

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th May 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,



It was wonderful to welcome the **Prison Me No Way Trust** into school on Tuesday to work with our Year 9 students. This important charity has the aim of helping young people understand the causes, consequences, penalties and impact of crime and to make the right choices. The day involves students taking part in a series of workshops, including choices, gangs, meeting an ex-prisoner and spending time in a cell. The feedback from the students and staff has been absolutely fantastic. Students really found it to be an excellent learning activity and it has made all of them think a little more deeply about these important issues.

We hosted the Year 6 rounders competition for @yourschoolgames this week. Congratulations St Nicolas Academy and Weddington Primary School who will be representing Nuneaton in the next round! We were delighted that a number of our Sports Leaders students used their leadership skills to support the younger, visiting pupils in this activity. This is also an important opportunity for younger students to visit what will be, in most cases, their future secondary school. Moments like this really enhance transition.

To enhance **the security of our site**, the following changes are being made with immediate effect: The Higham Lane and Brookdale Road gates will be locked at 3.30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. They will be locked at 3.10pm on Wednesdays. All students leaving after these times will therefore have to use the Shanklin Drive gate. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have responded to our **consultation on school uniform** for 2022-23. We really appreciate your feedback. We will contact parents/carers after half term with an update.

**Year 11 exams** have been going well I hear. Of course, it is always an anxious time for these students, but it good to get things underway. I always say to the students it is like jumping into a cold swimming pool. The thought of it is not appealing, but once you're in, it's not too bad! There is plenty of hard work and revision needed over the next few weeks of course. There are always some really difficult papers. Students have to dust themselves down and prepare for the next ones.

We would like to wish our **Year 13 students** all the very best as they begin their examinations. They have worked so hard and deserve success.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend. I am going to begin campaigning against penalty shoot-outs as I have just about had enough of them!

Best wishes,

Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### Thursday 26th May

Year 12 Student Progress Evening

### 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

World Class Schools

Ofsted  
Outstanding  
Provider



30,067



30,088



28,523

# BULLETIN BOARD

## All Years

**Let's Have Some Fun With Maths** - Saturday 21st May at 3pm (free for all to attend)



The lecture is based on my new book "Sums. They're Math Magic" and includes Alien Counting, Card Tricks with Maths, Weighing Pi (Π)  
<https://engx.theiet.org/c/e/1909>

### Parking at Higham Lane Post Office

We have been asked to politely ask parents/carers not to park in the Higham Lane Post Office customer car park when waiting to collect students from school. We appreciate that parents/carers are trying to avoid parking in areas that would be dangerous or may cause congestion, however, the Post Office car park is reserved for customers only. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

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:

- Everyone is welcome to attend Marcus Jones' lecture on History and Politics on May 26th in Chine Hall. We also have Charlotte Bailey, an ex-HLS student and 'Dragons' Den' winner, coming in to talk about Business on June 24th in Coombe Hall. All lectures are straight after school and last approximately an hour.
- Design & Technology have launched an exciting 3D Biscuit Baking competition. This is to be done at home with entries uploaded onto the Able & Ambitious Google Classroom page.
- There is a Maths Magic Webinar which is FREE to everyone and is taking place on Saturday 21st May at 3PM. Students will need to register through the assignment on the Able & Ambitious Google Classroom page.
- Teacher nominations for the Able & Ambitious Group are in and those students with 3 or more nominations have been invited to afternoon tea with Mr Kelly.
- ANY students who wish to join this Able & Ambitious group will be able to apply. Details to follow.

### Years 7-10:

World Class Schools Debating Competition: The 'Talk Off' has been launched for students who want to showcase and develop their debating skills. Winners will spend the day at the prestigious Marylebone School, experiencing a number of fantastic opportunities as well as taking part in a live debate.

### Years 11-13:

Careers in Optometry: anyone interested in this fascinating career can take part in a free on-line workshop.

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

### Guard Your Heart by Sue Divin

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.



More books set in Northern Ireland:

