

Dear Parents

General Letter Number 10

12th February 2016

Dates for your Diary

Friday 12th February – School closes for Half Term

Monday 22nd February – Training Day

Tuesday 23rd February – School Reopens

Monday 29th February – PTA Meeting

Wednesday 9th March – Year 10 Parents Evening

Sixth Form News

On Wednesday 10th February, Lightcliffe Academy welcomed a very prestigious visitor. David Dein came to speak to our Year 12 and 13 students, along with a group of specially chosen Year 11 students. David Dein has a great pedigree in the football industry as former Vice Chairman of Arsenal, the FA and member of various UEFA and FIFA committees, along with being credited as being one of the five people to create the Premier League.

During his talk he explained his views regarding the importance of hard work and aspiration to our students. He finished the talk with one of his favourite quotes, “Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending”. We hope our students have taken a lot from this unique opportunity and use the talk as inspiration to do well in their studies, and indeed their lives.



Sixth Form News

Year 13 students finished their mock exams this week and we are now awaiting the exam results. Students will receive their results on 26th February.

Year 12 students have an opportunity over half term to plan and revise for their mock exams which begin on 23rd February.

'We Will Rock You'

Lightcliffe Academy brings their school production, the hit musical 'We Will Rock You' to life on the 25th, 26th and 27th February 2016. The show is based on songs from the band Queen and a book by Ben Elton telling a story of a group of Bohemians who struggle in world without creativity, with musical instruments forbidden and rock music all but unknown.

Students were keen to prepare themselves early, learning on their return in September that auditions were to be held in December. Since securing their roles, the excited cast have dedicated their personal time and energy in helping to create what promises to be a fantastic performance.

As there was such a lot of interest from talented students, two casts share the run of the show, so family and friends are encouraged to secure tickets early for their chosen performance:

Cast 1 - Thursday 25th February

Cast 2 - Friday 26th February

Cast 1 - Saturday 27th February

Based on previous shows, the production promises to be a sell out with reasonably priced tickets (£5 for adults, £4 concessions and £15 for four). Teaching staff from the Music and Drama departments: Bradley Cross, Clare Washington, Chris Cresswell and Darran West are co directing and producing with support from other members of staff and 6th form Drama students on costume, lighting and back stage. All show times start at 7pm.

Primary School Quicksticks competition

On Wednesday 27th January we held our first Quicksticks (mini hockey) competition for partner primary schools. Teams from Northowram, Rawson, Shelf and St Joseph's, took part in what proved to be a very exciting competition. The eventual winners were Northowram, they progressed to the Calderdale finals the following week, they then battled against teams from across the district to finish in the top four qualifying for the West Yorkshire School Games in March, where they will face teams from Bradford, Wakefield, Kirklees and Leeds.

A special mention to our 6th form Sports Leaders who did an excellent job officiating.

Year 11 Group Photographs

Please could all orders for the Year 11 group photograph be returned to Mrs Ackroyd in the Pastoral Office by Wednesday 23rd February 2016.

Please see the website to view the photograph, a copy is also available to view at the Pastoral Office along with spare order forms. www.tempest-groups.co.uk

Statement on the Use of Prescribed and over the Counter Medicines.

The administration of medicines to young people is a parental responsibility. Only in exceptional circumstances where students under 16 years of age have no alternative, should medication e.g. antibiotics be brought onto school premises. Under those circumstances only medication which has been prescribed by a doctor and needs to be taken more than three times a day may be self-administered in an appropriate place. Or by the Schools First Aider by arrangement or on occasions when he/she is not in school, by the member of staff trained to act in his/her stead. The procedure outlined should be followed:

A request form, (Form B) which can be obtained from the main school office, must be completed by the parent and returned to the Schools First Aider. (Form C) to be completed Principal/Head of setting agreement to administer medicine. For further details please contact Mrs Fountain (First Aid) sfountain@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk

Year 11 Prom

This year's Year 11 Prom is to be held on Wednesday June 29th at The Arches - Dean Clough, Halifax.

Please ensure you pay the deposit of £10 by Tuesday 23rd of February. This needs to be paid via the Scopay online payment system.

We need to confirm numbers with the venue for food and drinks.

Lost Property

We have some purses, wallets, watches, jewellery, glasses, keys and other small items in lost property, these are available to view at Pastoral Office.

If your child has lost any of the above, please ask them to go to the Pastoral Office and speak to Mrs Ackroyd.

Ski Trip

Year 10 & 11 students today departed to Risoul in the French Alps on a ski trip. We hope they have a wonderful time and return with many happy memories.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

We are now collecting Active Kids Vouchers, they are available from 27th January until 3rd May in all Sainsbury's stores. Please can you please bring these into school, there is a collection box in the Main Reception area.



PE Fixtures

Please don't forget to follow us on twitter @lightcliffepe.



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@lightcliffeacad S.H. Athletics Results:

Year 7 girls - 12th

Year 7 boys - 6th

Year 8 girls - 6th

Year 8 boys - 3rd



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09/02/2016 - Y10 boys football team came out on top in a friendly against @wms_pe winning 5-2! Well done lads #bigwin

I hope you all have a safe and restful break over Half Term and return to school refreshed on Tuesday 23rd February 2016.

Thomas Rothwell
Principal