



Higham Lane School
Helping Learners Succeed

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WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING: 20th November 2020

WHOLE SCHOOL

Early Closure next Thursday 26th November

Reminder: School/Sixth Form will close at 1:50pm for Year 7 and Year 9, and 2.00pm for all other year groups on Thursday 26th November as the Year 8 Student Progress Evening begins at 2:30pm.

A Covid-19 Update from Mr Kelly

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are keeping well at this challenging time.

I thought it would be useful to reflect upon how things are going regarding the number of Covid-19 cases we have had so far.

I appreciate every time we report a new case, this may cause you some anxiety. That is entirely understandable. We have had a higher number of cases over the past week. This is not entirely surprising given that we are a large school with a high number of students and staff and that local and national figures have risen recently- hence the need for the second lockdown introduced by the Government.

I recently sought the advice of Public Health England about how they viewed our figures. I was reassured to hear that they had no concerns currently and pointed out that the Local Authority and West Midlands Public Health Team would be in touch if they had concerns. We are not complacent about this matter at all and we appreciate that the situation can change rapidly.

We will continue to apply the preventative measures we have put in place at the start of this term. They are working really effectively. Thank you for your support with these.

Best wishes,

P. Kelly
Headteacher

Student Behaviour on Zoom Lessons

I am sure that you will agree with our expectation that when using Zoom from home to access lessons, students should behave in an appropriate way and not disrupt the learning of others.

The majority of our students of course, behave exceptionally well.

May we politely remind you that if any student's behaviour is inappropriate or disrupts the learning of others, s/he will not be allowed to participate in any Zoom lessons for that subject and potentially all other

subjects for that period of self-isolation. Upon return to school, a further sanction will apply, such as a school detention or a day spent in Inclusion, depending on the nature of the incident.

Thank you for your continued support.

Positive Covid-19 Test Email

Should your child test positive for Covid-19 outside of school hours could you please let the School know straight away via email to PositiveTest@highamlaneschool.co.uk. Thank you.

Safety on Drop Off / Pick Up

We do appreciate the challenges that parents/carers face when dropping off and collecting their children by car at the start and end of each day. However, we also receive concerns and complaints from parents/carers whose children walk to school, other motorists and from local residents when parents/carers don't drive or park safely. Please can I ask for your support in not parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside of Shanklin and Higham Lane gates and also in not pulling onto the pavement as this puts our students in danger. Thank you.

Support for Grieving Children

To mark 2020 Child Grief Awareness Week (starting on 19th November), a group of Warwickshire organisations have come together to produce some resources to help adults supporting grieving children. (UHCW, Myton Hospices, Shakespeare Hospice, Mary Ann Evans Hospice, The Laura Centre, SWFT)

The following website is aimed at parents, it contains videos and activities to help families navigate this challenging area. The website can be found here: <https://www.mytonhospice.org/childrens-grief-awareness-week-2020/>

SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11

Manufacturing Technology Centre - Apprenticeships Virtual Open Days

Apprenticeships Virtual Open Days will be held on Tuesday 24th November, Thursday 25th February and Wednesday 12th May, 4.30pm – 6.30pm. Please see <https://the-amtc.co.uk/apprenticeships/> for further information.

Virtual Work Experience in Construction

For a further information please see <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication>, Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending: 20th November 2020.

YEAR 11

French A-Level Taster Sessions - Monday 23rd / Monday 30th November – 3:05pm - 3:35pm - in SC2

All students that are currently studying French GCSE are welcome to attend. The idea is to show them that French A-Level might not be as difficult as they think and to give them a flavour of what a French A-Level lesson at Higham Lane School Sixth form looks like.

YEAR 10

School Photographs

Due to the number of students who are currently isolating we have made the decision to switch the dates for the individual photographs.

YEAR 9 AND 10 photos will now take place next Friday, 27th November. If your son/daughter should have PE on that day, they are to come to school in their normal full school uniform.

YEAR 9

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YEAR 7

Year 7 - About You Education Initiative

Please be advised that all girls in Year 7 have been given a package from Always in form this morning. The pack includes a booklet full of useful information for girls about puberty and periods, a range of period product samples and a parents/guardian leaflet. You can download more information at: www.always.co.uk/en-gb/puberty-education-programme-always-tampax.

Just so you are aware, we have free sanitary products in all of our girls toilets for students to use and if you would want a more regular supply of free products we are able to offer this through our Red Box scheme. Please contact Mrs Mitchell about this scheme.

Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

Thursday 26th November	Year 8 Progress Evening 1
Friday 27th November	Year 9 and 10 – School photos
Thursday 3rd December	Year 11 Progress Evening 1
Wednesday 16th December	Year 7 Flu Immunisations
21st December – 1st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January	INSET day – no school
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th January	Year 9 Immunisations
Thursday 4th February	Year 8 Progress Evening 2 (non-core subjects)
Thursday 11th February	Year 8 Options Evening
15th – 19th February	February Half-term
Thursday 25th February	Year 9 Progress Evening
Thursday 4th March	Year 11 Progress Evening 2
Friday 5th March	Year 8 Options deadline
Monday 15th - Thursday 18th March	Year 8 Immunisations (HPV)
Thursday 18th March	Year 10 Progress Evening
Thursday 31st March	Year 13 Progress Evening 2
Friday 2nd April	Good Friday – no school
5th – 16th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 19th April	INSET day – no school

Thursday 29th April	Year 7 Progress Evening
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday – no school
Thursday 20th May	Year 12 Progress Evening 2
31st May – 4th June	May Half-term
Wednesday 21st July	Summer Holidays Begin