



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this message finds you well. It has been an incredible week at Higham Lane School, and I am thrilled to share some outstanding achievements and exciting updates with you.

## **A Level Success:**

I am delighted to announce that the recently validated A Level data from the summer of 2023 showcases Higham Lane Sixth Form as the highest-performing establishment in North Warwickshire for A Level Results. Our Year 13 students achieved an impressive average grade of a B- with an average point score of 36.51, and 36.75 for their best 3 A Levels. This remarkable accomplishment is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our wonderful students. Notably, the average point score of 36.75 surpasses that of several prestigious schools, including some fee-paying independent schools. Furthermore, 18.5% of our students achieved AAB or higher, with at least 2 facilitating subjects. Congratulations to the Sixth Form Team, our dedicated staff, and our incredible students who have secured places at some of the top universities.

## **Outstanding GCSE Results:**

In addition, the validated GCSE data released this week affirms that Higham Lane is the highest-performing non-selective school in Warwickshire for Grade 5 or above in English and Maths! Our Progress 8 score of +0.57 ranks us as the fourth highest-performing non-selective school. This impressive figure means that, on average, our students gained over half a grade higher in every subject compared to their targeted scores based on Key Stage 2 SATs. This achievement is truly remarkable, and we are immensely proud of our students and staff for their hard work and dedication.

## **Inspiring Visit from Author Katie Bishop:**

This week, we had the pleasure of hosting a real author as part of our Aspire programme. Approximately 100 students attended a captivating presentation by Katie Bishop, a Higham Lane alumna.

Katie shared her inspiring journey of overcoming rejection in her career to become a successful published author.

Her book, "The Girls of Summer," has received numerous awards, and we are proud to have played a part in her literary journey.

The students were engaged, attentive, and asked insightful questions, making the event a tremendous success.

Thank you to Mr Bottrill for organising this wonderful event as part of the Aspire programme here at HLS.



### Upcoming Safer Internet Workshop:

A friendly reminder that we will be hosting a Safer Internet Workshop for parents and carers on Wednesday, 7th February, from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm in the Sixth Form Centre. Led by representatives from Safe Line, a specialist sexual abuse and violence charity, the workshop will focus on the prevalence of online abuse, exploring different apps, privacy settings, and available support. If you are interested in attending, please sign up using the Google form provided below by Monday, 5th February.

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Quick reminder that Thursday next week is Year 8 SPE and next week is the last week before half-term.

As we approach the last week before half-term, I want to wish everyone a lovely weekend and express my gratitude for the continued support from our Higham Lane School community.

Warm regards,



Michael Gannon  
Headteacher



**32,871**



**33,793**



**32,249**

# Able & Ambitious

## Years 7-13:

- Higham Lane's Mini Marathon 2.0: After the success of last year's mini marathon, we are again holding an event in which students can choose to run 1-5 miles in an hour to raise money for Young Lives v Cancer. This charity has been chosen as it has shown incredible support to both Maddy and Rosie (a former HLS student), both of whom have recently received support whilst having treatment for cancer. Students can also choose to run a stall as we are trying to create a festival vibe with food sales, games and music being part of the event. It is open to all HLS students and families so come along, have some fun and raise some funds for an amazing cause.
- Free DJing and Music Production Courses for any student of secondary school age: This is on a first come, first served basis and there are only 15 places available. It will take place at Aspire in Arts which is on Abbey Street, Nuneaton.
- Girls' & Women's Cricket: there is the opportunity for females aged 12 and upwards to join the Alderman Smith Old Balls CC and have a lot of fun playing cricket. They train at Parks Primary School on Leicester Road, Hinckley on a Wednesday night at 6.30pm.

## Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12: Aspire Programme:

- We had another highly successful Aspire Talk by an ex-Higham Lane student, and award winning author, Katie Bishop. She spoke brilliantly about her career and the resilience required to take numerous rejections before she finally had her book published ('Girls of Summer').
- There will be another Aspire Talk on the first Thursday back after half term (15th February) by Sam Johnson who has had a fascinating career working as a GP for the NHS. All Aspire students must attend, but it is also open to anyone who would like to attend.

## Years 9-12:

- Residential Trip to Manchester City: this is a trip that focuses on those with an interest in business, studying sports management or business at university, a future career in the sport industry, developing an entrepreneurial business or those wanting to develop their leadership skills. To be clear, THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL-RUN TRIP; THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND SIGN UP VIA THE LINK ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM AND MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## YEAR 8

Year 8 Student Progress Evening – Thursday 8th February. 2.45pm – 8pm. These will be online video appointments. Please see details on how to book appointments in letter emailed home on Wednesday 24th January. Booking opens: Wednesday 31st January 6pm.

## ALL YEARS

School will close at 2.15pm on Thursday 8th February.

## Dates for your diary

**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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