

Dear Parents

**General Letter Number 16**

**27<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

As we come to the end of another very busy half term I want to thank all parents and carers for their support. Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students have begun their examinations and I hope their final grades reflect all the hard work put in by students and staff.

**Date for your Diary**

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** - School re-opens
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Friends of Lightcliffe Meeting 6pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 9 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - New Intake Parents Evening
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 11 Prom
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - Transition Day for new Year 7 Students
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** - Last day of Term

**Online Payments**

Please be aware when topping up your child's dinner account online payments may take up to 24 hours/overnight to show on the school catering system.

**Dance Festival**

The Dance Festival was a great success. The students who took part thoroughly enjoyed it. The year 13 leaders looked after the student effectively and ran a great raffle and interval tuck shop! All in all we raised approximately £700 for Macmillan and Meningitis Charities, which was a fantastic achievement.





## **6<sup>th</sup> Form Project- Items Needed**

In order to improve study facilities next year, we are planning on making changes to the sixth form centre. As part of this we are hoping to get some of our art students involved in designing certain furniture and art work for use in the centre.

We are therefore looking out for any second hand coffee tables that our students will then strip and then redecorate. If you have a coffee table you are planning on getting rid of we would be extremely grateful if you let us know first as we could certainly use it.

Thank You

The Sixth Form.

## **Satellite Club Golf**

This is an initiative that works in Partnership with the Bradley Park Golf Club, a Golfmark accredited club, of which there are only 2 in Yorkshire, means that all safeguarding precautions and well as codes of practice are being followed for all members and participants. The school has been taking students to learn the basics of the game of golf to the club and students have received tuition free of charge from the club professionals. Currently there have been at least 4 students who have joined a club following this initiative. More students have had the opportunity to experience a sport outside that which is offered within the curriculum. The sessions have been running after school from 3-5pm and will continue on Mondays until the Summer Holidays. Anyone who wishes to join need to see Mr Bemrose.

## **Parent Forum**

Next meeting of the Parent Forum Group, a group of interested parent who wish to voice their opinions to constructively help the school improve will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 6pm onwards.

## **Friends of Lightcliffe Academy**

The current Parents and Teachers Association has undergone a transformation within the last few months with a number of new and vibrant parents joining the group. They are there to support school activities and fund-raise where possible. The next event that all parents, students and staff are invited to is a Family Car Rally on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Student Prefects**

The new cohort of Year 11 Student Prefects have already begun the preparations for their role within the Academic Year 2016-17. On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 40 students undertook a day's training to prepare them for the responsibilities of the job. During the next year these students will act as role models for the younger students, or give up a break or lunchtime to assist with a duty within school, whether this is assisting younger students find their way around or helping in a particular subject. Their first role will be to help staff when Year 6 students come into school for the first few times, on New Entrants Evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> June or Transition Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

## Centenary of the Battle of the Somme

Staff and students are preparing to be part of the centenary celebrations of the Battle of the Somme. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July, at Bailiff Bridge Cenotaph and Community Centre, students will be part of the parade and including readings along with other members of the local community. The event begins at approximately 10.30am and will commemorate 100 years since the start of the battle of the Somme on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916. All members of our wider community are invited to attend.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break

Regards

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