Evening was another resounding success, with over 250 people attending, 200 people nominated and nearly 70 students and staff walking away with awards. Once again, a massive thank you to the Life Centre in Moordown for hosting us and all the Performing Arts students who sang so brilliantly on the evening. We had an inspirational talk from LEAF alumni Johannes, as he spoke eloquently about his career since leaving LEAF and his 15,000km bike ride from China back to England. As always, it was wonderful to end the year with a celebration of all our students' wonderful successes and we look forward to seeing what fantastic achievements the new academic year will bring.



## SEND



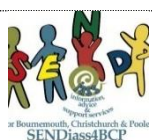
SEN support and needs are ever evolving and changing. The Local Authority are under increasing pressure to deliver assessments and services, which they are not achieving. Some waiting times for assessments have now been suggested to be around 4 years. The best way to support our young children during this time is to have links to some amazing charities and websites that offer guidance and practical support. I have attached these links to the bottom of this section.

This year, I am proud to state that we have modernized and strategically improved the implementation of SEND drastically. I have listed just a few of the main changes in our strategies and support offered:

1	All students identified with any learning need now have a pupil passport. Students and parents have been involved in the creation of these passports, which can be accessed online. Over 120 passports have been created within this academic year.
2	The rolling out of provision map across all sites has allowed all staff ease of access to teaching strategies and learning support for all students. This has improved staff's knowledge and ability to support students by creating an inclusive space.
3	Regular CPD has been offered throughout Leaf and partner sites improving the toolkits of all staff to support students with additional needs.
4	A complete modernization of how students are assessed for exam access arrangements has been undertaken meaning more students are successfully supported.
5	CAT testing has improved identification of needs for students joining us at Leaf and allowed us to highlight key areas of need throughout their journey.
6	ELSA ran by our dedicated and outstanding practitioner Sharon Regan has gone from strength to strength. Sharon supports so many of our students that have emotional needs and using provision map, we have managed to support a lot more students strategically throughout the academic year than ever before.
7	Communication and support for parents has been improved and strong relationships have been formed for our students with high levels of need. This is due to the ongoing proactive support of parents and the willingness to buy into the mantra that all students can achieve if given the right set of tools.

I am unfortunately leaving to pursue an alternative role within another setting at the end of this academic year. It has been nothing but a pleasure to do my utmost to move LeAF forward in a positive direction in supporting all students within additional needs. I am very proud of all the students I have supported during my time; I know they will continue to move forward in a positive direction.

My Kindest Regards  
Mr Welch



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## Year 9 & 10 Heads of Year .....









As we conclude another successful academic year, we want to express our gratitude for your support and partnership. It has been a year filled with growth, achievements, and memorable experiences for our Year 9 and Year 10 students in both PA and sport.

Year 9 students have successfully settled into life at LeAF and completed their end of year exams. Their engagement in both academic and extracurricular activities has been commendable. Year 10 students have demonstrated remarkable dedication as they begin tackling their GCSE coursework and end of year exams, setting a solid foundation for their final year at our school.



### Uniform Expectations

We believe that a consistent uniform policy contributes to a positive learning environment. As we look forward to the next school year, we remind all students and parents of the following uniform expectations:

-  **Hoodie/Jumper:** Must be LeAF Branded
-  **Academic Polo:** Must be LeAF Branded
-  **Training T-shirt:** Must be LeAF Branded
-  **Tracksuit Bottoms:** Must be LeAF Branded
-  **Leggings:** Plain Black
-  **Footwear:** Black Trainers














For more information and to order uniform please visit:  
[www.leafstudio.co.uk/parents-and-students/uniform-kit](http://www.leafstudio.co.uk/parents-and-students/uniform-kit)



### Equipment Expectations

To ensure that every student is prepared for learning, we ask that all students come equipped with the following items:

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|  Pens (blue or black, red and green) |  Pencils               |  Sharpener    |
|  Eraser                              |  Ruler                 |  Highlighter  |
|  Glue Stick                          |  Scientific Calculator |  Geometry Set |
|  White Board Pen                     |  Reading Book          | (including a protractor, compass and set square)   |

Ensuring that your child has the necessary equipment is crucial for their academic success and helps prevent any disruptions to their learning process.

### Looking Ahead

As we transition into the summer break, we would also like to inform you that Mr Dennett will continue to be Head of Year 10 as students move into Year 11. Miss Magookin will be handing current Year 9's over to Mr Tauringana from September as they transition into Year 10. We encourage students to rest, reflect, and recharge. We are excited about the upcoming year and the opportunities it will bring. Please ensure that your child returns to school with all necessary supplies and in full uniform, ready to embark on another year of learning and growth.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.


## Safeguarding .....

If you have an urgent safeguarding concern, please email [LSSafeguarding@leafstudio.co.uk](mailto:LSSafeguarding@leafstudio.co.uk)

If you require more further assistance or advice and guidance please use the following links, email addresses or telephone numbers below or refer to the organisations offering support.

 <p><b>BCP Council</b> <a href="#">BCP Children's Services</a></p>	<p><b>01202 123 334</b> BCP Children's Advice and Duty Services</p>	
 <p><b>Dorset Council</b> <a href="#">Dorset Child's Services</a></p>	<p><b>01305 22 88 66</b> Dorset Children's Advice &amp; Duty Services</p>	
 <p><b>NHS</b> <a href="#">BCP CAHMs and Dorset CAHMs</a></p>	<p><b>0800 652 0190</b> CAHMs Dorset Connections Urgent Mental Health Support</p>	
<p><b>childline</b> ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME <a href="#">Childline</a> <b>0800 11 11</b></p>	<p><b>NSPCC</b> <a href="#">NSPCC</a> <b>0800 800 5000</b></p>	<p><b>Anxiety UK</b> <a href="#">Anxiety UK</a> <b>03444 775 774</b></p>
 <p><b>MIND</b> <b>0300 123 3393</b></p>	<p><b>kooth</b> <a href="#">KOOOTH</a> (online guidance for young people)</p>	 <p><b>UK Safer Internet Centre</b> <a href="#">Safer Internet</a> <b>0344 800 2382</b></p>
 <p>free • confidential <b>runaway helpline</b> <a href="#">Runaway Helpline</a> <b>116 000</b></p>	 <p><b>LGBTQ+ Support</b></p>	

## Keep up to date with us on socials .....

 <p><b>LeAF Studio</b> <a href="#">@leafstudioschool</a></p>	 <p><b>rockley</b> <a href="#">@rockleycollege</a></p>	 <p><b>BAMM</b> BOURNEMOUTH ACADEMY OF MODERN MUSIC <a href="#">@bamm_music_college</a></p>	 <p><b>The DORSET SCHOOL OF ACTING</b> BE BRAVE. BE BRIGHT. BE BRILLIANT. <a href="#">@dorsetschoolofacting</a></p>
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## Training Fund .....

With ever increasing pressures on school budgets, we are now more than ever reliant on parental support through our Training Fund. If you unaware of this, we ask parents to commit to a regular £5 a month payment to support the specialisms in purchasing vital equipment that they need for both Sport and Stage & Screen.

All money raised through this charitable venture is reserved exclusively for the specialisms and cannot be spent on anything else in the school, so parents can be secure in the knowledge that their contributions are going directly to support their children.

The level of training and coaching we offer is usually only reserved for private schools, and so as a state school (that is completely free to attend) we do rely on the Training Fund to support us as we develop our specialism training. In the academic year so far is has already raised over £3000 which has been spent on your children.

### What do you need to do?

If you can do so, please set up a standing order via your online banking using the details to the right. If you can, please do this and help us support your young people. Thank you in advance for your support.

<b>Bank:</b> Lloyds Bank
<b>Account Name:</b> LeAF Studio School
<b>Sort Code:</b> 30-91-08
<b>Account Number:</b> 58638468
<b>Reference:</b> LSTF (pupil name)

## Upcoming Events Calendar .....

8 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y12 Work Experience
15 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y10 Work Experience
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term – <b>12.30 finish for all students</b>

## 2024-25 Events Calendar .....

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	<b>Inset Day</b> – School closed to all
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Inset Day</b> – School closed to all
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Welcome Back! – School reopens to all
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half Term
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Inset Day</b> – School closed to all
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term

I would like to wish all parents, carers, and students a lovely Summer.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs N Lapskas**  
**Principal**  
**LeAF Studio School**