



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 12TH APRIL 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all well and had a lovely Easter break.

I'm thrilled to report that our first week back has been nothing short of wonderful. The new Praise and Behaviour Policy training on Monday on the staff training day was a huge success. The new policy has gone very smoothly. Students are starting to gain their House Points in relation to our school values of Work Hard, Be Kind and Take responsibility and these will soon be able to be exchanged for real rewards at our new Praise shop (the kiosk and shutter outside of Coombe Hall). Some of the rewards include stationary, footballs, sweets and Amazon Vouchers. There will also be reward trips for students who have excelled in terms of behaviour and House points. We are delighted to report that very few students have picked up detentions. Please remember that all detentions are now same day detentions. Please check ClassCharts to see if your child has received a House Point, detention or other behaviour log and this is available 24/7. Please do not book appointments for between 3:15pm and 4pm in case your child is placed into detention. We thank you for your support.

Our Year 12 exams have also gone really well this week, and I extend my gratitude to everyone involved in ensuring their success and to the students for their hard work.

A special thank you to all those who supported our Year 7 Student Progress Evening on Thursday. It was a really successful evening and hopefully our students and parents/carers have found the feedback invaluable.

In other news, our duck and ducklings have arrived in Coombe quad. It's heart-warming to see our students showing such respect and interest in our little HLS duck family and for me being new to our school, having your own duck family is a really USP!!



Let's also take a moment to celebrate the achievements of our students. Ameerah in Year 9 and Nadiya in Year 7 represented England in squash tournaments, bringing home victories against formidable opponents. Well done to both of them!

Personal development - today, our Year 8 students participated in a Virtual Careers Event which was fantastic, and on Tuesday next week, they'll be engaged in Personal Development Day activities. Thank you to all of those involved in putting these wonderful events together.

On a serious note, listening to BBC Radio 4 this morning there was a section on the decision of the company META, which owns Facebook and WhatsApp, to reduce the age that young people can use legally WhatsApp from 16 down to 13. One of the speakers was from Childline and raised concerns about this decision; this was largely due to the number of incidences of young people having access to illegal content, pornography, racism and online bullying. Whatsapp is encrypted so nobody gain access to it and so it had become a platform for illegal activity including child pornography. Please do discuss online safety with your child; mobile phones can be amazing but they can also be the catalyst to many problems and this is why the government recently came out and advised any school who have not yet banned mobile phones to do so.

Now, let's embrace the glorious sunshine that graces us today. It has warmed my heart today at lunch to see our amazing students enjoying the outdoors, whether they're playing football on the Y11 playground, simply soaking up the sun on the benches, playing Uno on the benches outside Science or reading the latest David Walliams books over on the netball courts.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead.

Best wishes



Michael Gannon
Headteacher

Dates for your diary



44,141



45,583



43,096

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 16 April Year 8 Personal Development Day

Wednesday 17 April Year 10 - Coventry University, Sports Careers Day

Tuesday 23 April Year 10 - Coventry University, Sciences Careers Day

Thursday 25 April Years 10/12 Careers Fair trip at KEGS

Monday 6 May BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 7 May Year 10 - Coventry University,

Performing Arts Careers Day

Tuesday 14 May Year 9 Personal Development Day 2

Thursday 16 May Year 10 Student Progress Evening - online

Monday 20 May Year 10 Work Experience (all week)

Thursday 23 May Year 12 Student Progress Evening - face to face

Monday 27 May HALF TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS

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