



The Word

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

14TH OCTOBER 2022

Headteacher's Roundup

The sunny autumnal days this week have mirrored the smiles I have seen in classrooms and in the playgrounds. It is always uplifting to see our students really enjoying and engaging in their learning.

Year 7s have impressed me again this week, with their joyful singing and thought-provoking poetry writing. Our eco-committee members are working wonders in our garden and are enjoying the fruits of their labours, quite literally, as they pick the beans and red peppers.

Reading and reading for pleasure has certainly been at the forefront of our minds this week, with our sharing stories event on Monday and our literacy information evening last night. Thank you to all parents and carers who came along. As the half term holiday approaches and the nights draw in, please do encourage

your child to spend some time reading.

Years 8 and 9 have had their first encounter with PSHEC this academic year. I was impressed by the way in which they engaged so readily and articulately in the discussions around citizenship and what it means to be British in an ever-changing Britain.

Next week, Year 11 will continue their focus on careers and planning for their future. We also have our house sporting competitions to look forward to. Please do encourage your child to take part on Wednesday afternoon.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend.

Annette Kramblin



Word of the Week

EXPLOIT

Verb: To use someone or something in a way that helps you even if it is wrong or unfair.





Children are being **exploited** in many of these factories.

Noun: A striking or notable deed.

Her amazing **exploits** include walking across Antarctica

House Points Totals

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

 ATLANTIS	 CHALLENGER	 DISCOVERY	 ENDEAVOUR
10613	10147	10730	10028

Diary Reminders

All Years:

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October – Half Term

Year 7:

Thursday 20th October – Year 7 PSHEC Day

Wednesday 2nd November – Year 7 Football vs St Peters (A)

Thursday 17th November – Year 7 Netball vs John Henry Newman (H)

Year 8:

Thursday 20th October – Year 8 Football vs Tudor Grange (A) – players need moulded boots

Year 9:

Thursday 20th October – Year 9 Basketball (H)

Year 10:

Wednesday 19th October – Year 10 PSHEC Day

Wednesday 9th November – Year 10 Football vs Lode Heath (A) –5.30pm – 6.00pm return

Tuesday 22nd November – Year 10 H Band Geography Trip to Brindley Place

Thursday 24th November – Year 10 L Band Geography Trip to Brindley Place

Year 11:

Tuesday 18th October – Year 11 Careers Day. Careers Convention hosted by Langley School 6pm – 8pm



Light Hall and Langley joint careers fair - Langley School, 6pm - 8pm

Students will have a Careers Day on Tuesday 18th October, where they will explore different routes and career paths, and be supported in how to apply to colleges and apprenticeships. In the evening, we will be hosting a joint careers convention with Langley school, where a range of Post-16 providers, apprenticeship and training providers will be in school to answer your questions and give you more information on the routes available. This will be on from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

PSHEC Days

All students at Light Hall study PSHEC – personal, social, health, economic and citizenship education.

This week Year 8 and 9 have been taking part in their first PSHEC days. The citizenship lessons for Year 8 have focused on how and why we use money in our society and the Year 9s have looked at what it means to be British in an ever-changing Britain. The PSHEC lessons they have, discussed how their identity has changed over time and have considered who they think is the most important influence on their identity.



Thought of the week

What is modern slavery?

Anti-Slavery Day – 18th October

18th October marks Anti-Slavery Day and this year Royal Mail are marking millions of envelopes with our very own postmark to raise awareness of modern slavery.

Right now, an estimated 40 million children and adults are trapped in slavery in every country in the world, including the UK.

They're the people making our clothes, serving our food, picking our crops, working in factories, or working in houses as cooks, cleaners or nannies.

From the outside, such work can look like a regular job. But instead, people are being controlled or forced into inescapable debt, facing violence or threats, or having their passport taken away while being threatened with deportation. Many have fallen into this oppressive trap simply because they were trying to escape poverty or insecurity, aiming to improve their lives and support their families. Now, they can't leave.



Light Hall Extra Curricular Autumn 2022

Monday

Lunch time

Jazz Band
Mr Homer*MR2
1:25pm
Students will be invited to attend this club

After school

Dodgeball Y7-11
Mr Nicholls*Gym

Squad Netball Y8-9
Mrs Van Der Bijl
Netball Court/Sports Hall

OCR Sports Science Catch Up Y10-11
Mr Churchill*E3

Art Open Studio Y10-11
Miss Munn
Art rooms
Students must book places with their class teacher

Music Production Y7-11
Mr Homer
MR2

Tuesday

Lunch time

Drama Club Y7-8
Mrs Scattergood
Drama Studio
1:25pm

Wednesday

After school

Football Y7
Mr Williams
Field

Netball Y7
Mrs White
Gym

Squad Basketball Y8-9
Mr Nicholls
Sports Hall

Football Y10
Mr Churchill
Field

Art Open Studio Y10-11
Miss Munn
Art rooms
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Orchestra Y7-11
Mr Hackett*MR2

Guitar Club Y7-11
Mr Homer*MR1

Thursday

After school

Basketball Y7
Mr Churchill
Gym

Netball Y10-11
Mrs White
Sports Hall

Football Y8-9
Mr Nicholls/Mr Homer
Field

Football Y11
Mr Williams
Field

Art Open Studio Y10-11
Miss Munn
Art rooms
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Rock and Pop Y7-11
Mr Sansom*MR2
Please see Mr Hackett if you are interested

Choir Y7-8
Mr Hackett*MR1

Science Club Y7-8
Science Staff*D2
Commences 22nd September

Friday

After school

Squad Basketball Y10-11
Mr Churchill
Sports Hall

Multi Sports Y7-11
Mr Nicholls
Gym

Key

PE	Music
Science	Art
Drama	

After after school clubs are 3pm – 4pm. Please inform parents/carers that you will be attending.

PE Clubs – Students must ensure they bring the correct kit for their activity.

Students for PE clubs to meet outside Gym changing rooms for all clubs

Squad nights are for students who are representing the school teams



Open Events Sixth Forms and Colleges

Local Sixth Forms		
Sixth Form	Days/times	Location
Solihull Sixth Form College 0121 704 2581 http://www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk	Open Evening – Wednesday 23 November 2022 and Monday 23 rd January (5.00pm – 8.00pm) Prospective students must attend with a parent or other adult and should pre-register in advance. Pre-registration opens on the 20 th September.	The Sixth Form College Widney Manor Road Solihull B91 3WR
Arden Academy Sixth Form 01564 773348 http://www.ardenschool.org.uk	Date tbc More details will follow on the website. Online tour is available now http://www.arden.solihull.sch.uk/six	Arden Academy Sixth Form Station Rd Knowle Solihull B93 0PT
Bishop Challoner Catholic College 0121 444 4161 https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form	Please see website for further information https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/sixth-form	Bishop Challoner Catholic College Institute Road Kings Heath Birmingham B14 7EG
Woodrush High School Sixth Form 01564 823777 https://www.woodrushhigh.worcs.sch.uk/	Date tbc Please check website for further details closer to the event.	Shawhurst Lane Wythall Worcestershire B47 5JW
Colleges		
College		Location
Access Creative College 0800 28 18 42 https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/	24th October 2022 from 6pm 26th November 2022 from 11am https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events/	68 Heath Mill Lane, Deritend, Birmingham B9 4AR
University College Birmingham 0121 604 1000 https://www.ucb.ac.uk/	Saturday 19 November 2022. College open day. 10:00AM - 2:00PM. Register your interest here https://www.ucb.ac.uk/open-days/college-open-days/	Summer Row Birmingham B3 1JB

Student Achievement



Mia H in Year 10 is a member of Shirley Sea Cadets. In the summer she went offshore with them on TS Royalist, which is a full sail training ship for a week travelling over to Ireland and back.

Mia took part in a remembrance parade on Saturday in Redditch and also won 2 Bronze and a Gold Medal in the Sea Cadet District Swimming Competition. She has now qualified for area and is off to Plymouth in November.

Well done Mia! What a great achievement.



Fostering Campaign

Solihull Council has launched an online campaign to recruit more foster carers from across the region.

The 'Foster for Solihull' campaign aims to encourage people to consider becoming a foster carer and provide children with a loving home and a sense of belonging.

The campaign focuses on the 24/7 support for foster carers, as well as the opportunity to join a community of like-minded people.

Foster for Solihull prides itself on the wealth of support and resources for its fostering families. It's a combination of 24/7 access to an experienced fostering team, as well as local training that's exclusive to the borough.

For more information please visit: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/news/solihull-council-launches-new-fostering-campaign>

**Foster for
Solihull**

Brindley Place Year 10 Geography Trip

As part of the GCSE Geography course, fieldwork is a compulsory requirement and data collected through fieldwork, will form the basis of the Unit 3 paper. The paper is worth 30% of their final grade. A consent form has been emailed to all Year 10 students, which must be completed by Monday 14th November 2022.

H band students and Option Group: 22nd November 2022

L band students: 24th November 2022

There is no cost as the trip is funded by the school

On the day:

- School uniform is required.
- A waterproof/rain coat/umbrella in-case of bad weather.
- Please bring a packed lunch with plenty of drinks for the whole day.
- A note pad, pencils, pens etc.
- A camera if possible (disposable ones are easy to use and of little value if lost/damaged).



Light Hall Arts Challenge Cup

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What do you want to say about the monarchy?

This year it only seems right to commemorate the life of Queen Elizabeth 2nd through our annual visual arts challenge. This could be photographs, sculptures, paintings or any visual media you would like to use to express yourself.

Closing date for entries is 21st October and should be submitted digitally via email to Mr Cooney acooney@lighthall.co.uk any issues or questions please ask.

7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2 Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

- 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

- 5 Ask your child to write about what they have read



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

- 6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family



Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

- 7 Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'



WE ARE MOVING LOCATION!

*Our store at 407-411 Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 4AA is closing on **Sunday 16th October**.*

*But not to worry, our new store at 1 Mell Square, Solihull, B91 3AZ will be opening on **Monday 24th October!***



*During this time of closure, you can browse and purchase anything you need from our website at **www.monkhouse.com***

**We look forward to welcoming
you at our new branch soon!**



LANGLEY SCHOOL



Light Hall School

CAREERS CONVENTION

TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2022

6pm to 8pm

AT LANGLEY SCHOOL, BAYNES HALL



Scan the QR Code to
book your place

EXHIBITORS

Alderbrook School
Amtico
Arden Sixth Form
Army Careers Centre Birmingham
Balfour Beatty Living Places
Birmingham and Solihull Mental
Health NHS Foundation Trust
Birmingham Careers Service
BMet College
CPW (Couch Perry and Wilkes)
Department for Work & Pensions
Francesco Group Apprenticeships

Heart of England Training
Metro Shipping
NHS
PM Group
Queen Alexandra College
Reflections training academy
Royal Navy
Solihull College
Solihull Sixth Form College
St Peters
Stratford-upon-Avon College
WMG Academy Solihull