



The Word

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

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Headteacher's Roundup

Welcome back after a very different kind of half term. We are looking forward to the start of Spring, the lighter nights and hopefully, a gradual return to some kind of normality.

Following the Government's announcement on Monday we are so delighted to be able to start planning to see all our community again, in person. As my letter of 24th February explained, my senior team and I are very busy planning the return, in the most safe and secure way.

I must commend all our students and staff on their continued remote learning. Our Light Hall community make me so proud of their commitment and resilience. This was reflected in the very positive Ofsted visit we received this week. I will share the inspection report when it is available.

Thank you to all those parents who have completed the consent form for the lateral flow testing. This will enable us to finalise our plans for the students' return during the week coming 8th March. I will write to you next week, giving the final details.

Whilst our students have been away from school, we have been able to complete the replacement of all the doors in Churchill House. We have also painted and carpeted which has really given the area a lift. I am sure, years 9 and 10, whose zone area it is, will notice the difference on their return.

Have a lovely weekend.

Annette Kamblian

Word of the Week

DEVELOP

Verb: Grow or cause to grow and become more mature, advanced, or elaborate.

The plot **develops** further in the third chapter of the book.

Reading is a definite way for students to **develop** an understanding and appreciation for other cultures.

Year 8 HPV Vaccine

The HPV vaccination for Year 8 students will take place on Friday 5th March. An email has been sent out with a consent form attached. Please can you send it back to sryalls@lighthall.co.uk.

House Points Totals

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

			
19776	20484	20431	20800

Parents Information

All Years:

Thursday 4th March – Birmingham and Solihull Careers Fair (Virtual)

Year 7:

Attendance and learning: online learning continues to be a great success with **average weekly attendance of 92.9%**. Keep up the good work year 7!

15th – 19th March – Year 7 Mid-Point Assessment week
Friday 26th March – PSHE Day

Year 8:

Attendance and learning: online learning continues to be going extremely well with **average weekly attendance of 88.8%**. Keep up the good work year 8!

Friday 5th March – HPV Vaccine
Thursday 25th March – PSHE Day

Year 9:

Attendance and learning: online learning is going extremely well with **average weekly attendance of 86.9%**. Keep up the good work year 9!

Thursday 4th March – Options Returns deadline
Tuesday 23rd March – PSHE Day

Year 10:

Attendance and learning: online learning is going extremely well with **average weekly attendance of 92.1%**. Keep up the good work year 10!

Wednesday 31st March – PSHE Day

Year 11:

Attendance and learning: online learning is going extremely well with **average weekly attendance of 89.8%**. Keep up the good work year 11!

Tuesday 9th March – Period 1 – Elevate Study Skills sessions – ‘Ace your Assessments’

Shout Outs

Congratulations to the following students who have engaged fantastically with their online learning this week.

iMedia Year 10

Leah W, Grace H, Josh J and Maddi C

GCSE PE

Lottie P, Connie B, Tobias C, Katie D, Dylan B, Ellie M, Alana Mai W, Freya P and Ella W

Art Year 11

Grace J, Su Su W, Sophie S, Lily K, Lucas M, Katrina F and Emily H

Great Interaction

Corey K, Sammy L, Zain M, Millie J, Amy A, Faieq G, Ella W, Katie W, Madison A, Abdal-Hakeen I and Sophie B

History Year 11

George H, Antonio B, Hollie F, Chelsea H, Emily M, Fatima A, Jessica R, Lara W and Su Su W

Art Year 10

Sareena M, Darcy S, Lexi S, Evie S, Cassius B, Ellie E and Jeevan B

History Year 10

Yasmin McC, Ben R, Kyla A O, Noora K and Zahra A

Completing French GCSE Practice Papers

Roberta A, Ethan B, Hannah B, Jake E, Rhian F, Jessica G, Emily H, Mayram H, Jake S, Sophie T, Alana Mai W, Ella W and Joel W

French Year 11

Joel, Alana, Jessica, George, Maryam, Hannah, Jamie, Sophie, Douglas, Katrina and Roberta

English Year 11

Madison W, Jess G, Daisy M, Shelby B, Daniel R, Dan F, Joel W and Grace H

National Careers Week

Next week is National Careers Week. Students will have careers-related activities as part of the curriculum offering next week, and will have the chance to access the Birmingham and Solihull Careers Fair on Thursday 4th March. Despite the event being live, students and parents will have access to this until July this year. A newsletter with all details will be sent on Monday.



Form Time Competition Year 10

The first to log in every morning over the week during tutor time – congratulations to...

DBU – Tobias A
AMK – Scarlett H
JHU – Amina H
JHA – Dian T

NPL – Kyla A & Maya P
AHU – Holly H
HSN – Mahinooz S
NRA – Solaiman B



Thought of the week

Why sharing stories is special

World Book Day 4th March

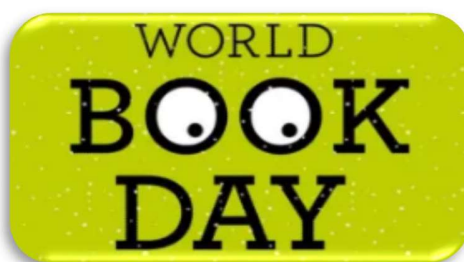
Some people like to read the biographies of the most influential people in history, like Martin Luther King or Mahatma Ghandi. Some people like novels that send chills down their spines, from goth horror novels like Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" to Stephen King's epistolary novel, "Carrie". Some prefer the classics, like "Pride and Prejudice" or the "Old Man and the Sea".

But regardless of the kind of books you like the most, the indisputable truth is that the world would not be the same without books. Books have been educating and inspiring us for thousands of years, so it should go without saying that World Book Day is a more than a well-deserved holiday.

Books are more than simple pieces of paper with words on them (or, in the case of digital books, a bunch of pixels on a screen). They're a door into another world, whether that's one full of fiction and imagination or a factual world that teaches you incredible new things. World Book Day is all about celebrating the wonderful power of books and the joy of reading. It's especially meant to help encourage

a love of reading in children, but people of all ages can recognize and celebrate the day.

World Book Day has a strong connection with schools, and it's used worldwide to allow school children to engage with reading and their favourite books. It's not just a day to indulge a love of books, but also a day where children and young people can gain access to books. Also known as World Book and Copyright Day or International Day of the Book, the day is also designed to promote publishing and copyright.



History of World Book Day

Books did not always look the way they do today, with their glossy covers and creamy pages. When writing systems were invented in ancient civilizations thousands of years ago, clay tablets were used. Later,

humanity moved on to using papyrus. In the 3rd century, the Chinese were the first to make something that resembled today's books in that they consisted of numerous thick, bamboo pages sewn together. Then, in the mid-15th century, Johannes Gutenberg's printing press brought books into the industrial age, making them readily available to anyone who wanted to read them. It is thanks to this ingenious invention that we are all able to enjoy the works of Shakespeare, Tolstoy and many others in the comfort of our own homes today.