



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we delve into the heart of the autumn season, there are many exciting developments and updates to share with you.

First and foremost, we would like to say thank you to all of student and parents and carers for your omni-present support. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here during my first half-term at Higham Lane. The school is a truly wonderful place.

We would also like to remind you that our Year 11 students are about to embark on their first set of trial examinations. These exams, starting this Monday, are a crucial milestone in their academic journey. We have been exceptionally impressed with their attitude to learning, witnessing excellent effort in lessons, and record numbers of students attending revision sessions as they completed their 'Loyalty Cards' over the last few weeks. We are confident that they will utilize this weekend for high-quality revision while also taking some well-deserved rest - a balance that is key to success. It's essential that students know 'what' and 'how' to revise, and please remember that there is still time to speak to teachers if they are unsure about anything. These exams provide an opportunity for students to celebrate their strengths in each subject and focus on areas of improvement. Our dedicated teachers look forward to providing students with valuable feedback to help them reach their full potential this year. To all our Year 11 students, we wish you the very best of luck!

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has played a part in the Practice interviews for Year 11. The experience has been nothing short of brilliant, and it's been amazing to see our Year 11 students receiving interview practice from experts in their respective fields.

Higham Lane School takes great pride in offering a diverse array of extra-curricular activities, and we are excited to announce a new addition - the Lego Club with Mr. Turley, which will be starting soon!

In the realm of sports and achievements, we have some notable successes to celebrate:

Dayyan in Year 7 achieved gold in a Tae Kwon Do championship for his weight category in the country. What an incredible accomplishment!

Congratulations to Callum in Year 11 for being awarded a scholarship to Coventry City Football Club. Callum will be studying his A-levels while benefiting from daily football coaching. We're immensely proud of his achievement and wish him all the best on this exciting journey.



Ameerah in Year 9 secured first place in the squash Nordic Open over the weekend. Well done, Ameerah!

As a reminder, when communicating with our staff via email, please use the School email address (contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk) if you wish to contact them directly. This allows us to ensure that your email is forwarded to the relevant member of staff. Please be aware that teachers are not always able to check emails consistently throughout the day, and we do not expect them to do so during their personal time. We aim to respond to your inquiries within three working days, where possible. Part-time staff may take longer to reply. Please refrain from contacting staff directly via their individual email addresses. For more details, you can refer to our school's communication policy.

Lastly, we would like to remind all parents and carers that the Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday, October 26th, 2023, from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. It's an excellent opportunity to explore the exciting educational opportunities our Sixth Form has to offer.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with Higham Lane School.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,

Michael Gannon
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.

Able & Ambitious

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12:

1. The Memorable Moments Passport has been re-branded as the Aspire Programme and has now been launched to students. For those not familiar with this, it is the chance for students to complete 5 tasks (voluntary, charity, extra-curricular, Aspire Talks from an outside speaker, on-line course) over the course of the school year and is a fantastically enriching experience and can really give students the edge over other students when applying for future pathways. Students wanting to take part MUST sign up by 26th October. Sign-up sheets can be found by LA1, the gym or Sports Hall.

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News from the
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Thursday:

- Year 7 mixed Dodgeball Team came second in the tournament, beating Etone and Polesworth but losing to Nicolas Chamberlaine.
- Year 7 boys football beat Kingsbury 4-0

Congratulations to both teams!

Online careers days

One day online courses that students can enrol onto at a cost of £69.
Designed for ages 13-18.

If students cannot attend 'live' they have at least 30 days to watch/
complete the tasks and they have a certificate of attendance at the end,
that looks great when applying for jobs and college applications.

Here are their forthcoming events:

Vet work - Saturday 25th November 2023
Dentist work - Saturday 28th October 2023
Law - Saturday 2nd December 2023
Business - Sunday 5th November 2023
Computer Science - Saturday 9th December 2023

Psychology - Saturday 11th November 2023
Architecture - Saturday 18th November 2023
Medicine - Sunday 26th November 2023
Midwifery - Saturday 21st October 2023
Performing Arts - Sunday 12th May 2024

If you are interested please apply using the following link <https://www.careerdays.co.uk/>



Dates for your diary

Thursday 26th October - Sixth Form Open Evening

Friday 27th October - INSET Day

Monday 30th October - Sunday 5th November - Half Term

Monday 6th November - Student return to school

Click for Term Dates



Higham Lane Sixth Form

OPEN EVENING



Thursday 26th October 2023
6.00pm - 8.30pm

- Take a tour of Higham Lane Sixth Form
- Explore our courses and visit Higher Education Stalls
- Meet our Head of Sixth Form - Presentations at 6pm and 7pm
- Hear from our students about life at the Sixth Form
- Find out how we can give you the EDGE

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