



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been an amazing week at Higham Lane School and I am pleased to share some highlights with you:

Focused Learning and Outstanding Behaviour:

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated students for their remarkable commitment to focused learning. Their excellent behaviour in and out of the classrooms truly reflects the positive learning environment we strive to create.

Congratulations to our GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition and GCSE Engineering Students:

A special well done to all the students who showcased their culinary skills in the GCSE food assessments this week. Your hard work has resulted in some truly impressive and extremely tasty dishes. The Engineering students have also been very busy in the workshops preparing lamps for their practical exam too! Well done to everyone involved!

Easter Revision Success:

I am thrilled to announce that a staggering 221 Year 11 students, representing 90% of the year group, have signed up for Easter revision classes. My sincere gratitude goes out to our exceptional teachers for generously offering their time during the holidays. Loyalty Card 2.0 has kicked off, and tutors have briefed the students on how it works.

Partial Lockdown Procedure Reminder:

This week students and staff have been reminded of our partial lockdown procedure. As a school, we may need to ask students and staff to remain where they are due to an emergency situation. This is a standard health and safety procedure. It could, for example, be that a dangerous dog has come onto the school site or there is a fire or chemical leak in the local area. As a school, we need to practise this procedure just like we practise fire drills, this way, if we ever need to initiate a partial lockdown, we are all clear what we need to do and where we need to be. This ensures that everyone is safe; we thank you for your support in this matter.

Importance of Regular Attendance:

Our drive is to encourage all children to attend school every day that they are able to. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please ensure this has been communicated with school. Holiday absence is unauthorised and can have a massive impact on your children's education with missed 'pockets' of learning. You may have also heard that the government has made the decision to increase the fines that are issued to parents and carers for non-attendance to school. Can we please encourage you to book holidays in the 13 weeks holiday when school is not open.

Brookdale Gate Library Access:

A quick update - Brookdale Gate will now open from 8.10am for students who wish to use the library facilities.

Exciting Workshop Next Tuesday:

Looking ahead, next Tuesday, a large number of our Drama students will have the unique opportunity to participate in a workshop by the professional theatre company Dauntless Evolution. The workshop will focus on devising theatre through movement, promising to be an extraordinary learning experience.

Wishing You a Wonderful Weekend:

As we approach the weekend, I hope you and your families enjoy a well-deserved break. Thank you for your continued support in making Higham Lane School a thriving and positive community.

Warmest wishes



Michael Gannon
Headteacher



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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 6th March - Year 11 Sixth Form Event

Thursday 7th March - Year 9 Personal Development Day 1

**Wednesday 13th March - All Year 8 HPV Vaccinations /
Year 12 Rugby School Trip**

**Thursday 21st March - Year 11 Student Progress Evening 2 -
online**

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