

Dear Parents

General Letter Number 15

13th May 2016

Date for your Diary

Monday 16th May - GCSE and AS Level external exams begin

Thursday 26th May - Sixth Form Prom

Monday 13th June - Friends of Lightcliffe Meeting 6pm

Tuesday 14th June - Year 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday 22nd June - New Intake Parents Evening

Wednesday 29th June – Year 11 Prom

Year 11 and Year 12 Exams

Year 11 and Year 12 external examinations begin on Monday. Year 12 students only need to attend school for specific examinations or revision lessons and will return to school full time after half term. Year 11 will stay in school during the exam season. They will have revision sessions during lessons, when not taking part in examinations. It is important students have any appropriate revision materials each day. Please ensure students have the correct equipment and are in full school uniform. Year 11 students will need to attend school for examinations only from Friday 10th June. Year 13 will continue with normal lessons until Thursday 26th May 2016. The entire school community sends best wishes to all students about to embark on examinations.

Uniform

As we continue to increase our expectations and standards, our focus is going to be on uniform. As of Monday 16th May, we will be inspecting all students' uniform, including shoes, ties, jewellery, skirt lengths, earrings and make-up. We will be issuing sanctions for any students who are not in correct uniform. If you are unsure of our expectations with regards to uniform, it is detailed in the Planner under the Uniform section. We originally sent this email out to all parents last week to forewarn of the upcoming focus and to allow a suitable amount of time to deal with any uniform issues that they may have.

Year 9 channel Hemingway to produce fantastic flash fiction!

"For sale: baby shoes. Never worn." – Ernest Hemingway

Studying the beauty in simplicity, Year 9 produced rich narratives and emotive characters using only 6 words. After a lesson of discussing and evaluating their wonderful creations, we took to a vote! Enjoy the top 6 as voted by their peers:

Winner

"A man jumped but never landed" - Josh Allan

2nd place

"Both died: He existed. She lived." – Tea Phillips

Joint 3rd place

"Intimidating. Controlling. She can't stay away." - Kayla Aldin

"Two men. One woman. One baby." - Sophie Pickles

"The pain. He isn't here now." - Louise Firth

"Curley's wife snapped and died" - Jessica Hardwick

You can follow our literary and media experiences on Twitter @LightcliffeCOMS and to see more wonderful short stories use the hashtag #flashfiction.

'An Inspector Calls'

Review by Emma Whitaker, Year Ten

From J.B Priestley's classic thriller, comes an incredible, unique theatre production of the Inspector Calls. Visually astonishing and wildly imaginative staging.

Lightcliffe academy went to the Alhambra with 40 lucky year 10 students to take this rare opportunity to witness the play that won 19 major awards. We stared in astonishment as Stephen Daldry's house set exploded before our very eyes – spilling out the Birlings and all their dirty secrets into the gutter.

Thanks go to Mr Burnett for organising the trip, and Mr Roberts for being enthusiastic about an exploding house. Another play that lived up to the high Alhambra standards, possibly surpassing them. Explosive stuff.



Rugby

Well done to our Year 11 Rugby league team on their last ever game for Lightcliffe Academy playing against Buttershaw and Enterprise School.



Regards

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Principal