Lift Beacon High

An excellent education for every child, in every classroom, every day.

Issue 4 - Autumn 1, Week 4

The Beacon

We exist to transform the lives of children through education



Dear Families,

Over the past few weeks, I have been encouraged by the hard work seen from students in lessons and more students taking pride in their learning and in belonging to Lift Beacon High.

One moment this week will stay with me. On my way back to school from visiting another Lift school, two Year 9 students stopped me on Brecknock Road and proudly shared their school books to me, telling me that they were going to work even harder next week, show me their books again and that I would see the difference.

This was a proud and important moment because it showed me that students are beginning to hold themselves to the standards we are building together. That sense of pride, responsibility and ambition is exactly what we want to grow across our school.

Arriving late can mean missing important tutor time, the start of lessons and key learning. Over the coming weeks, we will be speaking directly with students and families about the importance of punctuality and sharing practical advice to support.

Next week is also an important week for our school as we welcome prospective families to our Open Evening on Tuesday. I am looking forward to seeing some of you there and sharing more about the progress we are making and our ambitions for Lift Beacon High.

A reminder that students will leave school early at **2:25pm on Tuesday** because of Open Evening. Please ensure appropriate arrangements are in place for your child.

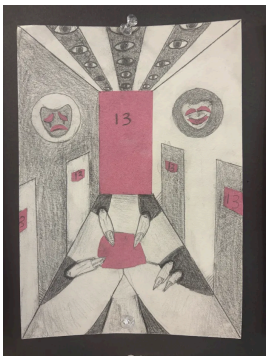
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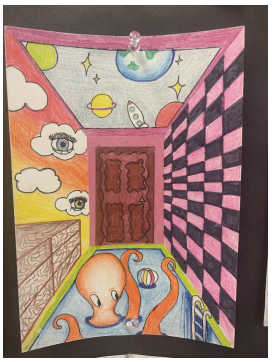


Believe. Belong. Become. *Aspiring to be a light for others.*

Photos and moments of the week











- Examples of Art work on display
- A sneak peak into our new sensory room
- European Day of Languages' Assembly by Ms Sernandez

Key Messages

Open Events - Come and See Lift Beacon High

We are excited to welcome prospective families to our upcoming **Open Evening and Open Mornings**.

Open Evening will take place on **Tuesday 29 September, 1630 – 1900**, giving families the opportunity to meet our staff and students, tour the school and hear more about our vision and ambitions for Lift Beacon High.

Please Note: Students will leave school at 1425 on **Tuesday 29 September**



We are incredibly proud of our school and the journey ahead. **If you know a family with a child currently in Year 6 or Year 5, please encourage them to come and visit us.** There is no better way to understand our school than to see it in action, meet our community and experience the warm, ambitious environment we are building together.

CountUP to Year 11 Mocks
5 weeks to go = 25 calendar weekdays
3 teaching weeks = 15 school days left
The countUP is on. **Every lesson matters.**



To keep building momentum and support our Year 11s, we have introduced the following:

- **Revise2Rise – "In It 2 Win It"**
  Students who attend Revise2Rise will be entered into random prize draws on carefully selected and random days to recognise their commitment and consistency.
- **Well Done Cards**
  At the end of every Year 11 lesson, we are asking each teacher to nominate one student who has impressed you with their effort, attitude or quality of work and issue them with a Well Done card.
- **Revision Timetables Competition**
  We will be asking Year 11 students to share their revision timetables and send in photos showing where they have displayed them, on their desk, fridge, bedroom wall or anywhere else that keeps revision visible and front of mind.

European Day of Languages
Ms Sernandez - Head of MFL



This week we have been celebrating European Day of Languages at Lift Beacon High.

A reminder that we have a bake sale next week Friday!

We would love families **and staff** to bake a cake with their child that either:

- originates from a country that is important to your family; or
- represents something about your child's culture or heritage.

As Lift Beacon High is an **allergy aware school**, all cakes must be completely nut free, and all ingredients used to be labelled. If not, it won't be able to be brought on site.

The cakes will be sold in school **this Friday,** with proceeds donated to charity.

We are incredibly proud of the diversity within our school and look forward to celebrating the languages, cultures and traditions that make our community so special.

Gracias, merci, danke, grazie, obrigado, and thank you!

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Weekly Update

..On Behaviour

1. Full equipment expected from next week

We ask all students to arrive at school each day with the equipment they need to be successful:

2x Black or blue pen 2x green pen 2 x pencil 2 x highlighters 1 x pencil sharpener 1 x rubber	1x 15cm or 30cm ruler 1x Casio FX-83GTCW scientific calculator 1x Yondr pouch Pencil case Water bottle Black school bag**

**The school bag must be black from after the October half term

The black school bag (backpack) will be important as students will now take their books home. Handbags and side bags will not be allowed from after the half term.

Tutors will be completing regular equipment checks to help students build strong habits and ensure they are ready for learning.

Having the correct equipment may seem like a small thing, but it makes a significant difference. It reduces lost learning time, helps lessons start promptly and allows students to focus fully on their learning.

We would really appreciate families checking that students have the equipment they need each morning.

PSHCE Topics this week

Ms F Begum - Head of PSHE/RE

Week 5 - Beginning 28th September

Year	PSHCE Topic
7	Resilience and physical health
8	Managing risks and understanding desires
9	Hormones and how to check our own health
10	Managing sexual health
11	Pregnancy and contraception

Student Success

Top Attending Tutor groups in the first week of term.

A well done to 7A for the highest attendance in the last two weeks!

Group	Tutors	Avg Att %	Rank (Avg Att)
7A	Ms Duncan	98.1%	1

Dates for your diary

Two weeks look ahead

Monday 28th September	• Year 9 Tender Programme (This will involve Year 9s not being in lesson) (AMA)
Tuesday 29th September	• Open Evening 16:00 - 19:00 (AHR) • School will close early for students at 1425.
Wednesday 30th September	
Thursday 1st October	• Open Morning 0900 - 1000 (AHR) • Black History Month - Honoring Our Communities (AMA) • Spooky Poem Competition this month (RSE)
Friday 2nd October	• European Languages Day - Charity Cake Sale

Monday 5th October	
Tuesday 6th October	
Wednesday 7th October	
Thursday 8th October	
Friday 9th October	• Open Morning 0900 - 1000 (AHR)

Key Dates

Autumn 1

Tuesday 1 September 2026 to Friday 16 October 2026

Tuesday 15th September: Open Morning 0900 - 1000
Wednesday 23rd September: Open Morning 0900 - 1000
Tuesday 29th September: Open Evening 1530 - 1930 (for Year 5, 6 and current Year 7s)
Friday 9th October: Open Morning 0900 - 1000
Monday 12th October: Open Morning 0900 - 1000
Half Term: Monday 19th October 2026 - Monday 30th October 2026

Autumn 2

Monday 1st November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

Wednesday 2nd December: Year 11 Parents' Evening 1600 - 1800

Thursday 3rd December: INSET Day

Thursday 4th December: INSET Day

Friday 18th December: Celebration Assemblies and Last day of term

Winter Holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027

Spring 1

Monday 4th January: INSET Day

Tuesday 5th January: INSET Day

Wednesday 6th January: First day of School

Weekly reminders

Uniform Weekly reminder: Clarity on Shoes, PE Uniform and Equipment

Shoes

After speaking with some parents and carers on Friday, I wanted to clarify our expectations around footwear.

Students in **Years 7–10 should wear school shoes rather than trainers**. As there have been some mixed messages, families will have until **after Christmas** to make this change.

Please note that trainers may affect a student's ability to represent the school at some visits or events where full uniform is required.

Year 11 students may continue to wear trainers this academic year.



Equipment

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PE Uniform

This approach provides a phased introduction of branded PE uniform, while maintaining a consistent, practical and affordable core PE kit across Years 7–11.

Year Group	PE T-Shirt	Long-Sleeve Top	Shorts	Sports Trousers
Year 7	Branded polo T-shirt	Branded quarter-zip fleece***	Plain black sports shorts	Plain black jogging bottoms
Years 8–9	Plain black until Christmas; branded polo T-shirt from Spring Term	Plain black until Christmas; branded black quarter-zip fleece*** from Spring Term		
Years 10–11	Plain black T-shirt	Plain black, no hood		

***The black quarter-zip fleece is optional

- Hoodies are not permitted to be worn during PE lessons.
- Cycling shorts and leggings are not permitted
- For health and safety reasons, students may be required to remove jewellery during PE lessons where the activity presents a particular risk.

Useful Links and Emails

ParentPay: www.parentpay.com
Safeguarding: safeguarding@liftbeaconhigh.org.
NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children): nspcc.org.uk
Childline: childline.org.uk Contact: 0800 1111

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