



# Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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## **WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021**

### **WHOLE SCHOOL**

#### **Zoom Chat**

A small number of students have experienced the occasional problem using Zoom chat within lessons. It appears that some students are able to type in chat however their teacher is unable to see what they have written. We think this is due to an issue with the internet browser. We have logged this issue with Zoom, however in the meantime if your son/daughter is experiencing a problem our advice is for your son/daughter to either install Zoom onto their computer (rather than joining Zoom through the internet browser) OR access Zoom through the app on their smartphone/tablet. In doing this we think this will allow your son/daughter to chat to their teacher. We have also communicated this message to students via the Google Classroom stream.

#### **Higham Lane School YouTube Channel - Remote Learning support for your son/daughter**

We're pleased to announce the launch of our very own YouTube Channel (see link below). The channel aims to be the one-stop destination for remote learning support and guidance videos to enable your son/daughter to work confidently while schooling from home. Additionally, it's a useful resource for parents/carers in the support they provide their son/daughter through these difficult times.

#### The detail - Higham Lane School YouTube Channel:

Our intention is for the channel to grow as more relevant videos are uploaded, however at present we have the following student-focused playlists set up:

1. Remote Learning - Zoom: Help from voiceover videos on how to access and use Zoom
2. Remote Learning - Google Classroom for students: As above, help from voiceover videos on how to access and use Google Classroom

#### Safety matters:

We have configured settings so **no comments** can be left by viewers and those wanting to add a video are unable to do so. Only authorised members of Higham Lane staff will upload new content.

#### How to access Higham Lane School YouTube Channel:

- Go to YouTube and type 'Higham Lane School' into the search window. This will locate the channel. Please hit subscribe so it saves as one of your subscribed channels within your YouTube account. Furthermore, don't forget to bookmark the web address (URL) so you don't need to search every time.

The direct weblink is <https://www.youtube.com/user/highamlanesch>

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you and your child find this resource of value

## Have you accepted the invite to your son/daughter's Google Classroom page yet?

An email reminder was sent on Wednesday to all parent/carers to remind you of how you can help support your son/daughter by following his/her Google Classroom page. This helps you to be aware of your son/daughter's learning, and particularly useful to parents/carers is being aware of the work s/he is being set and required to complete and submit. If you need any assistance with this please contact us on [ITSupport@highamlaneschool.co.uk](mailto:ITSupport@highamlaneschool.co.uk).

## #HLS Stars out there!

We know that many students will be practising their skills (both curricular and non-curricular) at home during this period of time. We would love to see what they have been up to! If you would like us to share these on our Twitter and Instagram page, please email [contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk](mailto:contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk). In order for the email to be forwarded to the correct department, please put 'HLS stars' in your subject heading and include the following:

### HLS Stars

Name of student and year group (we will only share first name on social media sites)

Brief description of what s/he has been doing.

Teachers will also be sharing examples of work completed by students on our social media pages too!

If you as a parent/carer are sharing any achievements on social media, you can also tag us on Facebook and Instagram too!

## A Monthly Update from your School Nurse Team

We're still here to support Warwickshire children, young people and their families at this difficult time. Please see this video clip <https://youtu.be/vDviUVsuWwU> and follow the link for our latest newsletter: <https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/WSHWBS-newsletter-January-2021.pdf>

## SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11

### BMW Group Apprenticeships

The BMW/Mini Apprenticeship process is now open for apprenticeships starting in August/September 2021.

Please follow this link for a brochure: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/47966/>

Application open date: Monday January 18th.

The application process ends: Sunday March 14th.

Site to apply to: [www.bmwgroup.jobs/uk](http://www.bmwgroup.jobs/uk) - look for the tab that says Apprenticeship then select the apprenticeship you wish to apply for from the list:

Support page: [www.facebook.com/bmwcareersuk](http://www.facebook.com/bmwcareersuk)

Hints and tips: <https://www.facebook.com/BmwCareersUK/videos/226229588265499>

The first stage consists of:

Upload of C.V.

Upload of Personal statement

Upload of School Report

Once you have uploaded these documents then provided you have suitable criteria you will be sent some online SHL tests to complete. Please practice the online SHL test before completing the one sent to you via your BMW/Mini Account – these can be accessed from the internet and are a standard test so the more you practice the more comfortable and confident you will become.

## SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11 / YEAR 10

### National Apprenticeship Week - 8th to 14th February 2021

ThinkHigher are joining in with the National Apprenticeship Week 8th – 14th February. Please access their website for more information on the following activities - <http://www.thinkhigher.ac.uk/>

At the beginning of the week ThinkHigher will be releasing a pre-recorded video which will talk about:

- What is an Apprenticeship
- Impartial advice about Apprenticeships
- The pros and cons
- Myth busting

On **Thursday 11th February** ThinkHigher will be putting on a live talk and Q&A with current and former Apprentices. Apprentices will be talking about their experiences as well as answering questions. To watch the talks students will need to register their interest on the links below. They will then receive a link to the Live talk.

**2.00pm** slot aimed more at **year 10 and 11** students: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeship-week-2021-qa-2pm-tickets-136435188321>

**6.00pm** slot aimed more at **year 12 and 13** students: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeship-week-2021-qa-6pm-tickets-137246846011>

### Apprenticeships in Technology Event - 9th February 2021

As Telent begins to open up the application process for its apprenticeship schemes they invite you to join their live event to learn more about what they do and how an apprenticeship with Telent could be what you are looking for.

The session will introduce Telent, discuss what students can gain from the apprenticeship pathway, provide valuable hints and tips on how to get the right apprenticeship, and feature talks from our current and past apprentices (showing how apprenticeships are a great option for people of every background). They will also introduce their 2021 opportunities for those students who may be considering a programme this year.

Location: National

Date: 9th February 2021

Time: 10.00am – 11.00am

Delivery: Through Microsoft Teams

Age: 14+

Link Expiration date: 5th February 2021

The event will also be recorded and be available to watch anytime from 9.00am on the 11th February.

Registration here will be required to view either option:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=lcpW7\\_pjv0ep2rsbjPN49IX5ocYDGkNFI0MyTL7IUy5UOTFYOVcwUFpDWkVFWDA4ODdVUTRWMzJFNS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=lcpW7_pjv0ep2rsbjPN49IX5ocYDGkNFI0MyTL7IUy5UOTFYOVcwUFpDWkVFWDA4ODdVUTRWMzJFNS4u)

## 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.