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HEADTEACHER'S ROUND-UP

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed the half term break. We are just starting to see small signs of Spring around school, the daffodils and crocuses are starting to bloom. It was a welcome relief to see the sunshine this morning after so much rain.

Despite the gloomy weather for most of the week, our students have been positive and productive. 60 Year 8 students took part in a Street Art project this week, working with a company called Graffwerks. The work that is being created will be exhibited around Shirley High Street.

Really well-done to Year 11. They have worked very hard for their mock exams and their behaviour and attendance have been exemplary. Thank you to all parents of Year 11 for supporting them through this challenging time.

In House assemblies this week we have celebrated all those students who have gained house points and supported the ethos of their house. Houses have also reflected on current global issues, with a focus on World Thinking Day.

A reminder that Year 9 have their Options Evening next Thursday. So please book your appointments online. It is so exciting for our students to be entering the next phase of their school journey. Please remember that all the information is on our website:

However, if you still have any further questions, please email Mr Hall, Deputy Headteacher, at rhall@lighthall.co.uk

Hope you have a restful weekend.

Annette Kamblin

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WORD OF THE WEEK

STIMULATE

Verb: To encourage something or someone to grow, develop, or become active.

The Commonwealth Games have **stimulated** public interest in doing sport.

HOUSE POINTS



ATLANTIS
40627



CHALLENGER
42335



DISCOVERY
44101



ENDEAVOUR
43364

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DIARY REMINDERS

ALL YEARS:

Tuesday 5th March - School closes at 2pm
Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April - Easter Holidays

YEAR 7:

Tuesday 27th February - Year 7 Boys Indoor Rowing Away at Langley
Wednesday 6th March - Year 7 Sports Hall Athletic Competition at North Solihull Sports Centre - 1pm - 3.30pm
Wednesday 20th March - Year 7 PSHEC Day

YEAR 8:

Tuesday 27th February - Year 8 Boys Indoor Rowing Away at Langley
Wednesday 6th March - Year 7 Sports Hall Athletic Competition at North Solihull Sports Centre - 1pm - 3.30pm
Monday 11th March - Friday 15th March - Year 8 Assessment Week
Tuesday 19th March - Year 8 PSHEC Day

YEAR 9:

Tuesday 27th February - Y9 Boys Indoor Rowing Away at Langley
Wednesday 28th February - Year 9 Basketball v Alderbrook (A)
Thursday 29th February - Options Evening
Friday 1st March - Year 9 Reports to Parents
Tuesday 5th March - Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 21st March - Year 9 PSHEC Day

YEAR 10:

Tuesday 27th February - Y10 Boys Indoor Rowing Away at Langley
Wednesday 28th February - Year 10 Basketball v Alderbrook (A)
Friday 15th March - Year 10 PSHEC Day

YEAR 11:

Wednesday 28th February - Year 11 PSHEC Day
Friday 8th March - Year 11 mock results to parents

Reading Book

We would like to inform you that we would like all Key Stage 3 students to bring in a reading book every day to school in order to help support our reading for pleasure agenda. This will be used for a few minutes of silent reading every day whilst the form tutors take their morning registers. It will also help to inform one tutor time slot every week where students will be discussing reading for pleasure and using their reading books to help talk about books and to share ideas about characters and plot lines.

It is important to note that there will be no sanctions if students do not bring in a book. The form tutors will have a box of spare books that they will be able to lend out. Students are also able to borrow books from our school library at break time, lunch time and after school.

Year 9 GCSE Options Evening

Thursday 29th February 2024

5:00pm and 6:00pm slots are available to book now

<https://www.lighthall.co.uk/curriculum/options/>

We look forward to introducing the GCSE Options programme to both yourself and your child soon. This includes our popular Options Evening at school with both parents and students' on Thursday 29th February. This evening is an opportunity to find out more about the GCSE subjects we have on offer, and which subjects' are best suited to your child.

Light Hall Sixth Form

Sixth Form Update

WHY STUDY ENGLISH LITERATURE AT A-LEVEL?

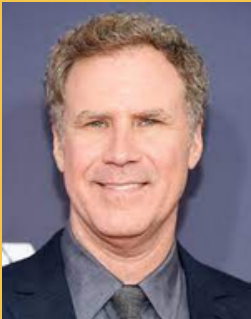
A-Level English Literature is the gateway to culture both past and present. It brings history to life and enriches us with an insight into experiences; helping you understand the evolution of both language and society.

You will gain an appreciation of what motivated some of the most influential writers in the English speaking world to write with such artistic merit. The works of Shakespeare, Hardy and others, remain relevant and challenge our understanding of society to this day.

A-Level English Literature teaches you to analyse different types of writing and to write clearly in a range of styles. It also pushes you to read outside your comfort zone, while expanding your language skills and range of vocabulary.

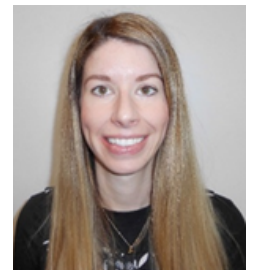


FAMOUS FACES WHO HAVE AN A-LEVEL IN ENGLISH LITERATURE:



MEET MRS TOLLEY - LEAD PRACTITIONER OF ENGLISH:

- Mrs Tolley studied A-Level English Literature, History and Media Studies
- She went on to study English Literature with Media and Cultural Studies and Nottingham University
- "I loved the courses and how there was lots of independent study. I particularly loved all of the critical theory in Literature. However, most of all, I loved the new social opportunities that sixth form and university gave me; I met my friends for life whilst learning along the way."



Now that the Year 11 Mocks have finished, the next exciting step in our Light Hall Sixth Form starts next week with our interviews.

All students will be invited along to speak to Mr Brookes about their studies, Sixth Form options and future plans. Invites to interview will be sent to students; email addresses, so please encourage them to look there.

You can find out more about the A-Levels on offer at Light Hall here: <https://www.lighthall.co.uk/student-support/a-level-subjects/>. If your son/daughter or you have any questions relating to the Sixth Form, then please contact Mr Brookes to discuss at sixthform@lighthall.co.uk

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

World Thinking Day 22nd February

World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

How the celebrations began

In 1926, delegates from guide and girl scout organisations across the world met in the USA for the 4th world conference. They decided to create a day for Guides and Girl Scouts to celebrate being part of an international movement. Delegates chose to hold the first celebration on the joint birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the scout and guide movement, and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide. And so, 'thinking day' was born.

At the 7th world conference in 1932, a Belgian delegate highlighted that birthdays typically involved gifts, and perhaps girls could show their thanks on thinking day by raising funds for the organisation. In response, Olave Baden-Powell wrote a letter to all Guides and Girl Scouts asking them to donate just a penny - enough to buy a loaf of bread in those days - to help fund guiding around the world. This is now known as the World Thinking Day Fund.

The name of the day was changed to 'World Thinking Day' at the 30th world conference in Dublin in 1999 when delegates chose a new name to more clearly emphasise the global nature of the celebration.

How we celebrate today

World Thinking Day remains one of the most important dates in the guiding calendar, and every year the theme of the event encourages members to think about the big issues affecting them and their global community. Previous World Thinking Days have tackled the subjects of poverty, gender inequality, environmental sustainability and access to education.





CHRIS BRADFORD

Best-selling children's author Chris Bradford will be visiting us on Wednesday 13th March!

For his 'Soul' series, Chris travelled extensively to experience first-hand the cultures featured in the story – from living with the Shona people in Zimbabwe, to trekking the Inca trail, to meditating in a Buddhist temple amid the mountains of Japan.



This week we will introduce students to his

SOUL SERIES!

Light Hall's Literacy for Learning

We know how important reading and literacy are and the pleasure and enjoyment we can get from sharing stories. It also has a huge positive impact on our mental health and progress at school.

As such, we are really excited to be welcoming children's author Chris Bradford to Light Hall School!

Chris' life goal is #GettingKidsReading

THE BLOCKBUSTER MULTI-LIFE SERIES

Soul Hunters

Shortlisted for the Reading School Book Award

'The Incarnates know who you are!'

His desperate voice chases me up the stairwell.

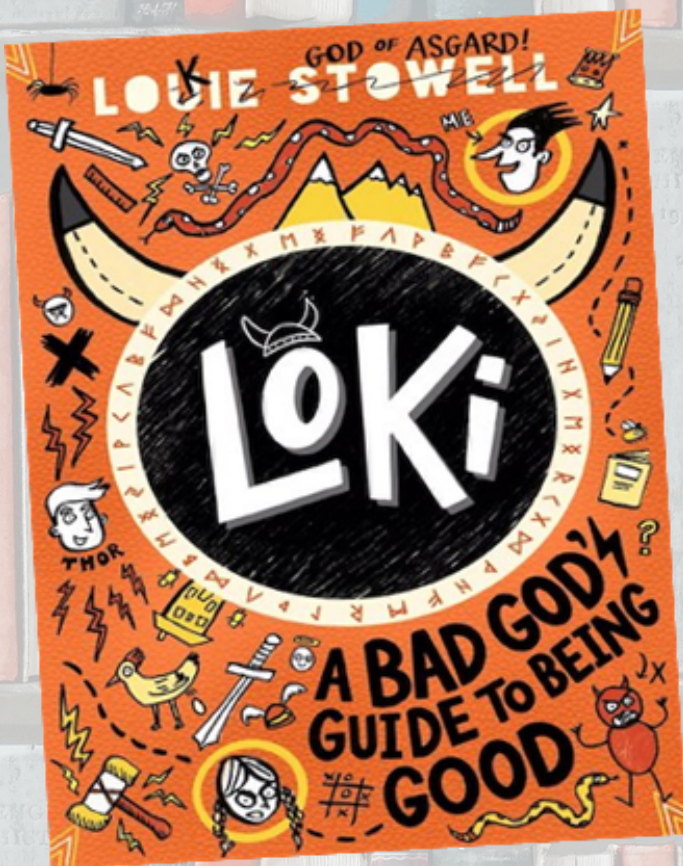
'They won't stop hunting you, Genna. Not now.

Not ever!'

The genre-busting explosive series that has been described as 'Terminator-in-reverse meets Lara Croft'!



Recommended Reads for this week



Packed with doodles and cartoons, this is the wry, witty and very funny diary of Norse god Loki and the trials of being trapped on Earth as a weedy eleven-year-old boy.

After one trick too many, Loki is banished to live on Earth as a "normal" school boy. Forbidden from using his AWESOME godly powers, Loki must show moral improvement. As he records his lies THE TRUTH in his magical (judgemental) diary, it becomes clear Loki hasn't a clue how to tell good from evil, trust from tricks, or friends from enemies.

The debut book from comedian Rosie Jones is the endearing and laugh-out-loud story of the eponymous Edie; a schoolgirl with cerebral palsy and a love of performance. Perfect for fans of Jacqueline Wilson and DORK DIARIES.


















'Fresh, funny and ultra cool' – Jacqueline Wilson



PE Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please ensure students bring the appropriate PE kit for the activity they are attending. Shin pads should be worn for football and gum shields for rugby.

All students should go to the appropriate changing room for their activity and get changed as quickly as possible so that clubs can start on time.

Monday 26 th February	Tuesday 27 th February	Wednesday 28 th February	Thursday 29 th February	Friday 1 st March
 Dance All Years Mrs White/Mrs Pemberton Gym	 Boys Indoor Rowing Year 7/8 Team Year 9/10 Team Mr Khan & Mr Masood AWAY @ Langley	 Basketball Year 7 & 8 Mr Cole Sports Hall	 Netball All Years Mrs Pemberton Outdoor Courts No Invitation due to Options Evening	 Girls Football All Years Mrs Pemberton Astro
Fitness Year 9-11  Mr Grasso Fitness Suite		Table Tennis All Years  Mr Grasso Churchill Hall	OCR Sport Science Intervention Year 11  Mr Yates E7	Badminton Year 9-11  Mr Yates Sports Hall
 Badminton Year 7 & 8 Mr Yates Sports Hall		 Girls Basketball All Years Mrs Covell Gym	 Rugby All Years Mr Cole Field	
JR NBA Basketball Year 7 & 8  Mr Cole @ St George's AWAY		OCR Sport Studies Intervention Year 10  Mr Yates E7	U12 Netball Tournament Year 7  Mrs White @ Alderbrook AWAY	
		Basketball Fixture Year 9 & 10  Mr Yates @ Alderbrook AWAY	 Boys Football Year 7 & 8 Mr Grasso Astro	