

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th June 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,



Last night we had the pleasure of watching the 'Summer Showcase'- our summer music concert- the first one we have been able to do in person since 2019. It was a wonderful evening with a fantastic range of performances covering a variety of styles of music and singing from the works of Beethoven, Bernstein, Otis Redding, Elgar, Vivaldi, Offenbach and Abba to name just a few. The students displayed enormous skill, commitment and teamwork; the teaching they have received from our staff and the peripatetic teachers from the County Music Department whom we wish to thank so much, has clearly had an enormous impact. It was a somewhat emotional evening for me as my final music concert at HLS. I was blown away by the standard of performances. I'd like to thank, Mrs Watson, Mrs Fawcett and our Subject Leader for Music, Mrs Davenport, for their excellent work in rehearsing for and organising this event.

Today we say goodbye to our Year 13 students as the A level exam season comes to an end. This year group has been fantastic in every respect: they have shown a great commitment to their studies and formed excellent relationships with our staff and each other. Many new friendships have been formed. They have also enjoyed taking part in a wide range of extra-curricular and super-curricular activities. I'd like to thank Mr Ladha, Mrs Doyne-Ditmas and the tutor team for all their support for these students. We really look forward to hearing from the students in the future as they embark on a range of next steps such as university and apprenticeships. They have reminded everyone what a wonderful place of learning Higham Lane Sixth Form is.

Talking of the Sixth Form, it has been excellent to see our Year 12 students taking part in their work experience this week, or for those unable to secure a placement, following a careers programme within the Sixth Form. I know the students will have benefited hugely from this experience. This followed the Post 18 Conference for Year 12 students and a visit to the UCAS Higher Education event at the NEC.

All GCSE and A level exams have now been completed. The Year 13 and Year 11 students have worked so hard, having been expertly taught and supported by our staff. I hope these students can now enjoy some relaxation. I'd like to thank our Exams Team for coordinating all the examinations so effectively.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend. Year 11 students will be busily preparing for the Prom at Coombe Abbey! We are looking forward to a lovely evening together.

Best wishes,

Headteacher



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BULLETIN BOARD

All Years

Please see below a link to the Family Information Service Newsletter on behalf of Warwickshire County Council:

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1205140?e=a023ea4e42>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter find out about Pathway to Employment courses, World Refugee Day, a Welcome to Warwickshire event and much more!



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:

- Mr Parker's American football throwing competition has been a massive success: he has set up a target on the field at lunchtimes and has given lots of House Points to students, depending on the accuracy of their throwing. It was just as big a hit with passing teachers too!
- The Geography Department have set up a competition to design rewards badges with a Geography theme.
- There is an Art competition which involves students drawing, painting or using any other artistic medium to produce a piece of animal anatomy art.
- Students who were nominated by their teachers as being Able & Ambitious in 3 or more subjects will be treated to afternoon tea and cookies with Mr Kelly on Friday afternoon. I just hope he doesn't start talking about Chelsea to them and ruin an otherwise enjoyable experience!!
- Reminder: the deadline for the 3D biscuit design and baking competition is July 4th. We've had some incredible entries so far.
- Another reminder that the deadline for the wildlife photography competition is July 6th. Again, the entries we've had so far have been stunning.

Year 10:

- Mr Ash has put together a fascinating Murder Mystery competition that Year 10s started on Wednesday and will conclude next Wednesday 29th that gives them a taster of how detectives put together a case as well as how the justice system works.
- The Summit and Success groups continue to meet, share strategies on how to improve performance and also to give out vouchers for the leading sticker winners.

Year 13:

- On Friday, selected Year 13 students will be interviewed and filmed about their journey through education at Higham Lane to inform and inspire younger students.

Dates for your diary

- 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

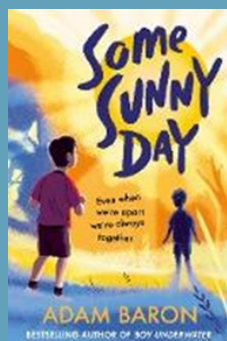
Some Sunny Day by Adam Baron

Cymbeline Igloo is BORED. Bored of home learning, bored of lockdown, bored of not being able to DO anything. And to make things even worse, his mum accidentally gave away his favourite football shirt.

But then Mrs Stebbings, the beloved school cook, is taken into hospital, and suddenly coronavirus seems much closer to home. When Cym starts a project all about Mrs Stebbings' childhood in World War II, he can't know that it's the beginning of something incredible and even dangerous.

Exploring the place where her street once stood, he finds a tent, a strange girl wearing HIS SHIRT, and a mystery that will change absolutely everything. Because the past is more present than Cymbeline can possibly know - and the most amazing thing is how much one small person can do RIGHT NOW...

Some Sunny Day is a story of hope, kindness and the history we all make every day, no matter who we are.



Other titles from the author: