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# THE WORD

# Light Hall School

*The best from everyone, all of the time.*



## HEADTEACHER'S ROUND-UP

The glorious sunshine made for a lovely start to another busy and successful week at Light Hall. Despite the rain and mist there are sure signs that spring is nearly here.

Well done to Year 11 who have taken part in their PSHEC lessons on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see the active participation and full exploration of the subjects covered. Year 11 are showing a very mature attitude to their work and this bodes well for the summer.

A number of our KS3 students took part in 'My Community, My Heritage, My Place' The project was funded by Homes For Ukraine, and started in May last year. Its purpose is to celebrate, share and explore themes of identity, home, culture and community through the arts, with a particular focus on newly arrived communities from Hong Kong and Ukraine. Well done to Shoby C, Elvis T, Hei Yan N, Yannes W, Ernest Y, Long Him W, Neilah B, Phoenix W, Ula L, Jillian H, Renne S, Aya S, Kola H and Issac L for their contributions and artwork exploring their own heritage. Their work is being displayed at the Core Theatre from 27th February to 12th March. Further details are later in the word.

It was Year 9 options evening last night and it was so exciting to see so many of our students and their parents, ready to take their next step towards their futures. Thank you to the parents and students who came. If you still have any questions please contact Mr Hall using this email address: rhall@lighthall.co.uk

Our Year 7 Netball team are borough champions so really well done to them. Our Jr NBA teams played away at St George's on Monday and Year 7 won 16-5, the team is currently unbeaten and at the top of the league. Year 8 won 15-13 and are second in their league. Well done to both teams and the staff for organising these games. Many congratulations to our students who took part in the Indoor Rowing Competition. Year 7/8 came second and Year 9/10 came first. We are all very proud of how well you competed and the outstanding individual and team performances.

On the subject of sports 22 of our KS3 students came to see me on Tuesday and Thursday to sign the Golden Book. They were nominated for showing excellent sportsmanship. Well done to: Mason J, Joshua K, Kieran M, Judah S, Enzo S, Simon T, Harry W, Bassam Y, Jamie G, Abdullah G, Cyrus N, Jesse Pak, Gabe C, Ethan F, Jack H, Deon A, Jayden N, Alfie O, Lincoln T, Adrian F, Cooldon L and Boaz W.

*Annette Knaublin*

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### CONCEIVE

Verb: For or devise (a plan or idea) in the mind. He **conceived** the plot for this film while he was still a student.

To become pregnant, or to cause a baby to begin to form.

The baby was **conceived** in March, so will be born in December.

## HOUSE POINTS



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# DIARY REMINDERS

## ALL YEARS:

Tuesday 5th March - School closes at 2pm  
Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April - Easter Holidays

## YEAR 7:

Wednesday 6th March - Year 7 Sports Hall Athletic Competition at North Solihull Sports Centre - 1pm - 3.30pm  
Monday 11th March - U13 Girls Football Satellite Tournament @ Tudor Grange - 3.415pm - 5.15pm  
Thursday 14th March - Year 7 Netball v Lode Heath (A)  
Wednesday 20th March - Year 7 PSHEC Day

## YEAR 8:

Wednesday 6th March - Year 7 Sports Hall Athletic Competition at North Solihull Sports Centre - 1pm - 3.30pm  
Monday 11th March - Friday 15th March - Year 8 Assessment Week  
Monday 11th March - U13 Girls Football Satellite Tournament @ Tudor Grange - 3.415pm - 5.15pm  
Thursday 14th March - Year 8 Netball v Lode Heath (A)  
Tuesday 19th March - Year 8 PSHEC Day

## YEAR 9:

Friday 1st March - Year 9 Reports to Parents  
Tuesday 5th March - Year 9 Parents' Evening  
Monday 18th March - Year 9 Netball v Lyndon (H)  
Thursday 21st March - Year 9 PSHEC Day

## YEAR 10:

Friday 15th March - Year 10 PSHEC Day  
Monday 18th March - Year 10 Netball v Lyndon (H)

## YEAR 11:

Friday 8th March - Year 11 mock results to parents  
Monday 18th March - Year 11 Football v Lode Heath (A)

## Reading Book

We would like to inform you that we would like all Key Stage 3 students to bring in a reading book every day to school in order to help support our reading for pleasure agenda. 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 and 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.

## Options Evening

We were overwhelmed with the number of parents and students who attended the year 9 options evening last night. It was an excellent event. Please be reminded that all the relevant information regarding options, including the PowerPoint used on the night and links to careers services can be found here: <https://www.lighthall.co.uk/curriculum/options/>

# Light Hall Sixth Form

## Sixth Form Update

### WHY STUDY COMPUTER SCIENCE AT A-LEVEL?

Studying A-Level Computer Science will help students understand the core principles of computer science. We will look at creating real-world systems through the creation of an independent programming project. The course will develop student's technical understanding and their ability to analyse and solve problems using computational thinking.

### FAMOUS FACES WHO HAVE AN A-LEVEL IN COMPUTER SCIENCE:



### MEET MR DUFFY - SUBJECT LEADER OF COMPUTING:

- Mr Duffy studied A-Level English, Computer Science and Business Studies
- He went on to study Computer Science at Wolverhampton University
- What he enjoyed: "Spending time just studying computing in depth, got to try new skills such as different programming and computer hardware. I also had the opportunity to build my own computer which was amazing."



### MEET MISS BETHEL - SIXTH FORM ADMIN ASSISTANT

'Hi, my name is Miss Bethel, I am the Sixth Form Admin Assistant and I'm excited to be joining at such an exciting stage as the Sixth Form prepares to enrol its first year of students.

Please check your inboxes for information regarding the upcoming Sixth Form interviews. If you have any queries, then please email [sixthform@lighthall.co.uk](mailto:sixthform@lighthall.co.uk).

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](mailto:sixthform@lighthall.co.uk)

# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

## The importance of reading World Book Day - 7th March

### History of World Book Day

Books did not always look the way they do today, with their glossy covers and creamy pages. When writing systems were invented in ancient civilizations thousands of years ago, clay tablets were used. Later, humanity moved on to using papyrus. In the 3rd century, the Chinese were the first to make something that resembled today's books in that they consisted of numerous thick, bamboo pages sewn together. Then, in the mid-15th century, Johannes Gutenberg's printing press brought books into the industrial age, making them readily available to anyone who wanted to read them. It is thanks to that ingenious invention that we are all able to enjoy the works of Shakespeare, Tolstoy and many others in the comfort of our own homes today.

World Book Day was created on April 23rd, 1995, by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The connection between that date and books, however, was made in Spain in 1923, as it is the anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, prominent Spanish Chronicler.

There were a few ideas for the day of the year that World Book Day should be held. Originally, Vicente Clavel Andrés, a Valencian writer, suggested that the day should be on a day that honored the author Miguel de Cervantes. This would be either his birthday, October 7, or his death date, April 23. The latter date is the one that was chosen because it was also the date that William Shakespeare died and when Inca Garcilaso de la Vega died too. In fact, several other prominent authors have also died on April 23 – perhaps authors should be wary of this date!

In some countries, World Book Day actually takes place on other days of the year, despite the fact that the international event was created by UNESCO. For example, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Ireland all celebrate their own World Book Day events on a different day. However, the international day has been held on the same day each year since it began in 1995.



# CHRIS BRADFORD

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

This week we will introduce you to his latest book 'Lunar...'

Described by Tom Palmer as 'Heart-stopping!'

This week we will introduce students to his latest book

## LUNAR

### 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**

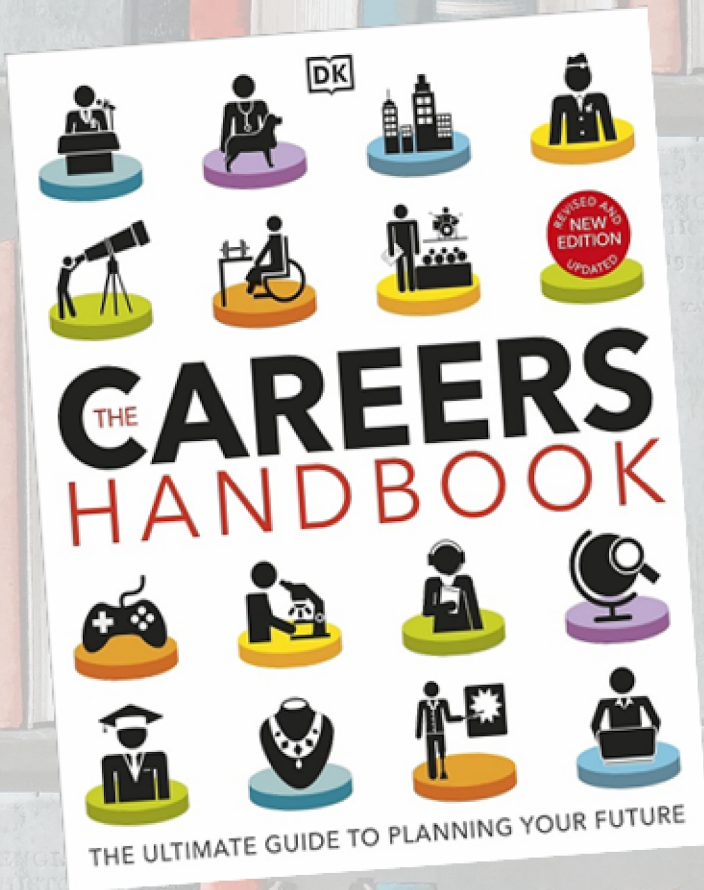
### Lunar

**Super readable – dyslexia friendly!  
3 standalone sc-fi stories set in the same universe:**

- #1 – Luna is stranded on the moon...**
- #2 – Stella and Noah are trapped on a space station spinning out of orbit...**
- #3 – Max is sucked into a wormhole in space...  
How will they survive? Will they survive?  
SCI-FI MADE REAL!**



## Recommended Reads for this week

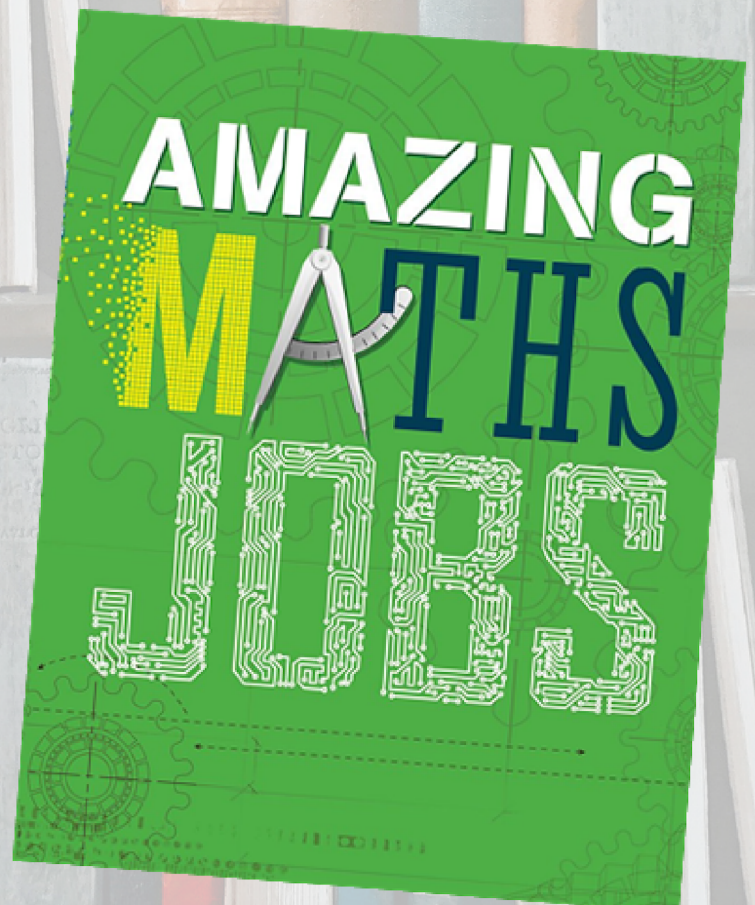


From creating life-saving vaccines to developing the most incredible computer games, this job guide features hundreds of careers, including trending opportunities. This indispensable guide is ideal for teenagers.

So, whether you want to become a nurse or home decorator, a chef or cyber-security analyst (or you simply have no idea!) this book is your ultimate source.

Discover the amazing array of jobs within the field of maths that you never knew existed! From the cryptologists who use their coding skills to break secret codes for governments and the military, to the cosmologists working to find out how the Universe began and how it might end and the music data scientists who analyse online data to detect trends in music.

Read about the academic and vocational routes you can take to reach these jobs, and how to get ahead in these exciting professions whilst you are at school.



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PLAY

BARCLAYS  
GIRLS' FOOTBALL  
SCHOOL  
PARTNERSHIPS  
BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL



**BIGGEST  
EVER  
FOOTBALL  
SESSION**

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

Light Hall have signed up for the Biggest Ever Football Session to promote girls football in schools across the UK.

We will be holding Girls Football at break & lunch in the Sports Hall as well as Girls Football as normal after school on the astro!

**FRIDAY 8TH MARCH**
















**Come along & get involved!!!!**

**House points for all that take part!**

# 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 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
 <b>Dance</b> All Years Mrs Pemberton Gym		 <b>Basketball</b> Year 7 & 8 Mr Cole Sports Hall	 <b>Netball Fixture</b> Year 9 Mrs Pemberton AWAY @ St Peters	 <b>Girls Football</b> All Years Mrs Pemberton Astro
<b>Fitness</b> Year 9-11 Mr Grasso Fitness Suite 		<b>Table Tennis</b> All Years Mr Grasso Churchill Hall 	<b>OCR Sport Science Intervention</b> Year 11 Mr Yates E7 	<b>Badminton</b> Year 9-11 Mr Yates Sports Hall 
 <b>Badminton</b> Year 7 & 8 Mr Cole Sports Hall		 <b>Basketball</b> Year 9-11 Mr Bate Gym	 <b>Rugby</b> All Years Mr Cole Field	<b>BIGGEST EVER FOOTBALL SESSION DAY</b>  Girls Football at break, lunch & after school SPORTS HALL at break & lunch, ASTRO after school!
<b>Netball Fixture</b> Y7 & 8 A Mrs White AWAY @ Arden 		<b>Sports Hall Athletics Comp</b> Year 7 & 8 Mr Yates & Mrs Pemberton 1-3.30pm 	<b>Boys Football</b> Year 7 & 8 Mr Grasso Astro 	





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# MY COMMUNITY MY HERITAGE MY PLACE

*Exhibition*

WITH VR ONLINE  
GALLERY!

27TH FEB - 12TH MARCH



THE CORE THEATRE





Foundation

# MENTAL HEALTH *Parenting Workshop*

IS YOUR CHILD STRUGGLING WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH, ANXIETY, SCHOOL AVOIDENCE, LOW MOOD OR SELF HARM? JOIN OUR WORKSHOP TO LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT THEM AND WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE

*March 20th at 10 - 12 Via Teams*



BOOKINGS VIA EVENTBRIT USING QR CODE

Send any questions to [bsmhft.schools@nhs.net](mailto:bsmhft.schools@nhs.net)



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