

19th July 2011

SLI/SHD/PEKit

Dear Parents/Carers

The Leigh Technology Academy PE learning area is very proud of its efforts to ensure all students are recognised and participate looking as smart as possible in the correct PE kit, whether it be during PE lessons or at sporting fixtures.

Recently, at a sports council meeting, several students identified that PE kit was an issue they would like to be addressed and improved by September 2011. Firstly, several students are unsure of the correct attire and would like clarification before they break for the summer holiday. Secondly, a large percentage of our students are now representing the Academy at sporting fixtures and would like to ensure that we are not only performing at the highest standards but also wearing a kit that gives a sense of pride and belonging.

The Leigh Technology Academy sports teams have successfully participated in a large variety of tournaments and events this academic year. It has therefore been agreed to purchase a new netball, football, athletics and rugby kit, but the PE learning area would like all PE students to improve their general appearance.

During the past couple of years students have been fortunate to be given t-shirts for various sporting events that often coincide with the colour of their College. These have widely been accepted as Academy PE kit but these will no longer be accepted from September. Unfortunately, several individual students are no longer purchasing the correct PE kit and this unfortunately impacts on student attitudes in one way or another.

The PE learning area prides itself on how the teaching environments, changing rooms and its staff look, and feel that students' appearance in PE is an area it could improve. Please could you ensure your son/daughter has the correct PE kit when they return to the Academy in September (as below); any other kit will not be allowed under any circumstances unless special permission has been agreed with the Director of Sport.

PE Kit Requirements from September 2011

Leigh Academy College t-shirt

Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Sports trainers or boots dependent on weather and sport being played

Leigh Academy Tracksuit (optional)

Leigh Academy Rugby Shirt (optional)

Students' names should also be placed or written in all PE garments to ensure their return if they are lost or misplaced.

Failure to come in the correct kit will result in the following, in line with the PE policy:

First time – 10 minutes detention

Second Time – 1 hour detention and a phone call home

Third Time – 1 hour detention and a parent teacher meeting

There have also been a large number of students attending lessons in hoodies or bright tracksuit tops due to the cold or wet weather. Students have the option to purchase the Academy tracksuit or will be allowed to attend lessons in a plain black sweatshirt (a small logo will be accepted) or rain jacket.

Once again the sports council have recently highlighted they would like a more suitable jumper or sweatshirt that can be worn to fixtures or in PE lessons. This is currently being discussed and a suitable garment will be available as soon as possible with sport council members having an input into the design.

If you need to purchase new kit for your son/daughter you are able to do so by completing the online order form that can be completed by following the link on The Leigh Technology Academy website (leighacademy.org.uk), please scroll to parent information, click uniform and your son/daughter's College. PE kit can also be tried on in The Leigh Technology Academy reception and any queries or an appointment can be discussed by calling Jazz Bains on 01322 620503.

Any parent/carer who would like to make any further enquiries or wishes to discuss this further please contact Mr Lindars or Mr Thompson as soon as possible on sli@leighacademy.org.uk or pth@leighacademy.org.uk.

Alternatively you can contact the PE office directly on 01322 620435.

Yours sincerely



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