



The Word

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

14TH JANUARY 2022

Headteacher's Roundup

Perseverance has again been the theme of this week. I am very proud of the way in which our students are rising to the challenges we currently face. They continue to work hard and participate well in their lessons and activities. My heartfelt thanks to all staff who have stepped up, stepped in and helped out, taking on new tasks and different roles while we cover for absence. The true Light Hall spirit continues to shine through these cold, dark January days.

Well done to year 10 for settling down to their assessments so calmly and maturely. We hope all their revision and hard work has paid off and that they have a clear picture of how they are progressing in their GCSE studies, when they get their papers back over the next couple of weeks.

Today, Year 11 got a flavour of what it will feel like on exam results day in August, as they collected their mock results envelopes. There were many smiles of delight and surprise, a few disappointed looks and much pride. They, too, now have a clear idea of how

far they have come in their studies and what remains to be done, before the real exams begin in May. They have also experienced the valuable lesson that success is always commensurate with the amount of effort and hard work that is put in.

Today, we say a fond farewell to Mrs James, our Education Welfare and Family Liaison officer, who leaves us to take on a promotion role at Birmingham City Council. We thank her and wish her all the very best for the future. We welcome Mr Petty, who joins us today, and will be taking over Mrs James' role.

Mr O'Grady retires today. Mr O'Grady has been with us for twelve years. During this time, he has supported so many students at Light Hall. His hard work and true dedication have had a positive impact on the lives of many of our young people. We will miss his cheerful smile and calm, understanding



approach. We thank him for his service and everything he has done for our Light Hall family. We wish him a long and happy retirement and look forward to hearing about his adventures with his family and his travels. Mr Smith will be joining us as Refocus Centre manager after half term.

Finally, I hope everyone has a peaceful and safe weekend.

Annette Kramlin

Word of the Week

ACHIEVE

Verb: To succeed in finishing something or reaching an aim, especially after a lot of work or effort.

They worked hard and **achieved** a wonderful wildflower meadow in their garden that was buzzing with life.

House Points Totals

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

 ATLANTIS	 CHALLENGER	 DISCOVERY	 ENDEAVOUR
20799	19588	20804	21368

Diary Reminders

All Years:

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th January – Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 2nd February – INSET Day

Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February – HALF TERM

Year 7:

Monday 17th January – Year 7 Netball (A) v Tudor Grange

Tuesday 18th January - Year 7 Netball (A) v Coleshill – Return by 5.45pm

Monday 31st January – Year 7 Netball (H) v St Peters

Year 8:

Wednesday 19th January – U13 Basketball (A) v Park Hall – 3 – 5.30pm

Friday 21st January – U13 Basketball (A) v Park Hall - 5.30pm

Thursday 25th January – Year 8 Basketball Playoffs Round 2 – opposition and venue TBC

Wednesday 26th January – Year 8 Netball (A) v Grace Academy

Year 9:

Thursday 20th January – Year 9 Basketball (H) v Park Hall – 5.15pm – 5.30pm finish

Wednesday 26th January – Year 9 Netball (A) v Grace Academy

Thursday 27th January – Year 9 Basketball (A) v Alderbrook – 5.15pm return

Monday 31st January – Friday 4th February – Year 9 mid-year exams

Friday 11th February – Year 9 PSHEC Day

Year 10:

Monday 17th January – Year 10 Netball (A) v Tudor Grange

Thursday 20th January – Year 10 Basketball (H) v Park Hall – 5.15pm – 5.30pm finish

Thursday 27th January – Year 10 Basketball (A) v Alderbrook – 5.15pm return

Thursday 10th February – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 3rd February – Year 10 PSHEC Day

Year 11:

Thursday 10th February – Year 11 PSHEC Day

Lateral Flow Tests

Students must remember to continue doing their Lateral Flow Tests twice a week. Tests are available from Pastoral Managers.

When contacting the school to advise of a positive result can parents state the date of the positive result/onset of symptoms so school know when they are likely to return. From Monday 17th January, students who are self-isolating with COVID 19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative on a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.



The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace. If the results of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD test on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

All work is available on TEAMS for those who feel well enough to complete it during their isolation period.

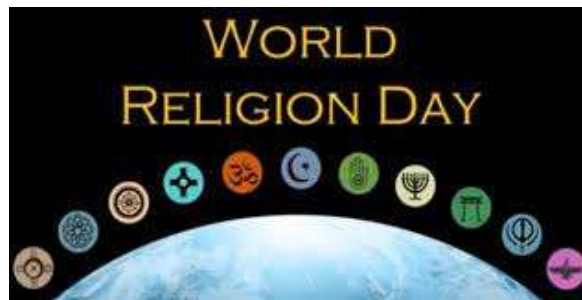
Thought of the week

The importance of religion in society

World Religion Day 16th January

World Religion Day is celebrated every January on the third Sunday of the month. In 2022, that falls on the 16th of January. Its aim is to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. The first such day was observed in 1950.

It was initially started by followers of the Bahá'í faith, which says that all religions have common features, and that they should be respected equally. They believe there is one God who is known by different names in all religions. Followers of the Bahá'í faith believe that all humans are born equal, and that we all have the same rights regardless of our faith.



World Religion Day aims to promote the unity of religious peoples so that we can overcome historical differences. For centuries, different religions and faiths have fought each other, and ignored their common values. The purpose of World Religion Day is to work towards a peaceful understanding between faiths.

How is World Religion Day Celebrated?

World Religion Day is celebrated in lots of ways.

However, most people attend special services, which focus on respecting other religions, and reflecting on their universal message. That is, we should all treat each other with respect and understanding, so that we can create a better world for everyone.

What Are The Six Major Religions?

The six major religions of the world are Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism and Sikhism. Nearly seventy-five per cent of the world practices one of these six religions. World Religion Day promotes their similarities, and the role religion has played in uniting people across the planet.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

The booking system for the Year 10 Parents' Evening will open to parents on Monday 17th January. The evening will take place on Thursday 10th February 3.30pm to 7.30pm via video call.