



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024

It is with profound sadness that we inform you of the tragic incident involving a former Higham Lane School student, Tom Ellis. Tom's untimely passing has deeply affected our school community, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this terrible time.

Tom was a wonderful student who staff remember with very fond memories. As well as working hard in lessons, he was a popular student, and staff remember in particular his warm smile and sense of humour that could light up any classroom.

If you or your child need support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we have now reached the end of the examination period, I am thrilled to share some updates and celebrate the achievements of our incredible students and staff.

Firstly, I want to extend a heartfelt congratulations to all our GCSE and A Level students. The exam period has now ended, and we are immensely proud of the hard work and dedication each student has shown. We wish them the very best of luck as they await their results. I would also like to express my gratitude to our fantastic staff, who have gone above and beyond, offering numerous revision sessions often in their own time to support our students. Their commitment and dedication are truly commendable.

Last night, we celebrated the Year 13 prom at Weston Hall. It was a spectacular event, filled with joy and reflection on their journey at Higham Lane School. Tonight, we look forward to the Year 11 prom at Coombe Abbey Hotel, which promises to be another memorable celebration of our students' hard work and achievements.

In sports news, we have completed all the Nuneaton and district athletics competitions with some outstanding individual and team results. Here are the highlights:

Year 7 boys: 2nd place	Year 9 girls: 3rd place
Year 7 girls: 1st place	Year 10/11 boys: 1st place
Year 8 girls: 1st place	Year 10/11 girls: 2nd place
Year 9 boys: 3rd place	

Overall: 2nd place

Congratulations to all our athletes for their dedication and hard work!

We are also incredibly proud of our Year 12 students who participated in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad. Special congratulations to Zayd, Milo, Emma, Angel, Gurleen, and Holly, who achieved Silver or Bronze awards, placing them in the top 10% and 15% in the country. This is a remarkable achievement!

We would also like to say well done to all the Year 7 and Year 8 students who participated in the cross-curricular Art and English competition. The entries were outstanding, and we were amazed by the creativity and effort shown. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who entered and gave their best effort.

As a school we hosted the Secondary Mastery Showcase for Origin Maths Hub yesterday, led by Miss Charnell. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to share best practice in Maths with colleagues from local schools in Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull. The students in 101/Ma1 were exemplary in engaging in their learning in front of a room full of around 40 Maths teachers and we congratulate them on the way they represented the school to our visitors.

I have had lots of students to my office this week for a Headteacher's Award, 5 House Points which can be spent in our Rewards Shop, a tasty treat and the best of all, a Headteacher's pen! What else could a student want?! On a serious note, I have seen some outstanding students this week including a student Ollie who cycled 300k to raise money for charity, 3 students who produced amazing work in a competition and another student in Y10 who was such a superstar in his work experience placement that they have offered him a job!

As the weather has been quite warm this week, students have not been required to wear blazers to ensure their comfort. However, please note that ties still need to be worn and shirts tucked in. Students are not allowed to replace the school blazer with a school jumper, as blazers are compulsory and jumpers are optional. We appreciate your support in maintaining our uniform standards. We were contacted by two parents regarding the requirement for students to carry their blazers in their bags. Given the unpredictability of the UK weather, students may need their blazers if the temperature drops. For instance, on Thursday morning it was 15°C in line-up on the playground, and today it was 13°C; many students chose to wear their blazers as it was chilly in the wind on the exposed playground. Hence, students are asked to carry their blazers to be prepared for any changes in weather as we do not want students to be cold and have nothing to wear to keep warm if needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,



Mr Gannon
Headteacher



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Polite reminder:

Please check that you have paid for your child's upcoming Rewards Trip (Drayton Manor, Alton Towers, or Twycross Zoo).

Please ensure that you have made payment by Monday 1st July 2024.



SAFELINE'S PARENT WORKSHOP

HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE!

Join us on Zoom Meeting ID: 765 294 7590

Online Safety
Tuesday 9th of July 2024
5-6pm

Please confirm attendance via email at:
ramandeepd@safeline.org.uk



Summer Sailing Activities

Full details & booking online:
<https://bit.ly/DWSCSummerCourse>



Kit provided
(wetsuit, buoyancy aid & helmet)

Small groups with qualified instructors

Safety & rescue staff

Ages 8 - 16

Suitable for beginners

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 26 June Year 12 Work Experience (3-days)

Monday 1 July Year 12 Experience Day, French Theatre performance & Year 9 and 12 Tate Gallery - Trip - All Day

Tuesday 2 July Year 12 A-level Geography trip - Burnham Deepdale, Norfolk

Tuesday - Thursday 2-4 July School Production

Wednesday 17 July Wake-a-thon & Rewards Trip

Thursday - Friday 18-19 July Cultural Capital Day

Monday 22 July SUMMER HOLIDAY BEGINS

KEY ROLES IN RAIL

Every day, millions of us rely on a train to go about our business. Our railways connect communities, take people to work and keep the country running.

Thousands of skilled professionals make those journeys possible: coordinating, advocating, building, problem-solving and innovating. This means that there are career opportunities in rail no matter what your interests or skill level.

WHY WORK IN RAIL?

- High demand – millions in investment means rail needs thousands more professionals over the coming years.
- Rail is a diverse and inclusive industry aiming to have a workforce that represents the passengers it serves.
- A wide range of roles to choose from.
- Higher-than-average pay and great job security.
- Help build a sustainable future – rail will have an important role in reaching net-zero.
- Work in an industry that plays a central role in supporting the UK economy and connecting communities.
- Be part of an exciting and innovative industry.
- Travel the country as part of your work.
- Great graduate and apprenticeship opportunities.



KEY ROLES IN RAIL

BUILDING THE RAILWAY OF THE FUTURE

The government has committed huge amounts of money to improve railway infrastructure – this brings lots of opportunities for exciting careers. Whether it is operating machinery, helping to build bridges, installing overhead lines or maintaining track, there are lots of roles in civil engineering, maintenance engineering and digital technologies. And big projects need to be well managed, so there are opportunities in project management, digital support and data analysis.

BUILDING A GREENER, MORE SUSTAINABLE AND EFFICIENT RAILWAY WITH THE ROLLOUT OF ELECTRICAL AND DIGITAL SIGNALLING.

Electrifying the railways takes an already green sector and makes it greener by moving away from diesel trains and getting freight off roads. As rail electrification increases, there are opportunities to work on the electrical infrastructure and on building and converting trains to different power systems.

Signallers keep track of a huge number of trains moving across the network, decide whether their section of track is safe and pass this information to drivers using specialist equipment. Digital signalling helps build a safer and more efficient railway, making it more reliable for passengers and encouraging them to make the greener choice of travelling by rail. To enable digital signalling, we need more data analysts, digital scientists and network engineers.

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PROTECTING OUR RAILWAYS

The railway and related infrastructure is vulnerable to cyber-attacks. Digital skills are in demand – cyber security, data analysis and software development are all much-needed.

WORKING WITH OUR PASSENGERS

We have a range of apprenticeships designed for people who want to work with rail passengers on trains, in stations or online in customer support. This is also a great way to get your foot on the ladder to becoming a train driver.

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