



# Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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## **WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING:** 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **WHOLE SCHOOL**

#### **Communications with School**

May we please ask parents/carers **not to use their child's Google Classroom or Zoom log in to contact teaching staff under any circumstances.** The following email addresses should be used when contacting School:

[contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk](mailto:contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk) – this should be used for all general queries

[ITSupport@highamlaneschool.co.uk](mailto:ITSupport@highamlaneschool.co.uk) – this should be used for all technical queries such as issues with Google Classroom, Zoom etc

[HLSHelp@highamlaneschool.co.uk](mailto:HLSHelp@highamlaneschool.co.uk) – this should be used for any safeguarding concerns only

It is important that your query/communication is sent to the correct email in order for us to deal with it efficiently.

Thank you in advance for your support.

#### **Free Parent Webinar on Dyslexia - Wednesday 3rd February 7.00pm – 8.00pm**

This is being hosted by the British Dyslexia Association. Please follow the link for further details and to book:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/events/free-webinar-just-because-you-cant-spell-doesnt-mean-you-dont-love-words>

#### **British Army Band Tidworth – Open Day – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Please find attached a poster for an upcoming Open Day with the British Army Band Tidworth - this is a great opportunity for any brass or percussion players to experience a day in the life of an Army band and ask any questions they may have about a career in military music. The event will take place with Covid safety measures in place - face coverings will be worn wherever possible and social distancing will be observed. Please note that due to the current lockdown restrictions, the date of the event may be subject to change.

#### **A Message from Warwickshire's Family Information Service**

We understand that lockdown and schools being closed is a lot to juggle for many families. The Family Information Service is here to support you throughout lockdown and beyond on a range of issues from family relationships, finance, housing and childcare through to your health and wellbeing. You can get in touch with us by emailing [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk) or calling 01926 742274. There is also lots of information to support you, just visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies). We are here to help.

Please follow the link for their latest newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1193664>

## SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11

### Severn Trent Apprenticeships

The application process for Severn Trent Apprenticeships for 2021 is now open. Please follow the link for further information:

[https://www.severntrent.com/careers/apprentices/apprentices-programme/our\\_apprenticeship\\_schemes/](https://www.severntrent.com/careers/apprentices/apprentices-programme/our_apprenticeship_schemes/)

### Springpod Virtual Careers Fair – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Springpod is holding a Virtual Careers Fair, taking place on 27th January, which allows students to learn from companies such as HSBC, Network Rail, EY and Cancer Research UK.

Some of the companies providing talks and interacting with students are also either due to run Virtual Work Experience Programmes in the coming months or are already accepting applications. This means that not only will students be able to learn about potential apprenticeships at each company, but also find out about current programmes and insight days that they can get involved with from home.

Please follow the link for further information: <https://apprenticeships.springpod.co.uk/>

## SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11 / YEAR 10

### NHS Virtual Work Experience

We are pleased to inform you that the NHS Live Virtual Work Experience Programme is now available to support all aspiring healthcare students with work experience opportunities during the pandemic. Students now have access to their own specific work experience programme that will be highly relevant to the following healthcare careers:

Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedics, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Radiographers, Art, drama and music therapists, Dietitians, Operating Department Practitioners, Radiographers, Podiatrists, Osteopaths, Orthoptists, Prosthetists and orthotics, Speech and language therapists.

You can learn more and you can register for the programme here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Students will receive certificates upon completion, but places are limited and therefore they will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis to keep this fair. If interested, please register through the website link above. Places are just £10 a day to cover administrative costs.

### Virtual Work Experience Opportunity from Willmott Dixon

Employer	Willmott Dixon Virtual Work Experience
Location	National
Date	15th – 19th February (Half Term Week)
Time	10.00am – 1.00pm
Delivery	Through Microsoft Teams
Age	14-19 Years

Are you looking for a career in management?

Willmott Dixon's Virtual Work Experience Week introduces you to management careers in construction. The week-long programme combines both live and pre-recorded sessions to provide you with an opportunity to develop your employability skills and gain an insight into Willmott Dixon.

During the programme, you will:

- work on a group project with other participants
- engage with Willmott Dixon employees and hear about their careers
- learn how to pitch and present your project to a Dragon's Den style panel
- receive top tips from our recruitment team on improving your CV and interview skills
- create a short presentation about yourself

Click here to apply:

<https://www.willmottdixon.co.uk/application-form?jobId=Q1CFK026203F3VBQB8N6GV4S3-26713>

Expiration Date: 31/01/2021

## YEAR 11

### Modern Ethics – Sensitive Topics

In Modern Ethics we follow the Religious Studies Specification A course. One of the modules taught is religion and life issues, and we will be delivering this to students in Year 11 shortly. Please be aware that some of the lessons cover issues relating to abortion, death and euthanasia. We recognise that these are challenging issues for students to come to terms with and we deliver them in a sensitive manner. We do not ask students to verbalise their personal opinions and we teach a variety of viewpoints. Should you have any concerns about your son/daughter taking part in these lessons due to circumstances we may not be aware of, please contact either their class teacher via google classroom or email [contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk](mailto:contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk) for the attention of Miss Charles. We can then arrange for them to learn the content using resources other than Zoom. This content is only a small part of the unit and will take approximately 4 lessons.

### Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 8 Progress Evening 2 (non-core subjects)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 8 Options Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> February	February Half-term
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Progress Evening
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11 Progress Evening 2
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 Options deadline
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Progress Evening
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 13 Progress Evening 2
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Good Friday – no school
5 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET day – no school
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 7 Progress Evening
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	May Bank Holiday – no school
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 12 Progress Evening 2
31 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June	May Half-term
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Summer Holidays begin