

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th June 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,



We have had a fantastic response to the messages we sent out on social media at the time of the **Platinum Jubilee**, showing Her Majesty the Queen's visit to Higham Lane School in 1994 with the Duke of Edinburgh. Several of our former students, some of whom are current parents of HLS students, were delighted to tell us, "I was there that day!" I hope you enjoyed the festivities and at least some time together with family and friends during the long Bank Holiday.

One of the highlights of my half term was taking part in an event called **Ride London**, where they close the main roads in the centre of the capital for the best part of a day, so people can cycle round. We cycled from the westerly suburb of Ealing in an escorted group including young children, with road marshals ensuring we were all safe. I was able to keep up with them! We then journeyed around London's central landmarks including Trafalgar Square, Parliament Square, the Strand and across Westminster Bridge. It might be something you want to do in the future as a family. I'd highly recommend it.

It is always a special moment **when a former student gets in contact** with one of their teachers to thank them. This week my colleague, Mrs Findlay, received this lovely message from former student Bronte Dawson:

"Hey! I graduated in 2010 and became a successful writer and really want to reach out to my old English teacher, Mrs Findlay (formerly Miss Dunn) who helped me get to where I am today. My job has taken me all over the world, my stories have been read almost 100 million times, and I'm published in multiple languages, and I am certain I couldn't have done it without her support and faith in me. I would like to thank her".

Messages like this are wonderful for a teacher and the School to read. We have so many success stories from our former students who excel in many different ways. We are so proud of them. We are proud of our staff also who help bring the best out of the students.

It was excellent to host the **Year 10 Post 16 Careers Roadshow** on Wednesday. The activity informed the students of their options at 16, including A levels, T Levels, Apprenticeships and work with training and was run by Think Higher. The feedback from the students has been excellent. They feel they really learnt a great deal and this event has opened up their thinking further about future pathways.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Headteacher



31,947



31,791



30,154

BULLETIN BOARD

All Years

Buttermere Recreation Ground Public Consultation

Communications with School:

Thank you to those parents/carers who completed the recent survey regarding school communications.

After reviewing the feedback, we received and recognising that it can often be difficult communicating with teachers because they have a very full timetable and that parents and carers also have very busy lives, we will now be implementing a School Communications Policy which clearly sets out the process for contacting the School.

Please familiarise yourself with the process by reading the policy which can be found on the School's website under 'School Information'.

Thank you.

Summer Concert in Chine Memorial Garden Thursday 23rd June:

Higham Lane Music Department will be celebrating their first 'live' concert in school since lockdown on the evening of the 23rd June.

Tickets for this event are available from Mrs Davenport in MU1 during lunchtimes priced at £5 for adults and £3.50 for concessions. This includes refreshments during the interval.

Students of the school orchestra and choir will be performing alongside solo and ensemble performances by our wonderfully talented students on a variety of instruments.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Davenport (Subject Leader for Music) or Mrs Watson for more details.

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:

- Wildlife Photography Competition: Lots of House Points and prizes on offer for the best wildlife photos taken. You don't have to have a fancy, expensive camera; you can get some great shots on your mobile phone! Thanks to the Biology department for organizing this.
- For Maths lovers: some fantastic opportunities to boost your maths understanding, be interactive with a maths community and earn badges and certificates on Parallel Maths by awarding winning author Simon Singh.
- Charlotte Bailey lecture cancelled: this is due to Charlotte's super-busy business commitments in America. She will be coming into school at the start of the new school year to give one of her phenomenal lectures so keep your eyes on Google Classroom for this unique opportunity to get advice from our very own Dragons' Den winner.



Dates for your diary

Saturday 18th June – Sunday 19th June

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Weekend

Wednesday 22nd June – Friday 24th June

Year 12 Work Experience Monday 27th June

Sixth Form Induction (for Year 11 applicants) Year 6 SEND Meet & Greet

Evening 6pm-7pm

Thursday 30th June

Vaccine Mop Up Sessions – all years

Monday 4th July – Wednesday 6th July

School Musical

Thursday 7th July

French Trip Parents Meeting 6 – 7pm

Monday 11th July – Friday 15th July

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th July

Year 9 HPV 2 Vaccines

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th July

Year 8 HPV 1 Vaccine

Friday 15th July

Years 7-9 Rewards Trip

Monday 18th July – Wednesday 20th July

Enrichment Days

Wednesday 20th July

Last Day of Summer Term

Thursday 21st July

Inset Day

BOOK OF THE WEEK

S.T.E.A.L.T.H. Access Denied - Jason Rohan



An adrenaline-rush of a book – this is the first in a new action series. Arun Lal knows that his father is a genius – but he does not know that he has been secretly working on the most powerful piece of technology the world has ever seen: MANDROID.

Other people are aware and they plan to weaponise it. Arun's father is kidnapped and Arun and his friends find themselves with the laptop that controls MANDROID. Their lives are in danger and it's a race against time to outwit the villains, MI5 and criminal masterminds to save Arun's father and avoid being captured and unleashing MANDROID on the world!

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