



Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING:

1st April 2021

WHOLE SCHOOL

Testing and contact tracing in schools and colleges over the Easter holidays

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. Students with consent will be issued with a test kit today containing 7 tests which should be used over the two week holiday period.

Students should:

- continue to test twice a week at home (all those who are able to)
- report positive, negative or void results using the NHS portal <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> as well as via Sharepoint
- **test before returning to school for the summer term**, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back to find and isolate any positive cases

For the purposes of contact tracing staff, students, parents and carers need **only inform the school of a positive case if the symptoms develop within 2 days of being in school (up to and including Saturday 2nd April) or they have tested positive with a lateral flow device (LFD) test (and will subsequently need to book a confirmatory PCR test).**

The school will then contact you and ask you to assist in identifying close contacts so that the school can advise others regarding self-isolation, as the student may have been infectious whilst in school. **If symptoms develop after 2nd April, you do not need to inform the school.** All positive tests should be reported by email on PositiveTest@highamlaneschool.co.uk

Where pupils, students or staff test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays using an LFD test more than 2 days since being in school, they will only need to inform the school if they will still be self-isolating when school returns on Tuesday 20th April. Staff, students, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Support Pack for Parents on Anxiety

Anxiety is a feeling that children may experience which can cause worry or fear. This can be a combination of physical sensations, thoughts and feelings. All children can feel worried, and this is a normal part of growing up. At certain points, such as starting a new school or staying somewhere new, children may become more worried, but will normally be able to calm down quite quickly with or without support. Anxiety can become more of an issue when a child feels over-whelmed or distressed by their feelings and find their thoughts unmanageable. If this continues over a long period of time, they may begin to feel sad, depressed, exhausted or isolated, and this may affect their day-to-day routines. Providing early support can stop anxiety becoming an issue which affects them day to day.

For a copy of the Parent Anxiety Pack please go to the school website at <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication> (Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending: 1st April 2021).

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-1195559>

SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11

Westham House Fund - Young Person Fellowship opportunity

Westham House Fund is a Warwickshire-based charity which provides funding for non-vocational education and well-being activities for people aged 16+. They have recently introduced financial support specifically aimed at enabling young adults (aged 16-25) to expand their educational horizons. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about the charity, please visit their website www.westhamhousefund.co.uk where you will also find detailed information about the Young Person's Fellowship. If you would prefer to chat to them, please ring Fiona Pedley (Clerk to the Trustees) on 01788 542467.

SIXTH FORM (YEAR 12)

Bursaries at Warwick University for Disadvantaged Students

Warwick Scholar are offering bursaries of up to £2,000 per year of study for students applying to Warwick University who meet the following criteria:

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Attend a school or college, or live, within one of the local authority areas (Coventry, Warwickshire, Birmingham, Solihull, Sandwell, Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Leicester)
- Have Home UK fee status or will have it by the time they enter university
- Have achieved at least 5 grades 9-6 (A*-B) at GCSE (or equivalent); if this does not include English Language and Mathematics, they must have achieved at least a grade 4 (C) in these subjects
- Meet all of the qualification and subject requirements of the course they are applying for, as outlined on the University's website (e.g. be studying the correct A levels and have achieved any required GCSEs).
- Additional Criteria

Applicants must meet at least two of the following criteria (unless they have experience of local authority care, as outlined below), and priority will be given to those meeting multiple criteria:

- In receipt of, or has within the last six years been eligible for, free school meals
- Will be the first generation of their family to attend university (not including siblings)
- Completed Key Stage 4 Studies at and/or currently attend a priority school (details on website)
- Live in a priority neighbourhood (details on website)
- Has experienced significant extenuating circumstances that have had (or are having) a detrimental effect on academic attainment e.g. is a young carer, has suffered from long term illness requiring time out of education, has a disability or specific learning difficulty

If either of the following statements apply to them, their application will be prioritised:

- Have spent a minimum of three months in local authority care
- Are currently resident in a foyer or other supported accommodation

Please see the website www.warwick.ac.uk/warwickscholars for further information and to download a brochure.

YEAR 10

Year 10 Exams

Year 10 exams are due to take place the third and fourth week after Easter. Please can you encourage your son/daughter to start revising for these over the Easter holidays.

For English, students should revisit their English Language Component 2 exam booklet and learn the Top Tips for each question.

For Maths, students should use the recently issued revision booklets for higher and foundation tiers.

Other subjects will be issuing topic checklists to help students in preparing for these exams. Please ask your son/daughter to check their Google Classrooms for these.

Personalised timetables showing the dates of the exams will be issued after Easter

Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

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

Friday 2nd April	Good Friday – no school
5th – 16th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 19th April	INSET day – no school
20th – 30th April	Year 12 Exams
Thursday 29th April	Year 7 Student Progress Evening
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday – no school
4th – 14th May	Year 10 Trial Exams
17th May	Year 11 School Photos
17th – 21st May	Year 12 Assessment Week
17th – 28th May	Year 9 Exams
24th – 28th May	Year 11 D&T Practical Exams
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Thursday 27th May	Year 12 Student Progress Evening
31st May – 4th June	May Half-term
7th – 18th June	Year 7 & 8 Exams
Thursday 17th June	Year 10 Student Progress Evening
Thursday 1st July	Year 9 Student Progress Evening
5th – 9th July	Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Assessment Week
Thursday 22nd July	Summer Holidays begin