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WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING: 17th December 2020

WHOLE SCHOOL

Season's Greetings

We wish all of our students and their parents, carers and family members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your incredible support this term at this challenging time for all of us.

Positive Covid-19 Test Email

Should your child test positive for Covid-19 during the school holidays could you please let the School know straight away via email to PositiveTest@highamlaneschool.co.uk. Thank you.

Google Classroom Email Summaries

Emails to parents/carers inviting them to accept Google Classroom email summaries for their son/daughter have now gone out. If you haven't received your email invitation please first check your junk email inbox, if it is not there then please email the school on contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk and let us know your email address.

A Message from Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service (Compass)

We are aware that after a year of upheaval and uncertainty, lots of parents/carers are trying to support their children with issues including challenging behaviour, difficult emotions, sleep disorders and many others. We would like to reiterate that help is available for Warwickshire families, and have posted this blog article - <https://www.compass-uk.org/news/parents/help-at-christmas/> - to inform parents/carers of how they can seek advice from our service and Family Lives, an organisation we are working with to provide a wider level of support. The article also contains useful websites, other local services and self-help resources.

Warwickshire's Family Information Service Newsletter, Tuesday 15th December

This year has been difficult for so many families and the Christmas holidays can bring added stress and difficulties. This week's newsletter is packed with lots of information to support you over the festive season including how to stay safe from COVID-19, fire safety, safe sleeping, toy safety and lots of activities to keep your family entertained! Please follow the link below for the newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1193320>

Support for Parents/Carers from the Early Help and Targeted Support Team

As Christmas fast approaches and we reach the end of what has been a very challenging year, the Early Help and Targeted Support team wanted to share with you some recorded parenting presentations which you may wish to share with families supported by your service.

The Christmas presentation include:

- [Top tips for co-parenting at Christmas](#)
- [Game plan for teenagers](#)
- [Christmas with children aged 5 - 11 years](#)
- [Internet safety advice at Christmas](#)
- [Top Tips for parents & carers of children with SEND at Christmas](#)

The Family Support Line - 01926 412412 - will continue to operate during the festive period offering advice, support and guidance for parents, carers and professionals during the following times:

Monday 21 December	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Tuesday 22 December	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday 23 December	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Thursday 24 December	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
Monday 28 December	Closed
Tuesday 29 December	Closed
Wednesday 30 December	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Thursday 31 December	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Friday 1 January	Closed
Monday 4 January	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

The team are planning a comprehensive range of parenting programmes for delivery during 2021 which will be advertised on the Warwickshire website and can be booked through Eventbrite:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/parenting-courses>

YEAR 11

Year 11 Trial Exams

As you are aware, Year 11 trial exams are taking place in all subjects immediately after Christmas. Please could I ask for your support in reminding your son/daughter of the following two important points:-

- The trial exam timetable needs to be brought into school every day so they know which room and seat number they have been allocated for their exams. Rooms and seat numbers are likely to be different for each exam.
- They need to ensure they have all of the correct equipment. Essential equipment for exams includes:-
 - ✓ a supply of black biros (at least two)
 - ✓ a pencil
 - ✓ a pencil eraser
 - ✓ a pencil sharpener
 - ✓ a ruler
 - ✓ a scientific calculator (where allowed)
 - ✓ a pair of compasses
 - ✓ a protractor

- ✓ a highlighter (to highlight key words in questions)

This all needs to be in a clear plastic bag or clear pencil case. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions we will not be lending out any equipment.

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish your son/daughter every success in these important examinations and wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas.

Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

Friday 18th December	INSET day – no school
21st December – 1st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January	INSET day – no school
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th January	Year 9 Immunisations
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
Monday 15th - Thursday 18th March	Year 8 Immunisations (HPV)
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