



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week at Higham Lane School, filled with achievements and exciting events! Here are some highlights:

## **Congratulations to Ameerah!**

We are incredibly proud of Ameerah, who participated in the German Junior Squash Open 2025 during the half-term holiday and won the GU15s event! Additionally, Ameerah has been awarded the Junior Sports Personality 2024. These are remarkable achievements, and we commend her dedication and hard work. Wow!

## **Year 9 Sports Leaders**

A big well done to our Year 9 sports leaders who assisted at the primary school indoor athletics finals held in our sports hall this week. They were credit to the school and to you as their parents and carers and their support and enthusiasm were invaluable, and they represented Higham Lane School with pride!

## **Year 8 Netball Team**

Our Year 8 netball team has had an outstanding season. They came 2nd in the county for the second year in a row, winning all four of their games before narrowly missing out in the final. Following their impressive performance at the County tournament last week, where they came 2nd to Kings High, they also won the Nuneaton tournament on Tuesday, conceding only one goal in six games. The B team placed 3rd overall after losing to our A team in the semi-final. Well done to everyone involved!



## **Year 9 Netball Team**

The Year 9 A netball team won the Nuneaton tournament, playing four games without conceding a single goal and scoring over 50 goals themselves. The Year 9 B team came 3rd overall, only losing matches to Twycross and HLS A. Fantastic work, teams! Their dedication and teamwork are truly commendable.

## **Year 12 Geographers**

Our Year 12 Geographers have been out of school for most of this week, gaining the knowledge and skills needed to complete their NEA in June. Their human fieldwork has been based on the rural idyll in Burnham Market. This hands-on experience is invaluable, and we look forward to seeing their projects come to fruition.



## Student Leadership Applications

Please remind all Year 7 and 8 students that Student Leadership applications are now live. Pupils should use their year group Google Classroom page to apply. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills and contribute to the school community. Applications for Year 9 and 10 students will go live next week, including JLT and Head Student applications for Year 10. Look out for the application forms on Google Classroom and encourage your child to consider the roles on offer.

## GCSE Taster Lessons

GCSE taster lessons took place this week. We hope the students found them insightful and that they will help them make the right GCSE options choices. These sessions are designed to give students a taste of what to expect in their chosen subjects and to help them make informed decisions about their future studies.

## GCSE Revision Sessions

Thank you to all Year 11 students attending the GCSE revision sessions. We had over 150 students attend revision classes on Monday alone. A staggering 130 students turned up for Religion and Worldviews! These are record breaking figures for Higham Lane School. A big thank you to our amazing teachers for offering these sessions in their own time and a massive well done to Year 11 for being so motivated.

## When can I revise....?

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| <b>Art</b> <br>Tuesday Lunch<br>Wednesday Lunch                            | <b>Biology</b> <br>Thursday (A)  | <b>Chemistry</b> <br>Monday (A)<br>Thursday Lunch (B)<br>Friday | <b>Comp Science</b> <br>Tuesday                       | <b>Drama</b> <br>Monday Coursework<br>Rehearsals<br>Wednesday and Thursday | <b>English</b> <br>Monday lunch<br>Tuesday<br>Thursday |
| <b>Engineering</b> <br>Tuesday<br>Thursday                                | <b>French</b> <br>Monday Lunch(A)<br>Tuesday Lunch (B)<br>Also see Google Classroom for other days. | <b>Food</b> <br>Monday Lunch(A)                                | <b>Geography</b> <br>Tuesday<br>Wednesday<br>Thursday | <b>History</b> <br>Tuesday Lunch<br>Wednesday                             | <b>Maths</b> <br>Monday<br>Tuesday                    |
| <b>Music</b> <br>Monday<br>Tuesday<br>Thursday Lunch<br>Thursday A/School | <b>PE</b> <br>Tuesday Lunch   | <b>Physics</b> <br>Thursday<br>Friday Lunch (A)                | <b>Photography</b> <br>Monday<br>Friday                | <b>Religion</b> <br>Monday<br>Friday                                      | <b>Sociology</b> <br>Wednesday                        |

## World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday with a variety of activities and fantastic decorated doors. Thank you to all the students and staff who took part. Literacy is crucial for success at school, and we encourage you to support your child in reading for pleasure. Reading is a key life skill, and we urge you to do everything you can to encourage your child to read regularly.

## Read For Good Events

We raised an incredible £205 for charity from the bake sale on Tuesday and the Read-a-thon! Thank you to our students for their efforts in baking and reading.

Your generosity and enthusiasm are truly inspiring.



## Decorate a Door

Our corridors look brighter than ever thanks to the "Decorate a Door" event. Thank you to Miss Forton and the Year 7 & 8 form tutors for organising this. The students should be really proud of their efforts, and we look forward to announcing the winner soon.

## Uniform Reminder

Please support the school by ensuring the uniform is correct. Please ensure that skirts are not rolled up, trousers are not too tight and are full length, and no long socks with skirts or tights are worn. Facial piercings are strictly prohibited, except for stud earrings in either ear. Adhering to the uniform policy helps maintain a sense of discipline and unity within the school. Thank you for your support.

## Food waste bins

New food waste bins have been placed around the school (please see separate letter) following new government guidance. Please encourage your child to place all food waste in the new food bins.

## Parent View Survey

We value your feedback and encourage you to complete the Parent View survey for our school. Your input is essential in helping us improve and provide the best possible education for our students. Click here to respond to the survey. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

## Upcoming Ofsted Inspection

We are due an Ofsted inspection by the end of July 2025. It is likely to be an ungraded inspection. We aim for the highest possible outcomes and look forward to showcasing our school and our amazing students. In terms of English and maths at GCSE, we are the highest performing non-selective state school in Warwickshire. We also have the highest Progress 8 (+0.59) and Attainment 8 (54) scores in the locality and the highest performing sixth form in North Warwickshire with an average grade of a B and a value added score of +0.23. Please see here for further information <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/137767/higham-lane-school/secondary> and <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/137767/higham-lane-school/16-to-18/advanced-level-qualifications?accordionstate=0>

Thank you for your continued support in making HLS such an amazing school. We truly appreciate your involvement and commitment to our school community.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Michael Gannon  
Headteacher  
Higham Lane School

Just a quick reminder about our upcoming open day on Sunday 23rd March 12-4pm, booking is essential via our eventbrite booking page.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/haddon-institute-of-performing-arts-82274084183>

Our open day is open to students in years 7+

We are open for enrolment for year 11's looking for September start.

Hope to see you there!

### **Coventry College, in partnership with Leicester Tigers Academy**

We are proud to announce an exciting new rugby provision for talented and aspiring male rugby players, aged 16-18yrs.

This full time, high performance rugby programme will provide players with the highest level of competition in the country, enlisting players with a unique opportunity to play for the Leicester Tigers ACE programme from September 2025 along with providing a pathway for players who meet the standards to be selected in to the Premiership Leicester Tigers Academy Squad.

This partnership provides players with a full-time professional environment supported with RFU level 4 coaching, alongside Leicester Tigers Academy coaches, qualified medical staff, strength and conditioning, nutrition support and guidance. Based at the high performance Alan Higgs Centre in Coventry, the programme gives players access to top class facilities that include fully equipped class rooms, indoor 4G dome, outside 3G dome, 2 strength and conditioning rooms, spin bike room and a 50m Olympic sized swimming pool.

Additionally, players of elite Premiership Academy standard will be offered full scholarships to support them on their quest to the top level of the game.

The Leicester Tigers ACE programme squad will compete in the ACE Boys League - the highest competition in the country against leading programmes, including the AoC Sport Premier League, England Colleges 7s and Rosslyn Park 7s competitions and have the opportunity to travel to Portugal, Lisbon to take part in the annual Portugal Youth Festival against teams from across the world. Established for over 18 years, the Rugby Education Programme at Coventry College provides a unique player and academic pathway to reach your individual goals for the future.

Please find below the links to the academic study programmes linked with the rugby provision at Coventry College.

Level 3 - <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/courses/level-3-extended-diploma-in-sport/>

2 year full time study academic and rugby union programme

Level 2 - <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/courses/level-2-diploma-in-sport/>

1 year full time study academic and rugby union programme

# Dates for your diary

27th March 2025 - Year 11 Student Progress Evening

10th April 2025 - Year 10 Student Progress Evening

14th - 25th April - Easter Holidays

28th April 2025 - Inset Day

1st May 2025 - Year 7 Student Progress Evening

5th May 2025 - Bank Holiday - School Closed



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