



Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING:

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WHOLE SCHOOL

Free Half Term Activities for Families and Young People

Interactive Futures <https://interactive-futures.com> is a FREE virtual event that takes place during Half Term week. Sessions include:

2.00pm each day, Wednesday February 17 – Saturday February 20

- Join the Mobo Games Jam! Learn about games for social impact, generating stories, production, prototyping and more.

12.00pm each day, Wednesday February 17 – Friday February 19

- Discover why there's a career in games for everyone – even if you don't like maths or science!
- What skills do you need for a career in games? We'll tell all
- Looking at options after school? We'll provide the skinny on Further Education, Higher Education and Apprenticeship options

11.00am-1.00pm, Saturday February 20

- Are video games a distraction or vocation? Why parents should take play more seriously when it comes to a future career path
- Find out about the benefits of playing video games
- Discover the range of careers available now and in the future

Interactive Futures is entirely FREE to attend. Register for tickets here - <https://interactive-futures.com/tickets-2021/>

Free Software for Tinted Screens.

Please find below a link to free software which provides a coloured screen tint. Many students already know that a coloured overlay helps when reading text, but with so much work being done on screen, it could also prove useful for anyone experiencing eye strain. The effect is not so good over pictures or coloured text, but it works well for the usual black print on a white background. Please select the Install ColorVeil (MSI) from the list when downloading on a Windows PC.

<https://www.aurelitec.com/colorveil/windows/download/>

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-1194487>

Supporting Parents Helpfinder (Young Minds)

Times are tough for many people right now. Parents find themselves pulled in many different directions and children may be struggling being in the house for so much longer than usual.

A mixture of concern about covid, work from home and children at home, along with a possible financial impact make for a stressful household.

Young Minds have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Helpfinder'. By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child's mental health during the pandemic (and beyond).

Find the help finder here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

When Emotions Explode (Young Minds)

Young Minds have also created a useful poster highlighting ways to give support to children when they have angry feelings or outbursts and may help families start a conversation and talk about each other's feelings.

Download the poster here:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/media/4291/when-emotions-explode-poster.pdf>

Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

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

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