

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th May 2022



## Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been wonderful to hear the Year 11 and Year 13 students talking in such an animated way about the different questions on their exam papers as they emerge from the exam venues. There have also been many lovely conversations with their teachers checking in on them to ensure they have gone well and to reassure them not to worry if they have not and instead to focus on the next exams. I would like to thank Mrs Bromage, the examinations officer, and her team of staff for making sure everything happens as it should. Delivering public examinations is a large logistical exercise, particularly with so many students and a wide variety of examination courses.



I heard a doctor on the radio recently who made a really good observation that 'a little stress is good for you as it is the brain's way of getting more energy'. I think it's important that we remind our children that feeling a little nervous or stressed before an exam is perfectly normal. We have lots of staff around before the examinations to support the students and keep them calm.

We are very proud that former HLS student, Hasnain Khan, was awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for 'services to healthcare in South Yorkshire during COVID-19' this week. Congratulations to Hasnain on all of his hard work and determination! An incredible achievement.

We are having a real focus on students having the correct equipment for their lessons in the first week after half term. Just as a student would bring their football boots to a football practice and their musical instrument to a music practice lesson, we expect all students to have the correct equipment for learning in lessons. Please can you kindly ensure that your child has these:

- Blue/black pens – 2-3
- Purple pen - to respond to feedback with
- Pencils – 2-3
- Ruler
- Rubber and a pencil sharpener
- Protractor
- A set of compasses
- Calculator
- Reading book
- Pencil case
- School Organiser

We are very excited that Mrs Mitchell and some of our Year 10 students appeared on ITV News on Thursday evening with our former student, Tori Ellis-Willetts, who is a Commonwealth Games hopeful! It is wonderful to bring such role models back into our school.

This is an important moment for the country as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is recognised. We are very proud that Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Higham Lane School in 1994, as you will see from the page below. Her Majesty is part of our history and we are a small part of hers.

I hope the students have an enjoyable half term and that you get some time together as a family and with friends. Enjoy the Jubilee celebrations if you are choosing to celebrate.

Best wishes,

Headteacher



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TWENTY-EIGHT years ago, Higham Lane School welcomed a Royal guest of honour when Her Majesty the Queen, Elizabeth II, made her first-ever visit to Nuneaton.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, visited the town on December 8, 1994, when she officially opened the School's brand-new Science block and presented the School farm with a calf.

Her Majesty and Prince Philip were escorted around the site by Headteacher at the time, Dr Ramsey Tetlow, both Royals taking time to speak to students and members of staff, in particular John Terry, who had established the School's smallholding.

During her visit to Higham Lane School, the Queen signed her name and planted a tree on the perimeter of the front field outside Coombe Hall entrance. She also spoke intently with students and several members of staff, including caretaker Ian Falconbridge, who is still at the School.

Upon departure from Higham Lane, the Royals travelled across town to visit the George Eliot Hospital. Here, the Queen unveiled a bust of herself by acclaimed Nuneaton sculptor John Letts, the monarch having allowed him two sittings at Buckingham Palace. The Queen's visit to the Midlands concluded with a tour of the Jaguar car factory in Browns Lane, Coventry.



Look who it is!

# BULLETIN BOARD

## All Years

### Buttermere Recreation Ground Public Consultation

We have been asked to pass on the following message:

Public consultation is being undertaken from the 6th to the 30th of June by Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council regarding park and play improvements to Buttermere Recreation Ground. We would love it if you would voice your/their opinions via an online survey and if possible come along to a consultation event on the 18th of June.

The consultation survey link is '[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Buttermereconsultation](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Buttermereconsultation)' and the QR code above. The Borough Council's website is '[www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk](http://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk)' and Facebook, Instagram and Twitter handle '@NBBCouncil'. The proposed plans will be available shortly on the Borough Councils' website with a link to the online survey.



## Year 11

### A reminder of the arrangements for the Year 11 May half term 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 13 May half term 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.

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## NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

### Athletics results

The first 2 district competitions have taken place at The Pingles athletics track.

Too many fantastic individual results to mention including some students representing the year and even 2 years above!!

### Nuneaton and District Competition results:

Year 10 boys finished runners up

Year 10 girls finished runners up

Year 9 boys finished winners

Year 9 girls finished runners up



24 students have been selected to represent the district in the County Championships on Saturday 11th June.

Well done to all the students who competed and good luck to our district athletes.

Athletics club is on a Monday after school and is open to all students.

The Year 8 competition is on Tuesday 21st June.

The Year 7 competition is on Tuesday 28th June.

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June**

Half Term Holiday

**Thursday 9th June**

Year 9 Student Progress Evening

[SCHOOL TIMINGS WILL CHANGE - CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

**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

## BOA Stage & Screen Production

BOA Stage & Screen Production is a brand-new, industry-led 16-19 academy, specialising in Film, TV, Online and Theatre Production. We work in close collaboration with our creative and industry partners to design, develop and deliver specialist programmes of study. Students learn through focused work behind the scenes, creating the stage set, building props, making costumes, and devising sound and lighting and much more. Entry is by aptitude workshop; there are no GCSE entry requirements.

Our Technical Production and Creative Production pathways are ideal for creative young people wanting to work in the creative industries.

We are delighted to invite you to OUR FIRST OPEN EVENING IN OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART SCHOOL.

Date: Thursday 16th June 2022

Times: 6pm – 9pm

Location: BOA Stage and Screen Production Academy, Stour Street, Birmingham, B18 7AJ

## Building Careers Live

We can't wait to open the doors to Building Careers Live.

It is an exciting and interactive event, like no other in the UK construction industry, showcasing all the trades in a unique way.

Our ambition is to build a community that inspires the next generation of tradespeople so that the talent of tomorrow can speak to the experts of today. They will be ready to give advice, practical demonstrations and a hands on experience.

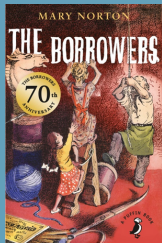
It is a fantastic opportunity for students to get a real feel for what is available in this highly skilled profession and give them the inspiration needed for a lifelong career.

Please follow the link: <https://buildingcareerslive.co.uk/>



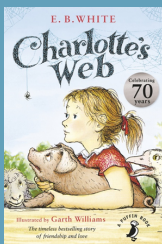
# BOOK OF THE WEEK... FROM 1952!

Books published for children in 1952 and still popular today

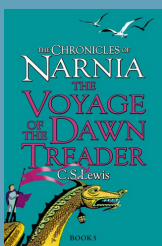


Shortlisted for this year's Carnegie Medal, this book explores the relationship between Aiden and Iona who both live on opposite sides of Derry in Northern Ireland. Both are drawn to each other but are both part of the opposing sides of the Derry landscape – Aiden is Catholic and Iona is Protestant.

Following the Northern Ireland Peace Deal, should these historical, religious and cultural differences continue to divide the lives of people living in Northern Ireland? This book explores these entrenched divisions – can Aiden and Iona ever be together?  
\*for ages 14 and over.



This is the story of a little girl named Fern, who loves a little pig named Wilbur - and of Wilbur's dear friend, Charlotte, a beautiful large grey spider. When Fern's uncle decrees that Wilbur must become bacon, Fern, Charlotte, Templeton the rat and all Wilbur's farmyard friends come up with an ingenious plan to fool the humans, and save their very special pig.



A king and some unexpected companions embark on a voyage that will take them beyond all known lands. As they sail farther and farther from charted waters, they discover that their quest is more than they imagined and that the world's end is only the beginning.

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