Leading Futures – Autumn 1 Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term of this academic year, we would like to take a moment to congratulate all of our learners on their hard work and positive return to the provision.

The summer holidays can bring opportunities for fun and relaxation, but they can also bring changes to routines that some children and young people may find challenging. We are therefore delighted to see our learners return happy, settled, and focused on the year ahead.

This half term, we have welcomed several new learners to the provision. It has been wonderful to see our existing learners helping them to settle in, build friendships, and become part of our community. Their kindness and support have played an important role in creating a warm and welcoming environment for everyone.

Our learners have embraced a range of new experiences and opportunities, and they should be incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, resilience, and participation they have demonstrated throughout the term. Their achievements, both big and small, reflect the positive start they have made to the academic year.

We would like to thank all families for their continued support and partnership. We wish you all a happy, restful, and safe half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another successful half term.

The Leading Futures Team

Wellbeing

Our wellbeing champion is Mrs Williams. This half term, she has delivered a series of workshops with our learners focusing on sleep hygiene, grounding techniques, and strategies to support emotional regulation. These sessions have provided learners with practical tools to help them understand and manage their emotions, develop healthy routines, and build resilience. Learners have engaged positively with the workshops and have shown great enthusiasm in applying these strategies within the provision and beyond.

Curriculum Input

Reading for enjoyment is very important for young people. It helps to improve their vocabulary, imagination, and confidence while developing a lifelong love of learning. To encourage this, here are some ideas:

Halloween Safety Reminder

As Halloween approaches, we want our learners to enjoy the festivities while remembering the importance of staying safe and respectful within the community.

When attending Halloween events or trick-or-treating, please remember these important safety tips:

- Stay on well-lit roads and in familiar areas.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing to help you be seen in the dark.
- Travel with friends, siblings, or trusted adults where possible.
- Only eat sweets and treats that are sealed and unopened.
- Be mindful of road safety and take extra care when crossing roads.
- Respect other people, their property, and the local community.
- Avoid antisocial behaviour, including excessive noise, damage to property, or behaviour that may cause distress to others.

Making Memories Den Building!

This half term, our learners took part in a fantastic DEN Building experience at Cannock Chase. Working together in teams, they designed and created some amazing structures using natural materials found in the woodland environment.

It was wonderful to see each learner find their role within the team, whether that was planning, building, gathering materials, or supporting others. The activity provided valuable opportunities to develop teamwork, communication, problem-solving skills, and resilience, whilst having fun outdoors and connecting with nature.

A particular highlight of the day was enjoying delicious hot chocolates and doughnuts served from the camper van, providing a well-earned treat after all of their hard work. We finished the experience by celebrating everyone's achievements with certificates, recognising their effort, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout the activity.

To build on this experience, our assembly this week focused *on the power of a team.* Learners reflected on how cooperation, trust, and supporting one another can help us achieve far more together than we can alone. The DEN Building experience was a perfect example of how every individual has strengths to contribute and how success comes from working towards a shared goal.

Pride in Our Community

We would also like to acknowledge how smart our learners continue to look. It is wonderful to see them taking pride in, being part of our community. A consistent uniform helps foster a positive learning environment where learners feel valued, included, and ready to learn.

Please ensure your child returns wearing the correct uniform:

- Leading Futures T-shirt and/or sweatshirt
- Black trousers, jeans, or appropriate bottoms
- Trainers

Please note: Crocs and sliders are not permitted.

Can all parents / carers ensure that learners attend the provision in full uniform.

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- LinkedIn – Leading Futures Education Services Ltd

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Autumn 1 Half Term Key Dates

- Monday 2nd November 2026 – Autumn 2 half term starts
- Wednesday 2nd December 2026 – Festive Ramble up the Wrekin
- Thursday 10th December 2026 – Christmas Jumper Day – £1 donation
- Thursday 17th December 2026 - Christmas Feast for Learners
- Friday 18th December 2026 – Christmas Movie and Quiz for Learners
- Friday 18th December 2026 - Autumn 2 half term ends for learners

Our term dates can be found on our website by following: Opening Hours and Term Dates | Leading Futures