



Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING: 8th September 2020

WHOLE SCHOOL

A Note from the Head

Dear Parent/Carer,

The autumn term has started really well!

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school and to greet our new Year 7s, who have made an excellent start!

As you have received rather a lot of information from the School recently, I will keep this really brief!

As you can imagine in the current circumstances, we are carefully reviewing our arrangements. We will need to make tweaks here and there as we fine-tune our arrangements.

Changes from Monday 7th September

From Monday 7th September we will be swapping the Year 8 and Year 10 home bases. Y8 will now be based on the right hand side of the Sports Hall and the back of the front field and Y10 will be based in Coombe Hall and Coombe Quad. Their route and entrance and exit times into and out of school, teaching rooms, toilets, gates, entrance times etc will not change.

We will explain all of this to the relevant year groups.

We wish you a pleasant weekend.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Best wishes,

P.Kelly

Headteacher

Student Appointments

If your child has a scheduled appointment e.g. doctor, dentist, hospital etc, can you please let the school know at least 24 hours in advance (where possible) by either:

- MyEd app message (preferred)
- Email to ContactUs@highamlaneschool.co.uk

- Telephone call/voicemail (please avoid calling first thing in the morning as this is the busiest time)

This will enable us to put together a daily list of students who will need to be brought from their lesson to Student Services for collection in time for them leaving for their appointment.

We appreciate that some appointments are last minute and would ask you that let the school know as soon as is practically possible.

Water

Please remind your son/daughter to bring water with them to school as they are not able to use the water fountain.

Fobs

Any students who still do not have a fob for purchasing food from the school canteen will be able to request one when they go to the canteen at lunchtime. Please remember to ensure that your son/daughter brings £1 to pay for the replacement fob.

Lanyards

As you will be aware students have been issued with lanyards in colours which depict which year group they are in. Please ensure that your son/daughter has their lanyard with them every day at School, and remind them these should be treated as any other School equipment. If a student loses a lanyard, they will be able to buy a replacement in the first instance at a cost of £1.

Government Guidance for Parents/Carers

Please find below the link for the Government's updated document: What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term:

<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-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

YEAR 7

Parents' Information Evenings

At the start of each academic year we would normally invite you to a Parents' Information Evening where you would have the opportunity to find out key information about the year ahead from your son/daughter's Progress Leader and other key staff. Due to current restrictions we are unfortunately going to have to run these virtually this year. Next Friday's newsletter will contain a link to the relevant section on the school website where you will find the information which would have been delivered during this event. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Music Tuition

If you have been having music tuition at your Primary School and would like to continue with them here at Higham Lane School please could you let your form teacher know. We will then email a letter with all the information in and a contract for you to sign and return. Lessons should commence week beginning 5 October 2020.

YEARS 8 - 11

Parents' Information Evenings

You will hopefully recall a letter from before the summer holiday outlining how the Parents' Information Evenings (which are normally held at this time in the year) will run virtually due to current restrictions. Next Friday's newsletter will contain a link to the relevant section on the school website where you will find the information which would have been delivered during these events. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Returning Library Books – If you have books still out from the school library

Year 8 – Please place any library books you have in the CPHSE box in Coombe Hall.

Year 9 – Please place any library books you have in the CPHSE box in the Sports Hall.

YEAR 11

Year 11 One to One Careers Interviews

All year 11 students will receive a 30 minute one to one interview with our careers advisor, David Hayter during the Autumn Term. The interview will focus on your child's next steps into post 16 education or apprenticeships/training. You will receive a copy of the feedback form once the interview has taken place so you can further discuss post 16 options with your child. I am also hopeful that David will also be available during the first Year 11 Student Progress Evening on Thursday 3rd December. However, this is entirely subject to Government guidance on inviting parents into school for such events. The school will issue further guidance on this in due course.

School Term Dates 2020-21

These are also available on our website <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/>

Autumn Term

INSET Days: Tuesday, 1st September, Wednesday, 2nd September 2020

Students return to school: Thursday, 3rd September 2020

INSET Day: Friday, 23rd October 2020

Half Term: Monday, 26th October – Friday, 30th October 2020

End of Term: Friday, 18th December 2020

Spring Term

INSET Day: Monday, 4th January 2021

Students return to school: Tuesday, 5th January 2021

Half Term: Monday, 15th February – Friday, 19th February 2021

End of Term: Thursday, 1st April 2021

Summer Term

INSET Day: Monday, 19th April 2021

Students return to school: Tuesday, 20th April 2021

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday, 3rd May 2021

Half Term: Monday, 31st May to Friday, 4th June 2021

End of Term: Tuesday 20 July 2021

INSET Day: Wednesday, 21st July 2021