



Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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WHOLE SCHOOL

Free BT Wi-Fi vouchers

To support families who currently don't have adequate access to internet connectivity, we have been given a limited number of free Wi-Fi Hotspot logins from BT from now until the end of July. Due to limited numbers they will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to disadvantaged students.

How does it work?

If you're having trouble connecting or maintaining an internet connection:

1. Check you receive sufficient BT Hotspot Wi-Fi coverage at your address. Click on BT's Wi-Fi hotspot checker - <https://www.btwifi.com/find/>
2. Carrying out this check is really important to avoid disappointment - this solution won't work for everyone. Please don't contact us if, unfortunately, you're unable to secure strong enough coverage.
3. If coverage is sufficiently strong please email the school - contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk to let us know who the voucher is for (name and form). Please Note: One voucher allocated to one student.
4. We will email you if successful with confirmation of your free BT Wi-Fi voucher (in the form of a username and password) and also provide you with a link to BT's 'get started guide' - click here <https://wrap.co/wraps/fffa6ae9-801e-48dd-b9e3-f2f00de62d0a> or alternatively click here for a pdf version <https://www.businessdirect.bt.com/Images/vendors/bt/ED-1059314-free-wi-fi-landing-page/BT%20Wi-fi%20User%20Guide.pdf>

We hope you find this of use and any BT related technical questions please click on the following link <https://www.bt.com/help/broadband/learn-about-broadband/bt-wi-fi/how-do-i-find-a-bt-wi-fi-hotspot->

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9 February 2021

At Higham Lane we are proud to celebrate this day by reminding ourselves what an amazing space the internet can be and the importance to us all using it in a safe and secure way.

In this most uncertain of times and when your son/daughter's education is through remote learning, we need to pause for one moment and think about their screen time. We also need to think about what we are doing online more generally and how this may affect us.

As parents/carers let's remember that children may feel confused, angry and upset with what they see online, often believing what they read or watch. It's important to remind children that images and videos are often edited; influencers and celebrities get paid for promotion because of their large numbers of followers; news can sometimes be fake and they may be experiencing targeted advertising and sponsored content.

It's also important to remember to be app aware - have parental controls in place, keep on top of gaming hours, have safe search engine settings, try to be social media savvy and follow up on any concerns you

may have. A really useful way of doing this is to start with a conversation about the internet, establish online rules as a family and share devices together.

Think about the 4 C's of the internet – Content – what are they being exposed to? Contact – Who are they talking to? Conduct – is their behaviour online appropriate? Commercialism – Pop ups, adverts, marketing and sponsors.

Teenage Autism Support Programme for parents/carers of children aged 13-18

Act for Autism will be running workshops for parents of autistic teenagers.

Please see <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication> (Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending: 5th February 2021) for further information and how to sign up.

Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service Newsletter

This month's newsletter includes important information about vaccinations with links to reliable information sources, as well as resources for the upcoming public health campaigns: Time to Talk Day, World Cancer Day and Safer Internet Day. The newsletter can also be accessed via this link: <http://www.compass-uk.org/wshwbs-newsletter-february-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-1194227>.

SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11

Are you interested in an Apprenticeship within the NHS?

George Eliot Hospital are hosting an Allied Health Professional Apprenticeship knowledge Sharing Session via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday 11th February 2021** (sessions are **10:00am - 11:00am & 13:00pm - 14:00pm**). The session will be focusing on the following careers:

Operation Department Practitioner (ODP)
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapy

If this is something that you would like to know more about please register your interest at apprenticeships@geh.nhs.uk.

YEAR 11

North Warwickshire Police Cadet Recruitment – Zoom Presentation 15th February at 18.00pm

In order to encourage Year 11 pupils we are delivering a virtual recruitment evening for Year 11 students and parents only and this will consist of a short PowerPoint presentation. There will be an opportunity at the end of the presentation for pupils and parents to ask any questions they may have with regards to the scheme.

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Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

Please note that we are currently reviewing our calendar in light of the current lockdown. We will confirm dates for events in the forthcoming weeks.