



"It has been an extremely busy start to term with lots of good things happening" Mr T Rothwell, Principal.

OPEN EVENING



Everybody is settling into routines and we have a real emphasis on good working habits this year.

Please be aware school is not open to parents for contact either by telephone or in person before 8am or after 4pm. Where possible parents are encouraged to make an appointment to see staff as they will not be available on an ad hoc basis.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards

T. Rothwell

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Term Date Update
- Milk
- ParentPay

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Milk Student Planner

Milk has been successfully rolled out to students and teachers. Individual parent logins will be sent out on Monday via students. There is one login per parent.



Support for parents is offered through Digital Abbey, part of our partnership with Abbey Multi Academy Trust. If you have any questions about the Milk Student Planner or you need assistance with your login then please visit www.digitalabbey.co.uk and complete the Contact Us form for “Lightcliffe Milk Support”.

If students have any issues with the system please email contactus@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk including the students name and details of the issue. This query will be followed up by the IT support staff in school.

Milk have released a parent app which you can download from [here](#). Through Milk, parents will be able to see all homework that is set by class teachers along with live attendance and punctuality data. Parents will also be able to see behaviour points. As we progress into the Autumn/Winter term, we will also be looking at linking positive behaviour/achievements into Milk.

NEW £5 NOTES

The machines in school do not accept the new plastic £5 notes, with the move to becoming completely cashless in 2017 we urge parents to set up the new ParentPay online system for paying for all items including lunches.

We do not have change in school to give students for lunches or bus fares so correct change is essential.

Remembrance Poppies

Remembrance Sunday this year is on Sunday 13th November and as usual traditional paper poppies will be available to buy in school. As in recent years we will have other poppy related items available e.g. pencils, pens, erasers, wrist bands, zip pulls and metal pin badges. This is all done through the Royal British Legion and all monies go back to them.

Each year Lightcliffe Academy is invited to lay a wreath at the Memorial in Bailiffe Bridge, students and families are welcome to come along.



TERM DATES 2016-17

Autumn term 2016

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| Training Day | Monday 5 September (staff only) |
| Open | Tuesday 6 September (Open for Years 7, 11 & 12 only) |
| Close | Friday 21 October |
| Open | Monday 31 October |
| | Wednesday 16th November – close at 12.30 |
| Training Day | Tuesday 22nd November (staff only) |
| Close | Friday 16 December |

Spring term 2017

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| Open | Tuesday 3 January 2017 |
| Close | Friday 17 February |
| Open | Monday 27 February |
| | Wednesday 15th March – close at 12.30 |
| Close | Friday 7 April |

Summer term 2017

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| Open | Monday 24 April |
| May Day | Closed |
| Close | Friday 26 May |
| Open | Monday 5 June |
| | Monday 10th July – close at 12.30 |
| Close | Friday 21 st July |
| Training Day | Monday 24th July |
| Training Day | Tuesday 25 July |

*** Please note the changes in blue***

FIFTH TRAINING DAY

In order to give extra time to staff to discuss pupil progress and assessments we are splitting our final training day into thirds. On three separate occasions school will finish at 12.30pm, allowing staff to work together to analyse data and plan interventions at key times during the year. School buses will depart at 12.40pm on these days only.

DATA COLLECTION

Data Collection sheets for Years 8-11 were sent out towards the end of September. We have only received around half of the completed and signed sheets back .

If you have not yet completed the Data Collection sheet for your child, please do so **as soon as possible** and return to the School Office.

Please don't forget to sign and date the sheet even if there are no changes to be made. You may also scan and email your completed sheet to contactus@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk

If at any time during the course of the year you need to make changes to your child's contact information, please write or email school with the update.

It is very important that we have correct and up-to-date information for you and your child.

“New online payment system ParentPay”

PARENT PAY

We still have 1/3 of parents not set up for the new online cashless payment system **ParentPay**. If you have not yet set this up we would appreciate it if you could do this as soon possible.

If you have lost the letter with your activation code please email contactus@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk giving your child's name and year group and we will email the information back to you.

If you have any problems, there is a fantastic help facility on their website where they help you directly. Another useful facility available with the new system is a second contact can be added to a child, please email contactus@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk giving the students name with the name and email address of the second contact. The contacts are not able to see each other's personal or banking details.

UNDERSTANDING MORE ABOUT RISKY BEHAVIOUR ONLINE: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

DATE: TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2016 6.30PM-8.00PM
VENUE: CROSSLEY HEATH SCHOOL ~ MAIN HALL
PRESENTER: JUDE WRIGHT, PROJECT MANAGER, PEACE MUSEUM BRADFORD

Our natural instinct as parents is to protect and look after our children and to help them use technology for good. As parents we wonder if we are doing enough to help our children stay safe in their on-line practices. By attending this session you will gain much greater awareness of the risks associated with on-line use and the kind of conversations you should have at home. This will be a hard-hitting evening covering the following:

- ***Strategies used by perpetrators to target young people***
- ***Techniques used to radicalise young people***
- ***Vulnerability to manipulate content***
- ***The signs of a young person who may be being groomed by a sexual predator***
- ***Guidance on what to do if presented by malicious content***
- ***Signpost further support for those who might need it***

Using real life case studies the session will explore how seemingly innocent online relationships can be a cover for more sinister motives through a range of media including Facebook, online gaming, texting and dating apps.

The session is free of charge.

**If you would like to reserve a place please contact the Head's PA Lynne Sharples
lynne.sharples@crossleyheath.org.uk**

STUDENT ORGANISATION

Polite Reminder to all Parents

Please encourage your child to be organised and have all the necessary equipment with them before they leave for school.

At the pastoral office we have students coming to telephone parents for items, also parents dropping off items students have forgotten. Unfortunately we do not have time to get these items to students, they must come to collect them at break times or lunchtime.

Examples of items often brought into school after 8:40am include:

Lunch Boxes/Lunch Money

Bus Fare

PE Kit

Food Ingredients

Aprons

Thank you for your co-operation.



AIR CADETS

The 250 (Halifax) Air Cadet Squadron are coming into school after half term to speak to Y8 and Y9 in assembly about the squadron.

They will also be informed on where and when to meet should they be interested in joining.

LIGHTCLIFFE ACADEMY BAKE OFF

Staff had a charity bake off where staff were invited to create something fabulous in aid of Macmillan Cancer for the coffee morning on Friday 30th September. The students raised another £161.97 towards Macmillan, taking our grand total to £2582.99.

That now concludes are Health Promotion events for this year and we'll be back again in July to fight another worthwhile cause.

Helen, Philippa and Year 13 Health and Social Care



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Tempest the photographers will be coming into school on Wednesday 2nd November.

They will be taking individual photographs of all students. Please ensure you child/children are in full uniform and adhere to the dress code.

Your child will bring their order form home on this date.

