



24TH JANUARY 2025



# THE WORD

## Light Hall School

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

### HEADTEACHER'S ROUND-UP

The cold spell of weather continues to blanket our region, but it has been inspiring to see how our students have embraced the winter chill with enthusiasm and resilience. Despite the drop in temperature, this week has been a fantastic showcase of our students' dedication to their growth, with a focus on our Life-Ready activities.

Across all year groups, students have participated in a variety of initiatives designed to equip them with key skills for both their academic and personal development. This week has highlighted the active participation of our learners and reinforced some of our core values of excellence, engagement and preparation for the future.

It was particularly good to see so many parents of Year 7 and their families participating in Parents' Evening. It's always a pleasure to engage with parents and carers to celebrate the progress and achievements of our students, and this event is a wonderful opportunity to discuss the exciting journey ahead for our newest cohort. Thank you for your continued support.

Throughout the week, each year group has been involved in a variety of activities, all centered around the theme of becoming "Life-Ready." Our assemblies have focused on preparing students for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, encouraging them to make the most of their education and build the necessary skills for their future success.

Year 8 students took part in the "Inspire to Aspire Day," where they engaged in career-related activities and had the opportunity to participate in a Dragon's Den-style challenge. It was a real highlight to see our students showcasing their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit while thinking critically about their future aspirations.

On Tuesday 30 Year 9 students participated in a series of STEM-based activities which were delivered by an external visitors from Smallpiece Trust. The visitors were particularly impressed with our students passion for sustainability and the impact of environmental issues. Continuing with the STEM theme Years 7 and 9 have also taken part in our "STEMterprise" event. The hands-on challenges allowed students to explore the exciting world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, while working collaboratively and problem-solving together.

All in all, it has been a week full of enriching experiences and opportunities for our students to develop vital skills for the future. It is inspiring to witness their hard work, enthusiasm, and determination as they embrace these life-ready activities. As always, we remain committed to providing our students with the tools and experiences they need to succeed, both in school and beyond.

Here's to a continued focus on excellence, preparation, and creating opportunities for all of our learners. Stay warm, and we look forward to the exciting weeks ahead!

*Annette Kumblien*

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### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### AUDIBLE

**Noun:** in American Football a change of playing tactics called by the quarterback when the offense is lined up at the line of scrimmage.

*Cheering by the fans made it hard for either team to hear any audibles.*

### HOUSE POINTS



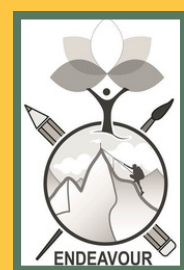
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# DIARY REMINDERS

## All Years

Wednesday 5th February - INSET DAY

## Year 7

Wednesday 29th January - Year 7 Jr. NBA (H) vs Selly Park Girls

Wednesday 29th January - Year 7 A & B Netball (A) vs St Peter's

## Year 8

Tuesday 30th January - Year 10 Basketball (H) vs Arden School

Monday 3rd February - Year 8 A & B Netball (A) vs St Peter's

## Year 9

Tuesday 27th January - Year 9 Netball (A) vs Solihull School

Monday 3rd February - Year 9 Assessments

Monday 3rd February - Year 9 Vaccinations

Monday 3rd February - Mid year Exams Week

Thursday 6th February - Year 9 Indoor Cricket (H) vs Lode Heath

## Year 10

Tuesday 27th January - Year 10 Basketball (H) vs Arden School

Monday 3rd February - Year 9 Vaccinations

Monday 3rd February - Mid year Exams Week

Thursday 6th February - Year 9 Indoor Cricket (H) vs Lode Heath

## Year 11

Friday 31st January - Sixth Form Application Deadline (Internal)

Friday 31st January - Year 11 Football (A) vs Alderbrook School

Monday 10th February to Friday 14th February - Year 11 Mocks

## Year 12

Friday 31st January - Year 12 Grades to Parents

Thursday 6th February - Year 12 Parents' Evening




# EXTRA CURRICULAR SPRING 25


















Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>After school</b>	<b>Lunch time</b>	<b>After school</b>	<b>Lunch time</b>
Dance Y7-12 Mrs Pemberton & Mrs White Gym	Choir Y7-12 Mr Hackett/Mr Homer MR1	Basketball Y7-8 Mr Cole Sports Hall	LGBTQIA+ Safe Space Y7-12 Miss Savva C6
Boys Football Y7 Mr Yates Astro	Origami Mr Mistry Room 101	Table Tennis - All years Mr Grasso Churchill Hall	Reading Miss Ali HIVE
Handball – All years Mr Cole Sports Hall	Book Club Y7-12 Mrs Mohamed	Sport Studies Y11 *Coursework* E3 Mr Yates	<b>After school</b>
Fitness Club – All years Mr Grasso Churchill Hall	Netball Y7-11 Mr Pemberton & Mrs White Sports Hall	Rock 'n' Pop Band By appointment only Mr Hackett/Mr Homer MR2	Girls Football Y7-12 Mrs Pemberton Astro
	Boys Football Y8-9 Mr Yates & Mr Grasso Astro		Badminton Y9-11 Mrs Yates Sport Hall
	Basketball Club Y7-11 Mr Cole Gym		
	Netball Academy Invitation Only Mrs Pemberton Sports Hall After Netball Club		
	Orchestra Y7-12 Mr Hackett/Mr Homer MR2		
	Art Club Y7-9 Miss Barbour Emanuel GarciaA6		
	English Club Y7-12 Miss Long & Mrs Iqbal 204		

**Key**

PE	Art
Humanities	Music
English	

- After school clubs are 3pm – 4pm, unless stated otherwise.
- Please inform parents/carers that you will be attending.
- PE Clubs – please ensure you bring the correct kit for the activity and meet outside the gym changing rooms for all clubs



Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
 <b>Dance</b> All Years Mrs Pemberton Gym		 <b>Netball (3-4pm only)</b> Year 8-11 Mrs White Sports Hall	 <b>Basketball</b> Year 7 & 8 Cancelled Due to fixture	 <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 <b>All on Astro</b>	 <b>Table Tennis</b> All Years Mr Grasso Churchill Hall	 <b>Badminton</b> Year 9-11 Cancelled Due to fixture
 <b>Handball</b> Cancelled Due to Staff meeting		 <b>Basketball</b> Year 9-11 Cancelled due To fixture	 <b>Sport Studies</b> Year 11 Mr Yates E3	 <b>Football Fixture</b> Year 11 AWAY vs Alderbrook
 <b>Fitness</b> All Years Mr Grasso Churchill Hall		 <b>Netball Fixture</b> Year 7 A & B AWAY @ St Peters Mrs Pemberton	 <b>Basketball Fixture</b> Year 8 & 9 @ HOME vs Arden	
 <b>Netball Fixture</b> Year 9 AWAY @ Solihull School 4.30pm start		 <b>Basketball Fixture</b> Year 7 Jr NBA @ HOME vs Selly Park Girls		

## Extra-Curricular PE Clubs

### 27th January - 31st January

# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



## Holocaust Memorial Day January 27, 2025

Holocaust Memorial Day is a solemn and significant day of remembrance observed to honor the millions of Jews and other minority groups who suffered and died during the Holocaust.

It also commemorates subsequent genocides and acts of mass violence. Holocaust Memorial Day serves as a stark reminder of the horrors of the past and emphasizes the importance of preventing such atrocities in the future.

Holocaust Memorial Day, often abbreviated as HMD, is a day dedicated to remembering the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides. It is a time for reflection, education, and raising awareness about the consequences of discrimination, hatred, and prejudice. The day encourages individuals and communities to stand together against hatred and persecution.

### History of Holocaust Memorial Day

The concept of Holocaust Memorial Day originated with the United Nations' recognition of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in 2005. The day was established to ensure that the memory of the Holocaust and other genocides is preserved and that the lessons learned are shared with future generations.

It is essential to remember the victims, honor the survivors, and pledge to prevent hatred and discrimination from taking root in society.

Here are some ways to commemorate the day:

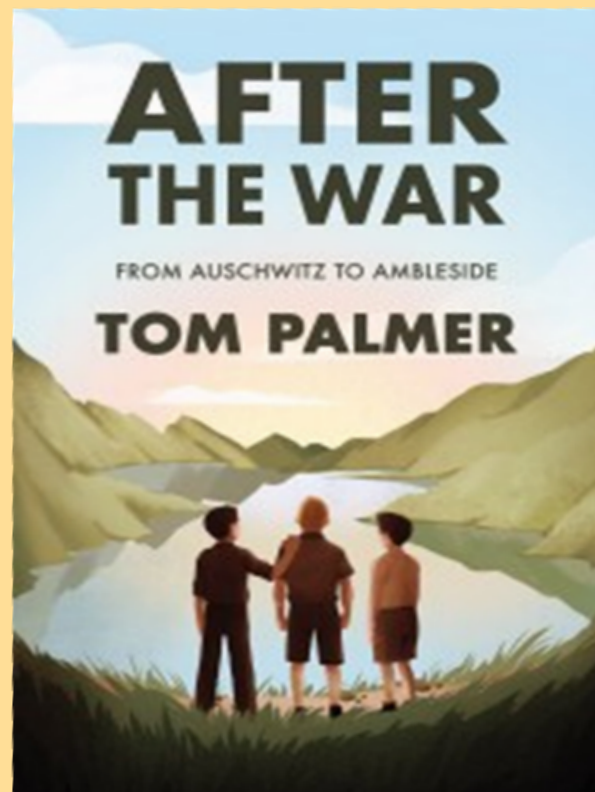
- **Attend Commemorative Events:** Many countries, cities, and communities organize events such as memorial services, exhibitions, lectures, and survivor testimonies.
- **Light a Candle:** At 8:00 PM (local time), individuals and organizations often participate in the "Light the Darkness" initiative by lighting a candle and observing a moment of reflection.
- **Learn and Educate:** Explore the history of the Holocaust and other genocides through books, documentaries, and online resources. Share your knowledge with others to raise awareness.
- **Support Charities:** Consider making a donation to organizations that support survivors, promote tolerance, and combat prejudice and discrimination.
- **Engage in Discussions:** Encourage open and respectful conversations about the Holocaust, genocide prevention, and human rights with friends, family, and colleagues.

# RECOMMENDED READS



In July 1942, thirteen-year-old Anne Frank and her family, fleeing the occupation, went into hiding in an Amsterdam warehouse. Over the next two years Anne vividly describes in her diary the frustrations of living in such close quarters, and her thoughts, feelings and longings as she grows up. Her diary ends abruptly when, in August 1944, they were all betrayed.

Summer 1945. The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can hopefully begin to recover. Will life by the beautiful Lake Windermere be enough to bring hope back into all their lives?





# House Events



## Year 8 Life Ready Day

All students in year 8 participated in a Dragon's Den style challenge to create their own sustainable youth activity centre! Each class nominated a winner and they all battled it out in front of Dawn and Hannah, our Chartered Surveyor experts. The winners were Amelia, Grace, Evie, Lacey and Bo from Endeavour and Challenger House, for their 'Heart of the Arts' idea. Well done everyone!

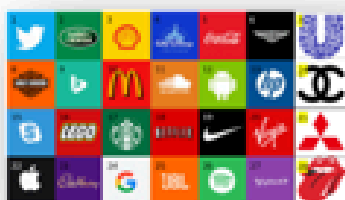
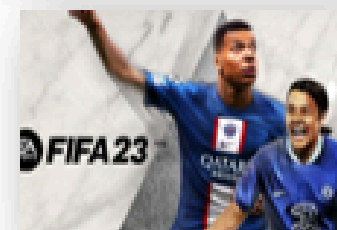
## Flag Quiz!

Well done to all of the 84 students who participated last week. Endeavour had the most participants and the most correct answers of the four day period. They extend their lead at the top of the House cup league table!



## Upcoming Events

**Yr10 FIFA Tournament**  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025



**Business Logos Quiz**  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January

## House Cup League Table

	Previous points	Flag Quiz	Year 8 Life Ready	House points	Total
<b>Endeavour</b>	315	40	48	400	803
<b>Challenger</b>	295	10	12	300	617
<b>Atlantis</b>	290	30	10	200	530
<b>Discovery</b>	300	20	30	100	450



# LIGHT HALL SKI TRIP



## 🏂 ANDORRA SKI TRIP 2026: FEBRUARY HALF TERM ADVENTURE! PARENTPAY OPENS FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY - 3PM ❄️❄️❄️

Get ready for the ultimate winter getaway! The February half term, next year, join us for an unforgettable school ski trip to the stunning Pyrenees in Andorra. Whether you're a seasoned skier or a first-timer, this is the perfect opportunity to enjoy world-class slopes, breathtaking alpine views, and exciting après-ski activities—all with your friends and classmates!

### Why Andorra?

- World-class Ski Resorts: Explore a range of slopes suitable for all levels, from beginners to advanced skiers.
- Stunning Scenery: Take in the picturesque mountain landscapes and crystal-clear skies.
- Great Value: Andorra offers excellent value for money, making it the ideal destination for school trips.
- Fantastic Facilities: Top-notch ski schools, rental equipment, and après-ski activities for all ages!

**ParentPay Opens  
on Friday 31st  
January at 3pm**

**Only 30 places**



# RED NOSE DAY FUN! 🤪



# RED NOSE DAY

## The Comedian of Light Hall

Enter your joke by using the Microsoft Form sent out through Class Charts.  
(remember to be appropriate)

**Entries in by Friday 28th February**

Let us entertain you!!!!!!

The best jokes submitted will be read out

Date: Joke Time Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Place: Gym

Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> break.

Entrance Fee £1 (all proceeds raised going to Comic Relief)

You vote for the winning joke.

## 🚧 PARENTPAY REMINDER 🚧

Don't forget, you can use ParentPay to make quick and secure payments for school activities. If you have any questions or need help, just email [parentpay@lighthall.co.uk](mailto:parentpay@lighthall.co.uk) and we'll be happy to assist!

## Year 11 After School revision sessions- Spring Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English Mrs Allsopp 3pm-4pm	Study Skills Mr Masood 3pm-3.45pm E3	History Miss Savva 3pm-4pm	Science Higher Mr Lomax- C2 3pm-4pm	French Higher Ms Garcia 3pm-3.30pm
Spanish Ms Garcia 3pm-3.30pm		Business Studies Mrs Lawrence 3pm-4pm	Science Foundation Mrs Perks C10, Mr Abbas D2 & Miss Watkins D3 3pm-4pm	Exam practice Mr Bate 3pm-3.30pm
Geography Miss Harrison 3pm-3.30pm		I-Media Mr Duffy 3pm-4pm	Maths 11H2 Mr Mistry 3pm-4pm	
Maths 11L3 Mrs Archbold 3pm-4pm		Food Mrs Starkey 3pm-4pm	Sports Studies Mr Yates 3pm-4pm	
		French Foundation Ms Garcia 3pm-3.30pm		
		Study Skills Mr Masood 3pm-3.45pm E3		
		Maths 11L1 Miss Gould 3pm-4pm		

### Regular Revision tips

- Check your PLC of what you need to revise. Start by revising the topics you understand least.
- **Space out** and **interleave** your revision so that you don't cram the same topics in a short space of time.
- Trial **25 minute bursts** of revision for each topic.
- Create revision **material to recall information** from.
- Regularly **test** and complete **exam questions** after you have revised.