



THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

The Word

20 NOVEMBER 2020

Headteacher's Round Up

Well done to all our students and staff – it's been a challenging week weather wise but we have made it through! We continue to pull together, as we would expect from our close knit community. Thank you to all our parents/carers for all your continued support during these challenging times. Our students continue to inspire us with hope and determination. I have witnessed an exemplary drama performance by Mrs Wyatt's year 10 group and year 8 have impressed me with their cubism pieces in art. We have so much talent at Light Hall.

Thank you to all the parents who took part in Mr Hayfield's remote learning workshop this week. If you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I must thank my staff for their continued resilience in these dark

days. There is light at the end of the tunnel with the news of the successful vaccine trials and we look forward to the days when our community can physically be together again. My senior team and I have started to consider what school will look at the end of these testing times. We have found that some of the forced changes have actually had a positive effect, which has given us much food for thought. Lots of preparations and planning will be going into how we can continue to use these new positives and progressions moving forward.

My very best wishes for a relaxing and safe weekend.



Word of the Week





EXHIBIT

Definition:

- To show something publicly
When an artist displays his new painting in an art gallery
- The star exhibit of the dinosaur skeleton fascinated the young children as they roamed around the Museum.

House Points Totals

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

			
9268	9911	9916	10057

Parking

Please be reminded to park within the law and be considerate to our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children.

Thought of the Week **Bullying**

Do Material Possessions Make You Happy?

International Buy Nothing Day 27th November 2020

Buy Nothing Day is where you challenge yourself, your family and friends to switch off from shopping and consume less. The rules are simple, for 24 hours you will detox from shopping and anyone can take part provided they spend a day without spending! People around the UK will make a pact with themselves to take a break from consumption as a personal experiment or public statement and the best thing is – IT'S FREE!!!

Everything we buy has an impact on the environment; Buy Nothing Day highlights the environmental and

ethical consequences of consumerism. The developed countries – only 20% of the world population are consuming over 80% of the earth's natural resources, causing a disproportionate level of environmental damage, and an unfair distribution of wealth. As consumers we need to question the products we buy and challenge the companies who produce them.



Sims Parent App

Just a reminder to all parents/carers to sign up to the SIMS parent app. You can access the system from a smartphone, tablet or PC – anytime, anywhere.

What will you find in the SIMS Parent app:

- Important information such as attendance and achievement
- School term, inset dates and contact details available at the click of a button
- Access your child's school report
- Receive notifications to remind you about important information such as key dates for your diary
- Access to update your contact details, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency.
- If you have more than one child at school, you'll have access to information for all your children, from the same app.
- The information that you receive through the app will help you to stay up-to-date with your child's school life as well as support your child's development and progress.

GETTING STARTED WITH THE SIMS PARENT APP

1. We will send you an activation email, simply click on the link from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your

2. account. If you have not received an email or the link has expired please email office@lighthall.co.uk. Please leave your name, your child's name and your child's tutor group and your invitation will be resent.
3. The invitation will be sent to the email address that we have on our SIMS Database, please ensure you check your junk mail if you do not receive an email.
4. You can then login using your normal **Facebook, Twitter, Google** or **Microsoft** username and password.
5. From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store – search for **SIMS Parent**.
6. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk

Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. If you require an additional login, then please contact your school.

Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used, please contact your school if you require a replacement after this date.

Show my Homework

Homework is an important part of the curriculum and in the current climate, the ability to access online learning is of utmost importance. To support your child's learning, you as a parent are able to have a parental account on Show My Homework so that you can view and monitor your child's homework and help support them. If you don't already have one and would like to, then please email the school at parentloginrequest@lighthall.co.uk from your preferred email account with your name, your child's name and their

form group and we can send you the simple access code and how to set it up.

Microsoft Teams Login

Please use the link below to access Microsoft Teams for remote learning. <https://www.lighthall.co.uk/remote-learning/>

Visual Arts House Competition



1st Place

Congratulations to Evie E in Year 11 for winning 1st place in our Visual Arts Competition which was held across all year groups.



2nd Place



3rd Place

We would also like to congratulate Isnan M in Atlantis for second place, and Molly M in Discovery for getting third place

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This page has been updated recently on our website, we hope it will make contacting subject staff easier for all. There are direct links to subject leaders, for any queries about English contact Mrs Pemberton or Mrs Tolley in the short term.