



LAKE SIDE & LEAP NEWS



Hi Parents & Carers

In spite of the unprecedented challenges presented by COVID-19 I hope you managed to have some sense of a family Easter break. Just a message from us all here at Wargrave House to say you're doing a great job! Please don't feel too much pressure to teach at home, don't 'make' your son/daughter do school or college work if they are not ready. Find a good balance, it's really important to develop life skills whilst they're at home for practicing and gaining independence. Be as creative as you can, play in the garden, go on walks. Bake biscuits, cakes and paint pictures. Play board games and watch movies. Do a science experiment together or find virtual field trips of the zoo. Start a book and read together as a family. Snuggle under blankets and do nothing. Remember, all our students are in the same boat and when we are all back in the classroom, we will meet them where they are, our teaching, therapy and care staff are all amazing and are the experts at this! *Stay safe. Robin.*



LEAP Specialist College

CEO Update

Robin Bush



Dear Parents & Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. I would like to express my personal thanks to you all for continuing to provide support, where possible, with your child's on going education. We have been delighted to see such inspiring home learning projects going on across our whole age spectrum, some of which you will see on our Facebook page; Wargrave House School

& College. We are mindful of the multiple challenges completing school/college work presents as Robin has already said, please let us know if we can support you in any way by providing any other materials you may require be it eLearning or printed work packs. We are continuing to provide an educational experience for young people fulfilling the essential workers remit, if you are facing any wellbeing or personal challenges that you need assistance with please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will naturally keep you up to date and as fully informed as possible, please continue to refer to our website and any emails, texts from our wonderful admin team both on and off site!

Best wishes. Stuart.

Headlines

Stuart Jamieson

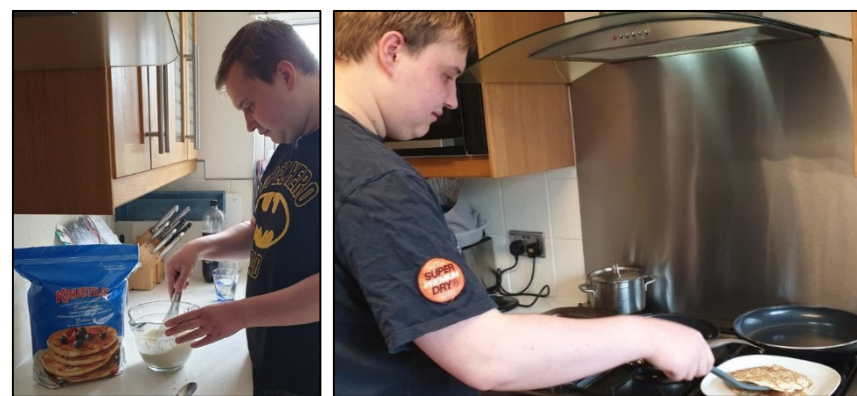
Dear Post-16 students, parents & carers

We very much hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter, reading about the incredible activities that our young people have been involved in whilst following Government Guidance during this unusual current climate. You will all be used to the welfare/wellbeing calls and or emails that are being made to you regularly by staff who work closely with you. The response we have had from you regarding the home learning has been outstanding and we thank you for sharing these with us. The Post 16 staff are immensely proud of your achievements and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all on your very different successes. All staff in Post 16 would like to send their warmest wishes to you all and remind you that we are available from 9 am – 4 pm if you have any queries or just want to get in touch. Please stay safe and abide by the Government Guidelines and hopefully we will all be back together as soon as possible. We will update you as and when we have any further guidance or information regarding the Post 16 provision that can be safely offered. Take care and stay safe.

Julliet & the post-16 staff

Lakeside & LEAP Working Hard at Home

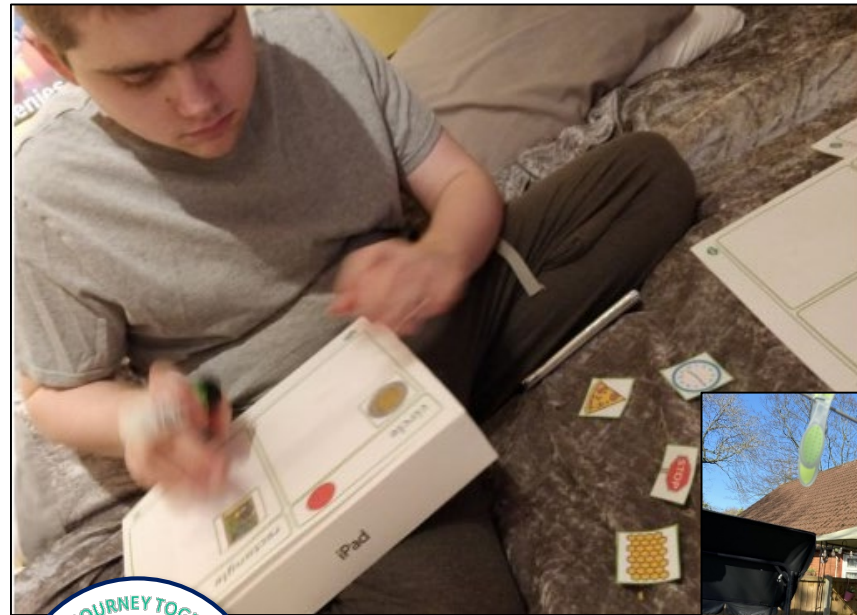
Christian has been working hard at home weighing out the ingredients then making pancakes. He has also been taking part in a zoom art lesson where he is following instructions to draw different things. He has been doing a PowerPoint presentation of games. It includes many pictures that he has put together and he is in the process of adding the written content to each page he has designed.



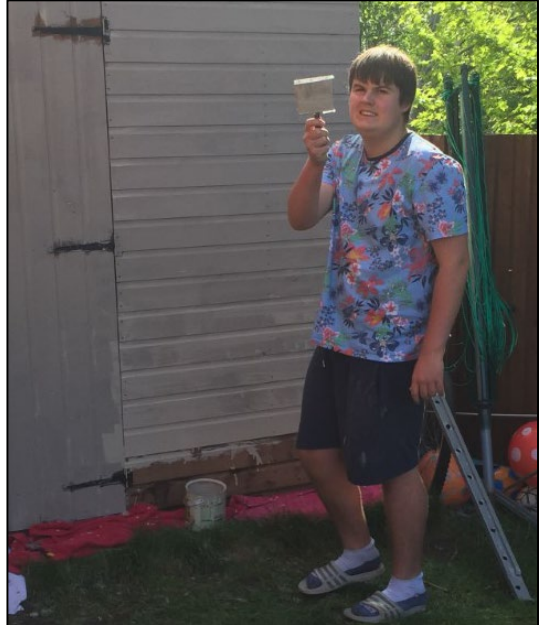
Benji getting stuck into some Independent Living Skills at home, hanging out paintings on the line, gardening and making the bed. Great work!



Reiss has been working hard at recognising shapes for Open Award Entry Level Maths



Owen has been tackling some Independent Living Skills



Ben working on his SFLE qualification (using garden tools)



Emily N

Emily wanted to learn the basics of BSL and decided to use this lock down time to further develop her interest and educate herself, in doing so she has achieved the certificate attached. We are all in Post 16 so very proud of Emily and her success. Here's Emily's artwork on her window at home "Flatten the Curve: Stay at Home". Nice work Emily!



Calum

Calum has enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt and a bit of fun in the hot tub! Why not!



Emily H, Will

Some of our LEAP students have been really getting stuck into their weekly therapy challenges at home! Emily has been following a recipe to make jelly, and Will has been making a cuppa for his family, he's chosen a new exercise to try with a member of his family, and has been making a time capsule documenting how he's feeling in this unusual situation! Will and Christian have also been keeping in touch using the phone - which has helped them both feel happier! Well done LEAP!

