

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th March 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,



We are delighted to have been notified this week that our school has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence in the School Guide 2022. As they kindly point out: "Your 4-Star Certificate of Excellence is the result of your continued dedication to academic excellence". It is always pleasing for the work of our students, staff and governors, ably supported by our parents and carers, to be appreciated!

I would like to say a huge well done to our wonderful Sports Leaders students in Year 10 who helped run the Year 7-8 Nuneaton Indoor Athletics Tournament. We have received the following message from Rory, the School Games Organiser: "Just a quick one to say how fantastic your leaders were at the sports hall athletics competition yesterday. With minimal preparation they were very keen, motivated and most importantly, their scoring was impeccable! All of which makes my life very easy! All the pupils had a great time at the event, and it couldn't have happened without the leaders."

In addition, some of our Sports Leaders also did a fantastic job in working with primary school children from St Nicolas CofE Academy. We are so proud of them all!

We are absolutely delighted that an ex-Year 13 student of Higham Lane Sixth Form, Zaynah, who left in July, has accepted an unconditional offer to read Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at Downing College at the University of Cambridge from the autumn of 2022. Zaynah, a former Assistant Head Girl of Higham Lane School, worked exceptionally hard during her studies. We are all thrilled for her!

I always try to make my messages in this Newsletter positive, but sometimes I have to address concerns. Staff are becoming concerned about the behaviour of a minority of students on the playground at lunchtime. I have reminded students about our expectations about safe and sensible conduct on the playground. Students should keep their hands to themselves, not be pushing or kicking others and not be running. We have a very large number of students on our playground and it is essential that everyone behaves safely and sensibly. I know that parents/carers will support the School fully in expecting a high standard of behaviour on the playground. I'd like to thank and congratulate the overwhelming majority of our students who behave impeccably at lunchtime every day.

I hope you have a pleasant weekend and enjoy the wonderful weather, while it lasts!

Best wishes,

Headteacher



23,507



23,418



22,476

BULLETIN BOARD

All Years

Water Bottles

Please may we remind you that students should bring at least one bottle of water to school. Please bring two bottles on warmer days/PE days.

Appointments in school time

If your child needs to be out of school for an appointment e.g. medical, can you please ensure you inform School in advance where possible, either by writing a note in your child's organiser or by emailing the School. If the appointment is made on the day, please telephone the School to let us know. Thank you.

Cars not allowed on the School site

Please do not drive onto the School site before, during or after school, unless you have been given specific permission to do so. A number of near misses have occurred recently when cars were leaving the School site at the same time as students. The School has to ensure that our students and staff are safe. Thanks for your understanding with this.

Year 7

Police Workshops

There are police workshops on hate crime on Monday & Tuesday next week for Year 7.

The students will miss one lesson to attend the workshop. Your child's Progress Leader and the Safeguarding Team are available to your son/daughter should they be affected by the workshop.

Year 10 - 13

Advanced Manufacturing Technology Centre in Ansty Coventry.

We train apprentice engineering technicians for companies across Coventry, Warwickshire and Leicestershire.

Our state of the art facilities enable us to equip young people with the skills required by our employer partners enabling them to take a first step on an exciting career.

We are holding open evenings in March and May, please see attached flyer.

These events enable students and parents / guardians to

- Hear about the content and delivery of our programme
- Tour our facilities
- Meet some of our current apprentices, trainers and employers

For more information regarding this please go to the school website at <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication> (Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending 25th March 2022).

NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

Indoor Athletics Competition

On Tuesday 22nd March we hosted the Nuneaton & District Indoor Athletics event at school. We had a girls and boys team in each of the year group categories, with our students competing in running, jumping & throwing activities against other schools from the local area.

Our students performed brilliantly, with lots of determination and competitive spirit and they also conducted themselves very well.

The results:

Year 7 Boys: Winners, Year 7 Girls: Runners Up, Year 8 Boys: Winners Year 8 Girls: Winners

This means that the Year 7 & 8 Boys and the Year 8 Girls will represent Nuneaton & Bedworth at the County round on the 7th April in Solihull.

Well done to all involved and good luck in the next round!

Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 Nuneaton Netball tournament was held on Tuesday after school at Ambleside. The A team were undefeated and as a result won the tournament. The B team came an impressive 3rd winning 4 games and losing 2. All the girls played amazingly! A massive well done to all those involved.



Please note: details of all these items are on the Able & Ambitious Google Classroom pages and they will also be communicated through Sharepoint where necessary.

All competition entrants will be awarded House Points for entering as well as prizes for the winners.

All Years:

Competition to design a black card (mini poster) for the new 'Jurassic Dominion' film that will actually be used for the film! Prizes include a special screening of the film.

Year 8-9:

Reminder to those taking part in the Fashion Design Competition next Thursday: go to DT4 straight after school.

Year 10:

Students have been developing their Sports Leadership skills by leading activities for primary and Year 7 students. This has been a huge success with students really taking on the role with real maturity and providing younger students with a lot of fun. Special mention to Kyan, Ollie and Owen who were exceptional.

Year 11:

- o GCSE Revision Bootcamp over Easter.
- o Stratford FC Scholarship Programme.
- o Global Sustainable Development Competition.
- o Russell Group University Conference.

Year 12:

- o Global Sustainable Development Competition.
- o Russell Group University Conference.
- o In2Science UK Programme for girls interested in a career in science.

Year 13:

- o Russell Group University Conference.

Dates for your diary

Monday 28th March - Year 11 Trial Exam Week
Saturday 2nd April & Sunday 3rd April - Duke of Edinburgh Silver & Bronze Training Weekend
Monday 4th April - Year 11 Trial Exam Week
Thursday 7th April - Year 13 Student Progress Evening
Monday 11th April - Easter Holidays Start
Monday 25th April - Inset Day
Tuesday 26th April - Students Return to School
Year 9 Exams

Don't forget - all of our **Careers and Apprenticeship** information can be found on our website!

[Click here](#) to view more information on a variety of exciting opportunities!

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Paper Avalanche by Lisa Williamson



Ro keeps herself to herself living in angry squalor with her feckless night-club-singer mother, Bonnie. Ro is practically a carer, cleaning, doing the laundry and trying to juggle the household finances whilst living in fear of the authorities becoming involved in their lives.

Then Tanvi, a cheerful, effervescent character bursts into Ro's life. Tanvi, having just returned to school after years of gruelling cancer treatment, decides Ro will be her friend. Tanvi, bursting with the joy of life, is determined Ro will join in, go out, make friends. She is everything Ro is not. No longer will she allow Ro to trudge around, not making the best of herself.

When Tanvi persuades Ro to join the school choir, Ro gradually lets her guard down. She starts to enjoy life, take part in things, talk to people. Then it happens. The well-maintained secret life she has been living is exposed - to everyone. All the lies come crashing down and Ro's life is out there for all to see.

More from Lisa Williamson

