



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What glorious weather we have been having! It has been wonderful to see our students making the most of the sunshine during their breaks and lunchtimes. The field has been alive with football games, and it's been lovely to see students chatting and laughing under the shade of the trees. Our new table tennis tables have proved to be a real hit, and the new equipment on the tennis courts is certainly getting plenty of use with various ball games taking place. It's fantastic to see everyone enjoying the outdoor spaces and activities.

Be kind!

We are delighted to announce that our recent Non-Uniform Day raised a fantastic total of £1250! This money will be split equally between Comic Relief and our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) initiatives. Our JLT, comprised of our senior prefects, are already buzzing with ideas on how we can make our school even better for all students. We eagerly anticipate hearing their exciting proposals for new activities and improvements during break times, lunchtimes and through extracurricular opportunities outside of school.

Wednesday this week marked Autism Awareness Day, a significant time for our school community to not only increase our understanding of autism, but also to celebrate the unique perspectives and abilities that individuals with autism bring to Higham Lane School. To raise awareness and foster an even more inclusive environment, our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDSCO) delivered informative assemblies throughout the week. These sessions aimed to educate our students and staff on the diverse ways in which autism impacts individuals' lives, focusing on building understanding, empathy and inclusion. By addressing topics such as sensory sensitivities, communication differences and social interaction, we hope to break down misconceptions and promote a more supportive environment for everyone. We are incredibly proud to be an inclusive school where all students, with their diverse needs and abilities are integrated into school life and supported to reach their full potential.

Be the best that you can be!

We also wanted to share some fantastic individual achievements. A huge well done to Maisie W in Year 9! Last weekend, she successfully completed the 5K Swimathon for Marie Curie and Cancer Research, she finished the impressive swim in 1 hour and 50 minutes – even faster than last year earning herself two well-deserved medals and raising a brilliant £125 for charity. We are all incredibly proud of her dedication and achievement.

We were also thrilled to see two of our students, Rebecca in Year 9 and her sister Sarah, featured on BBC's The One Show! The segment, filmed last year, was a lovely piece showcasing their fantastic work in butterfly conservation. Both Becca and Sarah did incredibly well, and considering it was Sarah's first time in front of the camera, she was amazing! If you missed it, you can catch their segment at the 13:45 mark using the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0029l3w>

Well done to Eliott in Y10 who won a photography competition at the Nuneaton Festival of Arts and won first prize in the Under 16 category with one of his photos and another received a certificate of achievement for the other!

Well done!



Congratulations to Freya in Y9 who is starring in a theatre production in Rugby! She has done brilliantly so far and has a performance tonight and two more performances tomorrow! Good luck for the weekend!



Today, I have had the privilege of meeting some Higham Lane superstars who have been nominated by our Progress Leaders for being the personification of the Higham Lane learner by always being the best that they can be, by working hard, by always being kind to others and always taking responsibility and doing the right thing! I look forward to meeting more amazing students next week!

As you may recall, we recently welcomed our local Member of Parliament, Jodie Gosling to Higham Lane School. During our meeting, we discussed the vital role of extracurricular activities and the importance of providing opportunities for students to try new things. Following on from this, we are pleased to share details of a special track and field athletics taster event taking place on Sunday 13th April from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm at the Pingles Stadium (CV11 4LX). This is a completely free, family-focused event open to young people aged 8 and upwards. No previous experience in any of the activities is required - it's simply aimed at being a fun day out! The event is being held with the support of Nuneaton Harriers. Please feel free to come along and give things a go. Furthermore, we are in the early stages of planning a larger second event for Saturday 12th July, which will involve a wide range of different sports, fitness and leisure clubs, as well as health and well-being organisations. More details about this exciting event will follow in due course.

Take responsibility!

As Headteacher, I attended important training this week provided by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office in relation to Martin's Law. This new legislation follows the tragic incident in Manchester at the arena in 2017 and will require all establishments over a certain size, including schools, to have a specific plan in place in the event of a terrorist attack. I want to reassure you that Higham Lane School is already in a very strong position in this regard. We have existing comprehensive plans for serious incidents, including evacuation and lockdown procedures, and we practise drills for both. We also have a robust communication plan in place in the event of an emergency. We will now be working to consolidate these existing plans under one comprehensive framework to ensure full compliance with Martin's Law and, most importantly, to ensure we are doing everything possible to keep our students and staff safe.

We held a full and very productive Governors' meeting on Thursday evening. A key focus of our discussion was the close and positive working relationship between Higham Lane School and Higham Lane North Academy. We explored the exciting opportunities and possibilities for further collaboration, alignment, sharing of expertise, resources and staff to the mutual benefit of both schools and we look forward to the Central England Academy Trust (CEAT) going from strength to strength.

Work hard!

I am incredibly proud to remind you of the exceptional GCSE results achieved by our Y11 students last year. Our Progress 8 score of +0.59 means that, on average, our Year 11 students achieved well over half a grade higher in every subject than would be expected based on their Key Stage 2 SATs entry profile – a truly outstanding achievement. I am delighted to report that the recent Year 11 trial exam data indicates that our current Year 11 cohort are on track to achieve similar, and perhaps even better results this summer. Well done to all of our amazing Year 11 students for their hard work and dedication, and a huge thank you to our fantastic staff who have given up so much of their time to run additional revision classes and support our students in reaching for the stars.

We have just one more week to go before the Easter holidays. It has been a long and busy term, and both staff and students are understandably tired, but they have coped admirably and worked incredibly hard. We are immensely proud of their efforts.

Finally, a reminder that there is a staff training day scheduled for Monday 28th April. Students are not required in school on this day with the exception of some year 11's who are coming in to complete revision classes, all other students will return to school on Tuesday 29th April after the Easter break.

Wishing you all a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Michael Gannon
Headteacher
Higham Lane School

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

These will be online video appointments.

Booking closes – Tuesday 8th April 12pm

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



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



103,775



98,143



98,659

Online Careers Workshop

Sunday 6th April 2025. 12pm – 3pm BST (Online)

The career choices day is a free event delivered by a career advisor. It is for all students aged 13-18, limited to 500 students attending.

Are you feeling uncertain about which career path to take? Or maybe you have a lot of ideas but aren't sure how to choose the right one? Career Choices Day is here to guide you through this exciting but sometimes confusing stage in your life.

The main goal of this session is to reassure you that it's completely okay to not have your career or life plans figured out yet. You don't need to have everything mapped out at this stage. You're not alone, and we're here to help you navigate through the uncertainty!

What to Expect:

- **Reassurance & Guidance:** Learn that it's totally normal to be unsure about your career path at this stage of your life. It's okay not to have all the answers just yet.
- **Discover Your Interests:** We'll explore how your current passions, both inside and outside of education, can help guide your next steps.
- **Finding What Fits:** We'll dive into identifying your learning style and how to make decisions based on what excites and motivates you.
- **Exploring Career Options:** Learn how to "try out" different ideas and areas of interest before fully committing to one career path.
- **Making Broader Decisions:** Even if you're not sure about your final career destination, we'll help you make informed decisions in the meantime that keep you moving forward.

Why Attend?

- Get clarity and reassurance about the next steps in your career journey.
- Discover how your interests and passions can shape your career choices.
- Learn practical ways to experiment with different career ideas.
- Take the pressure off and make informed, broader decisions while you're still figuring things out.

What are the timings?

The Career Choices Day takes place from 12pm – 3pm BST on Sunday, April 6th 2025.

Who can attend?

Students of any age from all countries can attend. The day is not recorded so please only register if you're sure you can make the day as it is limited to 500 students attending.

What are the costs?

The Career Choices Day is free to attend for all students.

To sign up please follow this link – <https://www.careerdays.co.uk/career-choices-day> (Scroll down to the bottom for the Careers Choices Event).

Year 11 trial exams and revision opportunities

Our extremely dedicated and enthusiastic Year 11s have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming trial exams. They have embraced the revision programme on offer to them which contains over 100 opportunities for them to revise during the school day. On Monday alone this week we had 120 students revising after school in English, Maths and Religion and Worldviews. Please encourage your son/daughter to maintain this momentum as it will serve them well when it comes to their final exams. We have attached a copy of the revision programme so that you can discuss this at home and help them plan which sessions they will attend next week.

In assembly we have been discussing effective exam preparation alongside how to deal with anxiety and tips for wellbeing. Year 11 have been told that Miss Charles, Miss Green and their form tutors are never too busy to make time for them if they need a friendly face and some advice on how to relax, refocus and refresh.

Revision Sessions 2025

A reminder that every day during tutor time if there is not an assembly going on you are able to do silent revision. Ensure you are bringing something meaningful with you to revise during these sessions so that you are maximising your time to achieve success.

MONDAY

Before School

Independent Revision Library

Lunchtime:

Independent Revision Week A and B ME3

Independent Revision Week A and B GY2

Independent Revision Week A and B Library

French Club 11-FR2 Week A LA6

English Literature Week A and B From 12.45 EN2

Food Preparation and Nutrition Week A DT6

After School: (Usually until 4/4:30)

Religion and Worldviews revision Week A and B Coombe Hall

Maths Foundation Paper Revision Week A and B MA7

Maths Higher Paper Revision (set 1 & 2) Week A and B MA4

Drama Controlled Assessment and Revision Week A and B Meet outside Coombe Hall

Music Support Week A and B MU2

Photography Week A and B AR2

Chemistry Week A SC9

TUESDAY

Before School

Independent Revision Week A and B Library

Lunchtime:

Independent Revision Week A and B ME3

Independent Revision Week B LA2

Independent Revision Week A and B DT7

GCSE PE Revision Week A and B EN2

History Drop In Week A and B Hi2

French Club 11-Fr1 Week B LA6

Art Catch Up Week A and B AR3 and AR4

After School:

Independent revision Week A and B BE2

English Literature Revision Week A and B EN3

Foundation Maths Revision Week A and B MA4

Music Support Week A and B MU1

Engineering Week A and B DT3 and DT4

Computer Science Week A and B IT1

Geography Week A and B GY3

WEDNESDAY

Before School:

Independent Revision Week A and B Library

Lunchtime:

Independent Revision Week A and B MA3

Independent Revision Week A and B GY2

Independent Revision Week A and B Hi 3

Art Catch Up Week A and B AR3

After School:

History Revision Week A and B Hi1

Sociology Week A and B ME3

Geography Week A and B GY1

THURSDAY

Before School:

Independent Revision Week A and B Library

Lunchtime:

Independent Revision Week A and B SC8

Independent Revision Week A and B DT7

Independent Revision Week A and B Hi3

Chemistry Week B SC9

After School:

Independent Revision Week A and B BE2

Computer Science Week A and B IT1

Physics Week A and B SC2

Physics Triple Science students Week A and B SC6

Engineering Week A and B DT3 and DT4

Biology Week A SC4

English Language Week A and B EN6

Geography Week A and B GY2

FRIDAY

Before School:

Independent Revision Week A and B Library

Lunchtime:

Independent Revision Week A and B EN2

Independent Revision Week A and B Hi3

Physics Drop In Week A SC2

After School:

Independent Revision Week A and B ME2

Chemistry Week A and B SC7

Photography Week A and B AR2