

Dear Parents

General Letter Number 11

7th March 2016

OFSTED Monitoring visit (Special Measures)

I was informed last Monday by Mr C Smith (HMI) that the schools fifth monitoring visit would take place on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March. On Tuesday evening the visit was converted to a full OFSTED Section 5 Inspection. The report should be available in 2-3 week time and I will circulate it to parents with my observations as soon as I am allowed to.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9th March	- Year 10 Parent/carer Evening
Wednesday 16th March	- Parent/carer Forum Evening
Monday 21st March	- Year 7 Parent/carer Evening
Thursday 24th March	- School Closes for Easter

Bad weather Friday 4th March

Due to inclement weather in the area school was closed on Friday. I can assure you this is not a decision that is taken lightly by any Principal/Headteacher but the Health and Safety of students and staff is a priority when considering such action.

U16 Football

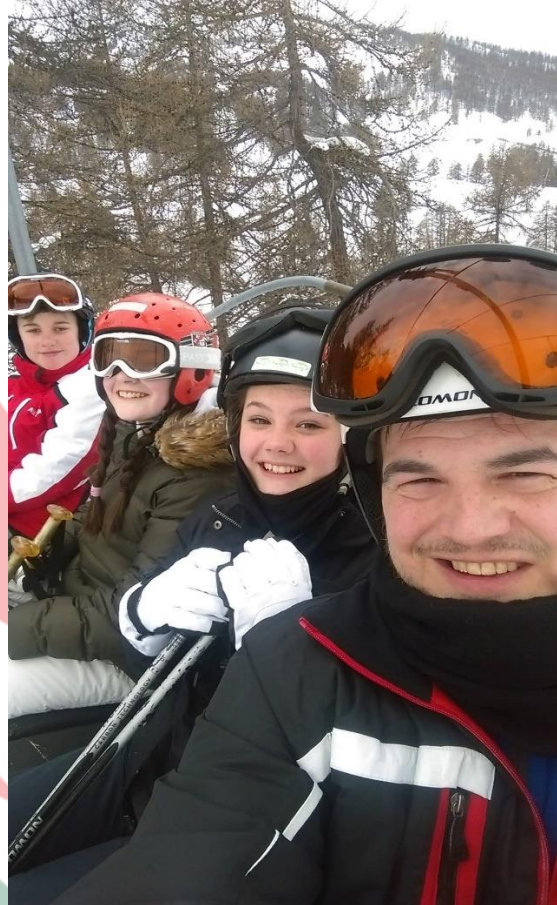
Lightcliffe Academy U16 football team are the West Yorkshire Country Cup winners, they beat Garforth 3-2 in the final. Well done to goal scorers, Kieron Baker, Elija Gajic and Kaylum Moran-Payne, great team effort. This is a wonderful achievement and I want to offer congratulations to all students and staff involved.

"We Will Rock You"

After six months of challenging rehearsal and overcoming the selection of two casts instead of one, The Hiplight Players finally returned to the stage with their recent adaptation of "We Will Rock You". Our three shows, performed from the 25th to the 27th of February, were a celebration of the family environment we have created through the drama. Our success was arguably down to the fantastic work and dedication of the teachers involved, as well as the talent and commitment of actors from year seven to thirteen. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable and worthwhile journey, with a whole cast developing their acting, singing and dancing skills whilst making friends. Due to the enthusiasm of two sell out audiences, the actors have gained valuable practical and professional experience and feedback from both teachers and other students, which are crucial for students wanting a future career in the arts. Overall, we had a brilliant time and journey together, and we will be back to rock you again with more shows next year.

Ski Trip

Lightcliffe Academy escorted 25 students to Risoul, France over the February half term break, giving them a winter wonderland experience learning to ski. Four members of staff supervised the students who represented the school tremendously and were very confident on the slopes. Not having seen enough of the snowy conditions they ventured out bum-boarding one evening (sliding down hill at speed on a seat shaped like your derriere). All students passed their skills test with flying colours and received individual awards. Pictured: Year 10 students Bradley Cochrane, Maisie Papworth-Waters and Natasha Kingham enjoying a ride with member of staff Ben Wilczynski.



School online Payments.

If you have not already set up to pay for items via the cashless system we would appreciate it if you could do so at your earliest opportunity. Codes have been issued to all students however if you need a replacement please contact school to request a student link code; your child can request it from the office, alternatively you can telephone school or email finance@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk. As we are moving towards being a cashless school this account will need to be set up.

If you have an account for a child already at school you should link the accounts as detailed in the link code letter. If you don't have a computer/internet access, school can accommodate you using a computer at school to set up the account, alternatively it can be accessed using a smart phone. A member of staff will be happy to assist.

Once the on-line payment system is in place then payment can be made easily and promptly. Possible expenses over the next few months may include Y11 prom, Y7 trip to France along with the opportunity to purchase revision guides, course materials, trips and some exam fees.

Also following the half term if any replacement ties and planners are needed for your child these will need to be paid for online. As you will see on your cashless account they are showing available to purchase, please forward your receipt of payment for these items to finance@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk. We will not be able to issue the item until we receive the receipt.

Twitter

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



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Twickenham Trip

Big thank you & well done to Mr Lewis, Mr Smithson & Jake Haynes for representing Lightcliffe Academy at Twickenham on Saturday 27th February.



World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March 2016

In celebration of World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, there were a number of activities on offer for students around school. Monday and Tuesday - craft clubs taking part in the 'design a book token competition' run by the World Book Day organisers, Wednesday - a reading club gathering and on Thursday a storytelling session was hosted in the library by Mr Roberts.

On Friday we would have welcomed the performance poet Donovan Christopher. Through R.A.P (Respect All People) Poetry, Donovan encourages students to think about their own views and opinions about important social issues, such as respect of self and others, tolerance, cultural diversity, and bullying. We will be rearranging the visit for later in the term.

Drop Everything and Read!

To coincide with World Book Day, 'drop everything and read' sessions have been introduced. As a school, we want to promote a love of reading and the benefits that it can provide to students. Once a week (at random times), a bell will ring, signalling 15 minutes of reading. Both staff and students will be expected to read during this time (non-fiction or fiction), so it's important that everyone has a book with them to make the most of the session.

Happy Reading ☺

Calderdale Apprenticeship Event

Information & Guidance

Thursday 17 March 2016

3:30pm – 7:30pm

The Shay Stadium

No need to book, just drop in

If you're a young person aged 15-18, this is for you and your parents

- Find out more about the different types of apprenticeships available
- Meet employers and apprenticeship providers with current vacancies and offers.
- Talk to local apprentices and hear about their positive experiences

C&K Careers will also be there to help you decide if an apprenticeship is right for you and to offer advice

For further information go to:

calderdale.gov.uk/education/post16-options

or email post16comm@calderdale.gov.uk



Thomas Rothwell
Principal

LIGHTCLIFFE ACADEMY

TERM DATES 2016-2017

Autumn term 2016

Training Day Monday 5 September
Open Tuesday 6 September
Close Friday 21 October

Open Monday 31 October
Close Friday 16 December

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Spring term 2017

Open Tuesday 3 January 2017
Training Day Wednesday 18th January
Close Friday 17 February

Open Monday 27 February
Close Friday 7 April

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Summer term 2017

May Day

Open Monday 24 April
Closed Monday 1 May

Close Friday 26 May

Open Monday 5 June
Close Friday 21st July
Training Day Monday 24th July
Training Day Tuesday 25 July

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191 days*

***One extra training day to be identified**

