



Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware we had a number of assemblies on Monday morning in remembrance of Ursula, whose funeral has also taken place this week. The students have been dignified and mature in their reflections, Ursula and her family remain in our thoughts and prayers.

I hope everybody is able to get a well earned rest over the half term. Please use the time to ensure uniform is updated where necessary. Can I also advise you, that for safeguarding reasons, cars will not be able to access the front of school between 8.15am and 8.50am in the mornings. Please be careful when dropping off children at this time.

I look forward to welcoming student back to school on Monday 26th February.

Regards

Thomas Rothwell
Principal

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PE UPDATE

Calderdale Schools Cross Country Championships were held on Wednesday 24th January at Saville park.

We were delighted to have the following students represent Calderdale in the West Yorkshire Schools Cross Country Championships at The Grammar School at Leeds Grammar School on the 3rd Feb 2018.

Despite the bitter conditions our pupils did their best. Emma Mitchell-Fowler came 9th and is the 1st reserve to represent West Yorkshire in the English Schools Cross Country on Saturday 17th March 2018. Location. Temple Newsam Park, Leeds.



Secondary Schools Sportshall Athletics - Wednesday 7th Feb 2018.

Our Higher Sports Leaders demonstrated excellence service to our community, at this years' Calderdale Schools Sportshall Athletics Championships. We also had a number of exceptional performances from our year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls teams.



“The athletic sports competition was really exciting. There were a lot of schools there who were very supportive, people cheering, clapping and shouting. The teachers were very clear on demonstrating and telling us how to do it. All of us had a great time, we enjoyed it very much” – Diana R (Year 7)



Lightcliffe Family Primary School Games Sportshall Athletics was held on Monday 29th February .

The schools that attended were:

St. Withinfields

St. Michaels and All Angels

Cliffe Hill Community Primary

Shelf J&I

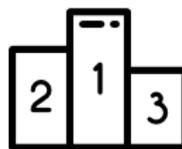
Lightcliffe CofE Primary Academy

Northowram Primary



The community sports leaders and the higher sports leaders hosted the event as part of their leadership assessment. This event gives the primary schools children an opportunity to represent their school with the prospect to represent Calderdale in the west Yorkshire school games.

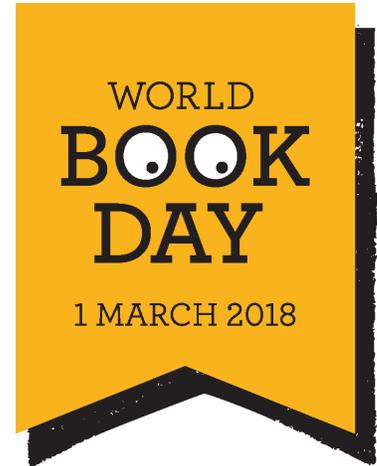
Congratulations to all students who attended, their behaviour and sporting achievement was exemplary. Congratulations to Northowram who won the event, with Lightcliffe a very close second only 12 points in it.



WORLD BOOK DAY

'World Book Day takes place on Thursday 1st March in our first week back after the half term break.

In order to celebrate our students' love of reading, every student will receive a World Book Day book token. National and House Competitions will be running during form time and students will design a National Book Token entry and earn house points for reviews of their favourite books; there will be prizes for the most impressive reviews.



The students will also take part in a DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) day, which was successful last year: please ensure that students have a reading book with them at all times throughout the week.

There are more details on the World Book Day website, with lots of ways you can get involved with the #ShareAStory initiative — <http://www.worldbookday.com/>



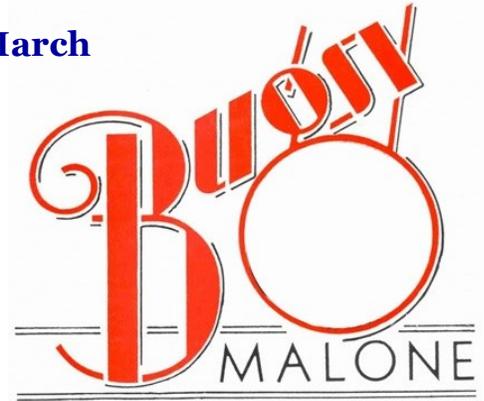
WORLD BOOK DAY

Bugsy Malone

Bugsy Malone tickets are now available to purchase via the school ParentPay shop.

Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th March

Adults	£5
Concessions	£4
Family of 4	£15



Drama

Thursday 15th March 2018

Bugsy Performance
15.03.18
Thursday 15th March

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Add to basket

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Friday 16th March 2018

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GIRL TECH VISIT

At Lightcliffe Academy, we recognise the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) skills when it comes to entering the work place and the demand that exists for those who have developed them.

At the moment, a relatively small proportion of the STEM workforce are female.

Last week, many of our students were given the opportunity to find out more about the reality and variety of STEM careers, learning first hand from successful women at various stages of their different careers.

A group of year 8 and year 9 girls attended a careers fair in Leeds with guest speakers and workshops all designed to raise aspirations and challenge gender stereotypes in the digital sector.

Students returned from the event having had fun whilst being inspired and learning about the range of opportunities available to them through the use of technology.



In addition, one of a team of STEM ambassadors has been speaking to groups of year 9 and 10 students about her career and apprenticeships that are available in electrical engineering.

Our students responded inquisitively, learning a great deal about different pathways towards STEM success.

For more information about STEM careers and apprenticeships; look at the following websites:

<http://www.wherestemcantakeyou.co.uk/>

<https://www.stemgraduates.co.uk/women-in-stem>

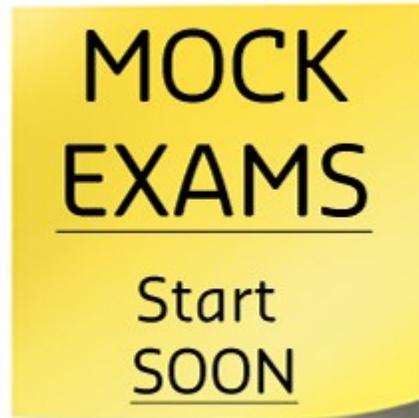
<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

<http://www.appris.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedspathways/home>

Mock exams are coming!

Year 11 Mocks are looming!



- Don't forget that revision guides are available for most subject areas
- They can be ordered directly via ParentPay
- Revision timetables have been emailed out
- Revision sessions are taking place in many subject areas

Revision Sessions:

- Monday - EBacc café - History, Geography, ICT
- Wednesday - Science café
- Thursday - Maths and English cafés



This week all students have had an assembly on 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly of Social Media' to try and promote healthy, appropriate and above all safe use. We would encourage all parents to maintain an open dialogue with their children around social media, seeking to find the balance between appropriate monitoring and respecting teenage privacy as they grow up.

Social media is developing at such a rapid rate that it is impossible for staff in school and parents at home to stay ahead of the young people who are often far more adept with it in any case. It is vital, therefore, that they receive the consistent messages of keeping themselves safe online - only communicating with friends they actually know, thinking carefully about what they post and only viewing content which is age appropriate.

It is proven that social media can become addictive and will negatively impact on quality of sleep if people go online before bed. For our students, this is likely to mean tiredness in school which can lead to lack of endeavour, poor behaviour and a general lethargy which reduces progress. We have advised all students to have some no technology time before they go to bed to help combat this.



If parents have any concerns about their child's social media usage, please don't hesitate to contact the pastoral team in school to discuss it. It is not always within school's power to take action but we can certainly pass on advice.



Half Term 100% Attendance Prize Winners

As part of our determination to reward outstanding attendance to school we held a half termly 100% Attendance Draw on Friday 16th February.

Congratulations go to;

Xena Devlin Yr 11

Abigail Wade Yr 11

Daniel Peel Yr 7

Proud winners of £20 Nando's vouchers.

We intend to hold similar prize draw's each half term so please ensure you attend every day in order to have the opportunity to win.

Attendance/Pastoral Team

UNIFORM

Please can you use the holiday to update or replace items of uniform. We look forward to seeing all students smartly dressed and ready for learning next half term. Uniform information and policy booklet can be viewed on our website <http://www.lightcliffeacademy.co.uk/assets/information-for-parents-re-uniform-expectations.pdf>



The YMCA in Halifax are interested in any items of unwanted/can be used again uniforms. Anyone can go to the YMCA, regardless of income or situation, and take what they need as well.

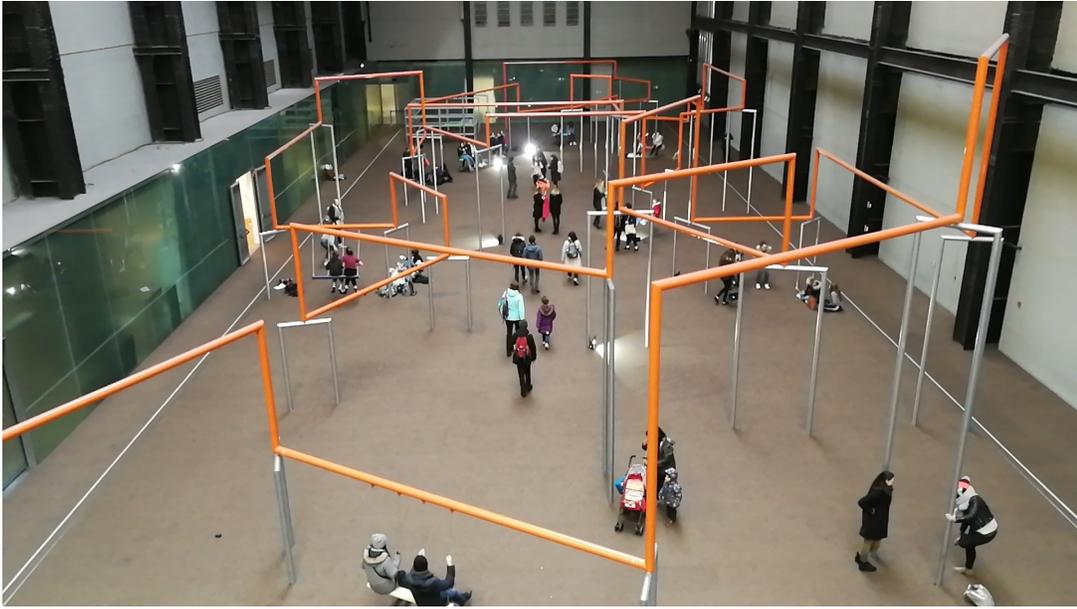
LONDON ART TRIP

Earlier this month a group of Y10, Y12 & Y13 students went on a school tour to London to support the curriculum for Art & Design, Product Design and Photography Courses.

Visiting the Camden Lock Market, Victoria and Albert Museum, Tate Britain, Borough Market and the Tate Modern, as well as experiencing an evening performance of the Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre and evening meal out on Bow Street.

It was a huge success! And we would like to pass on our thanks to all the students involved they were a credit to themselves, their family and the school.





PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Year 7 Consultation Evening

This has been re-arranged for Wednesday 28th February between 4pm and 6.30pm. Appointment bookings are still open if you need to change any appointments.

School operates an online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

Please visit <https://lightcliffeacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments once your consultation evening has opened.

KEY DATES

February

28th Y7 Parents Evening

March

5th Friends of Lightcliffe 6pm
15th Buggy Malone Production
16th Buggy Malone Production
Big Bang Science Fair
17th Buggy Malone Production
19th Governors Meeting
21st Parents Forum Meeting 6pm



Term Dates can be viewed on the school website