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26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Last night we welcomed parents of our new cohort of students who will be joining us in Year 7 next year. It marks a very exciting phase of a child's education and a transition point which is vital that we as a school get right. Therefore, thank you to all parents who were able to join us last night as part of our on-going transition activities and thank you to our students in years 7 and 8, alongside our Senior Students who took time to share their experiences with our parents. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students when they come for their induction day later in the year.

On Monday our Year 9 girls football team played their long-awaited semi-final in the EFSA national cup match against Shenfield School, who are the previous title holders. The girls played a fantastic match but sadly on this occasion did not make it through to the final. As a school we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the team on their journey, to those who were able to watch the match on Monday and to our team who have been incredible throughout.

Parents/Carers Survey

Every year we ask parents/carers to complete a survey about their child/children's experience at school. This takes place across all the schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, giving us valuable information about your views which helps the school to further support pupils in future. We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey by Friday 10th May. Please click [this link](#) to complete the survey.

Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) on social media

You can follow the LSP on social media and be the first to hear about job vacancies, news from across the Trust and more. Please see the poster at the end of this letter and the links below.



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Teatime Networking Creative Industries Thursday 9th May 3.30pm Sixth Form Hall

Calling all students interested in working in the Creative Industries!! Our final Teatime Networking Event of the year will have a range of employers, educators and people currently working in this field including, a Film and TV Producer, The Watershed in Bristol, DBS Music and The Big Act so far. If you would like to come along to the Sixth Form Hall Thursday 9th May, please complete this [FORM](#).

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Drop off and Parking

Our local police officers have asked us to share concerns that local residents have shared with them about parents dropping off and collecting students close to the school entrances. They ask that car drivers are respectful of residents and remind them not to block driveways, wait in bus lay-bys or obstruct the line of vision for other drivers while waiting to collect students.

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh – SILVER Expedition

Best of luck to all the Year 10 students involved in their SILVER Duke of Edinburgh expedition. We have over 80+ students taking part and look forward to hearing about their adventures over the weekend. Check out [Gordano Outdoor Education](#) for updates.

Year 11 Updates

Well done to all Year 11 and Year 13 students who have been involved in exams over the last two weeks. Exams have been taking place in Textiles, Dance and Languages, along with upcoming Art and Art Photography exams next week. You have been a credit to the school with the positive attitude and effort you have applied, let's keep it going. 😊

Wishing you a relaxing weekend

Yours sincerely



Ms L Blundell
Headteacher



The graphic features a dark blue background with a circular inset on the left showing a child wearing a paper fox mask. At the top left is the Lighthouse Schools Partnership logo, which includes a lighthouse icon and the text 'LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP'. The main heading 'FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA' is written in large, white, outlined letters. Below this, the text 'Follow Lighthouse Schools Partnership and be first to hear about:' is followed by a list of benefits: 'Job vacancies', 'News from across the Trust', 'Trust-wide opportunities', and 'And more!'. Each item is preceded by a white right-pointing arrow. At the bottom, three social media handles are listed with their respective icons: '@Lighthouse_MAT' (Twitter/X), '/lighthouseschoolspartnership' (Facebook), and '@Lighthouse Schools Partnership' (LinkedIn). The website address 'www.lsp.org.uk' is displayed at the very bottom.

Key Dates for Term 5

Friday 26th – Sunday 28th April	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Monday 29th April – Friday 3rd May	Year 9 Mock Exam Week
Monday 29th April	Dance Showcase technical rehearsal
Monday 29th – Tuesday 30th April	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
Tuesday 30th April – Wednesday 1st May	7pm – 9.30pm Dance Showcase
Wednesday 1st – Thursday 2nd May	GCSE Art Photography Exam
Thursday 2nd May	4pm – 7.30pm Year 12 Progress Evening
Monday 6th May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7th May	Year 7 General Knowledge Quiz
Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th May	Year 13 A-level MFL Speaking Exams
Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th May	Year 13 A-Level Art Exam
Tuesday 7th – Wednesday 8th May	Year 12 Mock Art Exam
Wednesday 8th May	3.30pm - 5pm Teatime Careers Networking Event
Wednesday 8th May	Year 11 Celebration Day (Y11 students leave school at midday)
Thursday 9th May	Year 9 MenACWY/DtP Vaccinations
Friday 10th May	Year 13 Leavers' Celebration
Monday 13th – Friday 17th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 14th May	6pm – 7pm Parent Forum
Tuesday 14th – Wednesday 15th May	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition – Group 1
Thursday 16th May	4pm – 7.30pm Year 10 Progress Evening
Thursday 16th – Friday 17th May	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition – Group 2
Monday 20th May	7pm – 9pm Drama Performance: Wonderland
Wednesday 22nd May	LSP UWE Leadership Conference (Year 12)
Thursday 23rd May	6pm – 7pm Year 7 Celebration Evening
Friday 24th – Sunday 26th May	Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May	HOLIDAY