



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been yet another fantastic week here at Higham Lane, filled with achievements, exciting opportunities, and valuable experiences for our students. As always, we appreciate your ongoing support in making Higham Lane a thriving educational community.

**1. Gratitude for Excellence:** I want to express my sincere appreciation to our wonderful students and dedicated staff for contributing to another outstanding week at Higham Lane. The exemplary behavior displayed by our students has not gone unnoticed, and we are proud of the positive atmosphere they create within the school.

**2. Oxford University Computing Challenge:** Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Oxford University Computing Challenge. This is an amazing opportunity, and we wish each participant the very best of luck in the competition. Your dedication to academic excellence is truly commendable.

**3. Bodleian Library Trip:** A special thank you to the staff and students who attended the Bodleian Library trip at Oxford University on Wednesday. Such experiences broaden our students' horizons and contribute to their overall growth and development. It was an amazing experience for all involved and the conduct of the students was exemplary.

**4. School Improvement Partner Visit:** We were honoured to welcome Mr. Warner, our School Improvement Partner, on Wednesday. Mr. Warner, a lead Ofsted inspector and executive headteacher, provided valuable external advice and guidance. His focus on supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds aligns with our commitment to ensuring the best outcomes for every student. We appreciate his time and expertise. He also conducted a learning walk and popped into a large number of lessons and was extremely impressed with the quality of teaching and learning and the attitude and behaviour of our wonderful students.

**5. Loudmouth Theatre Company:** On Thursday, the Loudmouth Theatre Company delivered a powerful performance titled "Talking Heads," addressing important issues affecting young people today. The accompanying workshops aimed to prepare our students for the challenges they may face both in school and in the future. Again, this was very well received by students and staff alike, and the conduct and attitude of the students toward this opportunity was fantastic.

**6. Parental Conduct Reminder:** A gentle reminder that we expect all parents to treat our staff with respect. Unfortunately, we have had to address inappropriate conduct from some parents this week. Verbal aggression towards our staff will not be tolerated, and we may limit communication with parents or caregivers to ensure the safety and well-being of our staff. Unfortunately, I have felt the need this week to write to two different parents to address their poor conduct when conversing with our staff. We will not accept verbal abuse towards our staff. We thank you for your support in this matter.

**7. Year 9 Health Questionnaire:** On Monday, Year 9 students will complete a health questionnaire delivered by our school nurses. This is an annual national questionnaire designed to ensure the well-being of our students.

**8. Year 12 Careers Interviews:** We wish all Year 12 students success in their upcoming careers interviews. These interviews play a crucial role in shaping their future career choices, and we hope they find the guidance beneficial.

**9. Year 11 Trial Exams:** Good luck to all Year 11 students who will be starting their trial exams on Monday. These exams are an important step in their academic journey, and we are confident they will approach them with the same dedication and resilience they have consistently shown. As parents and carers, please do support your child to continue to revise for their exams and ensure that your child has an appropriate space at home where they can work independently, and they are away from devices that can distract such as mobile phones, tablets and TVs.

**10. Visit from Carol Davies, Chair of the Trust Board:** We are excited to welcome Carol Davies, the new Chair of the Trust Board for the Multi Academy Trust - Central Academy Trust. She will be visiting our school on Wednesday to meet with me and conduct a learning walk of the school site. This presents an excellent opportunity for her to witness the dynamic learning environment at Higham Lane and see the top quality teaching learning that takes place every single day and the wonderful behaviour and attitudes of our amazing students. We would also like to wish Hilary Ward, the previous chair of Trust Board, all the very best in the future and thank her for her years of service. Please stay in touch, Hilary!

**11. We are delighted to announce that Miss Charles has been appointed to the permanent role of Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Robinson has been appointed to the permanent role of Deputy Headteacher.** Both Miss Charles and Mrs Robinson have already been undertaking their respective roles in an acting capacity for some time now, have been doing a fantastic job and have been instrumental in the development of the school. We are thrilled to be able to secure Miss Charles and Mrs Robinson in these permanent roles.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another week of achievements and growth.

Warm regards,



Michael Gannon  
Headteacher



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## Work Experience Deadline

A reminder that the deadline for completing your work experience placement form is fast approaching! Deadline - **Wednesday 31st January** .

There are still placement opportunities at both Weddington Primary School and Race Leys Junior School, please come and see myself or Mrs Mitchell regarding these.

Thank you  
Mrs Green

## Homework Club

The Support For Learning room (S4L2) is now available to use at lunchtimes as a homework club for students - students may still eat their lunch (cold food only) in here as long as they are also completing any homework that they may have.

Lunchtime Homework Club in S4L2 will run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Years 7,8 and 9 only, and on Thursdays and Fridays for Years 10 and 11 only.



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## Dates for your diary

**Monday 22nd January - Year 12 Careers Interviews begin  
Year 11 Trial Exams Start**

**Tuesday 6th February - Year 8 Job Taster Day**

**Thursday 8th February - Year 8 Student Progress Evening - online**

**Friday 9th February - Last day of school**

**Monday 12th February - HALF TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS**

**Friday 16th February - HALF TERM HOLIDAY ENDS**

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