



Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING:

12th March 2021

WHOLE SCHOOL

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school this week!

EARLY CLOSURE OF SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 18TH MARCH

School/College will close at **1:50pm** for Years 7 & 9, and **2.00pm** for all other year groups on Thursday 18th March as the Year 11 Student Progress Evening begins at 2:30pm.

Home Test Kits for Students

Please see the quick links below if you require any further instructions on how to use the covid test kits at home. Please note the ones sent home from school are only for use of students not for any other member of the household. **Please remember to upload your child's results via Sharepoint.**

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZXfWeHhaQWMJf7fkPBPKTvDwsOWuN_IP
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/instructions-for-covid-19-self-test>

Exploitation Awareness for Parents/Carers – 16th or 18th March at 7.00pm via Zoom

Warwickshire Exploitation Team and Compass are joining forces to bring parents/carers a 60 minute virtual guide to Child Exploitation and Substance Misuse. This is a perfect opportunity to increase your awareness, ask experienced professionals any burning questions and learn more about the support that is available in your area. To book your free place please email rebecca.weaver@barnardos.org.uk or gemma.austin@compass-uk.org.

World Sleep Day (19th March)

Please see <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication> (Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending: 12th March 2021) for some top tips for healthy sleep, easy-read information, videos related to sleep, sleep links to mental health and physical activity, before bed yoga relaxation videos, a parent/carer healthy sleep workshop and support service information. The content has been designed for all ages, from children up to adults.

World Oral Health Day (20th March)

Please see <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication> (Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending: 12th March 2021) for fun information, activities, games and more relating to oral health, including relevant facts and links to oral health videos and information, details of the Change For Life free Food Scanner app and relevant support service information.

Mental Health First Aid England March Newsletter

Please click the link to view this newsletter: <https://mhfaengland.org/mhfa-centre/news/march-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-1195175>

SIXTH FORM (Year 13)

A-level Grading Arrangements for Summer 2021

Following our letter from a fortnight ago, the following presentation has been placed on stream on Google Classroom for your son/daughter to watch as an update regarding A-level grading arrangements for summer 2021:-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulUj_smGUu8

We would strongly recommend parents/carers watch this presentation as well as it outlines our plans for this summer as well as explaining what students should and shouldn't do in the remaining time.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11

HSBC Apprenticeships and Free Webinars

HSBC Foundation Apprenticeship opportunities are live now, all available opportunities can be found and applied to here:

https://hsbc.taleo.net/careersection/external/moresearch.ftl?lang=en_GB&location=5536170451648&keyword=%E2%80%9DHSBCAPPS2021%22&Location=Europe

HSBC Degree Apprenticeships opportunities are live now, and application can be made via our UK Apprenticeships page: <https://www.hsbc.com/careers/students-and-graduates/student-opportunities/uk-apprenticeship>

Free Webinars – please register as spaces are limited:

11th March at 10.00am – 11.00am - How to stand out?

A session dedicated to applications. This will include a breakdown of CVs in general and aim to demystify online applications. We will also include application hints & tips from an employer's perspective to give you an insight into what is looked for.

Register for this webinar: https://hsbc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g5LQIWAyS_-O78W4DoSv1A

22nd April at 10.00am – 11.00am - How to be the best you?

An exploration of the different type of interviews, alongside their purposes. This will cover what signs to look for, and how you can maximise your chances at success. We will also include different tips and tricks from an employer's perspective to give you an insight into what is looked for.

Register for this webinar: https://hsbc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cbq82vsMSkWt2ztQAKLUQ

Absolute Apprentices

Please see the following apprenticeships currently on offer from <https://www.absoluteapprentices.com>:

Customer Service Practitioner Level 2 - based in Kenilworth

Working for a small but expanding ecommerce based store providing high end motorcycle accessories and car care products.

The role will include being the first point of contact, providing excellent customer service and dealing with phone and email enquiries.

Apprenticeship duration is 15 months. 9.00-5.00pm. £4.15 per hour.

Community Activator Coach Level 2 - based in Coventry

Looking for 3 leisure attendants to work in a busy leisure centre. You will work on the centres swimming programme and assist sports coaches in schools.

Apprenticeship duration: 18 months. 40 hours per week. £4.15 per hour

Retailer Level 2 - based in Leamington Spa and Stratford upon Avon

Looking for 2 retailers to be based at the Leamington Spa or Stratford upon Avon store. Working in store you will be advising customers on the most suitable phones and accessories. You will need to be able to work to sales targets and have excellent customer service and listening skills.

Apprenticeship duration: 15 months. 40 hours per week. £5 per hour.

Applications for all positions to be sent to tracy@absoluteworks.co.uk

YEAR 11

GCSE Grading Arrangements for Summer 2021

Following our letter from a fortnight ago, Year 11 students have been shown the following presentation during this morning's registration which provides an update on the A-level and GCSE grading arrangements for this summer:-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulUj_smGUu8

We would strongly recommend parents/carers watch this presentation as well as it outlines our plans for this summer as well as explaining what students should and shouldn't do in the remaining time.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Equipment for Forthcoming Internal Assessments

We appreciate the efforts that you and your sons/daughters have made to ensure that they are ready for the return to school. Please could we ask for your support in checking that your son/daughter is equipped with the following ready for the start of the internal assessments next Thursday:-

- a supply of black biro's (at least two)
- a pencil
- a pencil eraser
- a pencil sharpener
- a ruler
- a scientific calculator (where allowed)
- a pair of compasses
- a protractor
- a highlighter
- and a clear pencil case or clear plastic bag to carry all of their equipment in

Thank you.

YEAR 9 / YEAR 8 / YEAR 7

Child Exploitation Week 2021 - Keeping Safe Workshop - Wednesday 17th March

During CPSHE on Wednesday 17th March, Rebecca Weaver and Gemma Austin will be delivering a workshop via Zoom on Keeping Safe, to mark Child Exploitation Week 2021. Rebecca works for the charity Barnardo's and Gemma works for Compass, who run the school nurse network on behalf of Warwickshire County Council, and have both been involved with students at Higham Lane before.

The presentation will include some drug awareness including information on different substances, the law on drugs, the effects and risks from drugs, harm reduction, how to find help, street names, what is going around in the area at the minute to be aware of (eg cannabis infused sweets). The exploitation side of the presentation will include information on county lines, online exploitation, how to spot the signs of grooming etc, and where to go for help.

If you have any questions or queries about the workshop please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mitchell at school.

YEAR 8

Year 8 Options

We hope that both you and your son/daughter have found the information on the school website regarding the Year 8 Options helpful.

The next part of the process will be the taster lessons. You should have by now received details on how to book these for Business, Drama, Health and Social Care and Sociology. Students who've requested a place for a taster lesson in one of these subjects will receive a mini-timetable next Friday telling them when and where these tasters will take place. Please check with your son/daughter that he/she has this mini-timetable with them before they leave for school on Monday 22nd March and Tuesday 23rd March if they have taster lessons on either or both of these days.

Taster lessons in other subjects which form part of the Key Stage 4 options will take place by next Friday during your son/daughter's normal timetabled lessons, if these haven't happened already.

The electronic options form for you to record your son/daughter's four option choices (plus four reserves) will be issued on Tuesday 23rd March with a deadline for return of Friday 26th March. We appreciate that this is quite a short turnaround for the form. We are keen, though, for those students who have booked taster lessons in Business, Drama, Health and Social Care and Sociology to have experienced these subjects before final choices are made and forms returned.

History, Geography and Modern Foreign Languages staff have been asked to identify students they'd recommend take their subject as part of the English Baccalaureate. If your son/daughter has been identified by their teacher, you will be receiving an email about this from school by Tuesday 23rd March. Please note that students can still choose these subjects even if you don't receive an email.

Finally, just a reminder that if you have any questions about Year 8 Options, please don't hesitate to email yr8options@highamlaneschool.co.uk.

Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

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

9 th – 17 th March	Year 13 Trial Exams
Thursday 18 th March	Year 11 Student Progress Evening
18 th – 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 – 23 rd April	Year 11 D&T Practical Exams
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 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
28 th June – 2 nd July	Year 10 MFL GCSE Trial Speaking Exams
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