

TRANSITION FROM
YEAR 11 TO SIXTH FORM

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#STAYS SAFE

IF - RUDYARD KIPLING

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too:
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same:.
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word about your loss:
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much:
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!

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Were you to write the biography of Rudyard Kipling as a graph, the first thing that would strike you would be the steep vertical zigzags. The chart would have to start on a high point: his birth in India to a loving set of parents. His childhood would continue for a short period along an upward slope in the wonderland where he was born, and then plunge dramatically at the age of six when he was sent to England for his education. His first five years in England were very challenging with the family he stayed with. His only break during that period was the holiday month of December, when he would head to London to stay with his mother's family. After that period he was transferred to a school in Devon where he shone, becoming the editor of the school paper and embarking on his path as a writer, becoming a major success.

He was struck by misfortune once more when the bank where he kept his savings collapsed, leaving him penniless. He moved to America and continued writing, publishing The Jungle Books together with much else. He again hit a low when he became embroiled in a fight with his brother-in-law, which landed both in court and in local papers, forcing his move back to England. On a trip to America in 1899 his daughter Josephine died of pneumonia at the age of seven, leaving him heartbroken. The wheel continued to turn, however, and in 1907 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for his outstanding work. An avowed proponent of British involvement in World War One, he encouraged his son John to enlist. When he failed the physical, Kipling used his connections to get him in, only to watch him die in the battle for Loos leaving him awash in guilt.

His life was one replete with trials, hardships, and sorrows, which one could never fault anyone for crumbling beneath, but time and time again he overcame. This poem, published three years after he won the Nobel Prize, encapsulates the lessons he learned and considered to be the keys to his success. Part of it is engraved on the entrance to Wimbledon to remind players of what it is that makes a man.

This is a message to all of us about the key to success and perseverance. Live the dream!

Higham Lane Sixth Form will always be there to support you.

We are looking forward to being part of your success story.

SIXTH FORM INDUCTION AND ENROLMENT

We are pleased to announce that our Year 12 Transition Page on our website has been launched. Hurray! We are adding an extra video titled 'How can Higham Lane Sixth form give you the 'Edge?'. Next week I shall add a document on our website to answer questions to common questions.

www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/yr12transition

We were provided with Government advice last Thursday regarding Enrolment. Once we are given more detail I will share the arrangements with you. We are still waiting for how the Government would like us to distribute results and how they wish for Enrolment to take place. Keep visiting our website and twitter for updates.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO NOW?

It would be really beneficial for you to invest some time on these weekly tasks to fully prepare you for sixth form.

Year 11 Vimeo channel link is <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7013773>

Year 11 student password is netsixth11

Week 1 and 2 - Cornell note-taking skills

Week 3 - having a goal that motivates you

Week 4 - independence learning & choosing your sixth form courses

Week 5 - Understanding Harder Topics

Week 6 - Organisation

Week 7 - Choosing your sixth form subjects

Week 8 - Procrastination, phones and social media

Week 9 - A level mindset

Week 10 - Time management and extra-curricular engagement- PowerPoint attached.





Big Bang DIGITAL 2020

Science, engineering & Covid-19

Meet the inspirational scientists, healthcare professionals, engineers, technicians and students doing incredible things during lockdown.

Big Bang Digital 2020 – science, engineering & Covid-19 is a free, online event on Tuesday 14 July that celebrates the amazing work of scientists and engineers in a pandemic. The 1-day event celebrates their achievements, hears about challenges, innovation and collaboration, and explores some upsides to lockdown. Aimed at students aged 11+ #BigBangDigital gives young people a front row view of the incredible contribution of people working in science and engineering.

[Click here to go to the website](#)

Announced line-up:

- The worldwide race to develop a vaccine (GSK)
- The environmental impact of staying at home (Plastic Oceans)
- Keeping the water flowing (Thames Water)
- Designing a social distancing lanyard (RS Components)
- Feeding the nation (Harper Adams)

An inspiring day of upbeat sessions, Big Bang Digital 2020 suits students with an interest in the people, or the STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) behind the news stories. Get involved with interactive polls, live Q&A sessions, and Big Bang activities – there's also a follow-up competition for summer inspiration.

NEWMAN UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT

Message from Newman University:

Thank you to everyone who has shared details of our free webinar programme with their students and wider communities. To date we have had over 1850 registrants for these sessions and look forward to speaking with many more students, their families and advisors / teachers during Summer 2020 and beyond. You will have already received details of our July sessions, but we are pleased to announce our August dates as follows :

03/08/2020 11:00-12:00 Introduction to HE

12/08/2020 11:00-12:00 Introduction to HE

FROM SEPTEMBER 2020, APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN FOR SOME OF WARWICK'S POST 16 ACCESS PROGRAMMES!

Message from Warwick University:

Thank you for your support with advertising these opportunities to your students previously. We hope your students have enjoyed their time on the programme! Before the end of the summer term, we wanted to let you know applications will be opening from early September for new year 12 students to apply.

If you know of any current year 11 students or will be working with year 12 students in the new academic year who may want to apply, we would be very grateful if you could direct them towards our [website](#) for more information and eligibility criteria. As soon as applications are open, we will update the relevant programme pages on the website.

We will be recruiting for Pathways to Law and Pathways to Banking & Finance in the Autumn term.

THE PARENTS' GUIDE TO GETTING AHEAD DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS - FREE GUIDE (FOR PARENTS OF 14-19 YEAR OLDS)

To support parents and their families over the summer holidays, we've created this [free guide](#) packed with ideas on things teens can try over the holidays that are enjoyable AND will help them get ahead. For parents of sixth formers, it includes tips on preparing for leaving school and what opportunities they might want to consider.

FREE UNIVERSITY RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

We also host independent and impartial UniTaster Tuesday weekly webinars – which will continue during the summer break. These events feature several guest universities each week, delivering general and subject specific sessions on important aspects of university guidance.

The live events are for students aged 16+ and school groups, although those under 16 can access recordings of all events too. Only UniTasterDays colleagues and university panellists are visible to participants during live events – no webcam required!

[Browse UniTaster Tuesday webinars](#)

USEFUL LINKS TO SUPPORT YOUR HEALTH & WELLBEING

NHS mindfulness - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mindfulness/>

NHS exercise - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/>

Sing with Aga-[new videos released each Friday](#).



**THIS IS OUR LAST ISSUE.
I HOPE YOU HAVE FOUND THE
HIGHAM LANE SIXTH FORM
BULLETINS USEFUL.
ANY FEEDBACK IS USEFUL.**



Please contact me on
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Hope to see you soon - stay safe.

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