

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 8, allow me to introduce myself. I am Mr Cooney and I have been at Light Hall for eleven years. I teach Art as my first subject, but I will also be teaching PE next year. I have already been working with your child's year group for a number of weeks before the summer break. As a group of children they are very positive and mature and they have shown resilience with how they have dealt with a difficult year, due to the restrictions and disruption the year has brought to us all. I am looking forward to working with this year group next year and getting to know them all better. Working alongside me will be Mrs Cull, the Pastoral Manager for Year 8.

Mrs Cull and I will be here to support you and your child's needs at Light Hall. In the first instance, please email Mrs Cull on [scull@lighthall.co.uk](mailto:scull@lighthall.co.uk) 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 teachers | Room       |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| <b>8 A ALA</b> | Miss Lahure  |                     | <b>F6</b>  |
| <b>8 A ADH</b> | Miss Dhanjal |                     | <b>D3</b>  |
| <b>8 C JWH</b> | Mr Whan      |                     | <b>C14</b> |
| <b>8 C IHA</b> | Mr Hackett   |                     | <b>G02</b> |
| <b>8 D SMC</b> | Mrs McCann   |                     | <b>202</b> |
| <b>8 D JOG</b> | Mr Ogier     | With Mrs Regan      | <b>C3</b>  |
| <b>8 E BRO</b> | Miss Ross    | With Miss Shelly    | <b>C12</b> |
| <b>8 E MMA</b> | Mr Marsh     |                     | <b>A6</b>  |

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## **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 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8.40am for Year 7s. School begins on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@lighthall.co.uk))

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: [www.lighthall.co.uk](http://www.lighthall.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing you again in September.

**Mr Cooney**

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