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HEADTEACHER'S ROUND-UP

We come to the end of another very productive week and our thoughts are turning to Spring. We are delighted to see that our daffodils and crocuses are starting to raise their heads in the school grounds.

This week started at full speed and our year 9 students participated in a rugby festival at Bees RFC. Thank you to all the students who were involved and to Mr Cole for organising the trip. Once again, we give a big shout out to our Year 7 and Year 8 basketball teams. Year 7 won the match with Bishop Challoner this week and won the league. Our sports men and women are our shining stars. Our year 7 girls organised a bake sale on Thursday to raise money for charity. It was wonderful for all involved and our students were a real delight.

Year 10 and 8 PSHEC has been well received this week, students engaged well in lessons, looking at democracy, the role of the monarchy as well as considering their own goals and aspirations. Year 9 have had their assessments this week, and I have been pleased to hear how many students have taken their revision so seriously, their behaviour and attitude have been exemplary and I assure that they will be rewarded for all their hard work.

On Wednesday, we had our Year 7 parents' evening and it was so lovely to see so many parents' take part. Our Year 7s have settled into their life here at Light hall tremendously well and are making excellent progress. Well done to all the students and thank you to all the parents.

In my assemblies this week, I looked at the power of stories. As you know, we have a real focus on literacy and reading. I have been so pleased to see our KS3 students reading during their tutor time. Thank you for supporting with this.

A quick reminder it's INSET on Wednesday 7th February so school will be closed to all students.

My very best wishes for a peaceful weekend.

Annette Kamblin

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WORD OF THE WEEK

PROGRESS

Verb: To improve or develop in skills, knowledge, etc.

Technology has **progressed** rapidly in the last 100 years.

Noun: A movement toward a goal or to a further or higher stage.

The **progress** of a student toward a degree.

HOUSE POINTS



37315



38727



40632



39820

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DIARY REMINDERS

ALL YEARS:

Wednesday 7th February - INSET DAY
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half Term

YEAR 7:

Friday 9th February - Year 7 PSHEC Day

YEAR 8:

YEAR 9:

Monday 5th February - Year 9 Vaccinations
Thursday 8th February - Year 9 PSHEC Day

YEAR 10:

Friday 9th February - Year 10 Belgium Trip - second payment due

YEAR 11:

Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February - Year 11 Mock Week

Parking

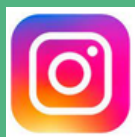
Please be reminded to park within the law and be considerate to our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children.



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.

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Sixth Form Update

Now that the deadlines have passed, we are reviewing the Sixth Form applications and will soon be inviting students in for interview. Over the next few weeks, we will be shining a 'Light Hall Light' on those A-Levels that we are offering and the subject staff. As shared previously, A-Level Maths has proven to be a popular A-Level both nationally but also here at Light Hall, and thus we are starting our spotlight with that!

WHY STUDY MATHS AT A-LEVEL?

Studying mathematics allows us to better understand the world around us. While studying A-Level mathematics you will expand your knowledge of calculus, trigonometry, statistics and mechanics while exploring their practical applications. In addition, studying Mathematics offers students the opportunity to gain essential life skills such as problem solving, logical / analytical thinking, organisation and resilience which are invaluable at University and beyond.

FAMOUS FACES WHO HAVE AN A-LEVEL IN MATHS:



MEET MR DANIELS - SUBJECT LEADER OF MATHS:

- Mr Daniels studied A-Level Maths, History and English Literature
- He went on to study Maths at the University of Leeds
- "I enjoyed the increased independence and challenge during my A-Levels and degree. Successfully solving a complicated problem is rewarding in itself but I especially enjoyed learning how complex mathematical ideas shape the world we live in."



You can find out more about the A-Levels on offer at Light Hall here:

<https://www.lighthall.co.uk/student-support/a-level-subjects/>. If your son/daughter or you have any questions relating to the Sixth Form, then please contact Mr Brookes to discuss at sixthform@lighthall.co.uk

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

National Storytelling Week

National Storytelling Week is a celebration of the art of storytelling and the power of stories to connect, entertain, and inspire. During this week, people of all ages come together to share and enjoy stories in various forms, from traditional oral tales to modern narratives. It's a time to appreciate the rich tapestry of human storytelling and its significance in our lives.

What is National Storytelling Week?

National Storytelling Week is an annual event that encourages individuals and communities to embrace the tradition of storytelling. It's a time to celebrate the diverse ways in which stories are told, whether through spoken word, written narratives, theater, film, or other creative mediums. This week provides a platform for storytellers, both amateur and professional, to showcase their talents and engage audiences with captivating tales.

When is National Storytelling Week?

National Storytelling Week typically takes place during the first week of February. The exact dates may vary from year to year, so be sure to check the official schedule to participate in this storytelling extravaganza.

How to Celebrate National Storytelling Week

Here are some delightful ways to celebrate National Storytelling Week:

- **Attend Storytelling Events:** Look for storytelling events happening in your community, such as live performances, book readings, or poetry slams. Attend these events to immerse yourself in the world of storytelling.
- **Read and Share Stories:** Choose your favorite books, short stories, or poems and read them aloud to friends, family, or a local audience. Share the magic of storytelling with others.
- **Host Storytelling Gatherings:** Organize storytelling gatherings with friends or colleagues. Each person can take turns sharing a story from their life or a fictional tale they've created.
- **Create Your Stories:** Explore your creative side by crafting your stories, whether they are short stories, poems, or personal anecdotes. Share them with your social circle or on platforms like blogs or social media.
- **Visit Libraries and Museums:** Many libraries and museums host special storytelling exhibitions and workshops during this week. Take advantage of these opportunities to learn and be inspired.



Year 11 Mock Assessment 2 – Week commencing Monday 19th February

Assessments completed in the Sports Hall and E block rooms

Date	Session 1 (P1&2) – 9am	Session 2 (P3&4) – 11:30	Session 3 (P5) – 2pm
Monday 19/02	Maths 1 – Non calculator 90 mins	English Language 105 mins	Languages Writing 50 mins
Tuesday 20/02	Science 1 – Biology 75/105 mins	Option A	Life and Morality 1 50 mins
Wednesday 21/02	English Literature 105 mins	Option B	Life and Morality 2 50 mins
Thursday 22/02	Science 2 – Chemistry 75/105 mins	Option C	
Friday 23/02	Maths 2 – Calculator 90 mins	History/Geography 80 mins/90 mins	Catch up assessments

Option A, B, C duration (minutes)

Design Tech 120min
 Computing 90min
 Drama 105min
 Music 90min
 Sport Science 75min
 iMedia 90min
 Food Tech 105min
 Business 105min
 Languages Reading F - 95/H - 110min
 Separate Science
 Physics 105min
 Geography 90min
 Child Development 75min

Languages listening to take place in lessons & no speaking assessments to run
 Combined science students will only sit biology and chemistry papers
 Art students to be given time for classroom intervention work



CHRIS BRADFORD

Best-selling children's author Chris Bradford will be visiting us on Wednesday 13th March!

Chris will be meeting all of our Year 7 students and there is a chance to purchase a signed book in advance. Why not encourage your child to take a look at his books in the library!

In the run up to his visit, each week we will introduce students to some of his books, starting with...

BODYGUARD SERIES!

Light Hall's Literacy for Learning

We know how important reading and literacy are and the pleasure and enjoyment we can get from sharing stories. It also has a huge positive impact on our mental health and progress at school.

As such, we are really excited to be welcoming children's author Chris Bradford to Light Hall School!

Chris' life goal is #GettingKidsReading



THE TOP TEN BEST SELLING SERIES

Bodyguard - winner of the Hampshire Book Award
 Assess the Threat
 Counter the Danger
 Escape the Killzone

In a dangerous world, everyone needs protection. Since the best bodyguard is the one nobody notices, who would ever suspect a teenager of being a bodyguard?

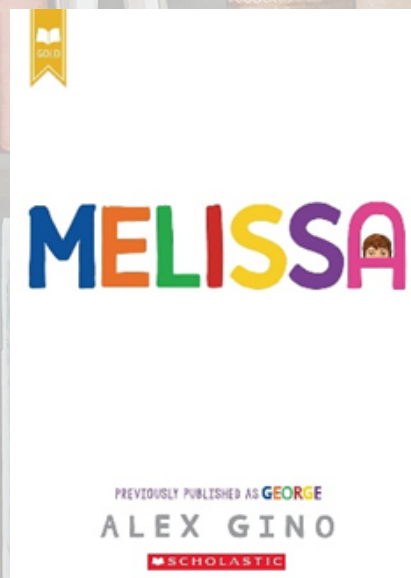
Join Connor, Charley and the rest of Alpha Squad in their mission to protect...

Recommended Reads for this week



The 'Heartstopper' book series by Alice Oseman is a gorgeous coming of age story about love, friendship, loyalty and mental illness. We follow the blossoming romance between Charlie and Nick as they meet, become friends and start to fall in love.

In their novels Melissa, and Rick, award-winning author Alex Gino explores what it means to search for your own place in the world ... and all the steps you and the people around you need to take in order to get where you need to be.



Sporting Achievements

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Chloe G in year 8. She has just spent 5 days competing in Luxembourg at the Euro Meet with her City of Birmingham team mates. She met Olympians and a world record holder who were also racing.

Chloe achieved a handful of personal best times and enjoyed the experience of racing abroad.



HOUSE CHALLENGE WEEK

Monday 5th February in C3

The House BIG Quiz!

By Mr Abbas

Think you have a lot of general knowledge?!
Take part in the House BIG Quiz!

When: **Monday 5th February**

Who: **All students welcome**

Where: **C3**



House Points are **doubled** for **you and each new person** that comes with you who has never done a house challenge before!



Tuesday 6th February in MR2

Guess the song!

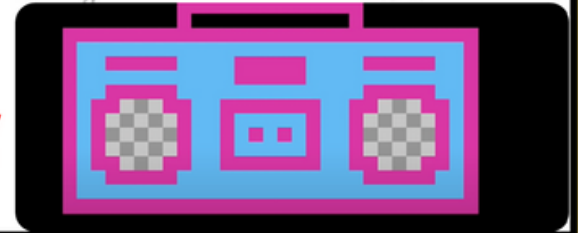
Can you guess classic songs that have been made into chiptunes?

Come along to MR2 and find out!

When: **Tuesday 6th February**

Who: **All students welcome**

Where: **MR2**



Thursday 8th February in the gym

Plank challenge

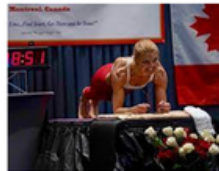
Can you **plank** for longer than teachers? **AGR, DPE, and DYA** confirmed attendance to the challenge!

Winners: longest male and female planks.

When: **Thursday 8th February**

Who: **All students welcome**

Where: **Churchill gym**



Games Challenge

Friday 9th February in 106

Do you like playing cards and games?

Come, take part in a games challenge. Twister, Jenga, cards and other games available to play.

Winners of the games receive more house points for their house.

When: **Friday 9th February**

Who: **All students welcome**















Where: **106 with Mrs Mohomed**



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 5 th February	Tuesday 6 th February	Wednesday 7 th February	Thursday 8 th February	Friday 9 th February
 Dance All Years Mrs White Gym	Go Lead Girls Football Activators Course @ Tudor Grange Tennis Centre 	INSET DAY	 Netball All Years Mrs Pemberton/White Until fixture starts	 Girls Football All Years Mrs Pemberton Astro
OCR Sport Science Intervention Year 11  Mr Yates E7			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 			 Netball Academy Invitation Only Cancelled due to netball fixture in the Sports Hall	
Badminton Year 7 & 8 Mr Cole 			Rugby All Years Mr Cole 	
U13A Girls Football Satellite Competition Mrs Pemberton @ Tudor Grange 			 Boys Football Year 7 & 8 Mr Grasso Astro	
			Netball Fixture Year 8 A & B  Year 9 HOME vs Arden	