

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th February 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,



As you will see below, our **Year 8 Job Taster** event was a great success. Students really appreciated the talks from employers as a key part of their careers education. Moments like this can sow the seeds about possible career paths, enhance students' motivation and even change lives. I'd like to thank all the employers who volunteered and Mrs Mitchell for organising this opportunity.

Year 11s have impressed us again this week in their **French and German speaking assessments** and **Engineering and Food Tech practicals**. So much excellent work has been completed.

As we approach half-term, schools have received information about our **nearest Covid-19 vaccination centres offering appointments for the 12 to 15 year old** vaccination programme over this period, from NHS England. You can find this information here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/>

Please can I ask parents/carers to use some time over half-term as an opportunity to **replace any uniform items** that need to be replaced such as skirts, trousers, shoes etc if this applies to your child. Staff have spoken to students who need to be doing this. **False eye lashes and false nails** are not allowed; students will be asked to remove them and a sanction will be issued. Thanks for your support with this. Please contact our Student Services if you need any support with obtaining uniform items. We have a large supply of new and clean second-hand items available.

Hopefully you have received a letter from Warwickshire Trading Standards regarding the **illegal sale of nicotine e-cigarettes/vapes** to children and young people under the age of 18. Please be vigilant and report any shops doing this using the link in the letter.

We wish our **Year 13 students** all the best with their **trial exams** which begin next week. As Head of Sixth Form, Mr Ladha, always says to the students: "Achieve, Believe, Succeed".

I wish you an enjoyable and relaxing weekend. I trust the whole country will be uniting in its support for Chelsea in the FIFA Club World Cup!

Best wishes,

Headteacher

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.

Able & Ambitious

CHALLENGE & POTENTIAL

Year 7:

The wonderful maths department ran the highly challenging and enjoyable Y7 Maths Olympics on Wednesday after school. The students participated with unbelievable energy and enthusiasm and, after some tense calculations, 7H2 were 3rd, S3 were runners-up and S1 came out on top. Thanks to everyone who took part.

Year 8 and 9:

The Fashion Design competition was launched to find who the great designers are in Years 8 and 9. The competition has 2 distinct parts: the design stage and the practical production element. All details are on Google Classroom and anyone who is interested needs to attend a meeting in DT7 after school on Thursday 17th February.

All: There was a meeting of all form captains who will be surveying every student in the school to find out what prizes they most valuable and want to earn through the House Points they are awarded. This survey will take place next week and, based on the results, we can start to put together a list of prizes for each year group. If anyone has any thoughts on prizes, please don't hesitate to contact me through contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk and mark it FAO: Mr Bottrill. Thanks



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BULLETIN BOARD

All Years

Act for Autism - Act for Autism is running interactive workshops for parents and carers. The workshops consist of four x three hour sessions over a four week period facilitated by autism professionals who are also parents. To book a place, contact Julie by emailing julie@actforautism.co.uk.

Year 8

Year 8 Job Taster Event - On the 8th February, we ran our Job Taster Day for Year 8 students. We had visitors from various areas of employment in to talk to the students about their job roles and career pathways. From ex-students in Dubai via video link, to lawyers from London, the NHS to hypnotherapist, motor industry specialists to a life coach – our students have seen them all!

The students rotated round the visitors, in a speed dating like activity, to gather information on the visitor's careers and how the qualifications they took at school and beyond have helped carve their careers to date.

We hope that, going forward, this will help our students make informed judgements about their Post 13, 16 & 18 options and pave the way to their own glittering career in whatever industry they choose.

If you think you might be able to offer your time for any of our other Careers Education activities, then please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I am keen to build up a network of people in business to support our students in their transition through school and into the world of work in various capacities. We currently run practice interviews, work experience, business breakfasts & careers days across all of our 7 year groups.

Mrs E Mitchell – Careers and Work Experience Lead



Year 9

DTP and Men ACWY Vaccinations are taking place on Thursday 17th February and Friday 18th February. The vaccinations will be held in the school library over the two days. Students will only attend one session. For ease, please ensure your child wears a short-sleeved shirt if possible. If you have any questions regarding these vaccinations please contact the North Warwickshire Immunisation and Vaccination Service on 02476 321550 for advice.

Year 11

Dear Parents/Carers,

As mentioned in my recent letter, an organisation called Elevate are coming into school next Tuesday to work with our Year 11s on exam skills as well as offering a virtual workshop for parents/carers. The event for parents/carers will take place between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th February and will consist of a presentation followed by a question and answer session. It will last about an hour. To access this workshop for parents/carers, simply click on the following link:-

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82088919719>

There is no need to sign up to attend. I hope that you find the workshop useful.

Kind regards,

Mr Banks
Deputy Headteacher

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!



Dates for your diary

Thursday 17th & Friday 18th February -
All Year 9 Td/IPV & Men ACWY Vaccines

Friday 18th February -
Last Day of This Half of Term

Monday 21st February -
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS START

BOOK OF THE WEEK

'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold

Eleven-year-old April accompanies her father to Bear Island in the Arctic for six months. There are no polar bears left on Bear Island, but one endless summer night, April meets one. Can she save him?

April's father is convinced the Bears no longer roam Bear Island when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...

This moving story shows that no one is too young or insignificant to make a difference. The Last Bear is a celebration of the love between a child and an animal, a battle cry for our world and an irresistible adventure with a heart as big as a bear's.

More bear stories to enjoy
from the school library!

