



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope our students had a wonderful half-term break. Personally, I was lucky enough to go on my first ever a cruise where I had the pleasure of witnessing a professional-standard show in the grand theatre on the ship. It was incredible to see Phoebe in Year 9 and Tom in the Sixth Form performing in that dance show! Their talent and dedication were truly inspiring.



Sports and Activities

Some of our Year 7 students had an extraordinary experience at the 'Barcelona Football Festival' in Salou, Spain. Representing their local football club, and their country, they competed admirably in a tournament featuring 19 academy teams from across Europe. Our students played 4 group games followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals, and a final, finishing 8th overall. The 6-day trip also provided a fantastic opportunity for the students to immerse themselves in Spanish language and culture, and even practice their French with the French teams during the festival. Well done to Alfie, Mason, George, Finley, Jamie, Heath, and Harry!

A special mention goes to 10 incredible students from Higham Lane Sixth Form who participated in a sky dive on Sunday, 19th May 2024, raising an impressive £3,833 for the NSPCC. Their bravery and dedication to this cause are commendable, and it is heartening to see our students actively contributing to charitable endeavours.

Academic Achievements

Congratulations to Jacson in Year 8, who qualified for all regional events at the East Midlands Regional Championships at the end of April and start of May. Competing in 12 events, Jacson achieved numerous personal best times and won 5 gold medals, 3 silver medals, and 2 bronze medals. He has now qualified for 7 events at the English Summer Meet (English Nationals) this summer. Jacson's hard work and determination are truly inspiring, and we look forward to seeing his continued success.

Our Year 8 Boys football team also deserves recognition for reaching the final and putting up a great fight, holding the other team to a draw and into extra time. Although they were narrowly beaten in extra time, their performance was outstanding. Their teamwork and sportsmanship were exemplary, and we are proud of their efforts.

School Highlights

This has indeed been an incredible week! Behaviour across the school has been excellent. Our Year 11 students are doing brilliantly in their GCSE exams, demonstrating great focus and determination. Similarly, our Year 13 students are excelling in their A Level exams. Their commitment to their studies during this crucial period is commendable, and we are confident they will achieve excellent results.

Thank you to Mrs. Mitchell and her team for organizing a wonderful Year 10 Personal Development day on Thursday. The event was a great success, with students engaging enthusiastically in a range of activities designed to enhance their personal growth. The feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive, and their behaviour was commendable throughout the day.

Important Notices

Please find attached a letter regarding the HAF delivery period, which will run from Monday, 22nd July to Friday, 30th August 2024. This initiative provides valuable support and activities for our students during the summer break, and we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities available.

We experienced a fire alarm on Monday that was accidentally set off. We have identified the cause and taken steps to prevent this from happening again. Safety is our top priority, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Year 9 and a few Year 10 vaccinations took place on Thursday, 6th June, and Friday, 7th June. Thank you to the NHS team and our students for their impeccable behaviour during this process. Ensuring the health and well-being of our students is paramount, and it is reassuring to see such a positive response to these important health measures.

Reminders

As we move into the warmer months, please remember to bring your water bottles and allergy/hay fever medications if needed. Staying hydrated and managing allergies effectively are essential for maintaining good health and well-being.

We wish George Smith, our CEO, the very best in his retirement and thank him for his years of service. His leadership has been instrumental in the success of our school, and he will be greatly missed. We are excited to announce our new CEO, Andrew Dickinson, who will be starting in September. These are exciting times for Higham Lane School, with new collaboration opportunities arising with another mainstream secondary school in the MAT opening up the road, providing access to their site and facilities for our students. We look forward to new opportunities that will come with this development.

Closing Remarks

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school community. It is through our collective efforts that we can provide the best possible education and opportunities for our students.

Have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing our students continue to thrive and succeed.



Michael Gannon
Headteacher



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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 19 June Year 7 Personal Development Day, Summer Concert and Year 9 Student Progress Evening

Friday 21 June Year 9 Prison Me, No Way

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

4 June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. It is with both a heavy heart and a sense of joy that I write to you today to announce my retirement as CEO/Principal of Central England Academy Trust from 31 August 2024.

I have had the immense privilege of serving this wonderful community for the past eight years. Starting off as Headteacher and then taking on the role of CEO/Principal, these years have been the most fulfilling and rewarding of my career. It has truly been an honour to lead and develop the Trust, working alongside such supportive parents and carers; dedicated governors and trustees and of course wonderful pupils.

Together, we all have navigated challenges and celebrated countless successes. From raising standards in the classroom to witnessing the remarkable achievements of our pupils every moment has been a testament to the strength and spirit of our community. I have simply loved my role and am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together.

As I reach a milestone age, the time has come for me to step aside and pass the baton to new leadership. I am pleased to inform you that my successor has been appointed and will be taking over the reins. I have every confidence that the new CEO/Principal will continue to lead Central England Academy Trust with vision, dedication and a commitment to excellence.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and collaboration over the years. It is because of your involvement and commitment that our Trust has thrived and will continue to flourish.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your children's educational journey. It has been a true honour and I will cherish the memories and experiences from my time here.

With warmest regards



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Summer HAF 2024

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Department for Education (DfE) funds the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme across the United Kingdom. At its core, HAF provides young people the opportunity to access enriching activities alongside healthy meals over the **main school holidays in Winter, Spring and Summer.**

Please note that this programme is entirely separate from the Local Welfare Scheme's household support funding (i.e. supermarket HUGGG vouchers).

Each eligible young person (in full-time education from Reception to Year 11 who receives benefits-related free school meals) with a HAF code can access a maximum of **16 sessions** over the Summer holidays. Families have the flexibility to book with multiple activity providers if desired. All providers can request additional funding for 1-to-1 support if this is required, however this will depend on their staff availability and qualifications. We do have a number of SEND-specific activities which may be a more suitable option.



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Eligible families need to request a HAF Code via a brief online form. This can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf or you can scan the QR code below. HAF codes are valid for the academic year, so if you've had a HAF code starting with a 'W' before, the same code can be used. If you need codes to be re-sent, just send us an email via hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk

For families not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, we can release a limited number of HAF codes for each delivery period. A separate referral form will need to be completed on behalf of your family, if you're facing a significant financial barrier and one (or more) of the following criteria apply:

- Have an allocated family support worker or social worker
- On an open early help plan
- Your child(ren) acts as a young carer

The referral form is available upon request from a professional/allocated worker on hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk

Summer activity listings will be available online from Wednesday 19th June 2024. You will receive an email close to this date with links to listings if you have a HAF code. Contact providers directly to discuss booking.

Scan the QR code below to visit the HAF website.

Thank you for your continued engagement with the Warwickshire HAF programme. Please contact us directly if you have any queries related to the HAF scheme.



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