



Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING:

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WHOLE SCHOOL

DfE/Gov.uk: Updated Guidance for Parents

The DfE have provided updated guidance for parents which can be found via the links below.

The guidance now includes information on returning to school from overseas, including arrangements for pupils to quarantine on arrival in the UK. It also provides additional information to support parents considering elective home education for their child:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

This link brings together information and guidance for parents on:

- essential information for the spring term
- coronavirus (COVID-19) testing
- clubs and out-of-school settings
- home schooling and remote education
- support for children and young people

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/information-for-parents-and-carers-coronavirus-covid-19>

Social Media vs Real life

As the path out of lockdown draws ever closer, with staff and students returning back to school, at Higham Lane we would like to pause for one moment to think about the amount of screen time we've experienced. Whether it was for work, study or leisure our online experience has dominated our life, and this has been particularly so for our young people.

With this in mind I would like to draw your attention to some helpful information, links and contacts to help support and keep our young people safe online. As you'll very much be aware our online experience can pose many dangers, and that's why online support and advice from an ever-growing number of professionals is invaluable.

Please read and click on the following. They focus on apps, highlighting the potential dangers for your son/daughter:

- Bullying and /or harassment <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/advice/bullying-or-harassment/>
- Help with Snapchat – videos are sometimes as short as 10 seconds. This guide provides support on reporting abusive incidents in Snapchat. <https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/a/report-abuse-in-app>
- You can encourage your child to feel in control with their 7 steps: 1 talking about it; 2 not feeling guilty; 3 using anger positively; 4 try new things (away from your phone); 5 letting go of nasty thoughts; 6 expressing yourself and 7 remember that being different is amazing. <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-cyberbullying/snapchat-reporting-bullying/>

- Own It - a BBC app that gives advice to young people when they need to make better choices whilst on line. <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app>

Occasionally, incidents that develop online spill back over into school life, in this regard we're ready to respond to this and are thankful for your continued support as parents and carers. Let's continue to work together in our care and support of our young people when online.

Newsletter from Warwickshire's Family Information Service

Please follow the link for this week's newsletter from the Family Information Service, with lots of information and resources to help support families: <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1195303>

SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11 / YEAR 10 / YEAR 9

Career Days

There are a number of Career Days coming up over the next few weeks that students can take part in. Students can learn all about their chosen professions in the morning and then take part in work experience in the afternoon. Every student obtains a personalised certificate that they can use in their applications and interviews to university.

The courses are designed for students aged 14-18 and all take place online.

The schedule is as follows:

Law - Saturday March 20th 2021
Medicine - Saturday March 27th 2021
Dentistry - Saturday April 10th 2021
Psychology - Saturday April 17th 2021
Business - Saturday April 24th 2021
Performing Arts - Sunday May 2nd 2021
Veterinary Medicine - Saturday May 8th 2021
Computer Science - Saturday May 15th 2021
Architect - Saturday May 22nd 2021
Teaching - Saturday May 29th 2021

Students just need to visit www.careerdays.co.uk to enrol on any course.

YEAR 11

Catch-Up and Revision Classes

Please find below a link to an up to date list of the catch-up and revision classes that are currently on offer to Year 11 students. Apart from English and Maths, these classes are aimed at students who wish to complete or improve coursework (also known as Non Exam Assessments) in the subjects listed. Other subjects will be supporting students during lesson time in preparing for any remaining assessments.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M0ndE54hpHFwNG7fVCKt9fKEzO8Wytqb/view?usp=sharing>

Year 11 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Opportunity at Lower Farm Academy

There is one Teaching Assistant Apprentice position at Lower Farm Academy, Milking Lane, Nuneaton that will be coming up for the next academic year starting in September 2021 to work in their Reception class. If interested please contact Cherie Padmore at the school on 02475 267 760.

YEAR 9 / YEAR 8

Vaccinations for Years 8 and 9

Due to the recent lockdown and school closure the original dates for the HPV vaccinations for years 8 and 9 and the DTP/MenACWY for year 9 are no longer valid.

The North Warwickshire Immunisation Team are currently rescheduling these vaccinations and they should take place before the end of the summer term. We will let you know as soon as these dates are confirmed.

Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

Please note that these dates are subject to any future government announcements

18 th March – 1 st April	Year 11 Trial Exams
Thursday 31 st March	Year 13 Student Progress Evening
Friday 2 nd April	Good Friday – no school
5 th – 16 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 19 th April	INSET day – no school
20 th – 23 rd April	Year 13 Assessment Week
20 th – 30 th April	Year 12 Exams
Thursday 29 th April	Year 7 Student Progress Evening
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday – no school
4 th – 7 th May	Year 11 Assessment Week
4 th – 14 th May	Year 10 Trial Exams
17 th May	Year 11 School Photos
17 th – 21 st May	Year 12 Assessment Week
17 th – 28 th May	Year 9 Exams
24 th – 28 th May	Year 11 D&T Practical Exams <i>(Please note change of date from w/c 19th April)</i>
24 th – 28 th May	Year 11 Practical Exams
Thursday 27 th May	Year 12 Student Progress Evening
31 st May – 4 th June	May Half-term
7 th – 18 th June	Year 7 & 8 Exams
Thursday 17 th June	Year 10 Student Progress Evening
28th June – 2nd July	<i>(Year 10 MFL GCSE Trial Speaking Exams – please note these have now been CANCELLED)</i>
Thursday 1 st July	Year 9 Student Progress Evening
5 th – 9 th July	Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Assessment Week
Thursday 22 nd July	Summer Holidays begin