

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th March 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,



I know we are in all shock at the horrific events in Ukraine. At times like this, schools have a very important role to play. I was enormously grateful to Mr Ireland and Mrs Doyne-Ditmas for putting together an assembly at great speed on this topic, clearly explaining the background to our students, but also trying to calm them at what is inevitably a very worrying time. I am delighted that we will be collecting key items to send to the refugees from the conflict next week.

It was lovely to be able to welcome Year 11 students from our local area and their parents/carers into school for our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday. We have not been able to hold such important events for some time because of the pandemic. It was an excellent evening with a superb input from a wide range of universities and a fantastic contribution from staff and students. I was so impressed when I watched Sixth Form students giving their perspective and advice regarding particular courses to younger learners and their families and telling our visitors how happy and well-supported they feel at Higham Lane Sixth Form.

At Higham Lane we pride ourselves on the fantastic opportunities we offer to our students, for example, within the expressive and performing arts. This week I enjoyed popping into the rehearsals for our summer musical, 'Bugsy'. The singing and dancing were fantastic and uplifting! Similarly, we are excited by the Art and Photography Department's Year 11 & 13 Virtual Reality Exhibition for the graduates of 2021. Please click on the link www.artsteps.com and search for 'Higham' and look for 2022. There is a guided tour; if you click on the play button it will run for 4 1/2 minutes or you can navigate it yourself by clicking on the work or using the feet icon to move around the space. We are so proud of these students for producing such high-quality work and grateful to their teachers for their excellent guidance.

Congratulations to our student Alfie in Year 10 who has won the Junior Sports Personality of the Year Award 2021 for his County representation at golf and football, as well as being selected for the initial U15 Leicester Tigers Rugby Academy. He was presented with his prize by the Mayor and Mayoress of Nuneaton & Bedworth, Mr and Mrs Tromans, both of whom were former Higham Lane students! Well done Alfie!

Best wishes,

Headteacher

A local charity 'Feed the Hungry' is collecting donations of goods to help refugees from Ukraine. The charity has already taken over 40 tons of food to the Czech Republic which will be transported to two warehouses, one in Poland and one in Romania and distributed out to centres and community groups helping refugees. It is also sending funds to groups and churches who have kitchen facilities to pack food boxes or provide shelter and hot food in Izmail in Southern Ukraine.

The charity is currently collating a shipment of:

- Clothing - women's and children's
- Snacks and biscuits
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- Travel mugs and water bottles
- Hygiene/toiletries and nappies
- Tea, coffee, sugar and dry milk
- Dry food - rice noodles and pasta

If you wish to donate any of these items, please send them into school with your son/daughter on **Monday 7th March only**. Your son/daughter will need to drop them off at **Coombe Hall** at **registration time**.

Thank you for your support.



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BULLETIN BOARD

All Years - Early Closure – Thursday 10th March

The School/College will close at 2:15pm on Thursday 10th March. This is due to the Year 11 Student Progress Evening which begins at 2:45pm.

IMPORTANT: The lesson timings have been adjusted so that all 5 lessons will be taught as follows:

- Registration: 08:50 to 09:00
- Period 1: 09:00 to 09:50
- Period 2: 09:50 to 10:40
- Break: 10:40 to 11:00
- Period 3: 11:00 to 11:50
- Period 4: 11:50 to 12:40
- Lunch: 12:40 to 13:25
- Period 5: 13:25 to 14:15

Therefore, please ensure your son/daughter has all the equipment/books required for all 5 lessons.

Year 8 - Year 8 Options Deadline - Please note that the form for indicating your son/daughter's option choices will be issued on Tuesday 8th March following the second of the two taster days for students interested in Business, Drama, Health and Social Care and Sociology. We have extended the deadline for returning the form to Monday 14th March to allow you and your son/daughter a few extra days to decide upon their option choices.

Year 9-13 - NHS Cadets is a new scheme created by St John Ambulance in partnership with the NHS, providing opportunities to explore skills, knowledge and volunteering roles within healthcare. It is aimed at young people aged 14 to 18 who are from communities currently under-represented within the NHS and St John Ambulance.

For more information regarding this please go to the school website at www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/schoolcommunication (Weekly Bulletins, Weekly Email Bulletin for week ending: 4th March 2022).

Year 11 - Important Information - Work Experience - Medical Careers. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions, I am sorry to advise that the local NHS Work Experience programme is currently closed and they don't expect to be able to reopen until September 2022 at the earliest, but this will very much depend on the progress made on the easing of NHS restrictions. Unfortunately, I am also aware that our partner NHS Trusts programmes are also closed so I have provided below, some website links for information on our virtual programmes.

https://www.localhealthcareershubs.co.uk/experience/online_careers_work_experience_programme.aspx

https://www.localhealthcareershubs.co.uk/experience/health_and_care_in_the_job_role_films.aspx

https://www.localhealthcareershubs.co.uk/experience/live_career_sessions_and_talks.aspx

https://www.localhealthcareershubs.co.uk/experience/further_links_to_online_work_experience.aspx

Organisations that are currently offering virtual work experience programmes, in case you find them useful.

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes/>

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes>.

Mrs Mitchell

Year 11 - The Year 11 Spring Student Progress Report will be issued on Wednesday 9th 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). You will be notified when the report is available. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th March -
Year 8 Subject Taster Days
Monday 7th March - Year 12 Trial Exams Week
Thursday 10th March - Year 11 Student Progress Evening
Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th March -
All Year 9 HPV 2 Vaccine
Year 12 Trial Exams Week, Year 8 Options Deadline
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th March -
All Year 8 HPV 2 Vaccine
Monday 21st March - Year 11 Trial Exam Week
Thursday 24th March - Year 10 Student Progress Evening
Monday 28th March - Year 11 Trial Exam Week

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!

WORLD BOOK DAY – 3RD MARCH 2022

Once again World Book Day is a day to celebrate the reading of books, poems and non-fiction. During the day teachers shared their favourite books, students watched an assembly of recommended reads and were encouraged to talk about their own reading habits. Students in Y7-9 read a variety of poetry throughout the day and all students received their World Book Day token. For more information please visit: www.worldbookday.com

World Book Day £1 books - or put your token towards a book of your choice at any bookseller.



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