

August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you are all having a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming all students back after the break, and to starting the new school year in September. In this letter you will find information regarding the plans for the first week back for students and changes to key pastoral staff and house tutors.

First of all, as your child's Progress and Development Leader for Year 11, allow me to re-introduce myself. I am Miss Johnson and I have been at Light Hall for eight years. I have always had an interest in the pastoral side of education and I actually joined Light Hall as a Pastoral Manager. I teach PE, and also spent time in the school's Inclusion unit this year. I am currently the Progress & Development Leader for Year 10 and I am delighted to be continuing on with them next year. Our new Pastoral Manager will be Miss Evans, who will be joining us in September. Our main aim is to support the students in this extremely important year to not only flourish in their GCSE exams, but to choose the right Post 16 pathway too. We look forward to seeing all their achievements this year.

Miss Evans and I will be here to support you and your child's needs at Light Hall. In the first instance, please email Miss Evans on <u>fevans@lighthall.co.uk</u> if you have any queries or concerns. We aim to respond to all emails or telephone calls within 48 hours.

Changes to house tutors are as below:

Form	House tutor	Supporting staff	Room
11 A SHA	Miss Harrison	Ex Mrs Razak	C13
11 A JSC	Mrs Scobie	Ex Ms Plante, With Mrs Picken	F4
11 C AHU	Miss Hughes		A1
11 C JBA	Mr Bate	Ex Miss Hancock	C5
11 D DBU	Mrs Burnham		102
11 D HSN	Mrs Snell	With Mrs Mason	101
11 E JHU	Mrs Hughes		B1
11 E AMK	Miss Kay		C8



Covid-19 Precautions

We would like to reassure you that we are still taking measure to help combat the spread of Covid-19: we will aim to keep students in their separate year groups at break time and lunch times; the school will still operate a one way system in the larger buildings; and hand sanitiser will still be available in all classrooms.

The School Day

We would like to remind you that the school day begins at 8.40am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be sanctioned accordingly. Please help to support our high expectations of our students by ensuring your child arrives to school on time.

The school gates will open at 8.25am. At this time, students should make their way to their designated year group zone. Members of staff will be on hand to help guide students to the correct entrance as follows: Year 7 – the far Gandhi entrance, Years 8 and 11 – the main school gates between Gandhi and Churchill; Year 9 – the school gates between Aristotle and Churchill; Year 10 – the gates behind the sports hall in the staff car park.

School begins on Tuesday 7th September at 8.40am for Year 7s. School begins on Wednesday 8th September for Years 8-11 at 8.40am.

School Uniform and Standards

The school uniform remains the same. The policy is attached. We understand some parents are having some difficulties in acquiring all the uniform items from suppliers. Please get in touch with us if you are having difficulties. (office@lighthall.co.uk)

A reminder that Year 10 and 11 students wear the KS4 tie, which is different to the KS3 one. Please speak to the school suppliers who will guide you on this.

We would like to remind all parents/carers that mobile phones are not allowed in school. As per our policy on this, if a staff member sees a student using their mobile phone, they can confiscate the phone and hand it over to the front reception team who will lock it in a safe. Parents/carers are then responsible for collecting this from school.

If you have any queries on the above, or any in general, please contact us and we will be happy to help. Alternatively, our website holds all the most up to date information about school life and policies, so please use this resource too: <u>www.lighthall.co.uk</u>

We look forward to seeing you again in September.

Miss Johnson Progress and Development Leader for Year 11