



Dear Parents

A Happy New Year to you all and it has been great to welcome back all the students and staff this week. As always things have been busy but it appears to have been a good start to the term. Year 13 have been doing mock examinations, Y11 will be given their mock examination results next Wednesday.

Last night we had our annual presentation evening for last years Year 11 and 13 students. It was a lovely evening where our main guest, Rachael Mackenzie gave an inspirational talk. There will be more in the next newsletter.

Regards

Thomas Rothwell
Principal

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Milk Student Planner

Some Milk users have been experiencing problems with logging in over the Christmas holidays. Users have been logged out of the app and have been unable to log back in.



Milk have confirmed that users who did not change the original password they were issued with, are automatically logged out after three months for account security.

User accounts which were updated with a password of the users choice will not expire and users should be able to log back in straight away.

Students can see a member IT Team or their Form Tutor to have their password reset.

Parents can visit www.digitalabbey.co.uk click on the 'Contact Us' button and click 'Lightcliffe Milk Support'. These passwords will then be reset by a member of the Abbey MAT Digital Services Team.

Milk have launched a new 'Forgotten Password' tool. Currently, passwords can only be reset in a web browser by clicking on the '*Forgotten your password?*' link in the login screen. Password reset is coming to the mobile app very soon.

Please visit my.milkapp.io

Passwords are reset by email so only users with an email address set in their account can use the re-set feature. Any user who does not have an email set in their account can add one by going to Settings in the Milk Web Portal.

Y11 MOCK EXAM RESULTS

On Wednesday 11th January Year 11 students will be receiving their mock exam results that they sat back in December 2016. The event will endeavour to mirror the real thing in the summer, in order to give students a flavour of what it will be like. These results will also be emailed home no later than Thursday 12th January so parents have a copy.

Please can you go through the results with your son/daughter and discuss small strategies that they can adopt over the coming weeks to improve their performance not only in lessons but for exam preparation as well for the next set of mock exams in early March.

An example could include drawing up a revision schedule to organise revision and homework after school and at the weekend. If you have any queries regarding their mock exam results please contact the Achievement Director who is in charge of their house in the first instance.

YEAR 9 VACCINATION CONSENT FORMS

Parent/Carers of Year 9 students, your child should have brought home their vaccination consent forms, please can you ensure that these are signed and returned to Mrs Ackroyd in the Pastoral Office by Friday 13th January 2017 at the latest – thank you.



FORGOTTEN ITEMS DROPPED OFF AT SCHOOL

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, a message will be put on the register for teachers to inform students and they must come to collect them at break or lunchtime.

STUDENT HEALTH & SATELY

Any student arriving in school before 8.30am must stay in the Hall, Gully or Bistro.

They must not wander around school before this time for Health & Safety reasons.

Also students who are still in school after 3pm and are not taking part in an organised afterschool activity must wait in the entrance area until leaving, we would encourage students to leave the premises as promptly as possible.

We would appreciate your assistance in ensuring that students are aware of this and understand the importance of adhering to this restriction.



KEY DATES

January 2017

9th	Friends of Lightcliffe Academy 6pm
12th	Year 7 Parents Evening
13th	6pm Parent Forum Group
23rd	PSHCE Day
26th	Spring Awakening Production
27th	Spring Awakening Production
28th	Spring Awakening Production



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

Term Dates 2017/18

Autumn term 2017	Training Day	Monday 4 September (staff only)	
	Open	Tuesday 5 September	
	Close	Friday 27 October	
	Open	Monday 6 November	
	Close	Friday 22 December	74 days
Spring term 2018	Open	Monday 8 January 2018	
	Close	Friday 16 February	
	Open	Monday 26 February	
	Close	Thursday 29 March	54 days
Summer term 2018	Open	Monday 16 April	
	May Day Closed	Monday 7 May	
	Close	Friday 25 May	
	Open	Monday 4 June	
	Close	Friday 20 July	64 days
	Training Day	Monday 23 July (staff only)	
Training Day	Tuesday 24 July (staff only)	192 days in total	

***2 days to be identified as staff training days**

Please note the finish date for Christmas 2017, we are following Calderdale Councils recommended holidays. There are two training days still to be added, we will keep you informed when these will be.