



# Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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## WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING:

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### WHOLE SCHOOL

#### Important Changes from Monday 8th March

Just a reminder that timetables will revert back to the timings used in the autumn term from Monday 8th March.

Hot lunches will be available from the day that the whole year group returns. The menu will be the same as it was in the autumn term.

Date of full-time return to school	Year Group
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	13
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	12, 11
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	10, 9
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	8, 7

Students should enter via their allocated gate at their allocated time:

Shanklin gate Y7 8.40am - Y10 8.50am - Y12/13 9.00am

Brookdale gate Y8 8.40am

Higham Lane Gate Y9 8.40am - Y11 8.50am

Students will be back in their year group bubbles in their allocated classrooms and homebases.

Students will be expected to be in full school uniform unless they have PE that day. **On PE days** students must come to school in their PE kit as before Christmas. You will be doing practical PE in the sports hall (no boots needed).

### EARLY CLOSURE OF SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

School/College will close at **1:50pm** for Year 9, and **2.00pm** for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March as the Year 8 Student Progress Evening begins at 2:30pm.

Years 7 and 8 will have no remote learning lesson for period 5 on this day.

#### Home Test Kits

Pupils will receive their home test kits from school on Friday 12th March. These tests are only for students, not for other members of their household.

However, other members of the student's household, childcare bubble or support bubble can also get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site

- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Household members can collect 2 packs each containing 7 tests from a local collection point. Anyone aged 18 or over can collect. Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7.00pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

Find your nearest home test kit collection point:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online. Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

## **Second Face Masks Required for Design and Technology, Engineering and Food Preparation and Nutrition**

To ensure hygiene and safety of students in Design and Technology, Engineering and Food Preparation and Nutrition a second mask will be required for practical lessons. We would advise this mask to be washable. Many thanks for your support at this time.

## **Survey - Child Friendly Warwickshire**

Warwickshire County Council strives to make Warwickshire the best it can be and offer a great place for children and young people to live, learn and grow. Children are at the centre of our communities and we work hard to ensure that their voices are heard, they are engaged in all aspects of their lives, and they are empowered to reach their full potential. We can all play a part in this by working together to create a child friendly county where every child has a brighter future and everyone cares.

We cannot become child friendly without knowing more about what young people think and what is important to them so we are asking as many children and young people as possible to complete a short, anonymous survey. All views shared will help us understand what Child Friendly Warwickshire should look and feel like and guide our work to deliver this.

Please encourage your children to complete the Child Friendly Warwickshire survey at:

[https://warwickshire.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cU68aDJQvRRI4xv](https://warwickshire.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cU68aDJQvRRI4xv)

## **A Message about Virtual Lambing Weekend from Moreton Morrell College - 13th & 14th March 2021**

We know how much you love seeing our lambs being born down at Nethermorton Farm at Moreton Morrell College, so this year we are bringing the Lambing event to the comfort of your own home!

Over the weekend, we will be sharing YouTube videos on our dedicated Lambing web page (<https://wccg.ac.uk/lambing>), where you can learn more about the Lambing process.

What's more, LambCam is BACK - over the weekend we will be going live from 11.00am – 3.00pm down at Nethermorton Farm on our Moreton Morrell Facebook page, where you can hear from our farmers, Henry & Jack, and watch lambs being delivered LIVE! <https://www.facebook.com/MoretonMorrellCollege/>

## **Supporting Girls on the Spectrum – Online Learning 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

This two part series will broadcast on Zoom webinars, looking at how we can better identify and provide support for autistic girls. It will explore the common challenges that autistic girls face, including:

- Key issues for autistic girls at school and providing practical school-based support strategies
- The 4 o'clock explosion! The impact of trying to fit in – masking and camouflaging at school
- Hiding in plain sight: does autism look different in girls and, if so, what is the impact on diagnosis and support?
- Imploding not exploding – internalising anxiety. Recognising and dealing with anxiety in autistic girls
- Friendships and the struggle to fit in – tackling issues of conflict and maintenance in relationships
- Preparing autistic girls for puberty

You can choose to view the webinars live and seek personalised advice from our speakers, and/or stream recordings of each webinar when it's most convenient to you.

Book the series now for just £29.99 for parent/family carers, price includes 30 day access to video recordings of all webinars in the series.

For more information and to book your tickets today, please see <https://www.autismlearns.co.uk/supporting-girls-on-the-spectrum/>.

### **Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service Newsletter**

Please follow the link for the March newsletter from your school nursing team: <http://www.compass-uk.org/wshwbs-newsletter-march-2021/>. This month's newsletter includes information about making healthy lifestyle choices, 'Family fun' wellbeing activities, information on National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, No Smoking Day, Stop CSE Awareness Day, World Sleep Day and World Oral Health Day, support with emotions about the return to school, as well as general support available for mental health, the latest information on COVID-19 and how to access support from school nursing.

### **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-1194959>

## **SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11 / YEAR 10**

### **National Careers Week 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Please find below some resources, useful links and activities taking place for National Careers Week 2021.

Links to view/download documents:

Your Future Career (NCW 2021) <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-359457248-27>  
 Apprenticeship Directory <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-359457248-25>  
 Launch Yourself Interactive Booklet <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-359457248-28>  
 The Parents Guide to NCW 2021 <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-359457248-29>

Warwickshire Skills Hub will also be sharing information on their social media pages throughout the week too. See the links for this below:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/warwickshire-skills-hub>  
<https://twitter.com/warkskillshub>

## What University Live? & What Career Live? Virtual event - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Students will have the opportunity to chat to representatives from leading universities and employers, and get one-to-one careers advice from independent experts. They'll also have access to a programme of live and on-demand talks, covering everything from the UCAS application process, to kick-starting your career with an apprenticeship.

For further information and to register please see <https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/virtual-march-2021>.

### Spotlight Talks: Inspiring careers excellence – 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Spotlight Talks will inspire young people of all backgrounds to consider technical and vocational routes, highlighting the opportunities and career pathways available.

During these tough times we must ensure that young people continue to have access to high-quality careers advice. That's why we're using this new digital climate to reach young people from across the UK, tackling vocational snobbery by providing inspirational careers advice for the benefit of young people, employers, and the UK economy.

This event will be broadcast live from 9.00am to 12.00pm on Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 March 2021.

Click here to register: <https://www.worldskillsuk.org/careers-advice/spotlight-talks-inspiring-careers-excellence> and to watch previous talks,

## YEAR 11

### Apprenticeship Opportunity from John's Hair Design, Nuneaton

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN HAIRDRESSING?

JHD, Nuneaton's premier salon are recruiting hairdressing apprentices. The suitable applicants must be hardworking enthusiastic individuals with a passion for hairdressing.

The successful applicants will be employed and trialled as Saturday staff on a casual labour basis to establish your suitability for the apprentice position.

The apprentice will work towards NVQ qualifications studying day release at college combined with in salon training to an exceptional standard.

To find out more about this exciting opportunity and to arrange an interview contact John or Sara on [info@jhdhairdressers.co.uk](mailto:info@jhdhairdressers.co.uk) or phone 02476 374 988.

## YEAR 8

### Year 8 Taster Lessons

Taster lesson information and a booking form has been sent out to parents/carers today; this is to be returned by 15<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

## Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

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

1 <sup>st</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Covid testing of students
8 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 13 Trial Exams

<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 13 return to school</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Years 12 &amp; 11 return to school</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Years 10 &amp; 9 return to school</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Years 8 &amp; 7 return to school</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 6.00pm</b>	Booking opens for Year 11 Student Progress Evening
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 8 Subject Progress Evening</b> (non-core subjects)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 8 HPV1 Immunisations
<b>17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 9 HPV2 Immunisations
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 11 Student Progress Evening</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 11 Trial Exams
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 8 Options Deadline
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 13 Student Progress Evening</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Good Friday – no school
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET day – no school
<b>20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Year 13 Assessment Week
<b>20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Year 11 D&T Practical Exams
<b>20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 12 Exams
<b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 7 Student Progress Evening</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	May Bank Holiday – no school
<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 11 Assessment Week
<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 10 Trial Exams
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 11 School Photos
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Year 12 Assessment Week
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 9 Exams
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 12 Student Progress Evening</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	May Half-term
<b>7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 7 & 8 Exams
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 10 Student Progress Evening</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 10 MFL GCSE Trial Speaking Exams
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 9 Student Progress Evening</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Assessment Week
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Summer Holidays begin