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Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer.

It is great to be able to welcome all students back, especially Year 7 and Year 12. They look great and there is a positive buzz about school at the moment. The poor weather has slightly delayed the work to the roof, however, a full health and safety risk assessment is in place.

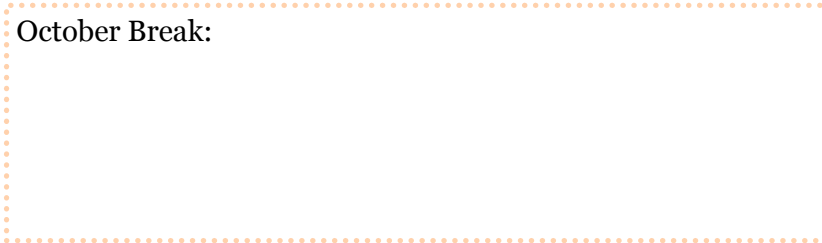
Please check our term dates carefully as we are following Calderdale’s holiday plan, which is different to neighbouring authorities.

Finally I would like to welcome Lightcliffe CE Primary School to Abbey MAT who became members of the Multi Academy Trust over the summer

Regards

T. Rottwell

October Break:



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TERM DATES 2017-2018

Autumn term 2017

Training Day

Open (Y11 & Y7 only)

Open

Close

Open

Training Day

Training Afternoon (12.30 closure)

Close

Monday 4 September (staff only)

Tuesday 5 September

Wednesday 6 September

Friday 27 October

Monday 6 November

Tuesday 14 November (staff only)

Thursday 30 November

Friday 22 December

Spring term 2018

Open

Close

Open

Training Afternoon (12.30 closure)

Close

Monday 8 January 2018

Friday 16 February

Monday 26 February

Tuesday 27 March

Thursday 29 March

Summer term 2018

Open

May Day

Closed

Close

Open

Training Afternoon (12.30 closure)

Close

Training Day

Training Day

Monday 16 April

Monday 7 May

Friday 25 May

Monday 4 June

Wednesday 11 July

Friday 20 July

Monday 23 July (staff only)

Tuesday 24 July (staff only)

Uniform

It is great to see the vast majority of students well presented in their uniforms and ready to learn. I appreciate some boys had “lines” cut into their hair over the summer holiday, however, please can I remind parents that these are not allowed as part of our school policy. I would also like to thank parents for providing their girls with skirts of an appropriate length. Please can you support us in ensuring they are worn properly and not rolled up.

Please take a look at the uniform booklet attached to this email to familiarise yourself with all aspects of uniform.

Uniform Suppliers:

Frank Harrison — At Kershaws Garden Centre, Brighouse.

Embroidery by Design —10 Wade House Road, Shelf.

Shaw Hardcastle —3 Old Market, Halifax.

Trousers should be school trousers. Tight trousers (fashion trousers), combats, jeans, varieties of leggings, and footless tights are not acceptable.

A plain, slim, **black belt** may be worn, but coloured wide belts or belts with large buckles should not be worn.

Skirts are mid-grey and of a sensible length, design and material. They should be approximately knee length. Fashion skirts, very short, long or tight skirts are not acceptable.

Shoes are plain all-black leather or leather-look school shoes, not leather trainers (e.g. Converse). The wearing of backless shoes, boots, trainers, fabric or canvas shoes, platforms, flip-flops or high heels is not allowed. Shoes and soles must not have logos or writing on and laces must be black.

PARENT PAY

We would like to thank you all for your continued support with ParentPay.



All items should be paid for online including; trips, resources, revision guides etc also replacement ties and id cards, we cannot accept cash in school.

Also there will be a school shop link coming soon on the school website where non-school members can buy item as required ie production tickets. If you have any issues or concerns please email contactus@lightcliffeacademy.co.uk

Lockers/Lost Property



At the end of last school year students were asked to empty their lockers before school closed for the summer.

All lockers were emptied over the summer for maintenance/cleaning.

These items will be kept until Friday 22nd September. Anything not claimed will be donated to charity.

Lost property is available to students before and after school as well as at break and lunch times. It is located under the stairs by the main hall.



Careers Advice at Lightcliffe Academy

Our Careers Adviser in school is Lindsey Woodward. Lindsey works for C&K Careers but is based here at school. She primarily works with students in Year 11, providing careers advice and guidance around Post 16 option choices and future career ideas. However she is available to offer advice to students in other year groups including Year 8 students at GCSE option choice time and 6th form students who may need advice about Post 18 options. If your child is in Year 11 they will be given an appointment time over the next few months and you will receive an email confirming the date/time of this followed by a summary email after the appointment. If your child needs any advice at any stage they can call up to the Careers office in E block or contact Lindsey on one of the numbers below to arrange a suitable meeting time.

Up coming Careers Events : Monday 16th October 3:30 - 7:30pm. Get Organised Event at The Shay Stadium. An event for Year 11 students and their parents/carers

This event is for Year 11 students and their parents/carers. You will be able to find out more about Post 16 options choices and chat to colleges/6th forms and training providers.

The event is **aimed at all young people**, those who know what they want to do after Year 11 and those who are undecided.

Year 11 2017 Leavers: Any student who left school this summer and still needs careers support should contact Lindsey Woodward Careers Advisor on 07876831788 or 01484 225500 or email Lindsey.woodward@ckcareers.org.uk.



OPEN EVENINGS

October

12th Y6 Open Evening

November

30th Post 16 Open Evening

Staff Welcome

I am delighted to welcome new staff to the school. We have recruited strongly, especially in English and Science. We have also recruited two Lead Practitioners in these areas to support all aspects of Teaching and Learning across the school.

Parents Evenings

Y13	December 5th
Y12	December 12th
Y7	January 24th
Y11	January 30th
Y8	April 24th
Y10	May 1st
Y9	June 12th



Summer Exam Results 2017

I am delighted to be able to report that the summer exam results have reflected the hard work of the students and staff who taught them. At Y13 virtually all students got the grades needed to access their choice of university. Interestingly we have had more students move on to work and Level 3 Apprenticeships than previously. Particular mention should go to Saoirse Hatfield-Teale who gained three A* grades and is going to study Drama in London.

From stories in the press you will be aware of changes in the GCSE system, with new grading in English and Maths. Overall we are really pleased with results. We did request a number of remarks in English as we had some concerns about marking. They have started to come back with many being re-graded higher. Most students have moved on to appropriate Post 16 options with over 120 students progressing into Year 12 at Lightcliffe Academy.

MILK / ClassCharts

Following constructive and positive feedback from parents we are updating the software/App for day to day school to home communication.

The system we are moving to is called class charts and you will receive details including parent passwords next week. The software will allow you to track all major aspects of school life.

There is a parent app and a student app which can be downloaded from the apple app store or the android equivalent.



UP COMING TRIPS

USA

Approximately 60 Year 12 & Year 13 students will be heading off to The USA for 9 days in October. They will visit New York, Washington DC and Philadelphia. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to visit a foreign country, experience another culture, consider a range of issues around citizenship and history, gain a better understanding of the USA's role in the modern world as well as strengthen existing friendships and make new friends.

ART Trip—Sculpture Part

This is a Y11 Booster session. They will be taking part in an outdoor sculpture building workshop in September. A small number of Year 12 students will be joining them and having an artist led tour.

ART Trip—Mining Museum

Y11 Booster session including an underground tour and sketching in October

Geography Field Trip

Y9 & Y10 will go on their field trips in July

2017 Normandy Trip.

Last Year's Year 7 will head off to Normandy in June for a 6 day residential trip

Yorkshire Water



You will be aware of significant works taking place in the local area including the temporary closure of Wakefield Road in Bailiff Bridge. Thank you for taking this into account and ensuring students are arriving on time for school each day. With the 9 week lead time, work should be completed very soon.

Fizzy Drinks

In line with local secondary schools we are concerned about some students consumption of energy and fizzy drinks. Therefore, we will be banning students from consuming such drinks on the school premises. A letter giving more details will follow next week.

KEY DATES

September

- 11th 6pm Friends of Lightcliffe Academy
- 12th 6th Form Parents Info Evening
- 19th Y11 The Year Ahead Parents Info Evening
Art Trip—Sculpture Park
- 21st KS3 Presentation Evening
- 25th Local Governing Body Meeting

October

- 3rd Y7 Moving on Evening
- 5th PHSCE Day 1
- 12th Y6 Open Evening
- 19th Art Trip—Mining Museum

November

- 13th 6pm Friends of Lightcliffe Academy
- 30th Post 16 Open Evening

Term Dates can be viewed on the school website

