



THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

# The Word

25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

## Headteacher's Round Up

We come to the end of another week in school. I am delighted to report how well our students are coping and adapting to the ever-changing requirements. The atmosphere around school is positive and our sense of school community cannot be diminished, despite the challenges. Our students have coped very well in the inclement weather this week. There has been a drop in temperature and we do ask that students bring an outside coat to school, as they are spending more time outside. Thank you for your support in this.

We are currently investing many hours into our remote learning offer. Our IT equipment is being assessed and upgraded where necessary, with staff receiving further training on the use of Microsoft Teams, and other platforms. Schemes of work have been completed. Detailed information and "how to" tutorial videos have been uploaded to our website. This is predominantly for students who need to self-isolate. I will be writing to you again shortly explaining

our provision, should the government need to increase restrictions.

Our house blog competition on the website is going very well. At the moment several entrants are neck and neck so please go onto our website and vote for your favourite! Our competition ends on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

<https://www.lighthall.co.uk/house-challenge/>

Finally, as our first month in school draws to a close, I wanted to thank you all for your fantastic support in these unprecedented times.





### Year 7 photos

Year 7 photos will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Please ensure that all Year 7 students wear their school uniform and not their PE kit.

### House Points Totals

The running totals for number of house points so far are:

 ATLANTIS	 CHALLENGER	 DISCOVERY	 ENDEAVOUR
<b>2312</b>	<b>2485</b>	<b>2568</b>	<b>2479</b>

### Word of the Week

#### HIERARCHY

Dictionary Definition: A system in which members of an organisation or society are ranked according to relative status or authority.

- What subjects can this word be used in?
- What is the meaning of this word in each of these subjects?
- Compose a sentence with the word 'hierarchy' in for each of these subjects.

### Drinking Water

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we cannot allow pupils to use the water fountains in school. Therefore, please ensure your son or daughter has plenty of water with them to last the day, especially in the warm weather. Bottled water will be made available to pupils after PE lessons.

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### Uniform Policy

Thank you to all parents for your continued support in helping us to maintain our very high standards of uniform. As from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, standards detentions will commence for uniform worn which does not comply with our uniform policy, displayed below. We thank you in advance for your support.

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### Face Coverings

The overwhelming majority of students have embraced this change positively and compliantly. Please ensure that your children have a face covering with them when they come to school, if they are not wearing a face covering when they should be, they will have to serve an after school detention.

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### Thought of the Week

#### Black History Month - October

During October the UK Celebrates **Black History Month**. Although **Black History Month** has been celebrated every February in the USA since 1970, it was not officially celebrated in the UK until 1987 when it was organised by the activist Akyaba Addai-Sebo. The first Black History Month was celebrated only in London, but in the years since, the celebration has spread across the whole UK.

The main aims of **Black History Month** are to celebrate the achievements and contributions of black people not just in the UK, but throughout the world and also to educate all on black history.

During October there are many events to celebrate **Black History Month**, across the country special classes and celebrations are arranged within schools and African and Caribbean societies at universities put on special events and lectures. Museums and art galleries have special themed exhibits, and there are also many special themed shows about Black History Month on the TV and Radio.



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.



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SEPTEMBER 20- JULY 21

## 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.



## 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 sown 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 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

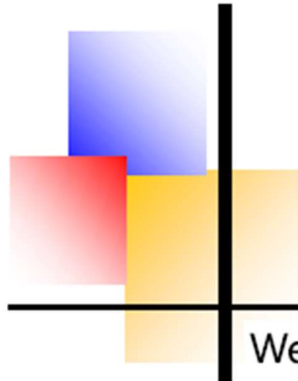
School Base Layer – black

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.***

Arden Alliance Train to Teach Event



# Train to Teach Zoom Meet

Wednesday 21st October 2020, 5.00pm



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TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE



**Train to teach with Arden Teaching School Alliance  
and The University of Warwick**  
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