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Dear Parents/Carers

Equipment, Reading and Revision

As we continue to work together to ensure the success and well-being of your child, we would like to remind you of the importance of students being fully equipped for school. Evidence shows that students who come prepared with the necessary equipment are more likely to achieve success.

To help instil a sense of responsibility, tutors will be conducting daily equipment checks in the mornings. The goal of this initiative is to encourage students to take ownership of their learning and preparation. We encourage you to discuss with your child strategies for staying organised, such as checking their school bag the night before or creating a checklist of items to bring.

Here is a reminder of equipment needed:

Each student is required to have the following items:

- Two pens (black or blue)
- Two pencils
- A ruler
- A strong school bag

In addition to these compulsory items, we highly recommend the following:

- An eraser
- A pencil sharpener
- A set of coloured pencils (felt tips are unsuitable for some tasks)
- A calculator
- A purple pen

We understand that financial circumstances vary and we are sensitive to the needs of our families. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium or financial challenges are making it difficult to provide the required equipment, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are more than happy to assist in ensuring that all students are equally prepared.

Reading and Revision in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4: As part of our commitment to fostering literacy and learning, students in Key Stage 3 will engage in reading sessions three times a week during morning tutor periods. These sessions are designed to develop vocabulary and cultural knowledge through teacher-led reading; research shows that adults modelling reading and exploring word meanings helps build a stronger foundation for success across the curriculum.

We also strongly encourage regular reading at home. An hour spent reading is an hour spent improving writing. While reading together often declines after Year 7, we urge you to continue reading to and with your child. Currently, 30% of our students are not reading at their chronological age and without practice, reading abilities can regress.

In Key Stage 4, students will use three mornings per week to focus on English, Maths, and Science revision, supported by subject specialists. This will help them develop a habit of structured learning, which is proven to improve GCSE results and foster organisational skills. We hope that your child enjoyed the Revision Day this week and that they got to hear from business and post 16 establishments at the Positive Futures Evening.

Supporting Learning at Home at KS3: Parents can access information about what we are studying by visiting the 'Teaching and Learning' section on our website and viewing the Knowledge Organisers for each subject. These provide an overview of the upcoming half term's learning, allowing you to explore and discuss key vocabulary with your child in advance, giving them a head start.

Support with Learning in School:

- Homework club is open every lunch time and after school from Monday to Thursday.
- Teachers are available to email to request support (email addresses can be found on our website).
- The SEND Café is open throughout the week, please make appointments through Schoolcloud (please email mhodgson@looeca.net for any support to access schoolcloud).

Parental Engagement: Thank you to everyone who has participated in our recent 'Key to Success Evening' and 'Bring Your Parents to School' days, including the fantastic Art sessions. We have received great feedback, and we look forward to offering more experiences for you to engage with the school and your child's learning.

Finally, we appreciate your support in encouraging your child to maintain good attendance, punctuality, and preparedness. These life skills are essential for their success in school and beyond. Children who take responsibility at home, contribute to chores, and develop self-motivation tend to have better mental health and adaptability in adulthood.

We want the very best for your child, and we know that by working together, we can help them succeed. Please take the time to discuss the contents of this letter with your child, and if you have any questions or need further support, do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Kate Jackman
Deputy Headteacher & SENCO