



# The Word

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

## Headteacher's Round Up

It has been the strangest of school years for all of us. However, as it draws to a close I wanted to take the opportunity to commend and thank you, our parents and carers, our students, our staff and governors for all that you have done and achieved over the past four months.

Congratulations to Endeavour House on winning our virtual sports day. Mrs Mohomed has put together all the scores from the winners of this year's House Cup is ... Discovery House. Very well done to Mr Cooney and his green machine!

I have been very impressed with the way in which so many of our students have continued to give of their best in their learning and participation. They have been earning house points for effort, outstanding work and taking part in

the many virtual opportunities provided during this time of lockdown. 719 students will be receiving their house point badges, certificates and small rewards in the post over the next couple of days. I hope that they make every effort to sew or iron them onto their blazers for September, so that they can display their achievements with pride. 418 students have achieved their bronze award, 208 have achieved silver, 63 students have achieved gold and very special congratulations to the 25 students who have achieved their platinum award, their names are listed in the roll of honour later in this edition of "The Word".

My heartfelt thanks to our parents and carers for all your support in these difficult times. We understand that supervising remote learning has, on occasions, been very

challenging for you, particularly if you, too, are working from home. Thank you for what you have done. We are also grateful for the messages of support you have sent us.

I commend all our staff. Everyone has gone above and beyond, adapting quickly to changes in both government guidance and ways of working.

All our teachers have upskilled themselves in the use of technology and have done their best to support all of their students as best they can, remotely. I know that you and our students have appreciated the calls and emails home. I am delighted that the true Light Hall spirit and our overwhelming sense of community has continued, despite the fact that we are all apart.

We wish our year 11s all the very best for the future. We will be seeing a few of them on the 20<sup>th</sup> August when they attend their appointments to collect their exam results. We hope to be able to say a proper goodbye at some point in the future, when government guidance, safety measures and time allow. We thank them for being such a great year group and for their considerable contribution to school life and our Light Hall community. Thank you to our prefect and senior prefect teams, who helped and supported the school so well when we were in session. They were very ably led by Izzy, Ollie, Katie, Evie, Luke and Josh – our super head prefect team.

Congratulations to our newly appointed head prefect team. Daisy and Jake are our head girl and head boy for next academic year and their deputies are Lucy, Molly, Shelby, Phoebe, George, Dan, Dougie and Rohan. Our senior prefects are Amber, Ariet, Isabella, Olive, Owen, Sophie B, Holly, Sophie S, Paignton, Alana-Mai, Destiny, Grace, Isaac, Joel, Joseph, Lottie, Nyall and Katy. We are very much looking forward to working with them and all the year 11 prefects when we return in September.

As is always the case at this time of year, we say a fond farewell to some of our colleagues who are moving on to pastures new. Congratulations and best wishes go to Mr Bastock, Mr Johnson, Mrs Sharpe and Mr Wordsworth who are moving on to

new roles and promotions in different schools in September. Ms Khalid is leaving us to spend more time with her family and Miss Betts is leaving our learning support department to train to be a teacher. We thank all of our colleagues for everything that they have done for our students and the service they have given to Light Hall School and wish them all the very best for the future.

Two of our longest serving members of staff are retiring this summer. Mrs Willcock has been at Light Hall for 15 years. We appreciate the valuable contribution she has made to the school and the teaching of food technology. We wish her a long and happy retirement. Mr Barr is also retiring after 23 years as deputy headteacher. He is a legend! Words cannot really express our deepest respect and gratitude for all that he has done for generations of Light Hall students, their families and our staff. We do wish him the most enjoyable retirement. Mr Barr is such an integral part of our Light Hall family, I am sure that he will come back to see us over the coming months and years. Mr McCrainor and Mr Hall will be stepping into the role of Deputy Headteacher from September.

As a school we say goodbye to Chris Thomas, our chair of governors, who after 23 years of association with Light Hall, both as a parent and a governor, is retiring from school governance. We thank Chris for all the considerable time, work and support she has given to Light Hall

and wish her all the very best for a well earned rest from public service.

We have welcomed back Mrs O'Driscoll, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Regan-Syed from maternity leave this week, it is so good to have them back as part of our team! We have a number of new staff joining us in September. We extend a very warm welcome to Mr Wainwright, who is joining our English department, Mr Tat who is joining our maths department, Miss Dhanjal, who is joining science, Miss Athar, who will be teaching ICT, Mrs King, who will be leading food technology, Miss Hughes, who will be teaching design technology alongside Mr Gara, Mr Homer, who will be joining our music department, Miss Yu, who will be leading learning support and Miss Morgan, who will be joining drama to cover for Ms Brown's maternity leave. Again, we have a full complement of staff to support our young people as we begin the recovery from lockdown.

Now it is time for some rest and relaxation. I wish all of our students and Light Hall families a very happy and safe summer. I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone back at Light Hall in September.

Best wishes



## Contact details

Our preferred means of communication is by email and text. Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for you, should we need to contact you in an emergency. If your contact details have changed, please use the SIMS Parent App in the first instance or email [office@lighthall.co.uk](mailto:office@lighthall.co.uk) with your child's name, their year, who to contact and the revised contact details.

## School uniform

Thank you for your support in sending out students to school looking so smart and in the correct uniform. Attached is a list of our uniform requirements. Please do note our regulations regarding piercings and hair colour. We advise any children considering a change of hair colour or piercings, to have this done at the start of the 6 weeks holiday so that they can adhere to the regulations when they return to school.

## Uniform Donation & Purchase

We have teamed up with Cancer Uk shops in Solihull and Shirley. They are happy to take donations of old school uniform into their shops. Donations need to be handed in a bag clearly marked "uniform". Parents will also be able to purchase uniform items they have. We are really excited by our new venture, helping all areas of our community. The shops are located at 164 Stratford Road, Shirley and 130 High Street, Solihull

## Equipment

We ask that all students come prepared for learning. All students are expected to have as a minimum a school bag, black/blue pen, a pencil and a ruler. Form tutors will be checking that students have this equipment at the start of each day. Thank you again for your continued support in this.

## Start of Term Arrangements

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (Year 7 only)

Year 7 students should go straight to Churchill Hall at 8.45am. We do ask that parents and carers do not gather on the school site. Year 7 will be dismissed at 2.55pm for the month of September.

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Year Group	Arrival Time (3 <sup>rd</sup> September only)	Departure Time (September only)
7	8.45am	2.55pm
8	9.00am	2.55pm
9	9.30am	3.00pm
10	10.00am	3.00pm
11	11.30am	3.00pm

We are staggering start times on the first day as we have many health and safety procedures to go through with the students. Please ensure that your child is not on site before their allocated time. All students will be met on the front field in their allocated waiting zone.

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

All students should arrive at 8.40am and go to their allocated waiting zone.

For the month of September, in the first instance, year 7 and 8 will be dismissed at 2.55pm and years 9, 10 and 11 at 3.00pm. This will enable us to ensure a safe exit from school.

This first week of term, students will be working with their house tutors, on a variety of activities, which we have planned to assist their reintegration back into school and routine, and to support their mental health and wellbeing. Their academic timetable will begin on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Students will, however, be receiving all of their exercise books in these first days of term and will therefore need to bring their school bags with them. They will not need to wear PE kit in the first week of term. Please note that students will not be able to access a locker during these temporary arrangements. They will need to ensure that they have the correct equipment with them every day.

## House Championships

Many congratulations to Discovery for winning this year's House Cup. Results from all the individual events are detailed below.

### Light Hall Visual Arts Cup

Winner – Imogen M, **Endeavour**

### Light Hall Talent Cup

Winner – Juliet F and Lilia J, **Discovery** and **Atlantis**

### Light Hall Enterprise Cup

Winning house – **Discovery**

### Light Hall Charity Cup

1<sup>st</sup> – Discovery £128

2<sup>nd</sup> – Challenger £110

3<sup>rd</sup> – Atlantis £102

4<sup>th</sup> – Endeavour £91

Winning house - **Discovery**

### House Athletics

1<sup>st</sup> – Endeavour 881 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Discovery 443 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Challenger 418 points

4<sup>th</sup> – Atlantis 375 points

Winning house – **Endeavour**

### Netball

Winning house: **Endeavour**

### Table Tennis

Winning house: **Challenger**:

### Football

Winning house: **Challenger**

### House Achievement Cup (house points)

Winning house: **Endeavour**

### Overall House Championship

1st Place **DISCOVERY**

2nd Place **ENDEAVOUR**

Joint 3rd Place **CHALLENGER ATLANTIS**

## Our Platinum Award Winners:

Forename	House	Points
Lauren B	Atlantis	224
Ollie J	Atlantis	204
Shafi M	Atlantis	216
Harveen S	Atlantis	208
Tiago S	Atlantis	301
Millie Y	Challenger	202
Emma K	Discovery	243
Aum R	Discovery	283
Joe B	Endeavour	206
Isaac D	Endeavour	264
Imogen M	Endeavour	219
Phoebe T	Endeavour	209

Forename	House	Points
Gabriel W-R	Endeavour	289
Jack G	Atlantis	230
Poppy B	Challenger	303
Matthew F	Endeavour	242
Jude M	Endeavour	217
Lilia J	Atlantis	208
Kevina S	Challenger	200
Cerys B	Discovery	216
Juliet F	Discovery	316
Daniel H	Challenger	223
Ria B	Endeavour	239
George H	Endeavour	288

## House Tutors for 2020/21



## House Tutors 2020-2021

Form	Form Teacher	Notes	Room
<b>ATLANTIS (LOB / JMI)</b>			
7 A JSC	Mrs Scobie	Supported by ALA	107
7 A ABA	Miss Baxter	Supported by ADH	101
8 A HBE	Mrs Begum		104
8 A KDU	Ms Durrant		109
9 A ABE	Miss Behreen		D2
9 A SWA	Mr Wainright	Ex Ms Tongue	D4
10 A NRA	Mrs Razak		C16
10 A NPL	Ms Plante		C13
11 A MRO	Mr Rogers		F6
11 A SHA	Ms Harrison		F5
<b>CHALLENGER (JWL/SCU)</b>			
7 C JWH	Mr Whan	Ex Mrs Picken/ Wilkes	202
7 C IHA	Mr Hackett	Supported by JHO	G02
8 C JCH	Mr Churchill		105
8 C AHA	Ms Haroon		100
9 C SRE	Mrs Read		C8
9 C HLA	Mrs Latham		D1
10 C AHU	Miss Hughes	Ex Mrs Sharpe	C14
10 C JHA	Miss Hancock	Supported by KMR	C11
11 C BPO	Ms Pollock		F4
11 C GGA	Mr Gara		E5

Form	Form Teacher	Notes	Room
<b>DISCOVERY (ACO / LHA) JCB</b>			
7 D SMC	Miss McCann		G01
7 D JOG	Mr Ogier		102
8 D LKI	Ms King	Ex Miss Read	110
8 D LWA	Mrs Watkins		G03
9 D MSA	Miss Savva		C18
9 D MMU	Miss Munn		C3
10 D DBU	Mrs Burnham		C5
10 D HSN	Mrs Snell	Supported by LTA	C4
11 D JBA	Mr Bate		F2
11 D EGA	Ms Garcia		F3
<b>ENDEAVOUR (JJO / JBL) UHU</b>			
7 E BRO	Miss Ross		201
7 E MMA	Mr Marsh		108
8 E CNI	Mr Nicholls		G05
8 E JBR	Mr Bridgewater		G04
9 E EYO	Miss Yorke		D3
9 E ALW	Mrs Lawrence	Ex Miss Brown	C9
10 E JHU	Mrs Hughes		C12
10E AMK	Miss Kay		C6
11 E RRA	Mr Ramkhelawon		F1
11 E MDU	Mr Duffy	Supported by AAT	E6

Thank you & Goodbye to our Wonderful Prefect Team



## UNIFORM POLICY



# Uniform Policy

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SEPTEMBER 20- JULY 21

Our uniform bears our logo, which represents our core values. Our uniform should be worn with pride. Students are expected to adhere to the uniform rules and present themselves smartly every day as they would in the world of work.

## SHOES

We do appreciate that shoes can be an expensive item for parents to buy and we are therefore keen to ensure the correct version is purchased. Your child may tell you differently. Trainer type shoes are not permitted, nor are canvas pumps, trainers or mules. There should be no added "bling" in the form of glittery stones and studs. Shoes should be flat or with a minimal heel, sensible plain style. Black, clean and polished.

Below are examples of shoes the school deems unacceptable.



## JEWELLERY & PIERCINGS

A watch for telling the time and one small plain metal stud in each pierced ear lobe are permitted. These must be removed for safety reasons during PE lessons.

No large earrings, glass studs or stretchers.

Only one plain stud per ear lobe is permitted for pupils with pierced ears. No other body piercings are allowed, or piercings covered with plasters.

If your child is going to have their ears pierced please ensure this takes place at the beginning of the six week holiday so that pupils are able to remove earrings if requested without still undergoing the "settling in" period.

## MAKE-UP, NAIL VARNISH & FALSE EYE LASHES

Make-up is inappropriate with school uniform and should not be worn.

No nail varnish or false nails to be worn.

False eyes lashes are unacceptable due to Health & Safety concerns.

## HAIRCUTS & ACCESSORIES

Conventional hairstyle/colour. No coloured hair/stripes shaved in. Hair not be shorter than a 'No. 2'. cut. Hair accessories must be functional, small and black.



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## LIGHT HALL UNIFORM (BOYS & GIRLS)

- Black Blazer with Badge
- Black Trousers (conventional width – no tight fitting trousers)
- Black Pleated School Skirt (supplied by either Early Years, Clive Mark or Concept school wear) with pre-embroidered tree on the hemline. The hemline must be on the knee
- Black Straight Skirt supplied by either Early Years, Clive Mark or Concept school wear) with pre-embroidered tree on the hemline or alternatively a black straight skirt can be purchased from a high street store and a badge purchased from school to be sewn onto the hemline (front left). This hemline must be on the knee. The skirt fabric must not be stretch, tube, knitted, leather or faux leather
- Black Socks/Tights. We recommend that tights are worn with skirts.
- White Collared Shirt
- School House Tie – Clip-on
- Black formal shoes (no pumps or trainer style)
- Plain black V neck sweater (to ensure that tie can be seen). No hoodies, sweatshirts or logos.
- Appropriate outdoor coat (no denim, no logos, no hoodies, no sportswear, no leather)
- Headscarves to be plain black only

## SPORTSWEAR (BOYS & GIRLS)

- Light Hall Polo Shirt with Light Hall Badge
- Black Shorts with Light Hall Badge or Light Hall Skort
- Universal Sports Top with Light Hall Badge
- Shin Pads
- Black Football Socks
- Trainers
- Gum Shield (advisable for hockey and rugby)
- Football Boots (required for football or rugby)

## OPTIONAL

School Base Layer – black

School Track Suit bottoms (from approved supplier with logo)

***All students uniform should be clearly named.***

***All students should have an appropriate school bag, suitable to carry a day's books and their pencil case.***