

Dear Parents

General Letter Number 8

15th January 2016

Happy New Year. I hope you have all had a restful break and enjoyed the recent holiday. We welcome all students back for what is a busy term for all year groups.

Year 11 Group Photograph

The group photograph for Year 11 students will be taken on Monday 25th January 2016 during the first Period from 8:40 am. A minimum uptake is required, a text/email will be sent out to parents/carers to make sure we have enough interest to cover the basic photographer costs.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 21st January – Year 8 Parent/Carer Evening
Monday 29th January – PTA Meeting 6pm
Thursday 28th January – Year 12 Parent/Carer Evening
Monday 1st February - Year 13 Mock Exams Start

Friends of Lightcliffe Academy - Spring Ball

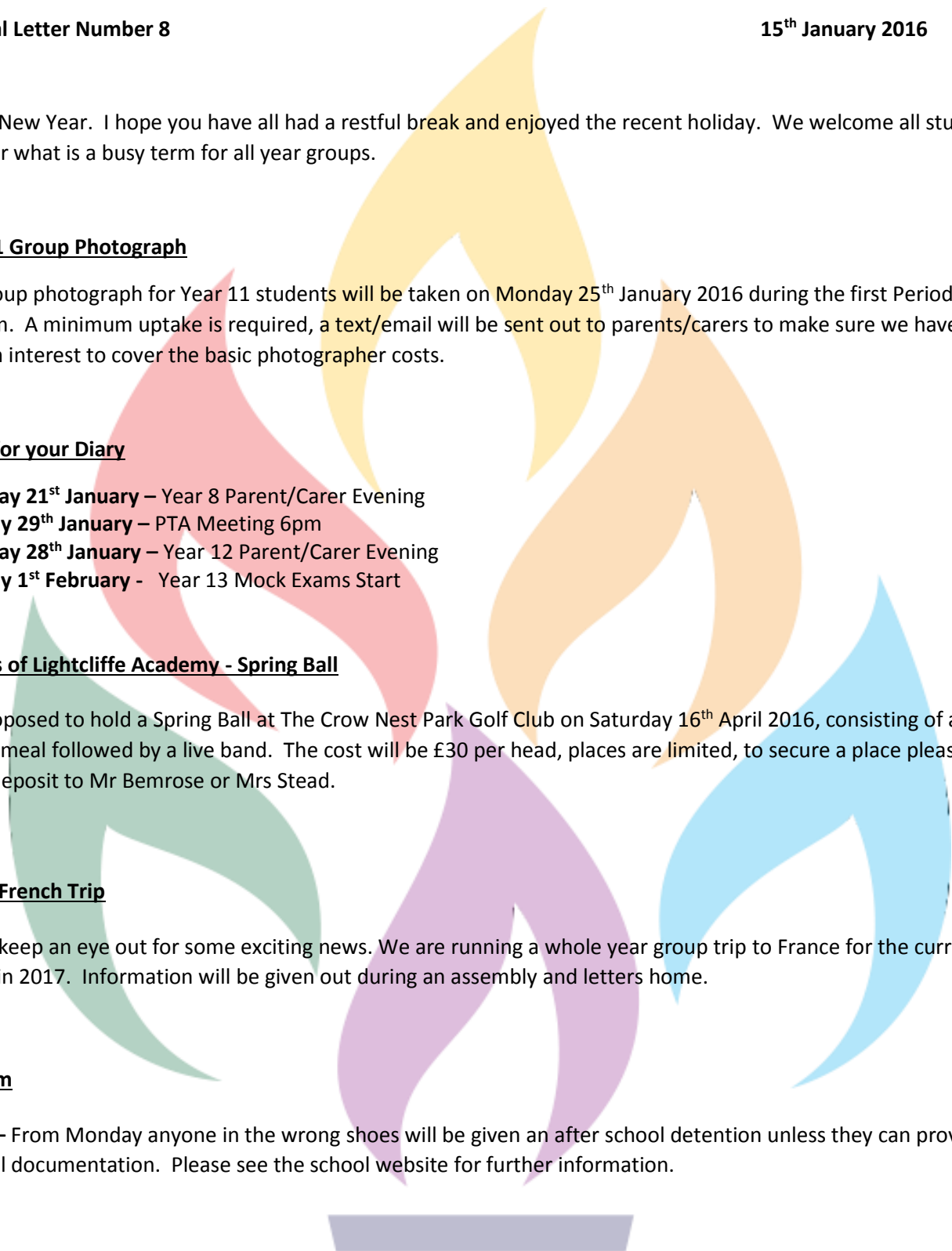
It is proposed to hold a Spring Ball at The Crow Nest Park Golf Club on Saturday 16th April 2016, consisting of a 3 course meal followed by a live band. The cost will be £30 per head, places are limited, to secure a place please send a £10 deposit to Mr Bemrose or Mrs Stead.

Year 7 French Trip

Please keep an eye out for some exciting news. We are running a whole year group trip to France for the current Year 7 in 2017. Information will be given out during an assembly and letters home.

Uniform

Shoes – From Monday anyone in the wrong shoes will be given an after school detention unless they can provide medical documentation. Please see the school website for further information.



Presentation Evening

Lightcliffe Academy shared an evening of celebration with parents and carers last week. They acknowledged last summer's academic achievements at GCSE, BTEC, A level and Higher Sports Leaders with students joining members of staff at St Matthew's Church for an evening of awards and prizes that recognised their success.

Dr Jill Adam, Executive Director of Jill Adam Associates and Louder Than Words Festival, was the invited guest speaker who engaged the audience sharing her knowledge and varied experience. Initially starting her career as a secondary school sports teacher, going on to specialise in behaviour manager and special educational needs, before moving in to the higher education sector, she was an inspiration to the guests.

As well as receiving examination certificates there were special prizes awarded for outstanding academic achievement and progress prizes which recognised the belief and confidence of individuals who had achieved way beyond their target.

In addition, acknowledgement and praise were given to 6th form students who had served school and the community, shining as excellent role models. They had supported others in a variety of ways to include sporting activities, school productions and being representatives of school at external events, even continuing to serve after they had finished their final exams. Three of these special awards were sponsored by Brighouse Rotary Club and their Vice President, Mr Graham Walker, presented these to Joseph Bowman, Eleanor Bartley and Ethan Daly picture below.

Rotary Prize Winners



'EggHeads'

School's Catering Manager, Mr Steve Ball completed in BBC2's quiz programme 'Eggheads' aired on Tuesday 5th January. Hosted by Jeremy Vine, Mr Ball made up a team of five with friends that included a Psychiatric Nurse and a Geography teacher. Brutally his team 'Quiz Family Robinson' missed out knocking the reigning champions from their winning position with the prize fund at £13,000. They snatched victory on the last question, ironically a Geography one, having only one team member left and no opportunity to confer.

Selfie Picture taken by Jeremy Vine. Mr Steve Ball picture in yellow jumper



Katherine Slade Eurogym

Katherine Slade (Year 8) has been invited to participate in Eurogym 2016 in the Czech Republic.

Joining Diamonds Gymnastics Club in Halifax around 4 years ago she has become one of their TnT (Trampette 'n' Tumble) display squad. This exhibition team shows off their skills at local galas (Brighouse and Elland this year) and further afield in locations like Manchester, Gateshead and Scotland. Katherine's commitment to the team involves around four hours a week training and a further hour improving her trampolining skills.

Her international experience, taking place next summer, will be attended by four and a half thousand gymnasts from all over Europe. There will be around 80 gymnasts from Great Britain participating in an Olympic style opening ceremony. Participants will also work with gymnasts from other countries in a variety of workshops; show off their skills in the arena and for the public at various locations around the city. The best of Eurogym will be showcased in a spectacular closing ceremony at the end of the week.



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