

Dear Parents

General Letter Number 12

18th March 2016

Ofsted Report March 2016

I hope you have all had the opportunity to read the report in detail. While I am aware there are areas for development, I am delighted we are out of Special Measures. There are many positive points in the report that show under the sponsorship of Abbey MAT, we really are moving in the right direction again.

I wish to thank all staff and students for their hard work and parents for their continued support. It really is appreciated by the Senior Leadership Team.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 21st March** - Year 7 Parent/Carer Evening
- Wednesday 23rd March** - Parents Forum Evening
- Thursday 24th March** - School Closes for Easter
- Monday 16th May** - GCSE and AS Level external exams begin.

Year 11 Group Photograph

Please note that there are still a number of Year 11 photographs to be collected from the Pastoral Office. If you have placed an order please ask your child to collect their photo at the end of the school day.

Lost Property

We have a large number of items of clothing/pe kit in our lost property area, along with some purses, wallets, watches/jewellery, glasses, keys and other small items.

These will now be on display for students to claim on Tuesday 22nd March and Wednesday 23rd March during break time at 11am.

If your child has lost any of the above, please ask them to come at break time to check the display.

Admissions 2016-17

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7's to Lightcliffe Academy in September. I am pleased to say that there has been a very high uptake of places and we expect to be full in Year 7 in September.

We hold a range of events for new parents, below are just a few dates for your diary.

New Parents Evening	Wednesday 22nd June 2016	7:00pm
Transition Day	Friday 8th July 2016	9:00am – 2:30pm

Premier Farnell Wearable Technology Challenge

A group of year 8 and 9 students presented their creation for Premier Farnell's Wearable technology challenge at Leeds Beckett University this week.

Promoting safety awareness for girls, they presented a dress adorned with electroluminescent gadgetry. They used their coding expertise to control a light up belt, a subtle message to alert friends of an uncomfortable situation, in addition to a light up trim that danced in time with music. A decorative brooch was added, acting as a timely reminder to catch that last train home.

The team were exceptional in their confident presentation; a fitting culmination of hard work and innovation.



Lightcliffe PE

World Book Day PE Department

Brighouse Echo did an article on our year 7 readers who implemented reading into their PE lessons on World Book Day.



Rugby

Well done to Joe Sealey and Jack Farley for winning the U19's Yorkshire Premier Division for Old Brodleians.



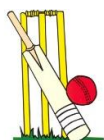
Swimming

Ethan Sutcliffe came 3rd in the Yorkshire swimming doing 200m fly and is ranked 11th in Britain



Cricket

Mark Gardner will be taking part in Yorkshire County Cricket trials, we wish him every success for the coming season.



Non Uniform Day

We are raising money for Sports Relief on Friday 18th March. We are asking all students to make a £1.00 donation.



Well done to Maddie, Mollie and Joanna who competed in a trampolining competition on Tuesday at Dewsbury Sports Centre – Miss K Farthing-Kaye & Mr Bainton accompanied the trip.



Drama

Since the beginning of March, Lightcliffe Academy sixth form Drama students have been on two theatre visits, Northern Broadside's production of *The Merry Wives* and *The Actors of Dionysus* adaptation of *Lysistrata*. All Year 12 and Year 13 students attended the visits and have come back with extreme differences in their opinion of the productions but all in agreement of their enjoyment of the experience of live theatre.

We are always looking to take students to the theatre as often as possible, and these past two trips have shown just how proud we are of our students here at Lightcliffe Academy with their behaviour excelling many of the other schools in attendance.

Easter Holidays

School finishes for Easter at 3pm on Thursday 24th March 2016, we reopen on Monday 11th April 2016. I hope everybody enjoys a well deserved break and returns to school refreshed and ready for the summer term.



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