

# Cedars & Linslade Newsletter 2021



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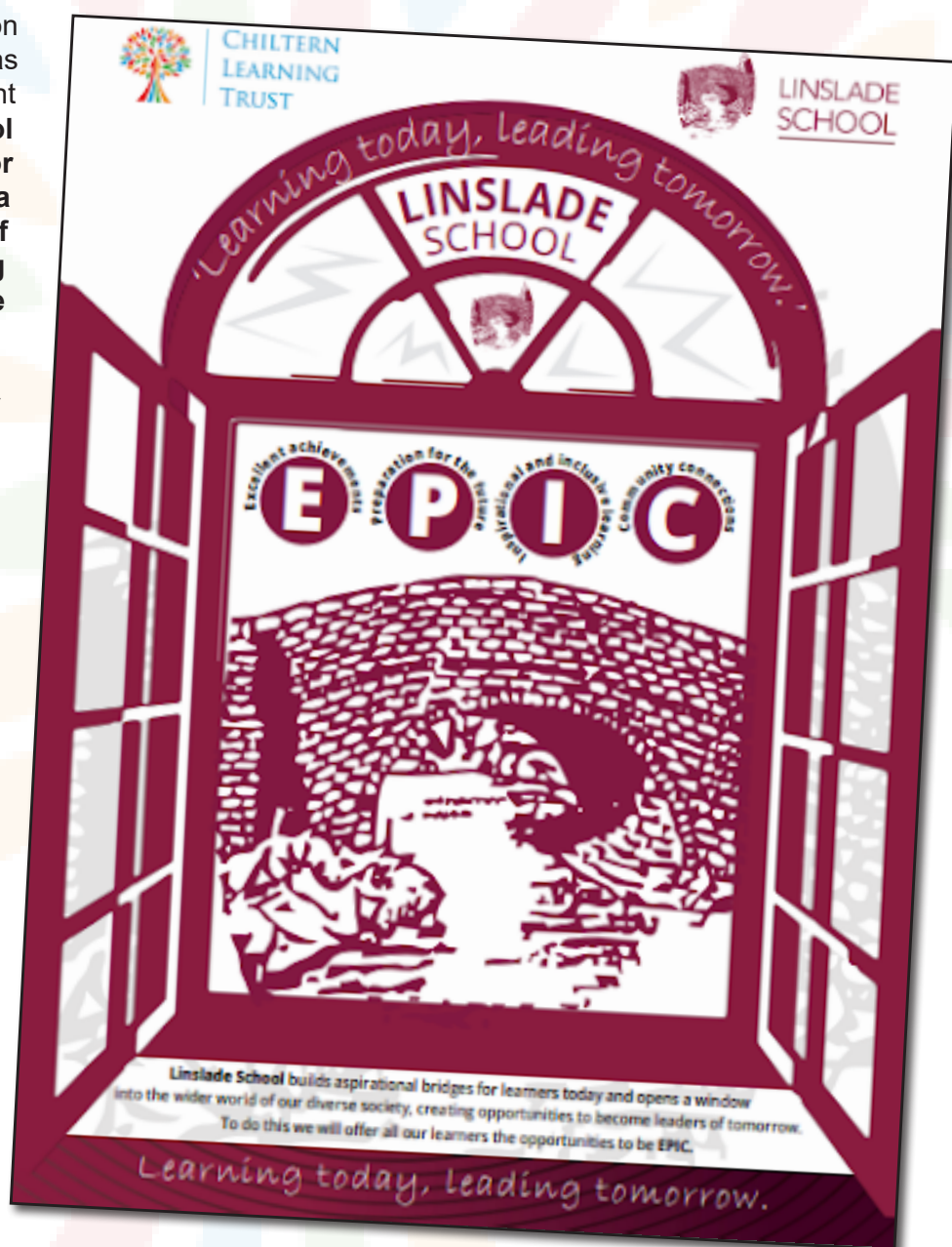
Chiltern Learning Trust, Cedars  
and Linslade have been working  
together

## Linslade School Intent

Following a period of reflection and consultation the school has created the following statement of intent: **Linslade School builds aspirational bridges for learners today and opens a window into the wider world of our diverse society, creating opportunities to become leaders of tomorrow.**

To do this we will offer all our learners the opportunities to be EPIC. EPIC at Linslade means:

- **E**xcellent Achievements
- **P**reparation for the Future
- **I**nspirational and Inclusive learning
- **C**ommunity Connections



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## Cedars School Vision And Values

Our new vision is centred around achieving excellence through ambitious learning, community engagement, academic vocabulary, new digital literacy, and cultural awareness. We are carrying out joint work with Linslade so that we develop the CEDARS learner throughout their journey at Linslade and Cedars.

**The CEDARS Learner**  
ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

<b>CREATIVE</b>		Pursues originality and imagination.
<b>ENGAGED</b>		Is committed and interested in their learning within and beyond lessons.
<b>DETERMINED</b>		Positively addresses challenges and always tries their best.
<b>ASPIRATIONAL</b>		Has ambitious goals for now and in the future.
<b>RESPECTFUL</b>		Is kind, considerate and advocates equality.
<b>SUCCESSFUL</b>		Always does their best to produce high quality work and achieve their goals.

**OUR VISION**

At Cedars Upper School our vision is to be the school of choice for ambitious learning by providing an engaging, creative and inspirational environment where all students reach their full potential and achieve excellence academically and personally.

We are committed to ensuring that our young people are confident, safe, happy, respectful, culturally aware and digitally literate.

We strive to build an ambitious and compassionate community, working together to ensure the best outcomes for all our young people.

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## Linslade's EPIC Environments

Our new EPIC department Wonder Walls raise aspirations by displaying outstanding work and providing opportunities for students to have their work showcased. One student said: "Seeing excellent examples helps me to improve my own work"



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Every classroom contains Tier 3 key words that develop learner’s vocabulary and books for them to foster a love of reading.



We are delighted to also promote the heritage of our wonderful town through our displays. We even found room for a Bedfordshire Clanger!





## Linslade's Learning Leaders

We are fiercely proud of our recently appointed EPIC Learning leaders who have been helping to showcase our EPIC learning environments and our teaching and learning across the school.



Our staff have worked with staff from CLT to update their classroom environments to be engaging, inspiring and to support learning.

## Cedar's Inspiring Learning Environment



*"The displays are really colourful and really help my learning during lessons."*

*Year 11 student*



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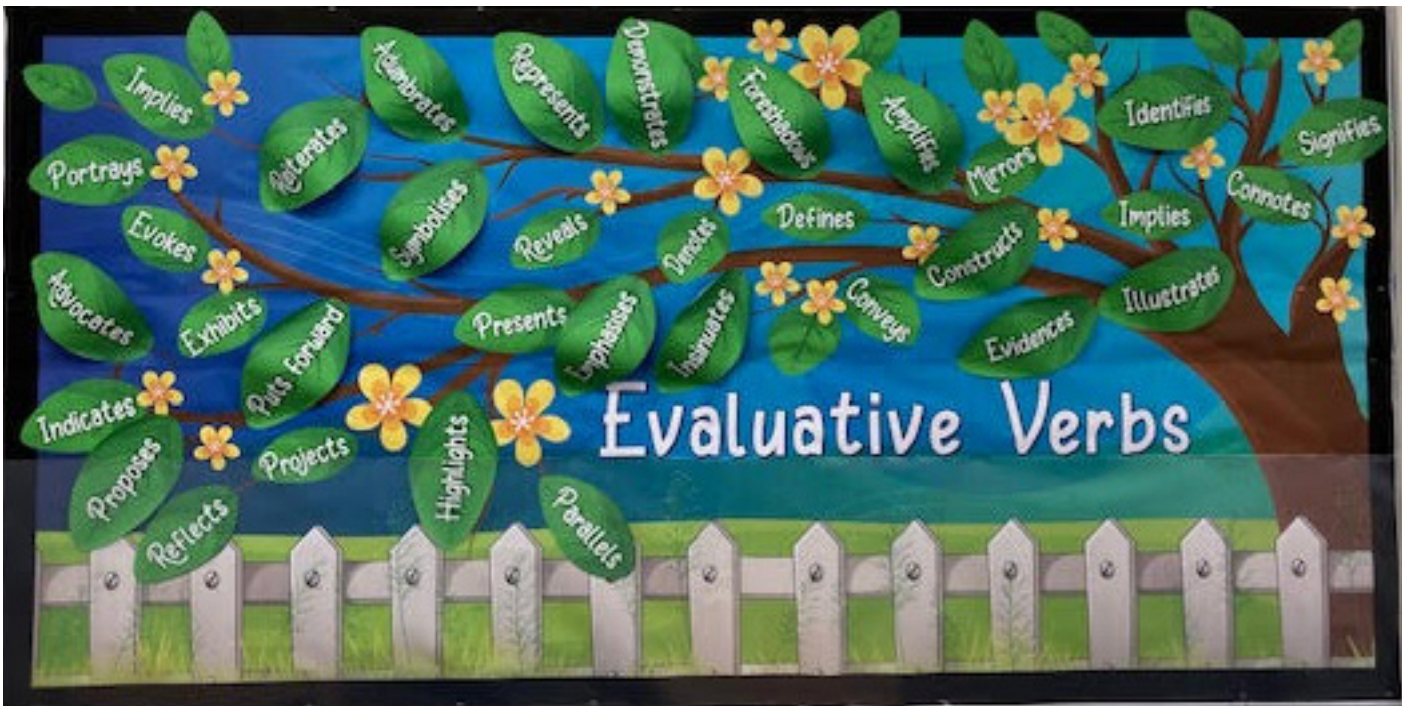


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## Investment In Outdoor Areas

*A new trim trail and outdoor canopy with seating to give more space for students to relax at break and lunchtimes. One new Year 5 student said: "I love the trim trail, it keeps me fit!"*



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## Cedars Site Investment

Our students have had several canopies fitted to give them a dry space to sit outside. A large number of windows and blinds have also been replaced. We have also continued to update our corridors with inspirational quotes and links to our values.



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## Chromebooks

There is a growing demand for employees to have advanced digital skills and a recognition that these are vital for economic growth. However, fewer than half of British employers believe young people are leaving full-time education with sufficient digital skills. We have made digital skills a priority at Cedars to equip our young people to be successful in their futures. Our Year 9s have had the opportunity to purchase a chromebook through our scheme this year.



*"Using the Chromebooks has helped me to get much more organised with work."*

*"They make my lessons more engaging and enable me to go at the pace that helps me"*

*Year 9 students*



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# Open Evening - Linslade

The choice of middle school is a very important one. We would love any prospective parents and carers to join us on Tuesday 16th November or arrange a visit in the following days. These provide an opportunity to meet our EPIC staff and students and enjoy a tour of our facilities.



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# OPEN EVENING

 Tuesday 16th November 2021 | 17:30-20:00

*Learning today. Leading tomorrow*

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# Open Evening - Cedars



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UPPER SCHOOL



**“Teachers have high expectations of their students, who work hard to match them. Aspirations among staff and students are equally high.”** *Challenge Partners Review 2020*

**“There are excellent relationships between teachers and students and among the students themselves.”** *Challenge Partners Review 2020*

**“At Cedars there is a real ethos of community and nurture within the school that is immediately evident.”** *Safeguarding Audit 2019*

## **CEDARS UPPER SCHOOL OPEN EVENING** **THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER 4.30PM-7.30PM**

- Excellent results at A Level and GCSE
- Graded good in all areas in latest Ofsted report
- A full programme of extra-curricular activities, including critically acclaimed school productions, many successful sporting teams and over 50 trips out of school per year
- Support and challenge for students of all abilities
- Thriving Student Voice and many student leadership opportunities
- A culture of praise and celebration of all types of success
- Experienced and innovative teachers, teaching a varied and exciting curriculum with new technologies
- The preferred school for many out of catchment students and parents/carers
- Excellent pastoral care and support for learning

All Year 8 students and their parents/carers who are interested in learning more about our school are invited to our Open Evening on Thursday 30 September from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

There will be presentations from the Headteacher in the theatre at 4.45pm, 5.45pm and 6.45pm. The rest of the evening will provide an opportunity to see the school's facilities, watch demonstration lessons and talk to current students and staff.

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