



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been a very busy week here at Higham Lane, and I am pleased to share some highlights with you.

European Day of Languages:

On Tuesday, we celebrated European Day of Languages. Our students participated in a fantastic languages quiz where they had to decipher the languages our staff were speaking and understand what they were saying. I would like to extend my gratitude to our dedicated tutors and staff who made this event possible. Special thanks go to our Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) department for organising various activities throughout the week that the students have really enjoyed. Merci!

Sports Triumphs:

This week witnessed some amazing achievements in sports at Higham Lane. On Monday, our Year 8 Football team competed in the Football National Cup and emerged victorious. Congratulations to all the students involved! The standard of the game was certainly a lot better than the standard of the staff Football match last Friday!

Parents Information Evenings:

I would like to thank the parents who reached out to express their appreciation for our Parents Information Evenings. We hope you found these events valuable in fostering collaboration between home and school to support your child's academic journey. It is vital that home and school work together to support your child. We thank you as always for your support.

Spooky Biscuit Decorating Competition:

Best of luck to all Year 7, 8 and 9 students, as well as our staff, who are taking part in the Spooky Biscuit Decorating Competition! We can't wait to see your creative designs!

Uniform Reminder:

Our students consistently maintain a high standard of uniform, thanks to your support. Please remember that trousers must be loose fitting, and blazers should be brought to school and worn every day. Facial piercings, including nose studs and rings, are strictly prohibited. Students are allowed to wear a single earring in each ear only.

Polite reminder:

A polite reminder that we expect all parents, carers, and visitors to be courteous and respectful when interacting with our staff. We will not tolerate any form of verbal abuse. Our staff have been instructed to terminate calls if callers become abusive, and meetings will be terminated if any abusive behaviour occurs. We value our partnership with parents and carers but also have a legal duty to protect our staff. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Travelling Safely to School:

We actively encourage students to walk or cycle to school. If your child comes to school by bicycle, please ensure they wear a helmet for their safety. Students on bicycles can only enter and exit the school site via Brookdale Road entrance. If you choose to pick up your child by car, please refrain from parking on the school site and attempting to exit at the same time as students are leaving, as this can pose a serious safety risk. We all also ask all visitors to park courteously. Again, we thank you for your support in this matter.

As the week comes to a close, I wish you and your families a wonderful weekend. Thank you for your ongoing support, which plays a crucial role in our school's success.

Mr Gannon
Headteacher

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News from the
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FOOTBALL @ HLSF
Year 8 Football National Cup Winners



NETBALL @ HLS
Year 11 netball team: CHAMPIONS!
Congratulations to our Year 11 Netball
team who won the Nuneaton and
District tournament on Tuesday!



We would like to say a huge well done to the students who were called to the Headteacher's office today; the students who attended were the students in school who have achieved the highest numbers of House Points so far this year. The student with the highest number is a Key Stage 3 student with 81 House Points already! Wow. All of the students who attended, received a Headteacher's pen, certificate and a treat. The fruit-tellas were very popular!

Dates for your diary

Thursday 5th October - Year 7 'Meet the tutor'
Thursday 26th October - Sixth Form Open Evening
Friday 27th October - INSET Day
Monday 30th October - Sunday 5th October - Half Term
Monday 6th November - Student return to school

Click for Term Dates



Able & Ambitious

All Years:

- **Welcome back to the Able & Ambitious section. For those who of you who've read this before, a reminder, and for parents/carers of Year 7 students, a quick explanation: every 2 or 3 weeks, I'll be letting you know about all the competitions, schemes and opportunities available to ALL students in a year group, whether they are particularly Able at something, or Ambitious to do well and get involved. All details will be on the Able & Ambitious Google Classroom pages and if the students have any questions, they can message me through the assignment. All of these opportunities are voluntary - students only take part if they choose to.**

Years 7, 8 & 9:

- Halloween Cake Decorating Competition: prizes to be won for artistic bakers. Students can bring in their own cakes on October 26th and decorate them in DT6 with a Halloween theme. Miss Mackey and Miss Rowlands will be judging the winners.

Years 8-13:

- Young Poet Laureate Competition: an amazing opportunity for poets to represent the county at a multitude of events, showcase their poetic talents, have their work published and be mentored by a professional poet. Each entrant will need to enter 3 of their own poems to be in with the chance of being crowned Warwickshire's Young Poet Laureate.

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12:

- The Memorable Moments Passport is going to be re-branded as the Aspire Programme and will be launched to students in October. For those not familiar with this, it is the chance for students to complete 5 tasks (voluntary, charity, extra-curricular, Aspire Talks from an outside speaker, on-line course) over the course of the school year and is a fantastically enriching experience. More details to follow after the launch in assemblies, week beginning 16th October.

Year 12:

- Careers in Law, Engineering or Banking & Finance: the Warwick University Pathways Scheme is open now in which students interested in any of these careers get the chance to experience life at university as well as get tailored help to set them off on their chosen career.