



Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING:

7th May 2021

WHOLE SCHOOL

Advanced notice- Change to dates for start of autumn term 2021 for Years 9, 10, 11 and 13

We are hopeful but uncertain whether current Year 6 students will be able to visit Higham Lane this term for transition activities. If they can't, we will use the virtual activities that we used last year so successfully.

We are making the following changes to support current Year 6 students and to recognise the impact this year has had on our current Year 7 who have only ever been within their bubble area of our school site.

- **Monday, 6th September:** only the new Year 7, the new Year 8 and the new Year 12 attend school for transition activities. This will enable the new Year 7 and the new Year 8, to see the School fully and to take part in a range of transition activities. The new Year 12 students will also be completing transition activities in the Sixth Form Centre on this day. We will share the timings and the programme of the day with you before the end of the summer term.

- **Tuesday, 7th September:** students in all year groups: Years 7-13, will attend school.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your support with these arrangements.

Students who are asked to self-isolate

Thanks for all of your support at this very challenging time.

I am sure you will agree that any student who is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and is asked to self-isolate by staying at home for a specified period of time, must do so, to prevent the spread of the virus. This is a legal requirement. We are disappointed to hear about particular students who are ignoring this expectation and going out, either during the school day or during evenings and weekends during their self-isolation period and are therefore endangering others. If your son/daughter is asked to self-isolate, please can you kindly ensure they are doing so. (We appreciate that many of you are doing this really effectively and we know it is not an easy situation when the young person's friends are going out). We work closely with our local Police in identifying students who are breaking self-isolation rules.

Thanks for your support.

Best wishes,

Mr Kelly, Headteacher.

Logging of LFD test results

Please note you no longer need to inform School of negative test results. Students have been told this via Sharepoint and Google Classroom. Positive test results must still be reported via

PositiveTest@highamlaneschool.co.uk.

May Health and Wellbeing

Please find the link below for the May health & wellbeing newsletter for schools and families. It focuses on Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme of nature, with lots of information and resources to help families benefit from the positive impacts nature has on our wellbeing. You can access the newsletter via this weblink: <https://www.compass-uk.org/wshwbs-newsletter-may-2021>

Family Information Service Newsletter - Tuesday 4th May 2021

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1196231?e=a023ea4e42>

YEAR 9 - 10

Exciting STEM opportunities

[Insight into University](#) course the application deadline has been extended until 31 May 2021! This is a unique course for Year 11 & 12 students, offering a flexible access to a specially developed STEM content designed by leading UK universities and global STEM companies.

[Routes into STEM](#) course for Year 9 & 10 students **starts in only 4 weeks!** Please tell your students to sign up ASAP, so they don't miss out to find out all the necessary information on different pathways: college and university and apprenticeship routes through industry.

Applications are still open for [Year in Industry Placements](#) 2021/22 – this is a fantastic way to test drive one's future career if unsure whether to continue into HE or go straight into employment and considers a paid gap year before an apprenticeship or studying a degree at university.

Copy of the 3 flyers can be found within the School Communication section of the school's website

YEAR 11, 12 and 13

IBM Insight Evening

We have a very special evening event coming up with one of the biggest technology companies in the world; IBM.

On Thursday 13th May, 5pm - 6pm we'll be hosting an event with some of IBM's top Business & Technology leaders. This is the first time ever that we've been able to bring together some of IBM's most senior figures within the business to come and talk to us all about what it's like working for one of the world's largest tech companies.

It's open to all Y11 Y12 Y13

At IBM, work is more than a job — it's a calling. To build. To design. To code. To consult. To think along with clients and sell. To make markets. To invent. To collaborate. Not just to do something better, but to attempt things you've never thought possible. To lead in this new era of technology and solve some of the world's most challenging problems.

Hear about some of the exciting projects they are working on as well as their school leaver opportunities, summer insight days and gap year placements.

If you'd like to apply to this event to find out more, please click on the application link below.

Application Link:

<https://www.research.net/r/IBM-Insight-Evening>

YEAR 12 and 13

Kautex Unipart Engineering Apprenticeship Opportunity

We have an amazing apprenticeship opportunity at Kautex Unipart based in Coventry, and they would like to particularly welcome applications from females.

Copy of the details can be found within the School Communication section of the school's website

Dates for Your Diary

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

Thursday 1st July	Year 9 Student Progress Evening
Wednesday 7th July	Year 13 Prom
Friday 9th July	Year 11 Prom
5th – 9th July	Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Assessment Week
Thursday 22nd July	Summer Holidays begin