



The Word

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

27TH JANUARY 2023

Headteacher's Roundup

Finally, it's the last Friday in January. Our thoughts are turning to Spring and we are delighted that our daffodils and crocuses are starting to raise their heads in the school grounds, as we move towards the warmer weather.

Year 8 have been on a very interesting and informative trip to the Black Country museum. There is nothing more exciting than actually seeing the past in real life! I think they found the difference between Edwardian schooling and modern day quite insightful. Not an exercise book or biro to be found, let alone calculators and iphones.

I can't express how heart-warming it is at 4.00pm when we hear the chatter of all the students leaving from the after school clubs. Whether it be science club, boxing fitness, ECO or LGBTQAI+ club there is something for everyone! They have such a great time. These clubs really give an extra level of enrichment to our young people's school days. If your child does not currently attend a club I have added the list again, later in the Word.

Once again, we give a big shout out to our KS3 basketball, who beat Tudor Grange this week. Our sports men and women are our shining stars.

A quick reminder it's INSET on Wednesday so school will be closed to all students.

Finally, I have had the pleasure of meeting over 60 year 11 students this week to discuss their mock results. They are such lovely, mature young people, and were able to discuss with me the steps they need to take to make the most of their potential in the exams which are rapidly approaching. As I mentioned last week, if any of you are concerned about the exams or need support with revision etc, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hayfield or Ms O'Brien.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

Annette Kumblien

Word of the Week

REPRESENT

Verb: To act or speak officially for (someone or something).

'They have delegated him to **represent** their city at the convention.

To be a sign or symbol of something. Writers of realist novels try to **represent** life as it is.

House Points Totals

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

			
28977	27378	28737	27053

Diary Reminders

All Years:

Wednesday 1st February – INSET DAY

Friday 10th February – School closes at 1.25pm

Wednesday 8th March – Light Hall hosting Cross Country for the borough – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Year 7:

Thursday 9th February – Year 7 PSHEC Day

Wednesday 15th March – Year 7 Netball Tournament – Away at Alderbrook – 4pm – 6pm

Year 8:

Wednesday 8th February – Year 8 Netball v Langley, Tudor Grange and Arden – Away at Langley – 4pm – 6pm

Friday 10th February – Year 8 PSHEC Day

Thursday 2nd March – Year 8 Netball Tournament - Away at Alderbrook – 4pm – 6pm

Year 9:

Monday 13th February – Year 9 PSHEC Day

Tuesday 7th March – Year 10 Netball Tournament - Away at Alderbrook – 4pm – 6pm

Year 10:

Monday 30th January – Year 10 Science Live trip to The Symphony Hall

Monday 30th January – Friday 3rd February – Year 10 Assessment Week

Thursday 16th February – Year 10 PSHEC Day

Year 11:

Monday 6th February – Year 11 PSHEC Day

Thought of the week

What have been the key moments in the path to securing LGBTQ rights?

LGBTQ History Month – February

What is LGBTQ+ History Month?

LGBTQ+ History Month 2023 is a month-long, annual celebration and remembrance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history. The aims of the month are to promote two things: equality and diversity, and remember how changes have been made over the years about people's rights. It can also be a time to reflect on the future, thinking about what more can be done to promote inclusivity.

When did LGBTQ+ History Month begin?

LGBTQ+ History Month began in the USA in 1994 as a result of Black History Month. It was started by a high school teacher named Rodney Wilson. While teaching about the Nazis, Wilson revealed to his class that he was gay and told them that this was something he could have been killed for.

How does LGBTQ+ History Month 2023 promote equality and diversity?

LGBTQ+ History Month raises awareness and educates the wider population about matters that affect the LGBTQ+ community. It can help everyone to work towards improving institutions and educational facilities so that all are safe places for LGBTQ+ people.

It can also highlight the need for funding to support charities and organisations that campaign for the rights of the LGBTQ+ community, as well as bringing to light government policy changes that need to take place to support equality.

Finally, LGBTQ+ History Month promotes the welfare of the community, and the idea that all who belong to the community can contribute to society, lead fulfilled lives and be included in the workplace.

What is the aim of LGBTQ+ History Month?

LGBTQ+ History Month aims to put LGBTQ+ people back into the history books by showing how they have always been present in society and have been vital contributors to human progress — whether their status has been acknowledged historically or not. It also gives people the opportunity to see a timeline of changes that have

occurred throughout the course of history, allowing people to reflect on what more can be done to protect people's rights.

We have LGBTQ+ History Month to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ people and their history, and to combat homophobia, transphobia and other forms of prejudice.

LGBTQ+ History Month facts: signs of progress over the past 100 years

- In 1967, it was no longer illegal to be a gay man in England and Wales — the law did not say anything about women being in relationships with other women.

This is largely to do with the fact that it had been overlooked, so had never actually been outlawed. When there was talk of passing a law to ban women from being in lesbian relationships, there was fear that it would actually promote it to more women.

Because of this fear, lawmakers decided it was a better idea to keep quiet on the matter.

- 1972 saw the first Pride rally in London, where around 2000 people took part.
- 1992 was a year where the World Health Organisation declassified 'same-sex attraction' as a mental disorder.
- In 2003, 'Section 28' was repealed, meaning that it was no longer illegal to talk about LGBTQ+ issues positively in schools. In the same year, the Criminal Justice Act criminalised homophobic hate crime.
- 2010 was a year in which the LGBTQ+ community was given more rights at work; the Equality Act protected people against discrimination, regardless of their gender identity.
- In 2013, same-sex couples were allowed to get married in England and Wales. The first weddings took place in 2014, the same day that the law came into place.
- In 2021, the UK Census included questions about gender identity and sexual orientation for the first time, allowing data to be collected about the number of people within the LGBTQ+ community.



Year 10 Assessment Schedule

English		Maths		Science		L&M	
H1	Period 4, 31.1.23	H1	Period 1, 31.1.23 & P5 1.2.23	H1	Period 2, 31.01.23	H1	Period 5, 31.01.23
H2	Period 4, 31.1.23	H2	Period 1, 31.1.23 & P5 1.2.23	H2	Period 2, 31.01.23	H2	Period 2, 31.01.23
H3	Period 4, 31.1.23	H3	Period 1, 31.1.23 & Period 5 1.2.23	HS	Period 2, 31.01.23	H3	Period 5, 31.01.23
H4	Period 4, 31.1.23	H4	Period 1, 31.1.23 & Period 5 1.2.23	HC	Period 2, 31.01.23	I1	Period 5, 06.02.23
H5	Period 4, 31.1.23	H5	Period 1, 31.1.23 & Period 5 1.2.23	HI	Period 2, 31.01.23	I2	Period 3, 30.01.23
L1	Period 1, 31.1.23	L1	Period 4, 31.1.23 & Period 2 1.2.23	L1	Period 5, 31.01.23	L1	Period 1, 03/02/23
L2	Period 1, 31.1.23	L2	Period 4, 31.1.23 & Period 2 1.2.23	L2	Period 5, 31.01.23	L2	Period 1, 03.02.23
L3	Period 1, 31.1.23	L3	Period 4, 31.1.23 & P2 1.2.23	LS	Period 5, 31.01.23	M1	Period 4, 03.02.23
L4	Period 1, 31.1.23	L4	Period 4, 31.1.23 & Period 2 1.2.23	LC	Period 5, 31.01.23	M2	Period 4, 03.02.23
L5	Period 1, 31.1.23	L5	Period 4, 31.1.23 & Period 2 1.2.23	LI	Period 5, 31.01.23	M3	Period 4, 03.02.23

Geography		IT		Child Dev		Design Tech	
I1	Period 3, 03.02.23	A1	Period3, 31.01.23	A1	Period 3, 31.01.23	B1	Period 2, 30.01.23
I2	Period 3, 03.02.23	B1	Period 2, 30.01.23	B1	Period 4, 02.02.23	C1	Period 5 30.01.23
A1	Period 3, 31.01.23	C1	Period 5, 30.01.23	Triple Science		Food	
M1	Period 1, 03.02.23	C2	Period 5, 30.01.23	B1	Period 4, 02.02.23	A1	Period 3, 31.01.23
M2	Period 1, 03.02.23	Computing		C1	Period 1, 02.02.23	A2	Period 2, 03.02.23
M3	Period 1, 03.02.23	A1	Period 3, 31.01.23 Period 2, 07.02.23	A & D		French	
History		B1	Period 2, 30.01.23 Period 5, 03.02.23	A1	31.01.23, 01.02.23	A1	Period 3, 31.01.23 Period 2, 07.02.23
H1	Period 3, 03.02.23	Business studies		B1	30.01.23, 02.02.23	A2	Period 3, 31.01.23 Period 2, 07.02.23
H2	Period 3, 03.02.23	A1	Period 3, 31.01.23	Photography		Spanish	
H3	Period 3, 03.02.23	B1	Period 2, 30.01.23	A1	31.01.23 01.02.23	B1	Period 4, 02.02.23 Period 5, 03.02.23
L1	Period 4, 03.02.23	C1	Period 2, 03.02.23	C1	30.01.23 02.02.23	B2	Period 2, 30.01.23 Period 4, 02.02.23
L2	Period 4, 03.02.23	C2	Period 2, 03.02.23	Drama		Music	
				C1	Period 1, 03.02.23	C1	Period 5, 30.01.23

Extra-Curricular Activities

Light Hall Extra Curricular Spring 1 2023 Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time		Lunch time	After school	Lunch time
Jazz Band Mr Homer*MR2 1:25pm Students will be invited to attend this club		Choir Y7-8 Mr Hackett*MR1	Science Club Y7-8 Mr Abbas*D2	LGBTQIA+ safe space All Years Miss Savva C6
After school		After school	Drama Club Y10-11 Mrs Scattergood Drama Studio	After school
Dodgeball Y7-11 Mr Nicholls*Gym		Art Club Y7-9 Mr Marsh A6	Football Y7-11 Mr Nicholls Field	Multi Sports Y7-11 Mr Nicholls Gym
OCR Sports Science Catch Up Y10-11 E3		Eco Club Y7-11 Mr Whan*C14	Netball Y10-11 Mrs White Sports Hall	
Squad Netball Y8-9 Mrs Van Der Bijl Netball Court/Sports Hall		Squad Basketball Y8-9 Mr Nicholls Sports Hall	Rock and Pop Y7-11 Mr Sansom*MR2 Please see Mr Hackett if you are interested	
Music Production Y7-11 Mr Homer MR2		Netball Y7 Mrs White Gym		
		Orchestra Y7-11 Mr Hackett*MR2		
		Guitar Club Y7-11 Mr Homer*MR1		

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

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PE	Music
Science	Art
Humanities	Drama

Light Hall Extra Curricular Spring 1 2023 Week 2

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After school		Eco Club Y7-11 Mr Whan*C14	After school	After school
Dodgeball Y7-11 Mr Nicholls*Gym		Squad Basketball Y8-9 Mr Nicholls Sports Hall	Science Club Y7-8 Mr Abbas*D2	Multi Sports Y7-11 Mr Nicholls Gym
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