



Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING: 8th 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 – this should be used for all general queries

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

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.

Remote Learning

Thank you for supporting your child/children with remote learning and thank you to the many parents/carers who have sent positive messages of how we have developed provision since the previous lockdown. Staff have worked really hard on this. We will continue to tweak and develop our practice and are always grateful for any feedback.

We appreciate that it is a very challenging situation for those parents who are supporting their children's learning at home whilst still going to work or working from home. Thanks for all that you are doing and for your patience and support.

Zoom Lessons

As you'll be aware, in order for your son/daughter's teacher to know which students have joined their Zoom lesson, we ask that they enter their full name (first name and surname). Its important that students adhere to this to ensure all students are accounted for and to help maintain a safe and secure learning environment. Students who do not join with their full name will not be allowed to join the lesson and will be asked to leave to change their name to their full name.

In order to ensure students enter with their full name, settings may need to be changed in whatever Zoom app your son/daughter uses to attend Zoom lessons.

If your son/daughter has had difficulty setting this up, please find attached, step-by-step guidance on how to do this (copy of the attached guidance can be also found within the Remote Learning section of the school's website):

- Android devices
- Apple devices
- Internet browser

We hope this helps. If you need further technical support, please email itsupport@highamlaneschool.co.uk.

Form Tutor and Progress Leader Communication

Form Tutors are messaging the students in their form on Google Classroom and asking for feedback on how things are going and how they are feeling. Please encourage your child/children to respond to this regularly.

Progress Leaders will be placing a weekly message on Google Classroom.

GCSE and A-Level Examinations

On 6th January Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, told Parliament that GCSE, AS Level and A Level examinations will not take place in summer 2021. The Department for Education is working on final planning around how a teacher assessed system for these qualifications can be set up. Unfortunately, we understand that the details around the system of assessment will not be available from the government until the end of February at the earliest.

Once more detailed information is shared with schools, we will be able to update students due to complete qualifications and their parents/carers. Examination boards who provide vocational qualifications (such as BTECs) will also be updating schools. Students due to take examinations and complete courses this academic year should continue to work hard and apply themselves to the study of their full qualifications. We know many students will be worried by these recent announcements, particularly those who were due to take trial examinations or who may have missed periods of school due to self-isolation prior to Christmas. We would like to reassure students that staff will do everything they can to reasonably support them.

Warwickshire's Family Information Service Newsletter, Tuesday 5th January

Last year was very challenging for so many families and with the latest lockdown, many may still experience stress and difficulties at the beginning this year. As always, the Family Information Service team are here to support you on a range of issues through COVID-19 and beyond. Please click the link for the latest newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1193480>

SIXTH FORM

M&S Webinar

M&S are recruiting Retail Management and Fashion apprentices across the UK, giving you the ultimate fast track to managing your own department and looking after multi million pound budgets, all while being coached and mentored by their retail management experts.

If you'd like to consider applying for an M&S apprenticeship program and are interested in Business, Retail, Management or Fashion then you can find your unique sign up application link below to this webinar!

Key Details:

- Thursday 28th January, 5pm - 6pm
- Insight to M&S (one of the UK's most iconic brands)
- Open to all Y12 / S5, Y13 / S6 and Y14 students
- Great opportunity for students looking to get into business, management, retail or fashion!

Webinar Application Link:

<https://www.research.net/r/Marks-Spencer-Webinar>

SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11 / YEAR 10

HSBC Work Experience Opportunities

HSBC Work Experience is now live! Opportunities across the whole of the UK, in financial services, investment banking, marketing, digital, compliance and HR.

The Work Experience opportunities will be available through June to August 2021 and will be one week long.

Open to all secondary school or college students, applications close on 21st February!

Please see link for further details:

<https://www.hsbc.com/careers/students-and-graduates/student-opportunities/uk-work-experience-programme>

Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

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
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
Thursday 22nd July	Summer Holidays begin