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THE WORD

Light Hall School

The best from everyone, all of the time.

HEADTEACHER'S ROUND-UP

The end of the autumn term is upon us. I wish you all a wonderful festive break and a joyous New Year. I would like to begin by thanking all our students for their hard work this term. Their efforts have been outstanding. I have been delighted to see the enthusiasm being shown by all of our year groups in their lessons this week. A love of learning was evident throughout the school as I walked round. It is particularly inspirational at this time of year when everyone is very tired and fighting off winter illnesses.

This week has seen an abundance of different activities taking place throughout school. Our Christmas Concert last night was a resounding success, well done to all who helped with the set and the actual performance. It really was a lovely evening of musical entertainment.

Years 7, 8 and 10 have been fully engaged in their PSHEC work this week; they tackled some challenging topics, and did so with maturity and thoughtfulness.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to our food bank collection. The gifts have now been sent to the Trussell Trust and have been gratefully received.

As is always the case at the end of term, we have a few goodbyes to say – a fond farewell and best wishes to Mr Hayfield, Ms Povey and Ms Pickin. We thank our leavers for their wonderful service to our Light Hall community and wish them all the very best for the future.

In January we will be welcoming a few new members of staff to our Light Hall family, Mr Brown will be teaching RE and Miss Struthers as Head of Key Stage 4. Miss Dickinson will be acting Head of English until Mrs Welsh returns from maternity leave at Easter. We also have Ms Iqbal and Mrs Derby joining us in English and Science for a temporary period of time.

Our young people are heading into the holidays full of excitement but also very much in need of some rest, recuperation and a chance to reflect on all that they have achieved this term. I am very proud of each and everyone of them.

Our sixth form applications are rolling in. If your child is in Year 11 please remind them to check their school email inboxes in the holidays regarding their applications.

Many congratulations to Rashi S, Issac H, Imogen M, Madison S, Mohammed T, Mo C, Theodora T, Jude C, Rhianna A, Hakeerat K and Leyla M. They have all signed the Golden Book this week in recognition of their excellent work and effort.

Thank you so much to our parents and carers for your support this term, our wonderful staff and of course, our fantastic students. Now it is time to stop and take a rest from work. Do have a safe, peaceful and enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing everyone on 8th January 2024!

Annette Kumbler

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DIARY REMINDERS

ALL YEARS:

Monday 8th January - Term Starts
Wednesday 31st January - School closes at 2pm

YEAR 7:

Monday 15th January - Year 7 B Team Netball vs Grace Academy
Thursday 18th January - Year 7 Netball vs Langley (A)
Friday 26th January - Year 7 Reports to Parents
Wednesday 31st January - Year 7 Parents' Evening

YEAR 8:

Monday 15th January - Year 8 B Team Netball vs Grace Academy
Thursday 18th January - Year 8 Netball vs Langley (A)
Monday 22nd January - Year 8 Girls Football Tournament at Tudor Grange - 3.45pm - 5.15pm

YEAR 9:

Thursday 18th January - Year 9 Meningitis and DTP Vaccination
Monday 29th January - Friday 2nd February - Year 9 Assessment Week

YEAR 10:

Tuesday 30th January - Year 10 PSHEC Day

YEAR 11:

Friday 19th January - Sixth Form Application Deadline

HOUSE POINTS



29988



29741



32768



31598

WORD OF THE WEEK

EXEMPLIFY

Verb: If you exemplify something, you are the perfect example of it.
I followed the teacher's instructions, and my presentation *exemplified* the theme of the short story.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to like our Facebook and Instagram pages where you can see snippets of school life and Interesting facts, which give you another dimension of what's going on in school.

<https://www.facebook.com/LightHallAcademy/>
<https://www.facebook.com/lhs6thform/>
<https://www.instagram.com/lhs6thform/>
<https://twitter.com/lighthallschool/>





SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT - THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY (5-6PM)

If you missed the main open evening, this is another chance for you to come and visit our Sixth Form Centre, hear a little about our exciting plans and ask any questions you may have. If you would like to join us, then please click on the link to access the booking page: <https://www.lighthall.co.uk/sixth-form-applications/>

Looking ahead, 2024 is a big year for our Year 11 students with their GCSE examinations and the start of Sixth Form. Part of this, will be ensuring that discussions around A-Level choices have been had and Sixth Form applications have been submitted in good time.

A reminder that the deadline for the Light Hall Sixth Form applications are as follows, and that login details for their applications have been sent to their school email addresses.

Internal students – Friday 19th January
External students – Friday 2nd February

Light Hall Sixth Form Spotlight Thursday 11th January (5 – 6 pm)

Sixth form applications are now open!

Need more information?

<https://www.lighthall.co.uk/sixth-form/>

Need to ask?

sixthform@lighthall.co.uk

Ready to apply →

<https://lighthall.applicaa.com/sixthform>
(Light Hall students - please check your emails)



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Christmas 25th December

It's that time of year again. December has come and with it all the joys of Christmas. But what is the real meaning of Christmas? Is it the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail, turkey dinners with family and friends, snow in the garden, stockings hanging in the living room, and shouts of "Merry Christmas" to those who pass us in the streets? Is this really Christmas?

Christmas can be a season of great joy. For Christians, it is a time when they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christians believe that God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world.

Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the excitement of knowing about this great event.

No matter what your religion or faith is, Christmas is a time for sharing, for families and friends, and to reflect on all of the things in life you are grateful for.

Key Questions:

- How can you show kindness to people this Christmastime?
- What things do you feel grateful for?
- Does it matter whether you are religious to understand the spirit of Christmas?

Year 7 Reading

We would like to inform you that after Christmas, we would like all Year 7 students to bring in a reading book every day to school. This will be used for a few minutes of silent reading every day whilst the form tutors take their morning registers. It will also help to inform one tutor time slot every week where students will be discussing reading for pleasure and using their reading books to help talk about books, to share ideas about characters and plot lines.

It is important to note that there will be no sanctions if students do not bring in a book. The form tutors will have a box of spare books that they will be able to lend out. Students are also able to borrow books from our school library at break time, lunch time and after school.















Please let Mrs Mohamed know if you have any queries kmohomed@lighthall.co.uk



PE Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please ensure students bring the appropriate PE kit for the activity they are attending. Shin pads should be worn for football and gum shields for rugby.

All students should go to the appropriate changing room for their activity and get changed as quickly as possible so that clubs can start on time.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Dance All Years Mrs White Gym		 Basketball Year 7 & 8 Mr Cole & Mr Bate Sports Hall	 Netball All Years Mrs Pemberton Sports Hall/Courts	 Girls Football All Years Mrs Pemberton Astro
OCR Sport Science Intervention Year 11  Mrs Pemberton E7		Table Tennis  All Years Mr Grasso Churchill Hall	OCR Sport Science Intervention Year 11  Mr Yates E7	Badminton  9-11 Mr Yates Sports Hall
Boys Football Academy Invitation Only  Year 7 & 8 Mr Grasso Astro		 Basketball Year 9-11 Mr Yates Gym	 Netball Academy Invitation Only Mrs Pemberton Sports Hall After Netball Club	
Badminton  Year 7 & 8 Mr Cole Sports Hall			Rugby  All Years Mr Cole Field	
			 Boys Football Year 7 & 8 Mr Grasso Astro	



Uniform Policy

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

REVIEWED JULY 23

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

- Black only.
- Shoes must be of a solid, robust and traditional style. Shoes that look like trainer and sport branded shoes are not permitted.

Any student who attends school in the incorrect footwear will be offered school shoes. Only students with medical reasons will be permitted to wear alternative footwear.

The following are examples of shoes the school deems unacceptable.



JEWELLERY & PIERCINGS

A watch for telling the time. No large earrings, glass studs or stretchers.

Ear and nose piercing are permitted provided that they are stud only and removed during PE.

Only one plain stud per ear lobe is permitted for pupils with pierced ears.

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.

Uniform suppliers:

Monkhouse, Shirley
Clive Mark, Kings Heath

Concept Schoolwear, Hall Green
Midland Schoolwear, Acocks Green

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.

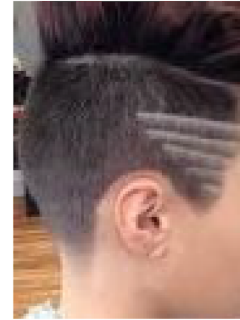
False eyes lashes are unacceptable due to Health & Safety concerns.

HAIRCUTS & ACCESSORIES

Conventional hairstyle/colour.

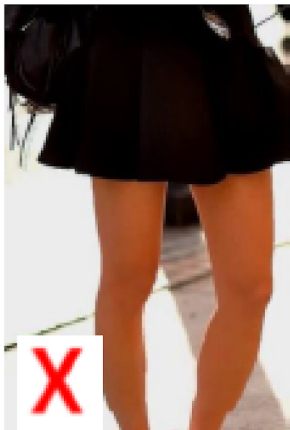
No coloured hair/stripes shaved in.

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 approved stockist) with pre-embroidered tree on the hemline. The hemline must be on the knee; or
- Black Straight Skirt supplied by approved stockist with pre-embroidered tree on the hemline; or
- Black straight skirt can be purchased from any 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 (Lower school tie years 7-9 & Upper school tie years 10-11)
- 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



Skirt should be no more than 5 cm above the top of knee



No lycra/tube skirts



No leggings



No skinny or cropped trousers



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OUR CODE OF CONDUCT

The 3 “R”s

Respect for ourselves

Every student is expected to show respect for themselves

This means that, as students, we will:

- › Make the most of all learning opportunities;
- › Work to the best of our ability at all times;
- › Consistently demonstrate good behaviour in class and at social times;
- › Wear our uniform correctly, with pride and dignity, at all times;
- › Be on time, every time.

Respect for others

Every student is expected to show respect for others

This means that, as students, we will:

- › Treat everyone with courtesy, kindness, interest and understanding;
- › Listen carefully when a member of staff, or another student, is speaking;
- › Arrive on time to every lesson;
- › Allow everyone to learn in every lesson;
- › Treat school buildings and property with respect at all times;
- › Move around school quietly and with self control, following one way systems;
- › Only use the toilets and spaces which have been allocated to our year group;
- › Only eat in designated areas for eating (not in corridors or stairwells).

Responsibility for ourselves and our actions

Every Student is expected to take responsibility for ourselves and our actions

This means that, as students, we will:

- › Arrive on time to school, every day;
- › Be properly equipped for every lesson (pen, pencil, ruler, appropriate exercise books, PE kit);
- › Follow staff instructions, first time, every time;
- › Accept sanctions, if given;
- › Complete all classwork and homework on time;
- › Not behave in any way which brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Tackling inequalities in society by preparing learners for life through high quality education for all.