

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th April 2022



## Dear Parent/Carer,

As we prepare to begin the Easter break, I'd like to thank all of you for everything you have done to support your child/children and our school this term.



The line-ups that we introduced on the playground at the start of the school day have been a great success, with some upbeat, motivating words from the Progress Leader and brief checks to ensure all students are in correct uniform and following our expectations about personal appearance. Just a reminder please - the first bell sounds and the line-ups begin at 8.45am, so we'd like students to be on the school site by 8.40am, ready to move into their lines. From the start of next term, we are having a real push on addressing the late arrival by the small minority of our students.

Year 11s have been working hard in preparing for and taking their second set of trial exams over the past 3 weeks. I know they will take some time over Easter to relax and recharge, but also ensure their revision is maintained as they will be beginning their GCSE exams within a few weeks into next term. I am delighted that so many students in Year 11 and Year 13 have signed up for Easter revision classes.

It has been excellent to welcome Carly from our Safer Neighbourhoods Team into school this week to present the Year 7 Hate Crime Workshop. Perhaps it is a little sad that these topics have to be covered in schools nowadays, but such things are part of life now so it is important that we fully inform our students about this important topic. In a world that is arguably increasingly divided and intolerant, we take pride in teaching our students to always communicate their points of view sensitively and lawfully.

As I have walked along the corridor past the English Department classrooms this week I have observed some of our Year 10 students giving talks to their peers about topics of their own choice. This activity, which is part of the GCSE English course, enables students to develop their communication skills, by speaking to a small audience of classmates, projecting their voices, explaining the material with appropriate language and information and making eye contact. Students also answer questions. It has been pleasing to hear the many rounds of applause after each talk from the student audiences who have been entertained and informed about a wide range of topics.

Today we say farewell to our colleague from Science, Miss Littlewood. She joined the School back in 2019, having trained with us. It has been wonderful to see Miss Littlewood develop into an excellent teacher and form tutor, who is highly-regarded by students and colleagues. Miss Littlewood is sadly leaving us to move abroad with her family. We wish her every success and happiness in the future. She has told us that she would like to return to HLS in the future and we all hope that she does!

The summer term begins at the normal time on Tuesday, 26th April, as staff have an INSET day on Monday, 25th April.

I wish you and your family a Happy Easter.

Best wishes,

Headteacher

### Dates for your diary

Friday 8th April - Easter Holidays Start  
Monday 25th April - Inset Day  
Tuesday 26th April - Students Return to School  
Year 9 Exams  
Monday 2nd May - May Day Bank Holiday  
Thursday 5th May - Year 7 Student Progress Evening  
Friday 6th May - DoE Silver Practice Weekend  
Monday 16th May - GCSEs/A Levels start  
Thursday 26th May - Year 12 Student Progress Evening  
Friday 27th May - Half Term starts



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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.

# Able & Ambitious

CHALLENGE & POTENTIAL

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

## All Years:

We are lucky enough to have Professor Michael Duncan coming in to speak to our students after Easter. Michael is a professor of sports science at Coventry University and does a lot of work with local professional teams and athletes, conducting various fascinating fitness tests and leading on cutting edge sports research. This talk is available to anyone who has any **interest in sport or sports science**, particularly those thinking of this area as a GCSE or A Level option and/or a career. The presentation will be in Coombe Hall straight after school on Thursday 28th April and will last until approximately 4.30pm.

## Year 7:

Many congratulations to Honestas who won a keenly contested House football competition on Wednesday. They performed brilliantly, winning all 4 of their matches. The Year 7 footballers also performed brilliantly all season, winning the league and reaching the 3rd round of the national cup. Here's hoping for continued success next year lads – great effort!

## Year 9:

Luctamen got a clean 1-2-3 sweep in the House basketball over two very enjoyable lunchtimes. Thank you to Miss Hemmings for organising such a fun event and to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Caputo for refereeing the matches.

## Year 10:

Congratulations to Ollie who was this month's winner of the family ticket to see Nuneaton Borough for being the top House Points winner. Thank you so much to Nuneaton Borough for donating the ticket and for supporting the school and local football in general. The Boro' still have two home matches left – on the 9th and 18th April – so why not get down and support your local club?

We have something very special happening on Friday 29th April...

For the first time in 30 years, Tempest Photography will be in school to take a **WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH!** The photo will take place during p3 and more details will be shared with students after Easter.



The photograph will be available for parents/carers to purchase through Tempest; a link will be emailed to you once the proof is ready.

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!

## BULLETIN BOARD

### All Years

#### Shoes and Boots- A Reminder of Our Expectations

Flat-heeled, plain, black leather or leather-look shoes. Plain, ankle-height, black leather or leather-look boots. Shoes and boots should be worn with trousers covering ankles and have only black laces.

Unacceptable items include: trainers (including plain, black trainers that look like shoes and other leisure trainers), high-heels, shoes with coloured sections. Suede. Pumps. Canvas. Boots above ankle-height, particularly military-style, construction worker-type, Dr Martens etc. Coloured or multi-coloured laces. Students whose shoes are wearing unacceptable footwear will be expected to wear shoes provided by the School until they have the correct ones.

### GCSEPod

Does your son/daughter need help in preparing for their GCSE or A-level exams? Has your son/daughter started preparing for the Year 9 exams immediately after Easter? Does your son/daughter need help with homework or with consolidating their learning from lessons? If the answer is yes to any of these questions then they should explore GCSEPod! GCSEPod contains a range of resources to support your son/daughter with their studies, regardless of which year group they are in. All they need is their Google Classroom username and password to access the site. Prizes will be awarded to those students who make the most use of the site.

### Welcome to the latest Family Information Service Newsletter

For more information regarding this please go to the school website at <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/parents-and-students-health-and-wellbeing-hub>



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## Year 11

### A reminder of the arrangements for the Year 11 Easter revision classes

- Students should only attend the revision classes which they have signed up for.
- Morning sessions will run from 9.30am – 12.00pm, including a 20 minute break.
- Afternoon sessions will run from 12.30pm until 3pm, including a 20 minute break.
- Students should arrive at school at least 10 minutes before the start time for their session and sign in at the Gym.
- Students will be informed of which rooms to go to for each class when they sign in.
- No food is available on site so please remind your son/daughter to bring a packed lunch if they are attending both a morning and an afternoon session on the same day as there won't be time to go offsite to purchase food.
- Students will need to sign out on departure.
- Students will be required to attend for the full duration of each class that they sign up for.
- Students who disrupt their own learning or the learning of others during these revision classes will be asked to leave and will be banned from all future revision classes.
- If your son/daughter is unable to attend on the day, please email [contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk](mailto:contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk) to let us know.

## Year 13

### A reminder of the arrangements for the Year 11 Easter revision classes

- Students should only attend the revision classes which they have signed up for.
- Morning sessions will run from 9.30am – 12.00pm, including a 20 minute break.
- Afternoon sessions will run from 12.30pm until 3pm, including a 20 minute break.
- Students should arrive at school at least 10 minutes before the start time for their session and enter via Shanklin Drive
- No food is available on site so please remind your son/daughter to bring a packed lunch if they are attending both a morning and an afternoon session on the same day as there won't be time to go offsite to purchase food.
- Students will be required to attend for the full duration of each class that they sign up for.
- If your son/daughter is unable to attend on the day, please email [contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk](mailto:contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk) to let us know.

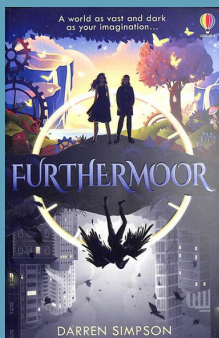
## Years 11-13

With only 3 school weeks after Easter until the start of the GCSE exams and 4 weeks until the start of A-levels we know how hard our Year 11 and 13 students are working towards securing the best possible grades. Please discuss with your son/daughter which subjects they are currently revising and how they are going about their revision. Ask them to share with you their revision timetables showing how they have planned out their revision between now and the end of their exams. If they need help with planning their revision, the 'Examinations and Revision' section of the school website has a blank timetable which they can customise. It also contains details of the dates of each examination (personalised timetables will be issued by the School shortly after Easter) and for Year 11, a list of revision guides and useful websites for each subject. Please visit <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/examinations-and-revision> for further details.

Good luck to our Year 11 and Year 13 students with their forthcoming exams.

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

### Furthermoor by Darren Simpson



After the death of his sister a teenage boy succumbs to depression and bullying and takes refuge in an imagined world where his sister is still alive, until he finds the strength to face his fears.

The real world is a hostile place for twelve-year-old Bren, his schooldays stalked by vicious bully, Shaun, and his family life fractured at home. Ever since his sister Evie died in an accident, Bren's only safe space is Furthermoor, an imagined world of mechanised trees and clockwork animals, where Evie is still alive. In Furthermoor, no one can hurt Bren ...until the mysterious Featherly arrives.

Now Bren is forced to confront his deepest fears and decide if his place in the real world is worth fighting for.

More from Darren Simpson that can be found in the Library



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