



Dear Parents,

We are currently in the middle of a very busy period for school, with many important events taking place. It was wonderful to come into school this morning and see vast amounts of food that students had donated to BASH.

Our open evening for prospective Sixth Form students was a great success and we look forward to supporting all year 11 students in their post 16 choices.

Year 11 commence a crucial part of the preparation for summer examinations on Monday 5th December when their mock exams begin. I would ask parents to ensure that students are revising and working hard at home ready for the 2 weeks of examinations.

I would also like to congratulate Mr Cresswell and everybody who took part in the Shakespeare for schools festival. The feedback on a great performance has been universally positive.

Finally a date for your diary. Our Christmas Service will take place at St Mathew’s Church at 7pm on Tuesday 13th December and you are all cordially invited.

Regards

Thomas Rothwell

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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

We have been promoting Anti Bullying Week by holding assemblies to make students aware of the consequences of bullying and also to inform them of the support and advice available to them on this subject.



At the front of school we have a display which shows students who have signed the pledge to stand up to bullying and our Anti Bullying Ambassadors are currently selling anti bullying wristbands at a cost of £1 each, which goes to a good cause.

We do hope that you will support us by asking your child to purchase one to show our commitment in school to stamp out bullying, making our school a safer place.

“MAKE A STAND AND WEAR A BAND”

BASH

On Friday 25th November, students held a non-uniform day to raise awareness of local charity, BASH. BASH operate a foodbank in the local community so in addition to donating money, students brought in donations of food, toiletries and other essential items to help those in need. The day was organised by Year 9 Enrichment students as part of their Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award. The Young Leaders Award is a school based Citizenship Programme, which equips young people with leadership skills and empowers them to 'be the change they want to see' in their local communities. Respect and service, two of our school values, were perfectly demonstrated as many students kindly donated multiple items of food, warm clothing and toiletries.

“We are thankful for everything everyone has donated to BASH and we hope to keep supporting them.” - Holly Stainsby and Ellie Blake, on behalf of all Year 9 enrichment students.

“We would like to say a massive thank you to Year 9 for their organisation and to the rest of Lightcliffe Academy for their donations. Without donations like this, our charity couldn't function and we wouldn't be able to help people in need. Thank you!” – Rebecca from BASH



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

Orders for school photographs have been sent off to Tempest Photographers, we are expecting orders to be delivered to school and ready for collection by students week commencing Monday 5th December.

You can still order online for home delivery via www.tempest-schools.co.uk, please see full instructions on your order form.



POST 16 OPEN EVENING

On Wednesday November 23 year 11 students attended the Lightcliffe Academy Sixth Form Open Evening as part of their preparations for life after their GCSEs. Parents and students visited the subject stalls to see which subjects they will be best suited to. Mr Rothwell, Mr Craig and the Head Boy and Head Girl also spoke to visitors to make them aware of the fantastic improvements we have made to our sixth form provision over the past 18 months and to highlight why we feel our sixth form is the best choice for them.

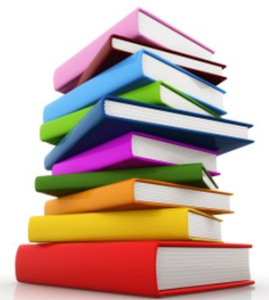
In the coming weeks Year 11 students will also visit the Sixth Form centre to see the facilities and they will also have a 1:2:1 meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss their options for next year. Whether they plan to stay on at Lightcliffe or not, ALL students will receive thorough guidance and support in helping them to make the best choice for themselves and their future life chances.

Overdue Library Books

We currently have a large amount of books that are overdue and need returning to the school library.

Please ask your child/children to check at home for any books they may have forgotten about and ask them to return them as soon as possible.

Thank you.



Shakespeare Schools Festival

On Monday 21st November, Lightcliffe Academy's own theatre company 'The Hiplight Players' presented their production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Victoria Theatre, Halifax, as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. They performed alongside three other schools and managed to claim the top spot which closed the show! The organiser of the event appraised our production as being "a pacey, high concept Midsummer Night's Dream that succeeded in exploring the many different aspects of the comedy in the Bards work."

Feedback from parents has also been very positive; praising highly the professional quality of the actors performances, the slickness of the scene transitions and the eye catching opening sequence. The production's director, Mr Cresswell, further adds: "It's been great to return to the Shakespeare Schools Festival in 2016 after taking a year away. The cast have been magnificent throughout the 5 months of rehearsal and special praise goes out to Katie Johnson in Year 11 who did an exceptional job as our assistant director. It was also really great to be supported by so many staff, students and parents. A fitting contribution to the 400 years of Shakespeare celebration this year."

The 'Hiplight Players' next production will be 'Spring Awakening' in school on January 26th and 27th. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Year 7 Data Collection

Data Collection Sheets for our Year 7 Students were handed out by Form Tutors on Wednesday 23rd November.

Please can you check the details, make any relevant changes and return to the Main Office by Monday 28th November.

Also, please find attached to the main email a blank Data Sheet for any future changes you may have.



DATA COLLECTION

Year 11 Meningitis Vaccination Consent Forms

Your child should have been given a consent form for the Meningitis vaccination that will be given to all year 11 students in the New Year.

Please note that these forms need to be completed and returned by **Friday 2nd December 2016** – for the attention of Mrs Ackroyd in the **Pastoral Office**.

If your child has not been given a form, please will you ask them to come to the Pastoral office as they have spare copies.

NEW CURRENCY

Please note that the machines in school do not accept the new plastic £5 notes. New £1 coins are due to come into circulation in March 2017, our machines will not be able to accept these either. Please make every effort to sign up to ParentPay as we will become a cashless school by Autumn 2017. Please email: contactus@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk to request your log on details.

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

SPORTS FIXTURES AND EVENTS CONSENT FORMS

If your child participates in sporting fixtures or events, the school will need a signed consent form to allow them to take part.

Rather than sending individual forms for each event, a consent form for the current academic year will now need to be completed and signed by the Parent/Carer.

We have attached a form to the main email.

Please return completed forms to **Main Reception** or scan and email to contactus@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk

If the above does not apply to your child, no action is needed.

Parents Evenings

Ks5 subject consultation evening will be held on Thursday 1st December between 4pm and 6pm. Appointment bookings opened 9am Monday 14th and will close 8am Monday 28th November.

As you are aware school operates an online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

Please visit <https://lightcliffeacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments.

“Don't forget to book your parents evening appointments”

KEY DATES

December

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| 1st | 6th Form Parents Evening |
| 13th | Christmas Service — 7pm |
| 16th | 12.50pm Early Close for Christmas Break |

January 2017

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| 3rd | School Re-opens |
| 5th | KS4/KS5 Presentation Evening |
| 9th | Friends of Lightcliffe Academy 6pm |
| 12th | Year 7 Parents Evening |
| 23rd | PSHCE Day |
| 26th | Spring Awakening Production |
| 27th | Spring Awakening Production |
| 28th | Spring Awakening Production |

Term Dates can be viewed on the school website or click [here](#)

