



# The Word

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

## Headteacher's Roundup

It has been another really positive week at Light Hall. I am delighted to report that everyone is working really hard, making the most of being physically in lessons, rather than virtual! Seeing the lovely smiling faces coming to school every morning always brightens my day.

On my walks around school this week I have enjoyed some great drama lessons in year 11, seen how focused the year 7s have been on their assessments and wondered at the amazing maths skills of our year 10. Well done to all our students for living out our core values.

Extra-curricular clubs have been well attended. Please do encourage your children to attend. We've had great participation from year 7, even though it's only the first week. There is something for everyone!  
#TeamLightHall

There are lots of red accessories in school today. Congratulations to all students for making the effort to be creative and also think of others in order to support Comic Relief.

Our Facebook page has really taken off, alongside our twitter account, and we hope that you enjoy looking at snippets of school life and interesting facts, which give you another dimension of what's going on in school.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

*Annette Kumbin*

### Word of the Week

#### PRIORITY

Definition: Something that is very important and must be dealt with before other things.

Example: On a really hot summers day the children were told to quench their thirst and drink plenty of water as a **priority** during their sports day.

### Emails

We are experiencing issues with the school office emails. If you do not get a timely response or your email is returned, please contact the office on 0121 744 3835.

### House Points Totals

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

			
21856	22459	22681	23014

### Bike Locks

If any students have a bike lock in the bike shed, please can you ask that they remove them before the Easter break, otherwise they will be cut off by the caretakers.

## Diary Reminders

### All Years:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Parent Webinar – Technology and Focus (see below for more information)  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

### Year 7:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – PSHEC Day

### Year 8:

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March – PSHEC Day

### Year 9:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – PSHEC Day

### Year 10:

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – PSHEC Day

### Year 11:

W/c Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 Assessments

## Apprenticeship support & knowledge for schools (ASK)

ASK is a government funded programme designed to give schools free support to develop and transform how students think about apprenticeships. We will be holding a virtual parents information evening (primarily designed for parents and carers of Year 10 and 11 students) which will be a whistle-stop tour of apprenticeships at all levels on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 6-7pm**. If you would like to attend, please email: [kmohomed@lighthall.co.uk](mailto:kmohomed@lighthall.co.uk)  
We look forward to seeing you there!

## Homework Club

Homework club will take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Year 7 – 2.40pm – 3.30pm  
Year 8 – 2.45pm – 3.45pm  
Year 9 – 2.50pm – 3.50pm  
Year 10 – 2.50pm – 3.50pm  
Year 11 – 2.50pm – 3.50pm



## Comic Relief

Here are some of our staff and students wearing red accessories to support Red Nose Day.



**Ella R, Nirali S and Alexis T**



**Tiago S**



**Mrs Burnham**



**Nirali S**



**Mr Nicholls**

## Year 11 Assessments

Please see below a timetable for the assessments for Year 11 during week commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021

	Period 1	Period 3	Period 5
Monday	English Lang 1	Science 1	Maths 1
Tuesday	RE	Maths 2	Hist/Geog 1
Wednesday	Hist/Geog 2	Science 2	English Lang 2
Thursday	Option A	Option B	Option C

## Covid-19 home testing kits for households of school children

Please ensure that students are completing their Lateral Flow Tests at home twice a week, and recording their results using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xLzYj3HO-kibzhUqrFi6YyqpNwBJMtGreLw6vXs0ktUMVBDQIZNMTBUS1FBWEk4VzVXUzkzSlczMy4u>

Covid-19 home testing kits are now available for households of schoolchildren and members of support and childcare bubbles. These can be ordered direct online and for collection locally.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

### Rapid asymptomatic Covid-19 testing for families at testing centres

Anyone living or working in Solihull who doesn't have Covid-19 symptoms can now access regular, rapid Covid-19 tests at two community testing centres (North Solihull Sports Centre and Tudor Grange Leisure Centre). The centres use self-administered swab tests and anyone aged 2-11 years old must have the test completed by a parent/carer. Those between 12 and 18 years old will require supervision from a parent/carer. Results are received via SMS message within the hour.

Both sites are open seven days a week: Monday to Friday 8am-5.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-1.30pm and tests must be booked online. People can phone 0121 704 6918 if they are unable to access the website or have testing queries.

## Early Years

We have been advised by Early Years that they are rebranding all of their schoolwear businesses under the Monkhouse name.

<https://www.earlyyearsschoolwear.com/brand-update>

## Thought of the week

### Looking after Mother Earth World Water Day, 22<sup>nd</sup> March

#### The importance of water

World Water Day, held on 22 March every year since 1993, focuses on the importance of freshwater.

World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. A core focus of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.

#### Valuing Water

Today, water is under extreme threat from a growing population, increasing demands of agriculture and industry, and the worsening impacts of climate change.



As societies balance the demands on water resources, many people's interests are not being taken into account.

This year's theme World Water Day is about what water means to people, it's true value and how we can better protect this vital resource. The value of water is about much more than its price – water has enormous and complex value for our households, culture,

health, education, economics and the integrity of our natural environment. If we overlook any of these values, we risk mismanaging this finite, irreplaceable resource.

Support catalysing conversations about water, by using these social media assets and engaging in digital discussions through #Water2me and #WorldWaterDay

