

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th March 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,



We are delighted that Mr Nick Haddon has been appointed as the School's next Headteacher from September 2022. Mr Haddon is currently Vice Principal at Guilsborough Academy in Northamptonshire. Prior to that, he was Head of 11-16 at Landau Forte Academy in Tamworth.

Earlier in his career, Mr Haddon was Curriculum Leader for Maths and ICT at DSLV E-ACT Academy in Daventry and Assistant Head of Maths at Etone College. He is also a former student of Higham Lane School and attended King Edward VI College in Nuneaton to complete his A levels. Our Chair of Governors, Mr David Buckle, said: "Mr Haddon was an exceptional candidate for this important post and performed consistently strongly during the challenging two-day selection process. He is a highly-experienced school leader with a track record of success and innovation. We are looking forward to welcoming him to Higham Lane as he leads us on the next stage of our journey as a high-performing, World Class School".

Mr Haddon has commented: "As a former student of Higham Lane, it has been a pleasure to observe how the School has continued to move from strength to strength whilst retaining its strong local identity. Despite having left Higham Lane over 20 years ago, I continue to be grateful for the education I received; my experiences as a student at Higham Lane ultimately led me into a career in teaching. Mr Kelly has achieved so much with the school in the past 16 years. As a consequence, I know I am inheriting an incredibly talented team of individuals with a real passion for improving students' life chances. I am absolutely thrilled that I will be leading, not only a World Class School, but also a vibrant, happy learning community, with proud staff and students."

I look forward to welcoming Mr Haddon back to the School for a thorough hand-over over the next few months. I know he will enjoy getting to know the students, staff and governors a little more.

We wish our Year 11 students all the very best with their second round of trial exams which begin on Monday and run over the next few weeks. I know the students will take these very seriously, take comfort from their successes and address any gaps in skills, knowledge and understanding which emerge.

This week I welcomed a local secondary Headteacher to our school. We visited some lessons and walked around the site. My visitor commented upon the excellent quality of teaching, the clear student engagement, commitment and confidence and the high-quality feedback from teachers. This came as no surprise, but it is still lovely to hear this from an objective viewpoint.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend with your family and friends.

Best wishes,

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 21st March - Year 11 Trial Exam Week
Thursday 24th March - Year 10 Student Progress Evening
Monday 28th March - Year 11 Trial Exam Week
Saturday 2nd April & Sunday 3rd April -
Duke of Edinburgh Silver & Bronze Training Weekend
Monday 4th April - Year 11 Trial Exam Week
Thursday 7th April - Year 13 Student Progress Evening
Monday 11th April - Easter Holidays Start
Monday 25th April - Inset Day
Tuesday 26th April - Students Return to School
Year 9 Exams

Don't forget - all of our **Careers and Apprenticeship** information can be found on our website!

[Click here](#) to view more information on a variety of exciting opportunities!



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BULLETIN BOARD

All Years - School day timings will be different on Thursday 24th March 2022 due to Year 10 SPE. [Click here to view](#)

GCSEPod - Does your son/daughter need help in preparing for next week's Year 11 trial exams? Has your son/daughter started preparing for the Year 9 exams immediately after Easter? Does your son/daughter need help with homework or with consolidating their learning from lessons? If the answer is yes to any of these questions then they should explore GCSEPod! GCSEPod contains a range of resources to support your son/daughter with their studies, regardless of which year group they are in. All they need is their Google Classroom username and password to access the site. Prizes will be awarded to those students who make the most use of the site.

Year 7-9 The theme this year for British Science Week is 'Growth'!



In Science lessons, Year 7 and 8 students have set-up a seed germination investigation to bring home and record results. They can take measurements of root and shoot growth and take photos or they could create a time-lapse video. Follow the link below for more information on Science week activities that you could complete at home. <https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/activity-packs/>

In addition, students from Years 7,8 and 9 can also enter the poster competition. This has been launched in their Science lessons, the deadline for our competition is Friday 8th April. We will then send the five best entries onto the national competition. Follow the link below for more information. <https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>



All results and posters can be uploaded into their Science Google classrooms once complete.



Year 8 - HPV 1 Vaccinations. These will take place on Wednesday 13th July 2022 and Thursday 14th July 2022

Year 9 - HPV 2 Vaccinations. These will take place on Monday 11th July 2022 and Tuesday 12th July 2022.

Year 10 - Year 10 Spring Student Progress Reports. Year 10 Spring Student Progress Reports will be issued week commencing Monday 21st March via the My Ed app or via a link in an email if you do not have the app. You can download the app from the app store, follow any instructions and ensure notifications are allowed. If you have any problems viewing the report you may need to download a PDF reader (i.e. Adobe).

Year 10 - 13 - Allied Health Professions (AHP) Workshop - The Talent for Care Team at Coventry and Warwickshire partnership trust are hosting a sneak a peek into Allied Health event On Tuesday the 12th April 10am-11:30am via MS Teams. This is an amazing opportunity to get first-hand information from Allied Health professionals about their role and really get an insight into what they do and to gain information on Career Pathways.

Please contact @Work Experience (RYG) C&W PARTNERSHIP TRUST to book your place!

For more information regarding this please go to the school website at <https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication> (Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending 18th March 2022).

Year 11 - Revision/Catch Up Classes

With the GCSE exams fast approaching and the Year 11 trial exams starting next week, we're keen to encourage Year 11s to attend as many revision/catch-up classes as possible which is why we're now launching the Higham Lane virtual Loyalty Card! Any revision/catch up classes attended from next Monday (21st March) onwards will qualify towards the minimum of 10 classes which students need to attend to qualify for the Prom. This includes Easter revision classes. If students attend more than 10 classes, for every additional 10 classes they attend, they will qualify for either:-

- £5 off their prom ticket or;
- £5 Love to Shop voucher if they are not attending the prom.

up to a maximum of £20 per student.

In order to register their attendance, students should scan the QR codes available in the classroom where the revision/catch up class is being held. Unfortunately, revision/catch up classes attended prior to Monday 21st March won't count towards the above.

Please find below a link to the lunchtime and after school revision and catch-up classes which are currently being offered by your son's/daughter's Year 11 teachers. This is a live document (which can also be found on the School website under Teaching & Learning->Examinations and Revision) and so may be added to as we get nearer to the exams:-

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10KHH7BXtC1-RlkXJPLQosI01q33K1eZPsvDJltonICE/edit>

Please encourage your son/daughter to attend as many of these revision/catchup classes as possible in these crucial remaining few weeks before their GCSEs.

Year 11 and 13 - Important information regarding the summer exams. Your son/ daughter has today been issued their Statement of Entry detailing their summer exam entries. An email has also been sent today regarding this. Please can you read these as soon as possible.

News from the PE department - Sports Results WB 7th March 2022



Y9 girls' netball team:
Won 26-8 against Bablake B with POM going to Molly T



Y9 boys' football team:
Won 2-0 against Ash Green with goals from Ethan N and Callum G



Y7 boys' football team:
Lost 1-0 to QE
Won 2-0 against Nicholas Chamberlaine
Won 4-0 against Hartshill



U16 Boys' badminton team:
Jack S, Jack N and Jimi T won against Twycross in the U16 league



Y8 boys' football team:
Won 3-1 against Hartshill
Won 3-0 against QE



U14 Girls' badminton team:
Freya K, Molly T, Ella J and Isabel W drew against Twycross in the U14 league

Year 8 Netball - We had three, yes three teams, in the Year 8 Nuneaton & District Tournament on Tuesday 8th March, held at Ambleside.

Our L & S teams both came third in their sections, just missing out on a semi-final place. Our H team won all of their games in the rounds, winning convincingly against George Eliot, Polesworth, Twycross & our own L team. They then faced a tough semi-final against Etone, but came out 2-1 winners and faced Twycross again in the final. As in the section game, Twycross were good competition for our girls but we hung on and came out 7-6 winners and Year 8 Nuneaton & District Netball Champions!

We also had three teams in the Under 13 Central Venue League Competition. This is also held at Ambleside over two nights. Again, we had three teams entered into this competition, a great feat as most schools only have one team. The results of the league came in last week and, in first place HLS 'H' Team, in second place HLS 'L' Team and in seventh place HLS 'S' Team. Fantastic results! So proud of all the girls that have trained and played this year in the Year 8 netball teams, well done everyone.

Sixth form vs Princethorpe

Won 32-24! POM: Georgia W and Lilith M.

What a great way to finish their HLS netball journey! They've had a brilliant season in which they've also won against King Edward Stratford, Bablake and King Henrys! A great achievement to come 3rd in the County tournament as well, losing out on qualifying for the next round on goal difference.

9a vs Kingsley - won 22-11 POM: Olivia B

9b vs Kingsley - won 30-2 POM: Lana M (Y8)

On Thursday there was the Y7 Nuneaton tournament at Ambleside. HLS A team came 1st winning all their games on the way to victory. HLS B team came 5th with 2 draws and a great win against The Nuneaton Academy.

A great week all round for netball at HLS. Well done everyone!

Y11 football team:

Won 3-1 against Ash Green, won 1-0 against George Eliot. These games were our Year 11 boys last games and what a great way to end their HLS football careers! This team have been a highly successful and committed team over their 5 years at HLS, they end as Nuneaton District League Winners! Congratulations!



Year 7 A team – Nuneaton tournament winners



Year 7 B team – Nuneaton – 5th place



Year 11 football team



Year 10 PE Leadership - Over the next 3 weeks, our Year 10 students will be leading PE lessons for younger students. They will be teaching a mix of football, netball, basketball, dance and games to groups of Year 4, 5 and 6 students from St Nicolas Primary School.

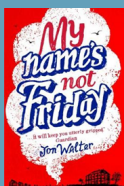
BOOK OF THE WEEK

Cane Warriors by Alex Wheatle

Set in Jamaica in 1760, Cane Warriors tells the story of Moa. Moa has only ever known life as a slave on a sugar cane plantation working long, endless days fearing the cruelty of the overseer. One night he learns of an uprising, led by the charismatic Tacky. Moa is to be a cane warrior and fight for the freedom of all the enslaved people in the nearby plantations. Tacky represents the chance to seize a new life – how can Moa refuse?

This is a compelling, brutal and heart-stopping read. It's about doing the right thing, friendship and fighting for your human rights.

Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal 2022 and is aimed at Years 9 and above.



More books depicting the fight from slavery