



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy half-term, and I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our wonderful staff, students and parents for their continued support.

## **Congratulations to some of our Higham Lane School Year 7 superstars**

Well done for being in the top 10 for the highest number of House Points in Year 7! You have made a brilliant start to secondary school and we are immensely proud of you! Thank you for working hard, being kind and taking responsibility and being the best that you can be at Higham Lane School!



On Monday, we invited our Local Governing Body (LGB) into school for a training day. They visited lessons, witnessed the incredible learning and teaching taking place, and deepened their understanding of how our school operates. This knowledge will enable the LGB to support and challenge us more effectively in the future. A heartfelt thank you to all the governors who generously gave their time. Additionally, special thanks to Carole Davies from the Central England Academy Trust (CEAT) for her attendance and ongoing collaboration with our LGB to ensure our governance is as strong as it can be at HLS.

On Wednesday, there was a CEAT Headteachers' meeting where the four schools in CEAT worked together to explore further collaboration for mutual benefit. We discussed the alignment of some policies and best practices to ensure we provide the best possible education to all students across our schools.

**Sixth Form Open Evening** On Thursday evening, we had our Sixth Form Open Evening; the evening was a great success and it was lovely to see so many students, parents and carers considering studying A-levels here at Higham Lane School. Last year we had a record-breaking number of students enrol with us in Year 12. We also had the best ever examination results last year for A Level and we are likely to be the top or one of the very highest performing state schools in the whole of Warwickshire for A level. Thank you to all of our amazing staff who put so much time and effort into making the evening such a great success.

**Word of the Week:** Laborious, we hope this will not be a laborious task for you, but please try to use this word when speaking with your child at home to reinforce their understanding and encourage its use.

**Remembrance Day 2024:** To commemorate Remembrance Day, the History department is creating a corridor of remembrance to pay tribute to soldiers from Nuneaton who lost their lives during the First World War; please do encourage your child to have a look and reflect.

**Upcoming Water Main Work:** We have been contacted by Seven Trent Water regarding necessary work on the water main on Higham Lane. Unfortunately, we were given short notice and the work began on Tuesday 22nd October lasting approximately five weeks. Seven Trent Water has apologised for the late notice. There will be a three-way traffic light on the junction with Higham Lane and Caesar Drive, please take this into account when planning your journey to school.

**'Be Kind' Motto: Donations Drive:** Higham Lane School is collecting donations for the Nuneaton Food Bank and Doorway. Both organisations provide essential support to those in our local community who are in need or struggling. Below is a list of items both charities would be grateful to receive, please only donate what you can afford, this is not compulsory. Donations should be placed in Chine Hall by 2nd December 2024, thank you for your support.

Possible Donations:

Tinned food	Cereal bars
Long-life / dried food	Toothbrushes and paste
Crisps	Deodorant
Biscuits / chocolate (no nuts)	Toilet roll
Squash	Sanitary products

Please note: Perishable food items cannot be accepted.

**Safety Message:** Happy safe Halloween/Bonfire Night: with darker nights approaching, it is crucial that students are reminded of what we, as a school community, expect in terms of behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should be aware of our two-way information sharing agreement with Warwickshire Police. This joint approach helps us intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour involving our students and provide support and up-to-date safety messages. In partnership with the police, we would like to remind our students about the following:

- Anti-social behaviour: Halloween can be frightening for those who don't like surprises, only approach houses decorated for the occasion.
- Personal Safety: Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables out of public view.
- Social Media: Use social media positively and avoid negativity. Comments/actions may be traced back to you.

- Weapons in public places: Carrying a knife or weapon can lead to a criminal record and serious consequences.
- Off-road bikes & E-Scooters: These can only be ridden on private land with permission. They are illegal to use on roads or public places.
- Remember the company you keep: Association with those who break the law may have legal consequences for you.

If a student needs help, they should talk to a trusted adult. Crimes can be reported directly to the police via 101, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org). If a crime is taking place or a life is in danger, call 999 immediately.

Have a wonderful and safe half-term.

Kind regards,



Michael Gannon  
Headteacher, Higham Lane School

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 24 October - Sixth Form Open Evening 5.30-8pm  
 Friday 25 October - INSET DAY  
 Monday 28 October - Half term holiday begins  
 Friday 1 November - Half term holiday ends  
 Monday 4 November - Autumn Term Begins  
 Wednesday 6th November - Year 7 - 11 Flu Vaccination  
 Monday 11th - 15th November - Year 10 VR Knife Crime  
 Thursday 14th November - Year 13 Student Progress Evening  
 Wednesday 4th December - Year 13 Information Evening  
 Thursday 11th December - Year 11 Student Progress Evening  
 Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Concert  
 Monday 23rd December - Christmas Holidays Start  
 Friday 3rd January - Christmas Holidays End  
 Monday 6th January - Inset Day



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**TRIAL DATES** 9:30am - 2:30pm

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

**OUR SCHOLARS:**

Signed Professional Contract at Blackpool FC

**OPEN EVENING WED 4<sup>TH</sup> DEC 6:45PM - 8:00PM**

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**SHOWCASE OPEN TRIALS 2024-2025**

**TRIAL DATES** 12:00pm - 2:30pm

- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

**OUR SCHOLARS:**

Named England ECFA U19 Player of the Year

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