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Welcome to our sizzling summer edition!

DEAR Parents/Carers/Students,
Welcome to our news-packed summer 2018 edition of HLS Express!
I'm sure you will all enjoy reading about a lucrative appointment for one of our high-flying Sixth Form students, a top national accolade for Modern Ethics teacher Miss

Charles, the new Junior Leadership Team, photographs from both Leavers' Dances, the Summer Music Concert and Sponsored Walk, plus a string of achievements by our sporting students!
We wish you a wonderful summer!
PHIL KELLY, Headteacher

HIGH-FLYER!

A HIGHAM Lane Sixth Form student is on cloud nine after being appointed Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Warwickshire!

Flight Sergeant Paige, a member of 121 (Nuneaton) Squadron Air Training Corps, received the accolade from Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the County of Warwickshire, Timothy Cox, during a special ceremony held at Shire Hall Council Chamber, Warwick.

As the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, Paige's duties will include accompanying him at special civic and military engagements throughout Warwickshire.

Paige joined the Air Training Corps in July 2014, at the age of 12, and since then has consistently worked her way through the training classifications and rank structure, and is currently holding the Master Cadet classification and rank of Flight Sergeant.

She is a committed member of the Squadron and always takes an active part in the Unit's community activities, especially in her role as the Squadron's Banner Bearer, when she regularly supports the Royal British Legion and other ex-service organisation events.

The sky's the limit for Paige, who has been studying for her A-levels with the aspirations of becoming an air traffic controller. She is also taking full

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• **FLYING HIGH!** Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the County of Warwickshire, Timothy Cox, congratulates Paige on her appointment as his Cadet for Warwickshire.



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Sky's the limit for Paige!

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advantage of the opportunity to gain further academic qualifications via the Cadet Vocational Qualifications Organisation, completing her Level 2 BTEC in Public Service, along with a BTEC in Aviation Studies, while also working towards her Duke of Edinburgh award.

Paige has also demonstrated outstanding potential as a young leader with her efforts being rewarded well before that of her peers following promotion to Sergeant in December 2016 and, subsequently, Flight Sergeant in September 2017.

The high-flyer has indeed shown that she has a creditable activity and academic training record, both on Squadron and at school. However, it is



her commitment to mentoring younger cadets and her work with the Squadron's Banner team, together with her drive to support the Unit's work within the local community, which proves she is a worthy candidate for the responsible post of Lord Lieutenant's Cadet.

As senior cadet within the Banner party, Paige helps train and encourage the younger members of the group to support the ex-service community. Most notably, she has been proactively engaged in street collections for the Royal Air Forces Association and Royal British Legion.

Lord Lieutenant Cox expressed his admiration for the outstanding achievements of his newly-appointed Cadet representative, saying: "Paige has set an excellent example to other young people and I am delighted to be able to recognise her outstanding service within the cadet forces by making this appointment. She is a credit to her parents, her Squadron and now the County!"

Paige has also shown a great interest in the Squadron's joint activities with the Nuneaton-based Veterans Contact Point and its work in support of the Armed Forces Covenant.

Officer Commanding 121 (Nuneaton) Squadron, Flight Lieutenant Paul Hincks, commented: "Flight Sergeant Paige has



• **OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE!** Paige is congratulated on becoming the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Warwickshire by Stuart Iles, Wing Commanding Officer of the Warwickshire and Birmingham Wing.

shown a consistent determination to achieve her individual goals and has always supported her fellow cadets and Squadron in its community activities.

"I am pleased to say that Paige has truly demonstrated that she is an outstanding example to other young people within our Squadron and the community as a whole.

"Paige has most certainly shown her total commitment to one of the most important aims of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets throughout her cadet career, namely, 'to foster and develop the qualities of leadership and citizenship', and I had no hesitation in recommending her for the post of Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Warwickshire."



• **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!** Flight Sergeant Paige (front right) representing 121 (Nuneaton) Squadron during last year's Bedworth Armistice Day commemorations.

National accolade for a top teacher!

ONE of Higham Lane School's most inspirational teachers has received a top national accolade for her excellence in teaching.

Romayne Charles, Subject Leader for Modern Ethics, has won a Silver Pearson Teaching Award in 'The Award for Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School' category!

It is a fantastic achievement and one which is being celebrated by the whole school community, including members of the Sixth Form.

As a Silver Teacher Award winner, Miss Charles received her trophy at a celebratory tea held at the House of Commons on July 4.

Headteacher, Mr Kelly, commented: Miss Charles is an enthusiastic, inspirational teacher and Subject Leader with the highest expectations, whose excellence in teaching and learning achieves outstanding results across several subjects.

"She deploys a significant range of highly-successful teaching and learning strategies and effectively monitors the learning and progress of every student in her care, making appropriate adjustments for individuals.

"Miss Charles engages warmly with students, parents and staff to ensure that students learn most effectively and she contributes fully to the life of the School beyond her own classroom.

"She is passionately committed to her own professional and personal development and that of her colleagues and is a very special teacher who is both adored and respected by our students and her colleagues.



Congratulations to
Romayne Charles
on winning a
Silver Teaching Award in The
Award for Teacher of the Year in
a Secondary School!



• **INSPIRATIONAL! Miss Charles shows off her Pearson Silver Teaching Award during a celebratory tea held at the House of Commons.**

"They are so grateful for the way she helps them develop personally and supports them to achieve exceptional results. She is one in a million!"

Miss Charles will now be considered for a Gold Pearson Teaching Award in her category with results being announced at the UK awards ceremony on October 21.

Schools bond for charity sky fall!

AT THE end of this academic year (2017/2018) Young People First have raised over £18,600 thanks to a charity sky dive!

This was the third consecutive year Higham Lane Sixth Form students have participated in the event and each time more schools from around the county have taken part. Consequently, more money has been raised.

The schools' total for 2017/18 is as follows:- Myton School raised £3,536.07, Ash Green School £2,126.25,

Stratford Girls Grammar £1,850.50, Rugby High School £3,277.50, Higham Lane School £5,821.00, Warwickshire College £1,993.75.

This money has been distributed between three projects which includes work supporting young people with mental health problems, young people who are living in care and young people living in the deprived ward of Brunswick where the YPF office is based. MR LADHA, Assistant Headteacher (Head of Sixth Form)

Farewells and hellos!

AT THE end of this term we are saying farewell to a number of colleagues.

Claire Harrison (who left us on 29/06/18) has been an exceptional member of staff for our school as Business Services Manager. In all the many areas of responsibility she has been given (finance, premises, recruitment, Single Central Record to name but a few!), Claire has carried out her role to an excellent standard and with incredible commitment, skill and common sense. She has developed real expertise and her presentations to governors have always inspired confidence. No question has ever thrown her! The thing we particularly admire is that she identifies solutions to problems rather than just listing the problems. In doing so, she has moved the School's policies and procedures forward significantly. For someone who has handled so many references of other staff, Claire's will be easily the most impressive! We wish her every happiness and success in her new role at Oakwood School.

Dave Masters is one of our longest-serving Science teachers having joined HLS in 1989 specialising in Physics. He was Assistant Subject Leader at one stage. Dave will be enjoying a very well-deserved retirement.

Alison Maxwell began working at HLS in 1991 as a teacher specialising in German. Alison rose to the position of Subject Leader of Modern Foreign Languages during her time with us and will now be enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

Naomi Harris has been a very effective Spanish teacher and Assistant Subject Leader who also contributed previously as an Acting Progress Leader. Naomi is taking up a Subject Leader post within North Warwickshire and we are delighted that she has achieved this well-deserved promotion.

Matt Bell is leaving us as Subject Leader for Maths to take up a post in the south of the county. Matt has made a strong contribution to leading the department and is a very effective teacher.

Carla Carter completed her NQT year at the School a few years ago and is now moving on, taking a break from teaching. We are grateful for her contribution, including at A level.

Sam Wilson is ending her second stint at the School as a successful Maths teacher and is now taking a break from teaching.

Chris Crowther completed his NQT year with us a few years ago and has developed into a strong and conscientious teacher, including of A level. We are pleased for him that he has secured a post nearer home as he travels a considerable distance to and from work every day.

Gavin Bailey completed his NQT year with us some years ago as a Science teacher specialising in Biology and gained promotion to Assistant Subject Leader, which recognised his qualities. He has also made a major contribution to extra-curricular football. Gavin is moving to a leadership post in Leicestershire, where he lives.

Laura Blunt completed her NQT year with us some years ago and was promoted to be Assistant Subject Leader. As well as teaching A level, GCSE and Core PE to an exceptional standard, she has also been a significant contributor to our extra-curricular provision. Laura is fulfilling her life-long ambition to teach abroad and will take up a post in Singapore in August.

Bev Skirrow has made a major contribution to the English Department, particularly in teaching so effectively students who have found this subject challenging. She oversaw literacy intervention for us a few years ago. Bev will now be enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

Claire Webb has been a strong Geography teacher and form tutor who took on the role of Subject Leader at one stage. We wish her well when she takes up her next post.

Adelle Rowland has made a very strong contribution to our Science team as a Chemistry specialist. She is now returning to work in Leicestershire, where she lives.

Stacey Goss has been a strong Art and Photography teacher who completed her NQT year with us. She is now returning to her native Devon to live nearer to her family.

Victoria Owen has made an excellent contribution to our teaching of Modern Ethics and has been a very conscientious teacher. We wish her every success as she moves to work in further education.

James Bonham has completed his NQT year with us as a teacher of ICT and Computing. We wish him every happiness and success in his new post in Leicestershire.

Rich Howell has been a very charismatic and knowledgeable Drama teacher who has supported GCSE and extra-curricular Drama effectively as well as teaching A level Media Studies. Rich is taking a break from teaching and focusing on running his own business.

Thanks to **Dave Leeson** who has been a cheerful, conscientious Acting Assistant Caretaker, we wish him a well-deserved retirement.

Next term we welcome **Charlotte Chinn** (Subject Leader for PE), **Matthew Lardner** (Maths), **Tracy Blakeman** (Maths), **Carly Jones** (Art), **Helen White** (Drama), **Charlene Dearie** (Media), **Diane Thomas** (Science), **Judith Francis** (MFL) and **Gladys Afuh** (Maths). In addition, **Chandni Patel** (Science) and **Sally Watson** (Music) return from maternity leave.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to two excellent governors.

Brian Walmsley has been a governor for 13 years and the School has really benefited from his advice on areas such as finance and resources, as well as personnel matters. He has also been part of the selection process for key staff. Brian was also a strong supporter of our opening our Sixth Form. Most recently he has been Link Governor for Modern Foreign Languages. Working away from home for long periods of time means that Brian feels the time is right to hang up his governor boots. We will miss his cheerful outlook and wise words.

Al Gurr joined the governing body in October 2012. I contacted him after he wrote a fantastic letter making practical suggestions about our rewards system! Al has been a very active, conscientious and innovative governor. He led SLT training on leadership and redesigned the Link Governor visits template and instructions, leading training to fellow governors at several Governors' Days.

Al has been a very active Link Governor for Science, Music, Teaching and Learning and the Sixth Form and he has really challenged our thinking with innovative suggestions. He is also quick to praise quality when he sees it. Al has given the School a great deal of his time to participate in selection days of leadership candidates. He has been a particularly effective Vice Chair of Governors working alongside Mark Whitelegg and David Buckle.

In this role, Al produced the superb Governing Body Overview document which helped to make the School's performance more accessible to governors, enhancing accountability.

MR KELLY, Headteacher



Masters of the mighty mountain!

• **BREATH-TAKING SCENERY!** Mr Masters and son, Tim, take a breather during the strength-sapping climb to the summit of Scafell Pike.

EARLIER this year, my son-in-law, Chris, casually mentioned that he was going to climb Scafell Pike — the highest mountain in England at 3,209ft above sea level — in aid of a charity called Zoë's Place.

I had previously climbed most of the peaks in the Lake District, but never got round to tackling the biggest challenge of all, so immediately volunteered myself!

When I mentioned it to my 17-year-old son, Tim, his immediate response was: "What? At your age!? I'd better come along so I can carry you down!" That's how he got roped in as well.

On the big day — May 2 — the weather was beautiful. Even so, our five-strong fund-raising team, which also included friends Dan and Sud, had prepared well as conditions in the Cumbrian mountains can change in a few seconds.

We carried rucksacks loaded with maps, compasses, whistles, food, drinks and the legendary Kendal mint cake!

The team completed the climb in three hours and I found it quite pleasant. At the summit, the views were wondrous, and I really felt a sense of achievement — I did not realise the worse was yet to come!

The trek down really jarred my knees and with each step the pain worsened! Even so, we made the descent in two hours and when we arrived at the campsite reflected on our glorious day which raised more than £500 for Zoë's Place.

I would thoroughly recommend mountain climbing to anyone but make sure you go with someone that knows what they are doing! A great day that I will always remember!

MR MASTERS, Science Department



• **CHARITY FUND-RAISERS!** The five-strong team who raised cash for Zoë's Place Baby Hospice by climbing England's highest peak.



News from the Music Department



Showcase of musical talent!

THIS year's Summer Music Concert was even bigger and better as the Art & Photography and Design & Technology Departments were invited along to air samples of the amazing work achieved by Higham Lane's creative students.

The showcase began with visitors admiring the Year 11 Art & Photography and Design & Technology Timbers and Textiles displays of GCSE coursework, while Mr Howell's Drama team promoted their forthcoming school production of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

After being suitably refreshed by the hard-grafting Junior Leadership Team catering crew, the audience sat back and savoured a wide variety of pulsating performances given by the School's tremendously talented musicians.

New Head Girl, Bethany, and Head Boy, Sam, introduced each of the performers who played with such confidence in a variety of musical genres.

The School is grateful for all the students' hard work and dedication — week in, week out — to provide such an uplifting end to the school year.

Have a super summer and perhaps bring a friend along when rehearsals begin again in September!

MRS DAVENPORT
Subject Leader for Music

• More Summer Music Concert photographs can be found on the HLS website!



Music exam successes

THE following Higham Lane School Music students have recently passed their Associated Board Examinations. Congratulations!

<u>Grade 3</u>		
Tazkiyya (10S1)	Piano	Distinction
Bailey (10L3)	Drums	Merit
Tom (8L3)	Drums	Distinction
Saul (8L1)	Cello	Merit
<u>Grade 1</u>		
Erin (8S2)	Singing	Distinction



News from the Music Department

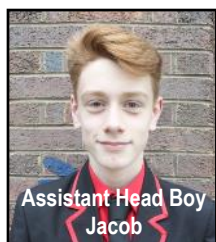


Bethany and Sam spearhead the new Junior Leadership Team for 2018-19

Bethany (10H2)	Head Girl
Sam (10L1)	Head Boy
Rosie (10H3)	Assistant Head Girl
Esha (10H2)	Assistant Head Girl
Zaynah (10L3)	Assistant Head Girl
Jacob (10H2)	Assistant Head Boy
Oliver (10L1)	Assistant Head Boy
Sarjan (10L2)	Assistant Head Boy

DUE to the excellent standard of applications from Year 10 students once again, the decision was made to retain an eight-strong Junior Leadership Team for a second consecutive year in 2018-19.

Congratulations are extended to the new Head Girl, Bethany



Assistant Head Boy
Jacob



Assistant Head Boy
Sarjan



Assistant Head Boy
Oliver



Assistant Head Girl
Esha



Assistant Head Girl
Rosie



Assistant Head Girl
Zaynah

Senior Prefects and Prefect Teams

MONDAY

Senior Prefects: Bethany (10S3) and Toby (10S1).

Prefects: Charlie (10H3), Ruby (10H2), Molly (10S2), Isabelle (10L2), Will (10H3), Jake (10H3), Sophie (10L2) and Sophie (10L3).

TUESDAY

Senior Prefects: Ava (10S2) and Asma (10H1).

Prefects: Zarah (10L3), Hannah (10L3), Kelsey (10L2), Amrita (10L2), Jennifer (10L3), Shivans (10L1), Emma (10L1) and Grace (10L2).

WEDNESDAY

Senior Prefects: Hassan (10S2) and Jess (10L1).

Prefects: Madison (10L3), Sian (10S1), Abbie (10L3), Ruby (10H2), Joe (10S3), Harry (10L1), Jessica (10S1) and Luke (10S3).

THURSDAY

Senior Prefects: Grace (10H1) and Olivia (10L2).

Prefects: Sophie (10L3), Holly (10H3), Jay (10S2), Ria (10L2), Jessica (10L2), Greg (10H1), Megan-Rose (10H1) and Hannah (10S2).

FRIDAY

Senior Prefects: Nathaniel (10L3) and Megan (10S3).

Prefects: Lexie (10H2), Joe (10S2), James (10H3), Tom (10H2), Macey (10S1), George (10H2), Anya (10S2), Maryam (10S3) and Felix (10S2).

(10H2), and Sam (10L1), who has been appointed Head Boy. The roles of Assistant Head Girls and Assistant Head Boys are kept at six positions, these having been awarded to Rosie (10H3), Esha (10H2), Zaynah (10L3), Jacob (10H2), Oliver (10L1) and Sarjan (10L2).

Ablly supporting JLT will be a 10-strong Senior Prefect team, whose roles have developed over the years to offer more students extra responsibility and the ideal opportunity to make a telling difference in school.

Senior Prefects now lead Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and evening events, some will be Curriculum Ambassadors for a range of subjects, while others will ensure Prefects are fulfilling their roles and responsibilities.

All the candidates faced a daunting task during the JLT selection process, which included a tough problem-solving exercise and interview with a panel made up of last year's Head Boy and Head Girl, Tommy and Anna, Year 10 Progress Leader Mr Morris, Assistant Headteacher Mrs Domigan, Headteacher Mr Kelly and Student Leadership Co-ordinator Miss Arshad.

They also had to prepare a script outlining what they could offer the School as a member of JLT, which was filmed prior to all Higham Lane students and members of staff having the opportunity to cast votes for their favourite candidates.

Since the start of the summer term, in April, teams of Prefects have carried out break and lunch time duties under the supervision of Senior Prefects.

Each Prefect team also works together at school events, such as Student Progress Evenings, and meet once a fortnight with their designated member of JLT to raise any concerns or suggest improvements to help the School operate more efficiently.

MISS ARSHAD, Student Leadership Co-ordinator



• **PROUD TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL! New Head Boy and Head Girl, Sam and Bethany.**



• **HIGHAM LANE SCHOOL'S JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM 2018-19.** Back: Head Boy and Head Girl, Sam and Bethany. Front (left to right) Zaynah, Jacob, Esha, Oliver, Rosie and Sarjan (Assistant Head Girls and Assistant Head Boys).

Natural teachers!

EARLIER this year, five Year 13 Health & Social Care students and myself visited Nuneaton's Oak Wood Secondary School where they helped to deliver four sessions to students with a range of complex needs.

All the Higham students were hands-on, enthusiastic and natural with the Oak Wood students while investigating the meaning of Easter.

Several members of the Oak Wood staff commented on the excellent relationships the girls formed with their students and one teacher actually thought they had undertaken training in working with Special Educational Needs and were teaching assistants I had brought along with me!

I was extremely proud of the girls involved — Amy W (Delta), Amy P (Kappa), Sana (Epsilon), Prosper (Eta) and Jessica (Beta).

MISS CHARLES
Subject Leader for Modern Ethics



• **IMPRESSIVE!** The five-strong party of HL6 Health & Social Care students who visited Oak Wood School, left to right, Prosper, Amy P, Jessica, Sana and Amy W.

Tasty way to raise mental health awareness!



• **FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD!** The new Junior Leadership Team did a mouth-watering job raising cash during Mental Health Awareness Week. Left to right: Rosie, Jacob, Bethany, Sam, Esha, Zaynah, Sarjan and Oliver.

THE week beginning May 14 was Mental Health Awareness Week and, in aid of this, the Junior Leadership Team held a bake sale on two consecutive break times.

While bringing in many baked goods and samosas to sell on the stall themselves, JLT were so thrilled to see the immense amount of support offered by students and staff alike, who

brought in the majority of items. After the two days, JLT were left with many cakes and biscuits, clearly demonstrating the caring attitude of students here at Higham Lane School.

JLT successfully managed to raise approximately £150 which was donated to the Mental Health Foundation.

The new JLT has decided that mental health will be the main focus for the upcoming year as it is very important for students to become aware of such issues and hope to continue the positive work already started.

ZAYNAH and ESHA, Junior Leadership Team



Question time for Politics students!



HIGHAM Lane Sixth Form was fortunate enough to welcome Marcus Jones MP to talk to Year 12 Politics students.

Mr Jones, Member of Parliament for Nuneaton, took time off from his busy schedule to talk with students about his multitude of roles in politics and ended with a well-debated question and answer session.

The Conservative politician was so impressed by the quality of questions he received on several issues including referenda, on what basis an MP should vote — party or personal views?, and regeneration plans for Nuneaton.

MR IRELAND

Teacher of Politics and History



• **IN THE HOT SEAT!** The Member of Parliament for Nuneaton, Marcus Jones (seated centre) hosted an informative session with Year 12 Politics students, which was also enjoyed by Headteacher, Mr Kelly, and Mrs Doyne-Ditmus, Subject Leader for History and teacher of Politics.

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Fond farewell to Year 11s!

IT WAS certainly a day of mixed emotions for departing Year 11 students when they broke-up for GCSE study leave at the start of the Whitsun holiday — the last time the cohort would be all together under one roof.

The entire morning was taken up with a brain-sapping 2½-hour English Literature examination prior to students letting their hair down at lunchtime, meeting up in Chine Hall to bid fond farewells to friends and staff.

In the afternoon, a Sociology exam put final celebrations on hold until 2.45pm when everyone congregated in Coombe Hall for an emotionally-charged Leavers' Assembly, organised with precision and hosted by Year 11 Progress Leader, Mrs Davies.

All too soon, celebrations drew to a close at 4pm and everyone said their last tearful goodbyes before departing for home savouring precious memories of their five years together at Higham Lane School!

• More photographs can be found on the HLS website!







Ball of a time at the Leavers' Dance!

FOR a fourth successive time, the picturesque setting of Coombe Abbey was the venue for this year's Leavers' Dance.

Once again, the historic hotel provided a breath-taking backdrop as glamorous young ladies, dressed in beautiful ball gowns, and dapper young men, sporting slick suits, arrived at the Coventry venue aboard a wide array of transport. This ranged from an American Jeep to Rolls-Royce!

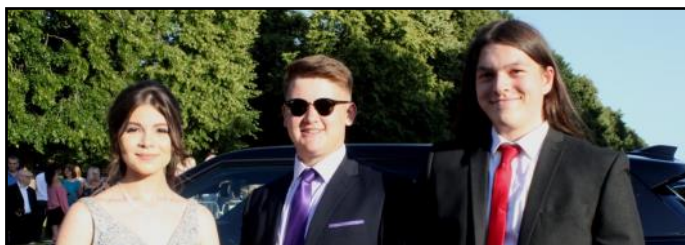
Once inside the venue, the party-goers enjoyed a sit-down meal before spending the remainder of the evening posing for

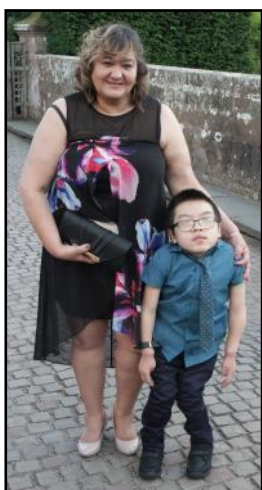
photographs and demonstrating their latest moves on the dance floor.

As always, the Leavers' Dance proved to be a memorable occasion for the Year 11 students and a fitting finale to their five years together at Higham Lane School.

More photographs can be found on the HLS website!

• A CD, containing a full range of images from the Leavers' Dance, will be available for purchase on GCSE results day. All proceeds to charity.







Celebrating good times!



THE summer term has drawn to a close with a host of celebrations for hard-working Higham Lane Sixth Form students!

On Wednesday, June 27, students from both Year 12 and Year 13 enjoyed a fun-packed day as they celebrated good times together.

Surprise guests of honour at the event were members of Leicester's DMU Gospel Choir, semi-finalists in this year's Britain's Got Talent television competition.

The choir, which includes English teacher, Miss Longe, performed a number of uplifting songs which got proceedings off to a cracking start, and included inter-action with members of staff and students!

Following speeches by Headteacher, Mr Kelly, Head of Sixth Form, Mr Ladha, and Jack, outgoing Sixth Form President, everyone moved outside into the glorious summer sunshine for two hours of well-earned recreational time.

After being well fed by Mrs Mackey and her catering crew, students were able to partake in a number of activities, including a mechanical rodeo bull, bouncy castle, football and rounders.

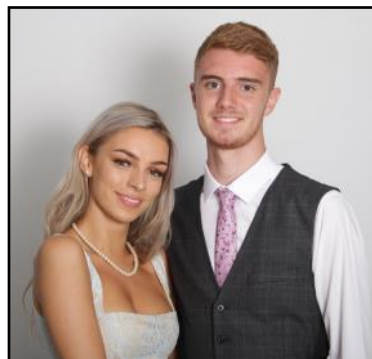
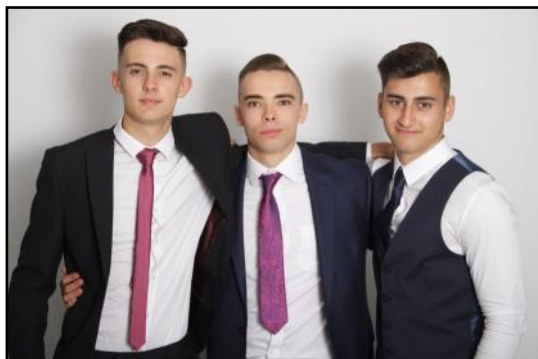
This year is also a momentous occasion for Year 13s as they go down in history as being the first cohort to leave HL6. Their celebrations continued into the following week when a leavers' ball was held at the Heart of a Conference and Events Centre, near Meriden, on the evening of July 5.

The School is very proud of the departing Year 13s and wish them all the very best as they move on to the next chapter in their lives.

• More photographs can be found on the HLS website!









Stepping out in the sunshine!

THE sun always shines on the righteous! For a sixth successive year, Higham Lane's Sponsored Walk took place in glorious weather.

As in recent years, the ever-popular annual event was held at Ambleside Fields, where sponsorship of the students from family and friends helped raise valuable funds to make improvements to the School.

These include new facilities and equipment which can be enjoyed for many years to come.

In addition to students, a number of staff also opted to walk the course in the name of fitness!

• *More Sponsored Walk photographs can be found on the Higham Lane School website!*



Military precision!

UNBEKNOWN to the majority of students and staff, teaching assistant Jimmy Quinn has a secret passion!

He is a keen military historian, often contributing self-penned articles to various publications, and is also a dab-hand with an air brush when it comes to miniature modelling.

His keen eye for precise detail earned him a Bronze medal and two commendations at April's British Model Soldier Society Annual Show for his intricate 1/72 scale model of a German Army Sturm-Infanteriegeschütz 33B armoured vehicle.

Showing his dexterity with the pen, Mr Quinn also received the Editor's Trophy from *The Bulletin*, the BMSS magazine, for 'The Roman Army and Beyond' — a series of three articles looking at Roman armour.

A previous article for *Warwickshire Life*, entitled 'The Romans in Mancetter', examined the possible site of Boudicca's last battle near Nuneaton.

Mr Quinn later attended a conference on the last subject at Warwickshire University, where academics and historians discussed potential sites.

Following input from several sources, there is now a 'battle trail' around Mancetter with information boards displaying details.

Mr Quinn's latest article to be published in *The Bulletin* deals with the conversion of the Royal Scots Greys regiment from horses to tanks pre-World War II, before fighting in North Africa, which contains previously unpublished photographs.



• **AMAZING DETAIL!** Mr Quinn shows off the Bronze medal he won at April's BMSS Annual Show for his intricate 1/72 scale model of a German Sturm-Infanteriegeschütz 33B armoured vehicle (pictured below).



Drivers reminded to park considerately!

A REMINDER to drivers who park in the vicinity of Higham Lane School while dropping off, or picking up, students.

Please can you all be considerate to our neighbours, other students and parents when parking, and also abide by the Highway Code, which states that:

- Vehicles must not cause an obstruction — this includes parking over dropped kerbs.
- Vehicles must not be parked within 10 metres (32ft) of a junction.
- Vehicles must not stop or park on the zig-zag lines outside the School gates.

- Vehicles partially parking on pavements to avoid causing obstruction should leave enough space for a mobility scooter or double buggy pushchair to get through. This means no vehicle should be parked wholly on the pavement.

Anyone seen contravening any of these laws is liable to receive a fixed penalty notice from one of the Police patrols who regularly carry out checks outside the School in the mornings and afternoons.

The Police also receive regular complaints about speeding on the streets surrounding the School, in particular

Higham Lane, Weddington Road and Hinckley Road.

Both Weddington Road and Hinckley Road are limited to a maximum of 30mph while the majority of Higham Lane is also restricted to the same urban national speed limit. Please adhere to the speed limits stated by the signs.

There are other schools and several residential properties around these roads, so please be mindful of your speed at all times.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.



*You'll have a smashing
time playing at . . .*

Whitestone Badminton Club!

Whitestone Badminton Club meets every Thursday evening at Higham Lane School Sports Hall from 7.15pm. We are affiliated with Badminton England and have been a club for well over 38 years.

We are a friendly club with a membership of around 28 people. We have four courts on a Thursday night and enjoy playing badminton to a good standard, playing mainly doubles on a club night and mix around between those attending to give a good variety of play. We have two Men's teams, a Ladies team and Mixed team playing in the Coventry League.

The club has enjoyed a good season. The Men's 1st team finished third in Division 3, the Men's 2nd team finished fourth in Division 5, the Mixed team finished second in Division 3 and were therefore promoted to Division 2. Unfortunately, the Ladies finished last in the Premier Division and were relegated to Division 1.



We are constantly looking for new players and have a particular need for ladies, but men are welcome too. We would love you to come along on a Thursday and try us out as a club — **your first session will be FREE!** We also welcome younger players and offer a certain amount of coaching to develop all players who come to the club.

If you are interested please contact Martin on 07912 866133 or you can look on our website www.nuneaton-badminton.co.uk for more information.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING NEW PLAYERS FOR THE COMING
SEASON — OUR SUMMER SESSIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY!**



News from the Physical Education Department



• **SECOND PLACED** — The Year 7 Boys' and Girls' athletics teams who both finished a very creditable runners-up in this year's District Competition.

Athletes produce a string of excellent performances

CONGRATULATIONS to all the athletes who took part in the District competitions this season, which provided several excellent individual and team performances.

A special mention to the Year 8 athletes who put in fantastic performances, particularly the boys, who finished first.

District results:-

Year 7 Boys: 2nd. **Year 7 Girls:** 2nd. **Year 8 Boys:** 1st. **Year 8 Girls:** 3rd. **Year 9 Boys:** 3rd. **Year 9 Girls:** 3rd. **Year 10 Boys:** 2nd. **Year 10 Girls:** 3rd.

Here are some of the excellent individual results achieved by HLS students:-

YEAR 7

Mason (7S3) 600m 1st
Jack (7H3) Discus 1st
Rocco (7H3) Discus 3rd
Jay (7L3) Long Jump 2nd
Joe (7H1) Long Jump 3rd

Katie (7S1) 80m 3rd
Darcy (7H3) Shot Putt 2nd
Grace (7L2) Discus 2nd
Darch (7H3) Javelin 1st
Madeline (7S3) Javelin 3rd
Girls 4x100m Relay 2nd

YEAR 8

Charlie (8L2) 800m 2nd
Olivia (8S1) 1500m 2nd
Emma (8L2) Discus 2nd
Charlie (8L2) High Jump 1st
Marco (8S3) 100m 3rd
Joe (8S2) 200m 1st
Sam (8H1) 1500m 2nd
Sam (8H3) Shot Putt 2nd
Zach (8L1) Discus 2nd
David (8L3) Javelin 1st
Sam (8H1) Long Jump 3rd
Marco (8S3) Triple Jump 2nd
Boys 4x100m Relay 1st

YEAR 9

Shaun (9S2) 200m 3rd
Stephen (9L2) 300m 2nd
Harry (9L3) 800m 3rd
Sam (8H1) 1500m 1st

Rhys (9H1) Discus 2nd
Harry (9L3) Discus 3rd
Stephen (9L2) High Jump 1st
Prapti (9S3) 100m 3rd
Ivy (9H1) 200m 1st
Eve (9H3) 1500m (1st)
Ivy (9H1) Long Jump 1st
Boys 4x100m Relay 3rd
Girls 4x100m Relay 3rd

YEAR 10

Annie (10S2) 100m 3rd
Hannah (10S2) 200m 1st
Rosie (10H3) Hurdles 3rd
Amelia (10S2) Javelin 1st
Beth (10S3) High Jump 2nd
Rosie (10H3) Long Jump 3rd
Jacob (10S2) 100m 1st
Jacob (10S2) 200m 1st
Chris (10L1) 200m 3rd
Alfie (10H2) 400m 3rd
Jack (10L1) 800m 3rd
Ciaran (10L3) 1500m 1st
Liam (10H3) Discus 3rd
Lucas (10S3) Javelin 3rd
Jack (10L1) High Jump 1st

Girls 4x100m Relay 2nd
Boys 4x100m Relay 3rd

WARWICKSHIRE COMBINED EVENTS

Four boys from Year 10 took part in the two-day Warwickshire Combined Events at the Pingles.

They had to participate in eight activities comprising javelin, discus, shot, hurdles, 400m, 1500m, high jump and long jump.

The team finished a creditable 3rd from all the schools in Warwickshire with top individual performances from Max (10L1) 5th, Jack (10L1) 9th and Ciaran (10L3) 11th.

Unfortunately, Jacob (10S2) only completed four events on day one but still finished 13th overall.

MR WILSON
Subject Leader for PE



News from the Physical Education Department



• **TOP PLACING** — The Year 8 Boys' athletics team who finished first in this year's District Competition.



• **THIRD PLACING** — The Year 8 Girls' athletics team who finished third in this year's District Competition.



News from the Physical Education Department

Superb display in the Super 6!



• **TALENTED ATHLETES** — Above: The Year 8 boys and girls who represented Higham Lane School in the Super 6 competition. Below: The Year 8 Super 6 Boys' team who finished third in the Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire competition.

THE Year 8 Girls' and Boys' athletics teams took part in this year's Super 6 competition at the Pingles.

The competition involves six students in each team doing one track, one field and one relay event and comprises the 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump, javelin and shot putt.

Both teams produced some fantastic individual performances with many students finishing first and second in their events.

Points are awarded for each time and distance the athletes achieve. All points are then totalled up to see which team wins.

In the Girls' team event, Higham finished second, while the Boys' team finished winners and progressed through to the Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire finals at the University of Warwick.

Despite the searing heat, the boys showed their cool to finish third overall.

MR WILSON
Subject Leader for PE



County call for Stephen and Jacob!

TWO students were selected to represent Warwickshire in the English Schools Athletics Championships at the Alexandra Stadium, Birmingham, in July.

This is a fantastic achievement for both students who regularly attend athletics clubs outside school.

Stephen's event is high jump and he qualified by winning the District Competition by jumping 1.68m (see P22), winning the County

championships with a jump of 1.70m and then finishing runner-up in the Inter Counties Cup, again jumping 1.70m. He also won the District 300m race in 39.9 seconds.

Jacob's event is the 200m and he qualified by winning the District Competition (see P22) and County Championships, running 11.2 in the 100m, and 22.8 in the 200m. In the Inter County Cup he again won both events running the 200m in 22.7 seconds.

Both students are looking forward to the competition and hope to better their personal bests. We wish them both every success in their events and hope they have a very enjoyable and memorable experience.

MR WILSON
Subject Leader for PE



• Stephen and Jacob.



• **1st DANS!** Edward, Maisie and Harvey show off their Tae Kwon-Do black belts.

Belting displays in Tae Kwon-Do!

IN APRIL, Edward (7L2), Maisie (7L3) and Harvey (9S3) travelled to the Tae Kwon-Do Association of Great Britain academy, Bristol, to grade for their black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Demonstrating their expertise in the Korean martial art, all three successfully passed and are now 1st Dan Black Belts! The talented trio train with the Jackson White Tae Kwon-Do School in Bedworth.



News from the Physical Education Department

Topsy turvey season on the rounders field!



• **MIXED FORTUNES!** The Year 8 rounders squads (above) and Year 10 girls (right).



IT WAS a case of mixed fortunes for Higham Lane School's Year 8 'A' and Year 10 rounders teams, who were a whisker away from 'double' successes this year!

The Year 10 girls romped home in the Nuneaton & District tournament, but unfortunately missed out on top stop in the league after finishing in runners-up spot.

For the Year 8 'A' team it was the complete opposite, the girls topping their respective league while finishing second in the District tournament.

Such was the fantastic support from Year 8 players, Higham Lane was the only school in the district to field a 'B' team.

MRS DAVIES, PE Department



THIS summer, the Year 8 boys' and girls' tennis teams took part in their first schools tournament. Two students played singles while the other four competed in two doubles matches.

In their first game, the girls narrowly lost to Twycross House, who had some very experienced tennis players. In their second fixture, against Nicholas Chamberlaine, they won two of their

Tennis players gain valuable competitive experience on court

matches so drew 2-2 but unfortunately just lost out on points.

The boys played their first match against

Nicholas Chamberlaine and won three out of the four games. In their second game they played Twycross House, who had two excellent players. They played extremely well but lost out overall 3-1.

Overall it was a very enjoyable and valuable experience for all the players well done to you all for volunteering to play.

MR WILSON, Subject Leader for PE



News from the Physical Education Department

Superb start for Year 7s!

THE YEAR 7 football squad has enjoyed a very successful first season.

After winning the District 5-a-side tournament over the winter period, and finishing fifth in the West Midlands 5-a-side tournament, attention turned to the 9-a-side District League and Warwickshire Cup.

The boys produced some excellent football to finish league winners, beating Queen Elizabeth 5-0, Nicholas Chamberlaine 3-1, Etone 2-1, while George Eliot conceded the game.

In the Warwickshire County Cup they beat Avon Valley 8-0 in the first round, St Thomas More 5-1 in the quarter-final and Ash Green 4-0 in the semi-final. They were therefore through to the cup final, to be held at Rugby Town Juniors Football Club against Princethorpe.

The boys again played some fantastic football and were



unfortunate not to be in the lead at half-time thanks to the Princethorpe goalkeeper who was in fine form.

In the second half, Princethorpe scored a

breakaway goal and, despite some good chances being created, Higham could not find the back of the net. The game finished 1-0 to Princethorpe, but a superb

performance by all those involved. I look forward to seeing what the squad can do next when it is 11-a-side.

MR WILSON

Subject Leader for PE

Unbeaten in the league for five years!



COMMISERATIONS go to the Year 11 football squad, who unfortunately lost this year's County Cup final.

The team had progressed through the competition by beating Myton 2-0 in the first round, Stratford 2-1 in the quarter-final and Harris 2-1 in the semi-final.

In the final, held at Leamington Town Football Club, the they faced North Leamington School who they had narrowly lost to in the Year 8 and Year 10 County Cup finals.

Both teams started well, creating some good chances. Unfortunately, North Leamington scored two quick goals midway through the second half and a third just before the break.

After some words of encouragement at half-time, Higham played more as a team in the second half and were unlucky not to get back into the game with a goal.

With time running out, and Higham pushing more players forward, North Leamington hit home a fourth. It was a score line that definitely flattered the winners but a great achievement by the squad to get to another County Cup final.

The squad has won the league five years in a row, never losing a league game. Thank you to all the players for their hard work and effort.

MR WILSON, Subject Leader for PE



News from the Physical Education Department



• **THREE LIONS ON THEIR SHIRTS!**
Above, the official England Women's Euro Under-17 football squad photograph and Asmita in action against Poland (left) and Finland.



Agony for Asmita and the Young Lionesses!

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composing themselves and playing some excellent football, deservedly equalised in the 26th minute courtesy of Ebony Salmon.

However, as the finely-balanced game entered the latter stages, Spain — chasing a fifth straight European final appearance — hit the all-important goal in the 70th minute to triumph 2-1.

The other game finished Poland 0, Italy 0, leaving John Griffiths' girls in a must-win situation in their final group match against Italy while hoping that Spain could avoid defeat against Poland.

The Italians proved stiff opposition in the first half and, at the turn around, the teams were level at 0-0. As the second half got underway, England began to dominate and made the breakthrough in the 47th minute when Salmon fired home the first of an 18-minute hat-trick, while an Annabel Blanchard strike sealed an emphatic 4-0 victory with eight minutes remaining on the clock.

The result put Italy out of the competition while England marched on into the semi-finals where they faced favourites Germany, who had demolished Lithuania 8-0 in their final



• **ENGLAND STAR — Asmita.**

Group A fixture, while runners-up Finland would meet Group B winners Spain.

Unfortunately for the Lionesses, it was a

repeat performance from the rampant German team who blitzed England 8-0, Shekiera Martinez's hat-trick making it a joint record nine-goal tally for a Euro finals, with the final against Spain still to come. This left England needing a victory in the third place play-off with Finland to be in the draw for this year's World Cup, being staged in Uruguay from November 13 to December 1. With everything to play for, England took the lead in the 12th minute thanks to a Park strike, an advantage they maintained until half-time.

Sadly, the Lionesses suffered heart-break in the second half, conceding two goals from Annija Huhta (46) and Jenni Kantanen (61) to lose 2-1, and their World Cup dream was over!

The final — Germany v Spain — was the third successive year these countries had contested the European final.

Revenge was sweet this time for Spain as — having lost the 2016 and 2017 finals — they lifted the coveted crown with a 2-0 victory courtesy of two second half goals from captain, Eva Maria Navarro.

**MRS DAVIES
PE Department**

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WORLD CUP HEARTBREAK!



HIGHAM Lane's hot shot international footballer, Asmita (11L1) and her team-mates were left heart-broken after England narrowly failed to gain a lucrative place in this year's FIFA Women's World Cup!

Following success in last year's UEFA Women's Under-17 European Championship group qualifying stages as one of seven winners, the Young Lionesses progressed to the Elite round of the competition, held in March.

Drawn in Group 5, England notched up two victories



against Switzerland (4-0) and Norway (2-0), while the game against a resolute Slovenia team finished 0-0.

As in the three group matches, the Lionesses' stoic defence, with Asmita at the helm, stood firm and did not

concede — their record in the competition so far reading: played six, won five, drew one, goals for 25, goals against 0!

As a result, England joined seven other qualifiers at May's European finals. Drawn in Group B, the team were pitted against Poland, Italy and three times winners Spain; while powerhouse Germany — chasing a third successive straight title — Finland, the Netherlands and hosts, Lithuania, made up Group A.

To say a lot was at stake is an under-statement as the top three Euro finishers would gain qualification for the 2018 FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup, being held later this year.

In the first group game of the finals, England faced a strong Poland side, who took a 1-0 lead early in the second half.

Undaunted, the Lionesses showed great composure and, thanks to two quality strikes in the 58th and 68th minutes from Jessica Park and Paris McKenzie respectively, led 2-1 as the final whistle beckoned.

Undeterred, the dogged Poland team — European champions in 2013 — battled on until the end and grabbed a dramatic late equaliser in the second minute of added-on time to level the score 2-2.

England's next game was against triple Euro winners Spain, champions in 2010, 2011 and 2015.

The Lionesses soon found themselves a goal in arrears on four minutes but, after



• **SO NEAR, YET SO FAR!** Lining up prior to their Euro tie against Poland, Asmita (front row, far left) and the England Under-17 team who narrowly missed out on a place in this year's FIFA Women's World Cup.

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