



The Word

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16TH JULY 2021

Headteacher's Roundup

Well that's it! We've reached the end of another academic year, and what a year it was!

We started with zones, bubbles and sanitiser, we got through lockdown as a school, we are all now experts at TEAMS lessons and digital learning. Despite all of this, we have stayed together as a school community and our students have continued to excel in their conduct, respect for others and their hard work. Despite the challenges the COVID virus has put in our way, we have managed to fulfil our curriculum, and enrich it with our COVID secure sports day and life ready activities this week. The final results of our house cup are published later in the Word. Really well done to Discovery House for retaining the house cup this year.

I want to thank and commend all our children and staff for their tremendous resilience, team work and indomitable spirit. This is the year we embraced our hashtag #teamlighthall. With such

a strong and positive community, we are sure we can rise to any challenges ahead.

My heartfelt thanks to you, parents and carers, for all your support, positivity and encouragement. We have all been grateful for your messages of thanks and appreciation throughout this year. It has kept us going.

We have bid a fond farewell to our outgoing year 11, we are looking forward to seeing them again on results day, and as the hands of time never stop moving, we are eager to meet our new year 7 properly, in September.

We wish those staff who are leaving us for pastures new, further afield, than Shirley, all the very best for the future and thank them for their tremendous contribution to school life. I must also pass a heartfelt thanks to our School Governors who have supported our school in these difficult times.

We are currently reviewing our risk assessments and we will be in touch, later in the holiday, with information about the start of term. We want to ensure that we take on board the feedback our students have given us about what has worked well for them this year, whilst keeping everyone safe.

There is a copy of our uniform policy in this edition to support those parents who wish to purchase new uniform items for their child.

It is time to stop completely, take stock relax and refresh. Whilst plans continue to remain so fluid, what we do know, is that our Light Hall family will come together and get through it all, as a team.

Thank you again for all our support I wish you all a very safe, relaxing and happy holiday.

Annette Kumbien

Governor's Update

Well, what a year this has been. All around us chaos ensues locally, with the delta variant of COVID causing many children to be sent home to continue their studies on-line. This has meant that some of our teachers, support staff and managers with young children have had to take time off to look after their own children or to self-isolate to protect the rest of the population. Only very recently have any of our students reported positive COVID tests and we have been in the luxurious position of not sending home year groups or large number of students – right up to the last two weeks of term. I am so impressed with the maturity of the students and the careful cleaning regime adopted by the school. I want to thank you and your children for their efforts in supporting the school in maintaining good practice in washing hands and giving space to others.



The school has had to work very hard to meet the requirements of year 11 Teacher Assessed Grades process. I hope that all of these young people get the grades they need to move on to the next stage in their educational journey whether it be an apprenticeship, a vocational course or A levels, or some other kind of employment with training. These young people have had a challenging finish to High School with many of their rights of passage missed and valuable family members and friends vacant as they were not allowed to mix with other families, elderly relatives, go on shared holidays, and play sports for much of the year. I really do hope that they never have to experience another time like this.

Of course, there are some things that have worked well, I have benefited from not having to travel to training events. But these are few and far between. However, I am sure that the new IT skills developed by teachers will be used in the future to advance learning, refine assessment opportunities and feedback, and enable learning for students who are experiencing difficulty.

I really hope that the summer holiday is as near normal as it can be, and everyone starts the new term with renewed energy and focus for a more consistent year.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. Keep well and enjoy a well-earned break.

Elizabeth Baker
Chair of Governors.

Year 9 2nd HPV Vaccination

Year 9 2nd HPV Vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 15th September and Thursday 16th September. For any students that have missed vaccinations this year, they will be invited to catch up on these dates

Diary Reminders

All Years:

Wednesday 1st September – All consent must be in for Lateral Flow Testing in school (Consent link below)

Thursday 2nd September – Whole School Lateral Flow Testing – Test 1

Monday 6th September – Whole School Lateral Flow Testing – Test 2

Thursday 2nd September

Time	Year
8.30am	Summer School Attendees only (Year 7 & 10)
9.05am	Year 7
10.05am	Year 8
11.25am	Year 9
12.25pm	Year 10
2.00pm	Year 11

Monday 6th September

Time	Year
9.05am	Year 7
10.05am	Year 8
11.25am	Year 9
12.25pm	Year 10
2.00pm	Year 11

Year 7:

Tuesday 7th September – School starts 8.40am

Year 8:

Wednesday 8th September – School starts 8.40am

Year 9:

Wednesday 8th September – School starts 8.40am

15th – 16th September – 2nd HPV Vaccinations

Year 10:

Wednesday 8th September – School starts 8.40am

Year 11:

Wednesday 8th September – School starts 8.40am

Consent

Students may only take a LFD test in school if we have your consent. The form to complete to either give or refuse consent is here.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xLzYj3HO-kibzhUqrFi6YyqpNwBJMtGreLw6vXs0ktUMVZDNFJSUINRNzBUMTVJWkdZMEpKMTYzSi4u>

This link will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 1st September. If you have not completed this form by this date, and your child attends school for a test, unfortunately we will not be able to administer one. Email responses will not be accepted.

House Cup

It is with great pleasure that I can announce the winners of the House Cup this year (for a second year running) are **Discovery!** The overall results are below:

1st Place: Discovery – 230 points

2nd Place: Endeavour – 145 points

3rd Place: Challenger – 115 points

4th Place: Atlantis – 110 points

Individual cups:

Visual Arts Cup – Challenger, Evie E

Sports Quiz – Challenger

Talent Cup – Endeavour, Destiny B

Enterprise Cup – Discovery

Challenge Cup – Endeavour

House Athletics – Discovery

House Achievement - Discovery



Congratulations to all students who took part throughout the year in house events. We look forward to coming back bigger and better next year!



Uniform Policy

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SEPTEMBER 20- JULY 21

Our uniform bears our logo, which represents our core values. Our uniform should be worn with pride. Students are expected to adhere to the uniform rules and present themselves smartly every day as they would in the world of work.

SHOES

We do appreciate that shoes can be an expensive item for parents to buy and we are therefore keen to ensure the correct version is purchased. Your child may tell you differently. Trainer type shoes are not permitted, nor are canvas pumps, trainers or mules. There should be no added "bling" in the form of glittery stones and studs. Shoes should be flat or with a minimal heel, sensible plain style. Black, clean and polished.

Below are examples of shoes the school deems unacceptable.



JEWELLERY & PIERCINGS

A watch for telling the time and one small plain metal stud in each pierced ear lobe are permitted. These must be removed for safety reasons during PE lessons.

No large earrings, glass studs or stretchers.

Only one plain stud per ear lobe is permitted for pupils with pierced ears. No other body piercings are allowed, or piercings covered with plasters.

If your child is going to have their ears pierced please ensure this takes place at the beginning of the six week holiday so that pupils are able to remove earrings if requested without still undergoing the "settling in" period.

MAKE-UP, NAIL VARNISH & FALSE EYE LASHES

Make-up is inappropriate with school uniform and should not be worn.

No nail varnish or false nails to be worn.

False eye lashes are unacceptable due to Health & Safety concerns.

HAIRCUTS & ACCESSORIES

Conventional hairstyle/colour. No coloured hair/stripes shaved in. Hair not be shorter than a 'No. 2'. cut. Hair accessories must be functional, small and black.



LIGHT HALL UNIFORM (BOYS & GIRLS)

- Black Blazer with Badge
- Black Trousers (conventional width – no tight fitting trousers)
- Black Pleated School Skirt (supplied by either Early Years, Clive Mark or Concept school wear) with pre-embroidered tree on the hemline. The hemline must be on the knee
- Black Straight Skirt supplied by either Early Years, Clive Mark or Concept school wear) with pre-embroidered tree on the hemline or alternatively a black straight skirt can be purchased from a high street store and a badge purchased from school to be sewn onto the hemline (front left). This hemline must be on the knee. The skirt fabric must not be stretch, tube, knitted, leather or faux leather
- Black Socks/Tights. We recommend that tights are worn with skirts.
- White Collared Shirt
- School House Tie – Clip-on
- Black formal shoes (no pumps or trainer style)
- Plain black V neck sweater (to ensure that tie can be seen). No hoodies, sweatshirts or logos.
- Appropriate outdoor coat (no denim, no logos, no hoodies, no sportswear, no leather)
- Headscarves to be plain black only

SPORTSWEAR (BOYS & GIRLS)

- Light Hall Polo Shirt with Light Hall Badge
- Black Shorts with Light Hall Badge or Light Hall Skort
- Universal Sports Top with Light Hall Badge
- Shin Pads
- Black Football Socks
- Trainers
- Gum Shield (advisable for hockey and rugby)
- Football Boots (required for football or rugby)

OPTIONAL

School Base Layer – black

School Track Suit bottoms - from approved supplier with logo. *(During the Covid crisis, on the days they have PE, students may wear plain black track suit bottoms. No leggings or coloured track suit bottoms.)*

All students uniform should be clearly named.

All students should have an appropriate school bag, suitable to carry a day's books and their pencil case.