



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a truly wonderful week at Higham Lane School, filled with excellent behaviour and outstanding learning and teaching. The positive atmosphere throughout the school has been palpable. The glorious sunshine has been a welcome addition, and it has been lovely to see our students enjoying the outdoors. From spirited table tennis tournaments in the playground to energetic football matches on the field, the students have made the most of the beautiful weather.

## Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of regular school attendance. Missing even a single day of school can have a profound impact on a student's academic progress. Our current whole school attendance is 93.4%, and we are striving to reach our target of 97%. Research consistently demonstrates a strong correlation between attendance and positive outcomes.

## Highest Attending Tutor Groups

Congratulations to the following tutor groups, who have achieved the highest attendance this week: 7L1, 8H1, 9S2, 10L3, and 11L2. Each group has been presented with the attendance trophy by their Progress Leader. As a reward, these groups will receive 'Jump the Queue' passes for lunch times next week, allowing them to go into lunch first within their year group.

## Standards

We continue to emphasise high standards across the school. Students can earn 5 House Points for Taking Responsibility by consistently meeting the following criteria:

- Uniform: Correct uniform, smart appearance, and adherence to our jewellery policy (one stud earring per ear, no necklaces, bracelets, or rings).
- Punctuality: On time every day to school and lessons.
- Equipment: All necessary equipment present daily.
- 100% Attendance: Full attendance throughout the week.
- Organiser: Organiser signed, timetable written in, and used daily.

Please support us by checking your child's uniform, punctuality and equipment each morning, specifically, please ensure:

- They have their tie on and shirt tucked in.
- They are wearing their blazer.
- They have the correct shoes.
- They are not chewing gum.
- They have only one stud earring in each ear and no other jewellery (except a watch).
- Their mobile phone is switched off and out of sight.
- They know their next lesson and room.

### School Fundraising Raffle

A final reminder that raffle ticket stubs, with contact details, must be returned to Student Services (letter box) and payment made via ParentPay by the end of today (Friday 28th March). The cost is £10 for 5 tickets (£2 each). Please collect the money from your child, and then make the payment via parent pay.



**WORD OF THE WEEK**

## Week Eleven

Because words are power!

French  
Porter (Carry)  
Manteau (Mantle)

### Portmanteau

Word Class	<i>Verb</i>	
Meaning	1. To combine two words to make a new related word. 2. A large travelling bag, typically made of stiff leather and opening into two equal parts.	
Examples	1)Motel (Motor and hotel) 2)Brunch (Breakfast and lunch) 3)Smog (Smoke and Fog)	
Synonyms	Blend, Compound, Merged	Carryall, holdall, luggage
Challenge	Come up with examples of portmanteau words of your own and tell your form tutor for a housepoint.	

### Word of the Week

Please use this word with your child to encourage its use. Literacy is so often the gateway to success in examinations and in life so thank you for your support with your child in developing their vocabulary.

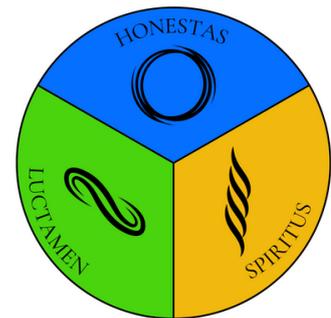
### House Songs

Honestas: Don't Stop Me Now (Queen)

Luctamen: Radio Ga Ga (Queen)

Spiritus: Wonderwall (Oasis)

Please feel free to play this at home and drive home pride in your child's House!



### Last Week of Term

We have a packed final week before the Easter break, including House Mixed Dodgeball and Quiz competitions at lunchtimes. Please speak to Mr Douglas (Dodgeball) or Mr McCarthy (Quiz) to enter. We will also be holding Easter Egg Hunts for each year group, and on the last day, we will have our Rewards Assemblies.



## Subject Progress Evening (SPE)

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 11 Subject Progress Evening, we hope you found it informative and helpful in supporting your child's progress. We also appreciate your support in encouraging your children to attend the Year 11 revision sessions, which have been very well attended.

The trial exam data for Year 11 is very encouraging, indicating that this cohort is on track to achieve similar or even better results than last year's record-breaking GCSE results. This is wonderful news!

## Visit from our Local MP Jodie Gosling

We were delighted to welcome our local MP, Jodie Gosling to Higham Lane School today. She was keen to witness the excellent learning and teaching at our Ofsted Outstanding school, which also boasts the best GCSE (Progress 8 of +0.59) and A-level (Value Added of +0.24) results in Nuneaton. She met with students, observed lessons and discussed our fantastic work with the Central England Academy Trust, including the exciting plans for our collaboration with Higham Lane North Academy.



## Duke of Edinburgh and Warwick Castle Trips

We wish all students and staff involved in the Gold Duke of Edinburgh training this weekend the very best. We also wish year 9 students and staff a great trip to Warwick Castle next week.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing weekend with your families.

Michael Gannon  
Headteacher  
Higham Lane School

## Year 10 Student Progress Evening – Thursday 10th April. 3pm – 7pm.

**These will be online video appointments.**

Please see details on how to book appointments in letter emailed home on Wednesday 26th March.

Booking opens: Wednesday 2nd April 6pm.

**COMING TO YOUR COMMUNITY: GYM Youth Bus 🚌 will be in Bedworth Town and Nuneaton town for 8 weeks to engage the Youth and deter them away from anti-social behaviour in the town**

Every Friday and Saturday Commencing from 21st March to May 10th 2025

Friday: All saints square Bedworth CV12 8ND

Saturday: Nuneaton Market Place CV11 4EG

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Time to engage

Let's go

Funded by Warwickshire & Warwickshire police

Please share and follow

#gymintervention

See more please go to [www.Guidingyoungminds.org](http://www.Guidingyoungminds.org)



## Dates for your diary

10th April 2025 – Year 10 Student Progress Evening **School will close at 2.15pm**

14th – 25th April – Easter Holidays

28th April 2025 – Inset Day

1st May 2025 – Year 7 Student Progress Evening

5th May 2025 – Bank Holiday – School Closed



**99,688**



**94,251**



**94,564**