



# Higham Lane School

Helping Learners Succeed

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## **WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING:** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **WHOLE SCHOOL**

#### **Remote Learning survey - we value your feedback**

Thank you for your support of the school with remote learning so far this term. To help us review and reflect on our practice, it would be helpful if you have a few moments, to complete this survey. Please click on the link. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RemotelearningsurveyforParentsCarers2020>.

This survey closes on Wednesday 3rd February at 4.00pm. Thank you for your feedback and your continued support with remote learning. It is greatly appreciated.

#### **Is your child attending and engaging in lessons?**

Attached to this bulletin is a help guide which we hope you will find helpful in supporting your child to attend all lessons and engage in learning.

#### **A Message from our Able & Ambitious Co-ordinator**

My name's Ian Bottrill and I'm the Able & Ambitious Coordinator at Higham Lane. The aim of my role is to ensure that all students are pushed and challenged to achieve their maximum potential.

Although we have data for students classed as statistically High Ability, I am a firm believer in the potential of EVERY student, regardless of what the data says or what set they are in. The 'Ambitious' part of my job title refers to the fact that any student, if they are willing to put the hard work in, can be ambitious and achieve great things. For this reason, I am creating an Able & Ambitious Google Classroom for EVERY student in each year group, with the purpose of informing students of Able & Ambitious opportunities that they can, if they choose, get involved in. I also believe that EVERYONE is brilliant at something and, as there will be such a variety of opportunities that come up, there is potentially something for everyone.

These opportunities will include:

- Specific subject-based activities including sport, music, Drama, the arts, STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths), debating, English, languages and many more;
- Advice on careers and your future;
- Project-based activities;
- Out of school trips (both virtual and real, depending on the situation);
- Talks from leading experts;
- Links with and information from colleges and universities;
- Leadership opportunities.

All of these things will be on a voluntary basis and aimed at broadening and deepening students' understanding, inspiring them and enriching their lives. Any students who don't want to be a part of their

year's Able & Ambitious Google Classroom group can simply (and without anyone knowing) leave the group. I'll let students know how to do this.

I'm writing to you so you're aware of the opportunities available to your son/daughter and so that you can have a look at the Google Classroom page with them and encourage them to take up relevant opportunities. They can, of course, also message me through the Google Classroom page if they have any questions. Just to reiterate: all of these opportunities are voluntary so it's only extra work for those who want it.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school email:  
[contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk](mailto:contactus@highamlaneschool.co.uk).

### **Newsletters from Warwickshire's Family Information Service**

Please follow the links for two newsletters from the Family Information Service, with lots of information and resources to help support families:

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1194055>

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1194155>

## **SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11**

**MTC (Manufacturing Technology Centre) Apprenticeships – Virtual Open Day – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 @ 6.30pm**

Please see the flyer attached for further information.

## **SIXTH FORM / YEAR 11 / YEAR 10**

**Careers in Royal Air Force - LIVE broadcast on Wednesday 3rd February @ 6:00pm**

The broadcast is free and can be joined via this link:

<https://learnliveuk.com/partner/raf-careers>.

Don't forget to use the LIVE CHAT facility next to the video player to ask any questions you have to the team. The chat facility is safe, moderated, accessible and available 24/7.

The broadcast can be accessed by students at home and at any time after the LIVE broadcast to watch On Demand.

## **Dates for Your Diary 2020-21**

**Please note that we are currently reviewing our calendar in light of the current lockdown. We will confirm dates for events in the forthcoming weeks.**