



Dear Parents

Term continues to move forward at a real pace. Year 11 students have submitted Sixth Form applications and they have been interviewed by senior members of staff about Post 16 choices here or elsewhere.

Good luck to our Year 7 footballers who are representing the County in Manchester today.

Also well done to our older students who performed “Spring Awakening” last week. An excellent production of a challenging play. Thanks to all the staff involved, especially Mr Cross.

Reminder our half term starts at 3pm on Friday 17th February and school re-opens at 8.40am on Monday 27th February.

Regards

Thomas Rothwell
Principal

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SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

We were delighted to host the Lightcliffe Partnership Sportshall Athletics Competition on the 1st February. We would like to thank Northowram J&I School, Shelf J&I School, Withinfields Primary school, St Michael & All Angels CE School, Salterlee Academy Trust and Lightcliffe CE Primary School for taking part.

The standard was exceptionally high from all the children. The students showed determination, team spirit and pride at representing their school.

Our Community Sports Leaders and Higher sports leaders were particularly impressive in leading the event, they showed dignity and a great service to the primary schools.

We would like to congratulate Lightcliffe on their winning performance, and wish them luck in the Calderdale final on the 7th February at North Bridge Leisure Centre.



Y7 Netball

Pictured below some of our Year 7 Netball squad in training for their friendly match against Trinity Academy on Thursday 9th February at Lightcliffe Academy. Good luck girls.



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Emma Mitchell in Year 7, she was selected for the West Yorkshire Schools Cross—Country Championships which took place on Saturday 4th February at Leeds Grammar School and came 6th.



Y7 FOOTBALL

HUGE well done to our Year 7 footballers who, after winning the Calderdale 5-a-side Championships in December 2016, qualified for the West Yorkshire Finals on Wednesday 18th January 2017.

Our lads went on to win the West Yorkshire Finals and qualified for the North of England Finals. They played on Friday 3rd February at the Power League Soccer Centre in Trafford, Manchester and came 5th.

Well done fellas!!!

Dance Competition

On Thursday 2nd February Lightcliffe Academy took part in 'The Great Big Dance Off', which is a popular national dance competition open to schools all across England & Wales. **This is the ONLY national dance competition aimed SOLELY at schools.** Their vision is to create an exciting competition bringing together children of all ages and abilities where the emphasis is on **having a good time.**

Each school can enter as many teams as it likes. Whatever the preferred style of dance and level of experience.

Heats are held all over the country, we took 3 dance teams to the Victoria Theatre in Halifax, these consisted of a number of students from key stage 3 and 4, aged 11-16.

These students spend a lot of time doing dance extra curricular, working towards events like these or working extremely hard in their BTEC Dance lessons.

Their hard work was shown through their excellent dance routines which scored very highly on points. This is reflected with our year 10 BTEC Dancers placing fourth out of 11 in their area.

Well done to all these students

Half Term

Reminder— Our Half Term starts at 3pm on Friday 17th February. School re opens at 8.40am on Monday 27th February.

Attendance

Attendance is crucial to ensuring success for all our students. Our Principal Mr Rothwell will be writing to all parents this week to reinforce this point.

VISTA VISIT

We had a great day with the [@VistaAgency](#) at the Brewery Wharf in Leeds. 12 of our Business Studies students worked to plan a live brief for an outdoor event – a music festival!

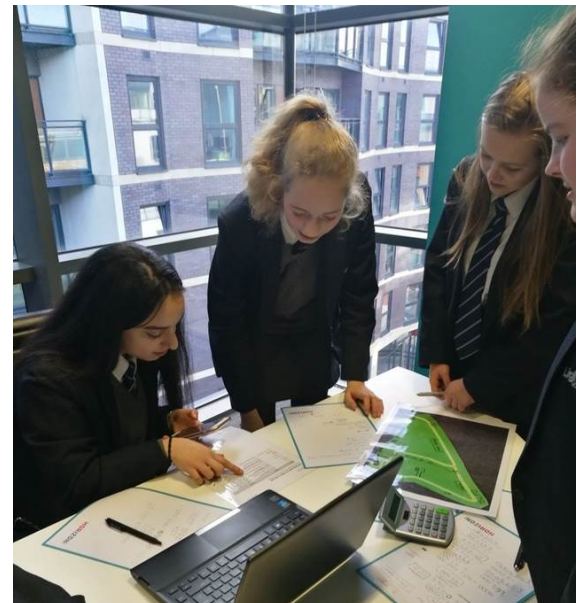
Working in two teams of 6, our students had to work to a strict budget, plan the site and come out with a healthy profit (and a brilliant festival) at the end.

Thank you to the students for their fantastic behaviour and outstanding effort, thanks also to the [@AheadP_ship](#) for organising the event.

Welcome to Vista!



Negotiating prices with



The team 'Moroccan Music Chicken' pitching their brief



Cashless School

We moved to ParentPay over the Summer as we no longer use ScoPay, however around 25% of parents are still not set up.

If your child arrives in school asking for money to be added to his/her account, we will have to turn them away as we don't have change in school.

Over the last 2 weeks activation details have been emailed or text to those parents who are still not live on the system. We would therefore appreciate you setting up your accounts on ParentPay as soon as possible in order to help us achieve our aim of becoming a cashless school by the Autumn of 2017.

One of the major reasons behind this move is the introduction of both the new £5 note and the £1 coin which comes into circulation in March, and a new £10 note in the summer. This is because the cost of adapting the cash loaders is prohibitive and we would prefer to spend our finite resources on Teaching & Learning. Also the Parent Pay system is both flexible and convenient and allows you to pay all of your child's trips etc. within the same transaction.

Change is not kept in school so giving your child the correct change for lunch or bus fares is essential.

Another useful facility available on ParentPay is the ability to add a second contact to your child's account, please email contactus@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk providing us with the student's name along with the name and email address of the second contact.



Y11 PROM

Please could you be aware the deposit for this year's Prom is required by Friday February 10th and consent slips need returning to Miss Williams in the Pastoral Office.

The Prom is being held at The Arches, Dean Clough on June 29th from 6.30pm.



BATMAN BUILDER'S COMPETITION

To all Year 7's and Year 8's

Are you a Lego Batman Builder?

Create your own hero!

Does your hero have what it takes?

Enter the Lego Batman Builders Competition by drawing an Alter Ego Hero Sign.

First prize: Private screening of The Lego Batman Movie for you and your class at your local cinema.

Second prize: ipad.

Third prize for three runner ups: Official Lego Batman movie merchandise goody bags.

Competition closes 24.02.17.

Please collect and return all Entry Forms to Mrs Dean in A2.03.

KEY DATES

February

- 17th School closes 3pm for half term
- 27th School re-opens (Week2)

March

- 2nd 'Emil' School Production Y7-10
- 3rd 'Emil' School Production Y7-10
- 4th 'Emil' School Production Y7-10
- 6th Friends of Lightcliffe Academy 6pm
- 15th 12.30pm finish for students (PM Teacher Training)
- 21st PSHCE Day
- 23rd Year 8 Parents Evening



Term Dates for this academic year can be viewed on the school website