

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th April 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,



I hope that you and your family had a pleasant Easter and enjoyed the relatively good British weather!

At Higham Lane we say to our students and our staff: "Work hard and be kind. Be the best that you can be and keep working on areas that you need to improve". This week, Progress Leaders have led assemblies, accentuating the positive as we begin a new term and reminding students of our high expectations about effort, commitment and behaviour. We have placed a lot of emphasis on encouraging students to do the right thing when interacting with one another, being kind not hurtful and always being sensitive to others' feelings. A quotation I read this week from the Department for Education's Behaviour Lead, Tom Bennett, really struck a chord with me: "Life beyond school is not kind to people who cannot behave well socially. School is the place where we can help scaffold an understanding of civility and manners in a supportive environment." I know that you, as parents and carers, will continue to support the School and be seen to do so by your child/children and encourage them to make the right choices. Your positive influence is so important and so significant. Thank you.

We are so pleased that this week students have been given the opportunity to hear about the career of Sports Science from Professor Michael Duncan from Coventry University through our Able and Ambitious Lecture programme. The students thoroughly enjoyed this talk.

It was wonderful to welcome our former student, Tori Willetts, back to our school this week. Tori is a British Army Gunner and amateur boxer, who, since 2019, has been training to compete in the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games and is part of British Boxing's Performance Pathway to the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. Tori worked with students on boxing drills and fitness and they had an opportunity to talk to her about her approach to being an athlete. This was filmed by an ITV film crew and will be shown in the event that Tori is selected for the forthcoming tournaments.

We are delighted that Tom in Year 13 has been offered a degree apprenticeship with Jaguar Land Rover and Warwick University in software engineering. Well done to Tom and thanks to all the staff who have supported him!

I hope you have an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### Monday 2nd May

May Bank Holiday – School Closed

### Thursday 5th May

Year 7 Student Progress Evening  
SCHOOL TIMINGS WILL CHANGE -

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

### Friday 6th May – Sunday 8th May

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Weekend

### Thursday 26th May

Year 12 Student Progress Evening

### Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Half Term Holiday



26,031



25,204



24,807

## Year 9

**Year 9 exams** - Unfortunately some students have been turning up to their Year 9 exams this week without basic equipment. Please can you check over the weekend that your son/daughter has the following equipment for their exams:-

- a supply of black biro's (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)
- a clear pencil case or clear plastic bag
- water in a clear bottle (no labels)

Thank you for your support with this. Mr Banks - Deputy Headteacher

## Years 10

**BAE Systems Virtual Work Experience** - For anyone without a work experience placement, who is interested in engineering, please check out this FANTASTIC opportunity for some virtual work experience with BAE systems. This just so happens to be in the week of our work experience, 11-15 July so you could use this as your placement. Follow the instructions on how to register for this - please note the deadline of the 25 May. If you decide to do this, please complete your work experience form in the usual way and return it to Mrs Mitchell.

The link to register your interest and find out more is:

<https://www.baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/getting-ready-for-work/work-experience#AIR ETW>

11 - 15 July 2022 - Register by: 27/05/2022

## Year 11

**Apprentice hairdresser opportunity at John's Hair Design** - John's Hair Design, Nuneaton, are looking for a school leaver (Year 11 student) who is interested in a hair dressing apprenticeship with them. Please call the salon on 02476 374988 and ask for Sara or Chris if you are interested in this post or visit their website, [www.jhdhairdressers.co.uk](http://www.jhdhairdressers.co.uk) and email them for further information and a trial.

### 2-day Engineering Experience 2022 for Year 11's on 6th and 7th July

If you are a student who is:

- thinking about studying engineering at university
- wanting to experience what it's like to be a student living on-campus
- looking to explore different types of engineering and their futures in this sector

...then Engineering Experience 2022 would be perfect. The residential includes:

- Practical workshops in a range of engineering subjects
- Opportunities to talk and network with industry experts and Loughborough alumni
- Tours of our campus and subject-specific facilities
- One night in student halls of residence including four meals

To apply, students will just need to submit a short statement explaining why they think the experience would be valuable for them. The deadline for applications is 2nd May 2022 and places will be offered by 6th May 2022.

You can find more information and apply on our website: [www.lboro.ac.uk/scl/engexp](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/scl/engexp)

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to email us at [engexp@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:engexp@lboro.ac.uk).

## Years 11-13

**May half term revision classes** - We are excited to be offering revision classes in a number of subjects over the May half term holidays. Further details of what's on offer and how to go about booking a place for your son/daughter will be emailed to you next week.

Mr Banks - Deputy Headteacher

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

### Wished by Lissa Evans



Wished by Lissa Evans follows three children, Ed, Roo and Willard forced to spend their half-term holidays with their elderly neighbor, Miss Filey. Miss Filey thinks Wi-Fi is a biscuit, and lives in a time-warp bungalow with a smelly, cantankerous cat! Prospects look dull for the trio until they find a tin of birthday cake candles. These candles, when lit provide a wish – a wish that only lasts for 4 and a half minutes – the time it takes to burn down the candle. Great adventures are enjoyed: travelling into space, appearing in a film and catching a major international criminal. With one wish left – what will the choose?

Much more than just magic and fun, but a book about the friendships of the three children and Miss Filey – who they discover isn't "that" old and has lived the life she didn't want to live.

More from Lissa Evans



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