

29th November 2016

VLU/CPS/EndofModule2

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: An exciting Curriculum Development at The Leigh

Last academic year we published on our website that The Leigh is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Career-related Programme and is pursuing authorisation to become an IB World School.

IB World Schools share a common philosophy – a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programmes of international education that share a powerful vision.

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organisation works with schools, governments and international organisations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

We are pleased to report that we are on track with this development and have been keeping parents/carers and students informed during the number of information evenings we have held during Modules 1 and 2.

Staff at The Leigh are in the process of planning to implement the International Baccalaureate Careers-related Programme and IB Diploma programmes in our Post 16 Curriculum from September 2017. Gaining World School status is very important to us as this will have significant impact on the curriculum and teaching and learning in all aspects of Academy life.

In order to ensure that all members of The Leigh are part of our transition to become an IB World School, we have taken the decision to hold an additional Professional Development Day for our staff on **Tuesday 3rd January 2017**, therefore, the Academy will be closed to students on this day.

As we are now in the winter season, we would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/carers that as per our Uniform list on the website, external coats should be either navy or black and hope that we have your full support in meeting this expectation.

We are also delighted to share that our annual Christmas Dinner will be served by Cucina on Wednesday 14th December where students can enjoy a two course meal for £3.50.

Our students will finish for the Christmas break at 2 pm on Wednesday 21st December 2016 and we look forward to our students returning to the Academy on **Wednesday 4th January 2017**.

Thank you for your continued support of The Leigh Academy.

Yours faithfully



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