Leading Futures – Summer 2 Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another school year has ended, we'd like to take a moment to celebrate all that our young people and their families have achieved. Every step forward, big or small, is worth recognising.

The summer holidays can bring opportunities for fun and relaxation, but they can also bring changes to routines that some children and young people find challenging. Remember that there is no such thing as a "perfect" summer. The most important memories are often made through simple moments spent together.

We wish all our families a happy, peaceful and restorative summer break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming learners back refreshed and ready for new adventures in September 2026

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:

WHAT TO READ	HOW TO READ
___ Read a comic book	___ Read with a flashlight
___ Read an ebook	___ Read outside
___ Read a recipe book	___ Read in the kitchen
___ Read a magazine	___ Read to a parent
___ Read a menu	___ Read to a sibling
___ Read poetry	___ Read to a pet
___ Read song lyrics	___ Whisper Read
___ Read a menu	___ Read to a neighbor
___ Read a mystery book	___ Read with your grandma
___ Read a funny book	___ Read to a baby
___ Read a biography	___ Read to a kid
___ Read a science book	___ Read it to flower
___ Read a story book	___ Read at the library
___ Read a "how-to" book	___ Read to your bestfriend
___ Read a newspaper	___ Read it under the tree
___ Read to a plant	___ Read with your mother

We are thrilled with the academic progress of our young people. All learners have achieved one or more Functional Skills qualifications ranging from Entry Level 1 to Level 1.

Our learners have also achieved a combined total of over 150 AQA Unit Awards this year.

Well done everyone 😊

Making MemoriesDrayton Manor!

On Thursday, 9th July 2026, our learners headed out for our highly anticipated end-of-year trip to Drayton Manor. It was a day filled with laughter, thrills, and plenty of rollercoasters!

We are incredibly proud of how beautifully our learners represented Leading Futures throughout the park. At the heart of our mission is inclusivity, and hearing from several learners that this was their first-ever educational trip made the day even more special. Thank you to everyone who made this unforgettable day possible!

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 return in September 2026 with full uniform.

SEND Support - Top Tip

Regulate First, Solve Later

When your child is distressed, problem-solving can wait.

Try this at home:

- Focus first on helping your child feel calm and safe (quiet presence, favourite activity, sensory comfort).
- Avoid asking *why* questions in the moment.
- Revisit what happened later, when emotions are settled - sometimes hours later, or even the next day.

Why it helps:

When children are overwhelmed, their brains are often in *survival mode*. They can't reflect, reason, or learn until they're regulated. Calm connection now leads to insight later.

Remember: Supporting regulation isn't 'giving in' - it's building the foundation for emotional resilience.

🌻 Summer Wellbeing Challenge

See how many of these you can complete together over the holidays:

☐ Watch a sunset or sunrise
☐ Have a picnic outdoors
☐ Read a book together
☐ Try a new recipe
☐ Visit a local park or nature reserve
☐ Create something using natural materials
☐ Tell someone why you appreciate them
☐ Write down three things you're grateful for
☐ Listen to your favourite music and have a dance
☐ Do one random act of kindness

Remember, wellbeing isn't about doing everything perfectly. It's about finding small moments of connection, laughter and rest.

Stay Connected

To keep up to date with the work of Leading Futures, please follow us on our official social media platforms - **Follow, Like, and Share!**

- www.leadingfutures.uk
- Facebook – Leading Futures
- TikTok – @leading.futures
- LinkedIn – Leading Futures Education Services Ltd

Please speak with your child to ensure that they are engaging with social media platforms sensibly.

Autumn 1 Half Term Key Dates

- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – Autumn 2 half term starts
- Thursday 1st October 2026 – Walking Challenge, details to follow
- Thursday 15th October 2026 – Enrichment trip, details to follow
- Friday 23rd October– Autumn 1 half term ends for learners
- Monday 2nd November 2026 – Autumn 2 term starts

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

Summer Holiday – Staying Safe

Kind Regards,
The Leading Futures Team