



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well.

This week is Anti-Bullying Week and the School recognised and promoted these key messages with students through assemblies and videos from the Anti-Bullying alliance. I know that you were also sent an advice, information and guidance pack aimed at parents and carers from the Anti-Bullying alliance, which if your son/daughter has unfortunately been affected by these issues, you may also be able to use at home to support them. Sadly, we know that as in life, bullying can happen in schools, but our message has been very clear to students this week - we have reminded them to report any school bullying to us, and to try and challenge this behaviour in others - not to support or 'go along' with it for example. More than this, we have really tried to encourage students to empathise with how bullying makes others feel and reminded students of the terrible effects that bullying has on people, and reinforced our whole school value to 'be kind'. We have reminded students that in coming to school they represent the values that they bring from home, and I know that you will work with us to remind your son/daughter of these messages, in particular to 'think' before they speak/act/press 'send' on a phone, and not to do anything that would make the person who they love and respect the most feel disappointed in them. Thank you for your support with this.

On Monday evening, our English department organised a theatre visit to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford to watch 'A Christmas Carol.' It is fantastic that our students are offered repeated cultural opportunities to visit this wonderful theatre in our county (the home of Shakespeare!) with the highest of quality productions. We have been informed that our Year 11 English students and Year 10 Drama students behaviour was superb and everyone said that the show was a real treat! Thank you to their teachers for giving up their time to accompany the trip.

Thank you again to those parents and carers who have subscribed to Class Charts. The feedback so far has been really positive with parents and carers appreciating the benefits of being able to track their child's rewards and behaviour via the app. If you haven't subscribed so far, we would strongly advise you to do so. Class Charts is really easy to access, simply log in via the website www.classcharts.com or via their app, which is available via the Apple app store or Google Play store. For log in details please refer to the email sent to you on Friday 28th October. Any questions or issues, please don't hesitate to contact the School.

Year 11s took part in their Personal Development day on Wednesday this week on the theme of Celebrating Difference & Equality. Workshops were based around knife crime, Women's Rights & Equality, LGBTQ+ Equality in the UK, Toxic Masculinity, the MeToo & Times Up Movement. Some of these topics created a great deal of discussion and debate and hopefully challenged the thinking of the students involved. We look forward to further Personal Development days with other year groups later in the year.

Please can I draw your attention to the pages in the Student Organiser which outline our uniform requirements and acceptable hairstyles. Uniform is important to us and helps create a sense of community amongst our students. Please support the School by ensuring that any items of uniform, including shoes, worn by your child meet our uniform requirements. Thank you.

There was no talk this week as part of the Memorable Moments Passport scheme. The next talk is on Thursday when we welcome Paula Inglis to talk about business and law.

In this week's sports fixtures, the U16, U15, U14 boys teams won their Badminton fixture against The George Eliot Academy. U14 girls also won their Badminton fixture against George Eliot. Sixth form A and B netball teams unfortunately lost to Princethorpe. Year 8a netball team came 2nd in the Nuneaton and District league. The 8b team came 7th. Congratulations to our cross country runners who competed at the Warwickshire Cross Country competition. Based on their times from this event, 3 HLS students have been selected as part of the Warwickshire team for this Saturday's competition! Good luck!

And finally, we're aware that England will be playing their opening match in the football World Cup on Monday afternoon and we appreciate that many of our students will want to know what is happening during the game. We also recognise that not all students are interested in football. Lessons will continue as normal on Monday afternoon but teachers have been asked to provide an update as the game progresses for any students who are interested.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Acting Headteacher

Bulletin board

Safe keeping of mobile phones during PE lessons

In order to support students with not having to leave their mobile phone unattended during their PE lessons, PE staff collect in mobile phones and place them securely in a box for students to collect at the end of the lesson. Please note that the School does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to phones collected in by PE staff and would be grateful if you would actively encourage your son/daughter to leave their phone at home on days that they have PE. Thank you.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme – 2022/23 Academic Year:

The Department for Education (DfE) has made funds available to every Local Authority in England to co-ordinate free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities. The HAF programme provides activities at Christmas, Easter & Summer school holidays, with funding available for children who receive benefits-related free school meals (Reception to Year 11).

HAF Entitlement:

Eligible children can access funded sessions during main school holidays, with a breakdown provided below.

- A maximum of 4 sessions in the school Christmas holidays.
- A maximum of 4 sessions in the school Easter holidays.
- A maximum of 16 sessions during the school Summer holidays.

A session is normally a minimum of four hours inclusive of a food provision, but activity times/duration vary with each HAF provider.

What to do next:

- You will need to apply for your child's HAF Code by completing a brief online form. This form only takes a few minutes to complete, with a separate form required for each eligible young person. This is to ensure we have the correct contact details and your preferred method of how the HAF code is sent. We also require you to read and agree to our terms & conditions of the HAF programme. This form can be located from <https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf>
- Once your HAF codes are processed and sent, your child's unique code will last the academic year 2022-23 so there is no need for new codes to be re-issued for each holiday period. The code will be valid for Christmas, Easter & Summer holidays so please keep it safe. (We can always re-send it if it gets misplaced.)

How to book activities:

For the upcoming Christmas holidays, we will have the bulk of our HAF programme in place from Monday 19th December to Thursday 22nd December. There might be a few activities that run outside on these dates. All HAF information is available at <https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf> with activity listings being available from Monday 21st November. You can then book sessions directly with your chosen provider using your unique HAF code, you will need to show this either at the time of booking or at your child's first session.

Further Information:

For any queries regarding the HAF programme please email hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk or contact us through the Family Information Service helpline on 01926 742 274.

Kind regards – Warwickshire HAF Team

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 22nd November

GOTTA Dance 2022 – PE department

Thursday 1st December

Year 13 Progress Evening

Tuesday 6th December

Carol Service at St Nicolas Church

Post 16 Fair

Thursday 8th December

Year 11 Progress Evening

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Concert

Friday 16th December

End of term

Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January 2023 (Inclusive)

Christmas holidays

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Students return to School

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!