

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st April 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a pleasant week.

Following the change in the COVID guidance please can you keep your son/daughter at home if they have a high temperature and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. If your son/daughter tests positive then the advice is to isolate for 3 days. Remember day 0 is the day of the positive result. Please continue to record your son/daughter's positive test results via the online form on the School's website under Parents & Students – Reporting Covid Test Results and report your son/daughter's absence on the absence line. Thank you.

Thank you to form 9S2 for a lovely assembly on National Pet Month! Thank you also to all the students who took part in the Year 9 girls badminton house competition – a fantastic effort all around and a thrilling and very close final!! We look forward to the basketball and the finals next week. Thanks to Progress Leader, Miss Hemmings, for organising this.

This week has been our first assessment week based on projected grades, with teachers submitting marks rather than working at grades in our movement away from GCSE grading at in Years 7-8. We feel this will be a more purposeful approach.

Subject Leaders, Assistant Subject Leaders and Teachers in Charge of subjects spent time this week thinking and reflecting further about their curriculum and teaching and learning. We are grateful for the work that they continue to do in leading their departments so successfully.

Mrs Mitchell has been busy planning our summer Enrichment Days programme with subject teams. We haven't been able to run this for a couple of years due to Covid, so we are very excited to be able to end the school year with these exciting activities!

Once again, we have ducklings at Higham Lane in one of our quads. The sight of these delightful creatures and their mother is very uplifting to students and staff and the feathered (or soon-to be feathered!) guests are well looked after by our Estates Team. They were also used in an A level Psychology lesson this week. The lesson was based on Ethology and the attachment behaviour of animals and birds. The ducklings used their mother as a safe base and returned to her for protection, for example, when another bird flew overhead. Psychology teacher Mrs Moore tells me this is consistent with Lorenz's research. What a fabulous opportunity for our learners!

It was a bizarre moment at lunchtime on the playground on Thursday when we had to call the students inside to the building during a mini snow storm. After last weekend's weather, we thought the summer was on its way. We never know with the English weather, do we?

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

- Saturday 2nd April & Sunday 3rd April - Duke of Edinburgh Silver & Bronze Training Weekend
- Monday 4th April - Year 11 Trial Exam Week
- Thursday 7th April - Year 13 Student Progress Evening
- Monday 11th April - Easter Holidays Start
- Monday 25th April - Inset Day
- Tuesday 26th April - Students Return to School
- Year 9 Exams

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!



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BULLETIN BOARD

All Years

Children & Family Support Easter Offer - The family support helpline 01926 412412 remains open Monday-Friday 9-4 every day throughout the Easter holiday, for on-the-spot advice Parents are also encouraged to sign up to eventbrite for any workshops/courses on topics they may find helpful. Over the Easter period we are offering 2 drop-ins. One in Bedworth and the other in Nuneaton. For more information regarding these sessions please go to the school website at <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication> (Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending 1st April 2022).

Year 9

Year 9 Student Progress Reports - The Year 9 Spring Student Progress Reports will be issued week commencing Monday 4 April 2022 via the My Ed app or via a link in an email if you do not have the app. You can download the app from the app store, follow any instructions and ensure notifications are allowed. If you have any problems viewing the report you may need to download a PDF reader (i.e. adobe). You will be notified when the report is available. Thank you.

Online Assembly - An online assembly has been made available to all Year 9 students on the topic of revision. Students can access this information via their year 9 Google Classroom account and it will help them prepare for their upcoming trial exams. All parents/carers will have access to this presentation via email. This sits alongside the opportunity for students to log on to their GCSE Pod accounts to use the latest subject based revision material. Further revision tips and resources can be found on our website in the 'Examinations and Revision' section, under the heading 'Teaching and Learning'. Many thanks, Jayne Ayliff - Learning Mentor.

Year 10

Work Experience Deadline Extended - The work experience deadline for both Year 10 & 12 students is extended to Tuesday 25th April. This should give all students more time to secure a placement. I have added another list of potential placements to the Year 10 & 12 Google Classroom Year Group stream. Please continue to use all of your contacts, family & friends to secure a placement. Work shadowing is also perfectly acceptable. All forms are still on the school website for you to complete. You can also print them off if you'd prefer. Mrs Mitchell

Years 9-13

Career Days - For students aged 14-18 Career Days have several online career days they can take part in, designed to help them choose a future career & to give them some work experience to use in their applications. Every student obtains a personalised certificate they can use in their applications and interviews to university. The courses are designed for your students aged 14-18 and all take place online together with students from all over the world.

The schedule is as follows:

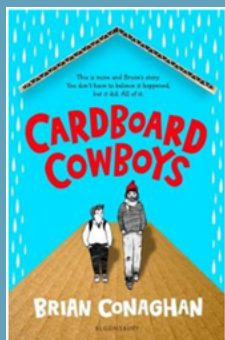
Future Lawyer Month - Every Tuesday evening in April 2022
Psychology Career Day- Saturday April 16th 2022
Business Career Day - Saturday April 23rd 2022
Architecture Career Day - Saturday April 30th 2022
Law Career Day - Saturday May 7th 2022
Vet Career Day - Saturday May 14th 2022

Computer Science Career Day - Saturday Saturday May 28th 2022
Performing Arts Career Day - Saturday June 5th 2022
Dentistry Career Day- Saturday October 1st 2022
Medicine Career Day- Saturday October 8th 2022
Midwifery Career Day- Saturday October 15th 2022
Students just need to visit www.careerdays.co.uk to enrol on any course.

The CareerDays Team - 15 Queen Square, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS2 8AJ. www.careerdays.co.uk

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Cardboard Cowboys by Brian Conaghan



Life is hard for 12-year-old Lenny. School is a lonely place where he is often bullied because of his size; his mum doesn't care and his dad is often away. However, Lenny tries to make the best of it and remain positive.

When things get too tough, Lenny goes to sit and think alone on a bench in the woods. Then one day, he meets Bruce, a homeless man who lives in a cardboard shelter by the banks of the canal and they strike up an unusual friendship that leads both of their lives to change for the better.