



Light Hall School
The best from everyone, all of the time.

23rd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Half term and autumn are upon us. The last eight weeks have certainly sped by. I am very proud of everything that our year 7 students have achieved in this short time. They have settled so well and so quickly into secondary school. It is a real delight to have them with us as part of our Light Hall family. Thank you, our parents and carers, for all your support thus far. I am sure you will want to join me in thanking all the staff for their collective efforts and for continually going above and beyond what is usual. I am sure that every one of us – be that student, member of staff, parent or carer, is now ready for some well deserved rest and relaxation. Before we start the half term break, I have a few updates and responses to queries raised by some parents to outline below:

Updates

Timetables

Following teachers' assessment of our year 7 students' progress, there will be some changes to student groupings in some subjects after half term. Mr Hall, deputy headteacher, has written to all parents explaining this. This letter is attached to this email. Your child will receive their new timetable after half term. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's house tutor in the first instance.

Virtual year 7 tutor evening

A reminder that there is the opportunity for you to speak to your child's house tutor to find out how they have settled in on Thursday 5th November. Here is the link to the information about this opportunity <https://lighthall.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

COVID

Thank you for all your support in helping us to maintain our control measures and mitigate as much risk as possible. Please do remain vigilant to any symptoms your child may display and book a test if they show any of the following:

- High temperature
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste- this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child tests positive during the half term holiday please inform us by emailing attendance@lighthall.co.uk. Thank you for your support with this.

Frequently asked questions

Homework

We know that some year 7 students are still getting to grips with the routine of completing homework every night. Thank you for your support with this. All homework is currently set on SHOW MY HOMEWORK. If you are having difficulty in using this application to monitor your child's homework, please email us at passwordreset@lighthall.co.uk with your name, your child's name and your child's form and we will send you the login details for a parental account so you can better support your child's learning at home.

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There is a year 7 homework club after school on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please contact Mrs White cwhite@lighthall.co.uk, if you feel that your child would benefit from attending this.

Pastoral support

If you have a pastoral concern about your child, please contact their house tutor in the first instance, email is the best form of communication in this instance, as house tutors all have a teaching commitment. Mrs White, pastoral manager for year 7, does not have a teaching commitment and is therefore available to address any concerns cwhite@lighthall.co.uk.

Online platforms

We currently use three main online platforms to support teaching and learning in school. They are SHOW MY HOMEWORK for the setting of homework, SENECA – a homework and revision platform which supports our school curriculum and Microsoft TEAMS. The latter is used for the provision of Remote Learning should your child need to self isolate for a period of time. We fully appreciate that this may feel a little overwhelming. Mr Hayfield, assistant headteacher, has scheduled a virtual support sessions for parents on 17th November at 5.30pm, 6.00pm or 6.30pm. Should you wish to take part, please contact Mr Hayfield, nhayfield@lighthall.co.uk.

I hope that you and your children enjoy a restful half term break. Very well done to them for settling in so well, continuing to be positive and enthusiastic in their outlook and for being such good company.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Annette Kimblin'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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