

July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We are almost at the end of another highly successful year for the school. The summer term seems to have flown by and it is difficult to believe that the holiday is almost upon us. It has been a real pleasure to welcome Reception and Year 7 pupils into our Litcham family during their two-day induction with us this week. They were kept busy with a range of lessons and activities, giving them a flavour of things to come!

There have been so many highlights over the year. It is impossible to mention them all here, but particularly memorable events include:

### Secondary Phase

- Exciting visits from Scientists from both UEA and Cambridge to lead fascinating workshops and experiments.
- Fabulous visits out including Holkham Hall, ARU, NUA, Jimmy's Farm, Pensthorpe, Sheringham to name a few.
- Another very successful ski trip to Austria that everyone enjoyed.
- A new residential trip to the Ardeche, which we hope to repeat next year!
- Sports have had an excellent year especially in Football and Cricket. Litcham also won the Synergy Games which is an academy wide Athletic event!
- Together with fantastic performances in our Annual Production, this year called "Spring Quartet" and Summer Concert, Y11 Art Exhibition and various competitions throughout, our pupils have experienced some top-class cultural inspiration.
- Another hugely enjoyable Year 7 two day visit to Bramley Lakes, where pupils enjoyed a range of activities including climbing, abseiling, canoeing and raft building.
- Another fantastic prom, held at school. It was good to see so many of our Year 11 celebrating their time with us. They had a great evening and I know that they are looking forward to receiving their well-earned results over the summer.
- Really successful Achievement Award events over this week, where pupils received awards for Excellence and Progress in each subject area, as well as a host of other awards.

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### Primary Phase

- We have had some amazing trips this year, including our year 5 and 6 residential trip to Whitwell and our whole school trip to the Pantomime.
- The Primary Phase had a fantastic sport's day at the secondary site, followed by a smashing BBQ organised by The Friends
- We are now the proud owners of a double decker bus – watch this space for more news on this...
- The children have enjoyed regular visits to All Saints Church for Harvest, Carol Concerts and the Christingle service and the Easter Bonnet Parade was as popular as ever.
- We were incredibly proud of our year 6s as they delivered their assembly to family and the school last week.

We are sadly saying goodbye to a number of staff this year for varying reasons, and I would like to both pay my personal tribute to them, and to thank them for everything that they have done for the school.

Mrs Ogden, Modern Foreign Languages Teacher/joint Head of Department – following most recently nearly five years' service; three years of which included a shared head of MFL role, plus other periods of employment at the school; Mr Cunningham – following eight years' teaching English and Drama; Mr Dryden – following 10 years as a Science Technician, prior to this Mr Dryden was a teacher at Litcham High School; Mrs Daniels – following two years as a Science Technician; Mrs Strafford – following 18 years' teaching Geography at Litcham school and prior to this at Litcham High School; Mrs Gibbs – following two years' teaching Food Technology at our Secondary Phase; Mrs Wicks – following 29 years' teaching at both our Primary phase and prior to this a class teacher and Sendco at Litcham Primary School; Miss Lee – following 18 months' teaching at our Primary Phase; Ms Stylianou – following the completion of her Teaching Assistant apprenticeship; Mx Watson – following one year teaching at our Primary Phase.

These colleagues have been a real asset to the school and have made a real difference for our pupils. They will be missed, and I wish them well.

A reminder that Ms Atkins is on secondment for the 2023.24 academic year, during this period Mrs Taylor will be taking the lead at our primary phase.

Mr Clark is stepping down from his Assistant Headteacher role at the end of this term but will be continuing to teach Mathematics in September. Mr Clark led our Pastoral Team for four and a half years, implementing wellbeing initiatives such as 'Thank You' days, in addition to leading on various other projects including Careers – providing fantastic careers events and visits for students. He has also embedded the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme within the school, enabling students to participate in both Bronze and Silver levels. My thanks to Mr Clark for all his hard work.

Many of you will be purchasing new uniform over the summer and I have therefore attached a reminder about our expected standards for September. In the event your child is planning to have a piercing, please ensure this is done within the first week or two of the summer break, as they will be expected to use a clear plastic piercing retainer in school.

To help streamline school systems, Litcham is moving to a new Management Information System called Arbor during the holidays, so it is ready for September. You should receive a welcome email during the summer holiday to set up your account. This will replace SIMS Parent App, Insight and eventually

Parentmail (although Parentmail will remain until October half term). One issue that we have been made aware of is that existing reports that appear in Insight will not be available in Arbor, meaning that you may wish to download (or print) them to keep. To do this please open the report, click on the disk icon (  ) at the top right-hand side of the report and save it to your device. All new reports produced in Arbor will be available moving forward.

It has been such a good year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. Without everyone's efforts, Litcham School would not be the fantastic place that it is. The new term starts for pupils on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September and plans are already well underway for next year.

Have a good summer and thank you again for your continued support.

With best wishes



Stuart Wilson  
Head of School



## LITCHAM SCHOOL UNIFORM

### Secondary Phase

- Footwear should be a black, formal, flat shoe. Black sports trainers, pumps, canvas shoes and boots are not permitted.
- Black trousers should be smart, formal and full length. Jeans-style and tight, skinny fitting, trousers or cropped trousers are not permitted. Hipster style trousers are also not appropriate.
- Litcham School jumpers, or blazers must be worn at all times except where classroom teacher permission is given or summer uniform is in operation. Jumpers should not be tucked into skirts or trousers.
- Litcham logo knee length skirts to be worn by all year groups (available from Birds of Dereham). If students choose to wear a skirt, they must also wear black tights, except when summer uniform is in operation.
- Shorts, plain black, smart tailored – not cargo or branded may be worn during the summer uniform period. (Litcham logo shorts available from Birds of Dereham)
- Shirts should be long enough to tuck into trousers. Short, fitted blouses are not permitted.
- Belts should be narrow with a small buckle.
- Socks or tights should be black and plain, not patterned.
- Make-up is not permitted.
- False eyelashes are not to be worn.
- Jewellery – One small, plain stud per earlobe and a watch are allowed. No other jewellery is permitted.
- Hair should be one natural colour and not, in the Head of Year's judgement, of an extreme style.
- Only clear nail varnish can be worn (no nail extensions or false nails or wearing of coloured polishes).
- Hoodies are not permitted in school.
- Outside garments (coats etc) are not to be worn in the school building.
- Failure to comply with the school's dress regulations will result in internal / social exclusion, or an external exclusion, until the problem is rectified.
- Summer uniform runs from May half-term holiday to October half term.

### Secondary Phase PE Kit



Shorts	Blue, preferably with Litcham School motif
Skorts	Blue, preferably with Litcham School motif
Shirt	White, preferably with Litcham School motif
Sweatshirt	Blue, preferably with Litcham School motif
Tracksuit bottoms	Blue, preferably with Litcham School motif
Socks	Navy/white
Socks	White (for indoor PE and summer sports)
Trainers	Suitable for sports activities (not fashion wear) with non-marking soles
Football boots	Highly recommended
Shin pads	Recommended for football

## Primary Phase

- Black trousers should be smart, formal and full length. No leggings. Black formal shorts may be worn during the summer term.
- Black skirts should be formal, plain and at least knee length. Vertical pleats are permitted but not horizontal pleats/frills. Hipster-style and jersey-style skirts are not permitted.
- Blue/white check dresses may be worn during the summer term and first half of Autumn term. • White shirt/blouse/polo shirt.
- Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo.
- Footwear should be black shoes that are safe, sensible and of a type that will not mark floors. No boots are permitted.
- Outside garments should be warm and weather-proof and should not carry large logos, branding or other images.
- Make-up of any sort is not permitted.
- Jewellery: one small stud per ear lobe and a watch are permitted.
- Hair should be one natural colour and not of an extreme style. No large hair decorations such as flowers, bows or animal ears.
- Socks should be white or black and plain. Tights may be worn and should be plain black.
- Children are encouraged to wear peaked or legionnaire style sun hats during the periods of bright sunshine.

## Primary Phase PE Kit

- Shorts/Skort – Navy (with Litcham School Logo – optional)
- Polo shirt – White Navy (with Litcham School Logo – optional)
- Trainers for outdoor use
- Socks – White (for indoor PE and Summer Sports)
- Tracksuits (Navy) for outdoor activities in the cold weather
- Sweatshirt – Blue Navy (with Litcham School Logo – optional)
- Football socks – Navy/White (optional)
- Swimming – girls – one piece swimsuit
- Swimming – boys – Trunks/shorts (not Bermuda style)



All uniform is available from Birds of Dereham:

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