

**Dear Parents**

**General Letter Number 2  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016**

It has been an extremely busy start to term with lots of good things happening.

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.

**Council Speed Limit (20mph)**

We have been informed by Calderdale Council that Stoney Lane is included in a proposed speed limit change which includes other roads in the Hove Edge, Lightcliffe, Brighouse North & Bailiff Bridge South West areas. A full list of roads and maps can be found on the Calderdale website from [here](#). If you wish to make a representation to any part of the order you are advised to do so by no later than 14<sup>th</sup> October to either [20mph@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:20mph@calderdale.gov.uk) or Westgate House, Westgate, Halifax HX1 1PS.

**Changes to school buses**

West Yorkshire Combined Authority is reminding people in Calderdale and Kirklees about changes to tickets on some schools bus services.

From Monday 3 October, FirstDay & FirstWeek tickets will no longer be valid on some schools services funded by West Yorkshire Combined Authority in Calderdale and Kirklees. MCard and MetroCard passes continue to be valid on all these services, which will still be run using First vehicles. This is due to a change in the way the services are contracted.

Details of young people's MCards and how to apply for them online are at <https://ticketsandpasses.wymetro.com/> West Yorkshire Combined Authority's Education Transport team has contacted the schools affected. Details are on the schools travel website at [www.generationm.co.uk](http://www.generationm.co.uk). The team will also be sending out reminders using the [@metrogenm Twitter feed](#) and the [generationM Facebook page](#). People wanting further information can contact the Education Transport team on 0113 3481122.

**New School Mini Bus**



School has taken delivery of a brand new mini bus to help with trips and extra curricular activities. Look out for the distinctive logo round and about Calderdale.

## Term Dates 2016-17

### Autumn term 2016

**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 16<sup>th</sup> November – close at 12.30**

**Training Day** **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November (staff only)**

Close Friday 16 December

### Spring term 2017

Open Tuesday 3 January 2017

Close Friday 17 February

Open Monday 27 February

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – close at 12.30**

Close Friday 7 April

### Summer term 2017

Open Monday 24 April

**May Day** **Closed** **Monday 1 May**

Close Friday 26 May

Open Monday 5 June

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – close at 12.30**

Close Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Training Day** **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 each of these days only.

### **KS3 Presentation Evening**

This took place in school yesterday evening. A full report will feature in the next newsletter.



'Hiplight Players Junior Fellowship Award' This is a new award which was awarded to Sam Firth who throughout KS3 has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Theatre Company; displaying not only talent but also endeavour in his hard work.

*Sam Firth with his trophy pictured left with Head boy and girl.*

### **Friends of LA**

The Treasure Hunt planned for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September has had to be postponed and has been rearranged for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 6.30pm. The next meeting of The Friends of Lightcliffe Academy is to take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 6pm.

All parents are automatically members and we would encourage you to become involved and support the school.

### **HESCO Trip**

The Year 11 Engineering students enjoyed a workplace visit to Hesco last week. They were introduced to key areas of the business with the emphasis on research and development, marketing and production management. Students saw first-hand how the products are made and were taught how a simple idea can change the lives of many people.

Five of Hesco's management team were involved in the delivery of the sessions. They also covered subject matter such as Intellectual ownership and career trajectories. The team were impressed at some of the student's questions, including. "Has the decision to leave the EU had an impact on your company?" Also "What is the positive social impact of your company on the local area?"



I was impressed at how mature the Year 11's behaved. They seemed to fit into a business environment very comfortably. The visit has ignited a few students interest to becoming Engineers in the future and one student into marketing. The information gathered will help all students with their GCSE study. Nicola Rawnsley – Head of Technology Department

### **Sporting Achievements**

Year 11 students Brad Ho and Lewis Galtress have been selected to represent the Bradford Bulls Rugby League Academy at U16 level.

Year 9 students Alfie Fairbank, Jake Judson, Haroon Salah and Tee-Jay Musvaburi have been selected to try out at the York City trials for U14's.

Year 12 Student Abigail Crowther has been selected for the England U18's TDG (Talent Development Group) Rugby Squad. Abby also represents the Yorkshire girls at U18.

Congratulations to all these dedicated students and keen athletes and an exceptional role models for their peers. We as a school wish them all the best and support all our students in their extra-curricular activities.

Abby pictured right with Tamara Taylor and Le Toya Mason – both England International players that she was lucky enough to spend the day with last month.



### **ParentPay**

A big thank you for setting up on our new online cashless payment system **ParentPay**. If you have any problems, there is a fantastic help facility on their website where they help you directly.

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](mailto:contactus@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk) giving us your child's name and year group and we will email the information back to you.

Another useful facility available with the new system is a second contact can be added to a child, please email [contactus@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk](mailto: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.

### **Air Cadets**

The 250 (Halifax) Air Cadet Squadron are coming into school to speak to Y8 and 9 in assembly about the squadron.

### **The Sixth Form at Lightcliffe**

The exciting start to the new academic year continues in Lightcliffe Academy's Sixth Form. We now have a record intake of 145 Year 12 students (double last year's intake) and the buzz in the Sixth Form is great to see.

The Year 12 and 13 students are embracing the improvements and have made a great start to the year. Students are now busy signing up for enrichment opportunities such as sign language, first aid, EPQ, CSLA, debate team, Sixth Form newspaper, trips etc.....

### **Data Collection**

Data Collection sheets for Years 8-11 were sent out last Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Around a third of the sheets sent out have been signed and returned to school.

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](mailto: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.

### **Milk Online Student Planner**

Milk has been successfully rolled out to students and teachers. Individual parent logons for each parent will be sent out next week via students. If you or your child have any issues with the system please email [contactus@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk](mailto: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.

### The Great Lightcliffe Bake Off

Staff are having charity bake off where staff are invited to create something fabulous in aid of McMillan Cancer for the coffee morning next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Judging the cake/bake which is most appealing and bestselling with the winner receiving a hamper stuffed with goodies. This is in conjunction with fundraising done by the Health & Social team and students last school year as part of the course.

### Staff Charity Cycle

The Lightcliffe Academy Cycle Team completed the arduous, 150 mile West Yorkshire Cycle Route weekend of 16/17/18<sup>th</sup> September. They set off from school on Friday and completed the route on Sunday. This year they chose to raise money for Martin House Children's Hospice, if you would like to sponsor them they have a just giving page which is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lynne-Harris10>.

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year they have cycled for charity previously completing the 'Way of the Roses' Whitehaven to Sunderland in April 2013, then Morecambe to Bridlington May 2014 over 3 days and last year they completed Morecambe to Bridlington in just 2 days. Who knows where they will venture to next year.



Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards

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