



15TH NOVEMBER 2024

# THE WORD

## Light Hall School

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

### HEADTEACHER'S ROUND-UP

As we move through November, the weather has certainly turned cooler, but there's a real warmth within our school community. It's been another busy week here at school, with students showing their usual enthusiasm, effort, and great behaviour.

A special mention goes to our Year 11 students, who have just wrapped up their mock exams. Congratulations to them all for their hard work and focus. Their positive attitude and resilience have been evident, and it's so encouraging to see them tackling this with such maturity. Well done, Year 11!

Our dancers were fantastic in their performances at Redditch theatre this week. It was lovely to see them showcasing their talent. You all did yourselves proud. On the sports field, our Year 7 football team showed tremendous skill and sportsmanship. It's always a pleasure to see our younger students playing with such energy, respect, and determination. They played brilliantly, and I look forward to watching them develop as the season progresses. A particular well done to our Year 9s who won their match this week.

It's been great to see active participation in our house competitions. This week we had the sweet competition and recycling poster competition, and it's clear that there's no shortage of creativity and enthusiasm. Keep up the great work! Children in Need Activities have been well supported today.

Finally, I want to commend Year 9 for their excellent focus and engagement in the T-Level and Apprenticeship assemblies. They've been attentive and eager to learn. It's fantastic to see students so proactive about their future careers and the paths they can take. A reminder for all Year 10 and Year 11 students that our Sixth Form open evening is on Thursday 28th November.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

*Annette Kumbler*

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### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### OMNIPRESENT

**Adjective:** Present or having an effect everywhere at the same time.

The football coach described his star player as being *omnipresent*, all over the field at once.

### HOUSE POINTS



19890



20700



19584



20885

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# DIARY REMINDERS

## ALL YEARS:

Thursday 28th November - Sixth Form Open Evening - 6pm - 8pm  
Friday 29th November - INSET Day

## YEAR 7:

Monday 25th November - Year 7 Netball (H) vs Lyndon - B League  
Monday 2nd December - Year 7 Netball Skills Event

## YEAR 8:

Thursday 21st November - Year 8 Basketball (A) vs St Peters  
Monday 25th November - Year 8 Netball (H) vs Lyndon - B League  
Wednesday 27th November - Year 8 A Team Netball (H) vs Langley

## YEAR 9:

Monday 25th November - Year 9 Netball (H) vs Lyndon - B League  
Wednesday 27th November - Year 9 A Team Netball (H) vs Langley

## YEAR 10:

















Tuesday 19th November - 10B1 10D1 10DE - Visit to Brindley Place  
Wednesday 20th November - 10DG 10DO - Visit to Brindley Place  
Wednesday 20th November - Year 9 Basketball (A) vs St Peters  
Thursday 21st November - Year 10 Basketball (H) vs Tudor Grange  
Monday 25th November - Year 10 Netball (H) vs Lyndon - B League  
Tuesday 26th November - Year 10 Rugby at Twickenham  
Thursday 28th November - Year 10 Drama/English visit to The Birmingham Rep - A Christmas Carol

## YEAR 11:

Monday 25th November - Sixth Form Applications Open

## YEAR 12:

Thursday 28th November - Sixth Form Open Evening - 6pm - 8pm

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
 <b>Trampoline</b> Year 10/11 GCSE Mrs Pemberton Gym		 <b>Netball</b> Year 7 & 8 Mrs Pemberton & Mrs White Sports Hall/ Outdoor Courts	 <b>Netball Fixture</b> Year 7/8 HOME vs St Peters Outdoor Courts	 <b>Girls Football</b> All Years Mrs Pemberton Astro
 <b>Boys Football</b> Year 7 Mr Yates Astro		 <b>Boys Football</b> Year 8 & 9 Mr Yates All on Astro	 <b>Table Tennis</b> All Years Mr Grasso Churchill Hall	 <b>Badminton</b> Year 9-11 Mr Yates Sports Hall
 <b>Badminton</b> Year 7 & 8 Mrs White Sports Hall		 <b>Rugby</b> All Years Mr Cole Field	 <b>Sport Studies</b> Year 11 Mr Yates E3	
 <b>Fitness</b> All Years Mr Grasso Churchill Hall		 <b>Netball Academy</b> Year 9-11 Mrs Pemberton Sports Hall	 <b>Basketball Fixture</b> Year 10 HOME vs Tudor Grange	
		 <b>Basketball Fixture</b> Year 9 Mr Grasso AWAY @ St Peters	 <b>Basketball Fixture</b> Year 8 Mr Cole AWAY @ St Peters	

**Extra-Curricular PE Clubs**  
**18th November – 22nd November**

# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



BBC

## Children in Need

### HELP TO MAKE LIFE LIGHTER FOR CHILDREN

Right now Children in Need are only able to fund 1 in 8 organisations who ask for help. Children across the UK are facing greater challenges than ever, with mental health conditions such as anxiety & depression rising, high levels of poverty leading to inequality & lack of opportunity.

Many children are simply carrying a load that's too heavy to manage alone, so this year, they are asking you to help make life lighter for children.

**50%**

#### Mental health

In the last five years the likelihood of young people having a mental health issue has increased by around 50%

#### Poverty

30% of all children in the UK are currently living in poverty

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### WAYS TO SUPPORT

#### Join Paddy McGuinness for his Ultra Endurance Cycle Challenge

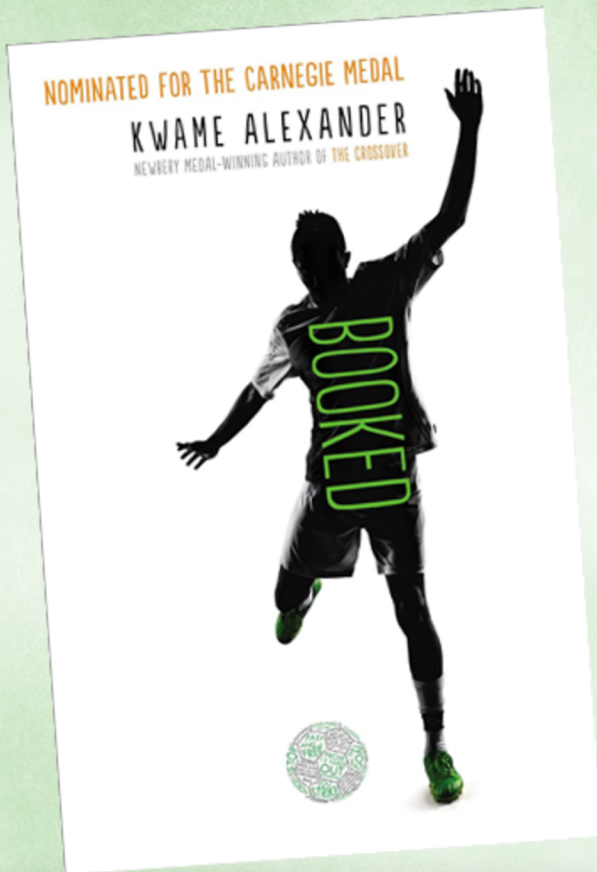
This November, Paddy McGuinness is taking on an epic challenge: a 300-mile ride across three nations on a classic Chopper bike. But this isn't just about Paddy – it's about YOU, too. You can join in by setting your own wheel-based challenge for any distance. Whether you're cycling, scooting, skating, or even pushing a pram, get behind Paddy and help raise vital funds for children across the UK!

Use the following link for more information:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/paddy-mcguinness-ultra-endurance-cycle-challenge-how-will-you-roll/>



# RECOMMENDED READS



'Booked' by Kwame Alexander  
In this follow-up to the Newbery-winning novel *THE CROSSOVER*, soccer, family, love, and friendship, take centre stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. Helping him along are his best friend and sometimes teammate Coby, and The Mac, a rapping librarian who gives Nick inspiring books to read. This electric and heartfelt novel-in-verse by poet Kwame Alexander bends and breaks as it captures all the thrills and setbacks, action and emotion of a World Cup match!

Five students walk into detention. Only four come out alive.

Yale hopeful Bronwyn has never publicly broken a rule.

Sports star Cooper only knows what he's doing in the baseball diamond.

Bad boy Nate is one misstep away from a life of crime.

Prom queen Addy is holding together the cracks in her perfect life.

And outsider Simon, creator of the notorious gossip app at Bayview High, won't ever talk about any of them again.

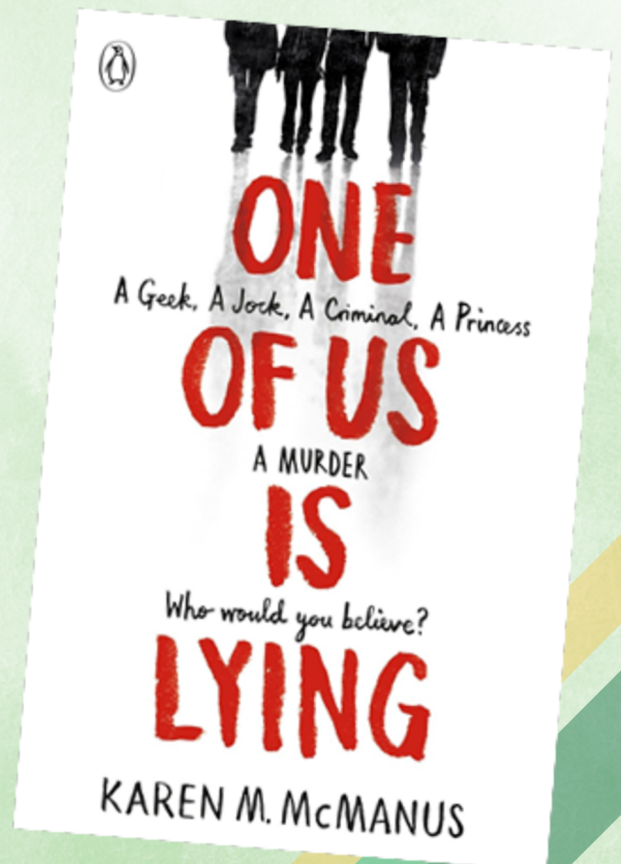
He dies 24 hours before he could post their deepest secrets online.

Investigators conclude it's no accident.

All of them are suspects.

Everyone has secrets, right?

What really matters is how far you'll go to protect them.



KEEP  
READING



# COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING



## OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2024

6PM - 8PM

### Helping prepare young people for great futures!

From exceptional academic teaching to caring pastoral support, Light Hall School has used its decades of experience to create a sixth form where young people can become knowledgeable, confident, well-rounded adults.

Those looking to take A-levels next year have a brilliant opportunity to find out more about the sixth form at its upcoming open event on **Thursday, November 28, 2024**. There, they will be able to find out more about the subjects on offer, speak to staff and tour the facilities.

Our Sixth Form offers a diverse range of opportunities; from sports teams, through volunteering, mentoring, student leadership and work experience, all of which will enable you to contribute actively to society and be curious, ambitious and courageous in your futures.

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**FOLLOW US ON LHS6thForm** Please book an appointment on our website [lighthall.co.uk](http://lighthall.co.uk)

# HOUSE EVENTS

## Guess the sweets in the jar challenge

Amazing turnout in the guess the sweets in the jar challenge this week with a grand total of 102 entrants

All the houses were well represented with Endeavour coming out on top with the most participants 🏆👏

The winner was Mia M 8DMSA with a correct guess of 147 🎯



## Light Hall environmental poster competition!

Fantastic to see so much creativity and individuality for such a worthy cause. We were blown away by the effort our students made.

All the houses were well represented with Endeavour just edging it again with the most participants 🏆👏

We had a total of 64 entries and there were many worthy winners but we had to pick one. The overall winner was Vienna C 10CGGA. We look forward to using this design around the school to support our mission to go green.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Shoot the basketball hoop - Thursday 21st November

Christmas card competition - Thursday 28th November deadline

Games challenge - Wednesday 4th December

Create a bath bomb - Thursday 5th December

Christmas mood board - Friday 13th December deadline

## HOUSE CUP LEAGUE TABLE

Endeavour currently lead the way after our first half term....

	Guess the sweets	Recycling competition	House points	Total
Endeavour	30	30	400	580
Challenger	15	40	300	475
Atlantis	15	20	200	400
Discovery	40	10	100	245



# ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER CHALLENGE

There were 64 entries into the recycling poster competition, with Endeavour having the most participants.

Well done to Vienna C in 10CGGA who produced the winning design.

We look forward to using this design around the school to support our mission to go green.

**RECYCLE**  ***at***

***Light Hall School!***

**Gandhi & Churchill hall:**

-  **Black bins**  
↳ food waste
-  **Green bins**  
↳ plastic bottles
-  **Red bins**  
↳ all other waste

**Outside area:**

-  **Green bins**  
↳ plastic bottles
-  **Red bins**  
↳ all other waste

**In every classroom:**

-  **Green bins**  
↳ plastic bottles
-  **Red bins**  
↳ all other waste
-  **Blue bins**  
↳ paper or card waste





# ♥ FOOD ♥ DONATION

**If you would like to donate non-perishable items, there will be a collection box in reception from Wednesday 27th November until Wednesday 18th December**

## URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

UHT/POWDERED MILK  
SQUASH/DILUTING JUICE  
RICE PUDDING  
TINNED FRUIT & FRUIT JUICE  
TINNED VEGETABLES, TOMATOES & SOUP  
CANNED MEAT AND FISH  
BISCUITS  
PASTA SAUCE, PASTA  
COOKING OIL  
CONDIMENTS AND SPICES  
INSTANT MASH  
COFFEE  
CRISPS

## OTHER ITEMS NEEDED

SHOWER GEL  
SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER  
DEODORANT  
LAUNDRY DETERGENT PODS  
TOILET ROLL  
WASHING UP LIQUID

