



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought I would start off our newsletter with a short festive joke! Why did the snowman call his dog Frost? Because Frost-bites! I apologise for the quality of my joke.

We hope this festive season brings joy and warmth to your homes. As we countdown to Christmas, here are some updates and reminders:

Christmas Spirit in Full Swing:

Today marked our non-uniform day, and the halls were filled with a spectacular array of Christmas jumpers, showcasing the creativity and festive spirit of both students and staff.

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Fayre (Monday, 18th December):

Students in Y7 and Y8 can join us for a delightful festive gathering filled with fun activities, crafts, and treats. Your support contributes to the vibrancy of our school community.

Maths Olympics (Wednesday, 20th December):

Get ready for a day of mathematical challenges and excitement. We encourage all students to participate and engage in this intellectually stimulating event.

Year 13 Trial Exams (Start 9th January):

A reminder for Year 13 parents and carers that the trial exams commence on 9th January.

Children's Commissioner's Survey:

Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, has initiated 'The Big Ambition' survey. We encourage children and parents to share their thoughts and perspectives. You can participate at www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

In Memoriam - Mr. Humphries:

It is with deep sadness that we inform you that a former member of staff, Mr Humphries, sadly passed away recently. Mr Humphries served at Higham Lane for a number of years until his retirement in 2005. He was a History, Business and Assistant Headteacher at HLS. Mr Humphries was instrumental in the School achieving Business and Enterprise status and the building of rooms BE1 and LA6. He was a lovely, kind and gentle man who will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

CEAT Newsletter:

Stay updated with news from the Central England Academy Trust. You can find the latest newsletter on the CEAT website or by clicking the link below:

[News - Central England Academy Trust](#)

Christmas Break:

As a reminder, school will break up for Christmas on Friday, 22nd December at 12:30 pm.

It has been a fantastic week and I have seen so many amazing students in my office for a Headteacher's pen, a certificate and a tasty treat! This has included our new Year 7 House Captains, Faaris, Annie and Colin, Tom who has recently played the part of Miss Trunchbull in Bromage Theatre Company's production of Matilda the Musical, Sophie who has achieved Grade 5 in the flute, Ammerah and Nadiyah who recently played in an international squash tournament and come home with medals, Eve, Andy and Aysa who won the Remembrance inspired decorated focaccia competition, 29 students who made it through to the next round of the global computing BEBRAS challenge and 11 students who performed at the Albany Theatre in a Dance show. Wow! We are so lucky to have so many AMAZING students!

Wishing you all a weekend filled with festive cheer and joy.

Warm regards,



Michael Gannon
Headteacher 🎄



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ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN OUR THREE LOCAL HOUSE CHARITIES: GEORGIE'S GIFT, NUNEATON FOOD BANK AND THE NUNEATON WILDLIFE SANCTUARY.

£1 ENTRY

OPEN TO ALL Y7 AND Y8 STUDENTS.
SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE CENTRE

YEAR 7 AND 8 CHRISTMAS FAYRE
MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER - 3.15PM-4PM



Dates for your diary

Monday 18th December - Year 7 to 8 Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Concert

Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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Speakers for Schools is a social mobility charity, founded by ITV political editor Robert Peston and supported by the Law Family Charitable Foundation, that helps young people from UK state schools and colleges access vital opportunities to fuel their career ambitions, expand their networks and feel better prepared for the world of work.

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