



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families had a restful Christmas and have enjoyed a good start to 2023.

I am delighted that the vast majority of students have made an excellent start to the new term in terms of punctuality, uniform, behaviour and work ethic. They are a credit to you, their parents/carers.

Last night Mr Ladha and Mrs Robinson led an exam information evening for Year 13 parents/carers which was well attended and received excellent feedback. Parents/carers listened to presentations from Mr Ladha and Mrs Robinson and two of our 2022 leavers - Izzy and Megan, who shared advice, tips and strategies to support students over the next few months. The student presenters in particular were excellent and we are grateful that ex-Higham Lane Sixth Form students are so keen to return and support us. Mr Ladha will be sending out the link to the resources from yesterday evening's event within the next few days.

We are aware that for our Year 13 students and some of our Year 11s, this will be their last full term with us given that they will have finished their GCSEs and A-levels before the end of the summer term. Please make a point of regularly discussing with your son/daughter how their preparation for the exams is going and what revision classes they are attending.

Year 11 parents/carers will have received the link to the revision classes timetable on Tuesday of this week alongside a blank revision timetable to begin those conversations around revision and study over the next few weeks. The school website link to all Year 11 revision sessions and extra-curricular activities can be found [here](#). A list of useful revision guides and useful websites for Year 11 can be found [here](#).

For Year 13 students, their class teachers will inform them of when revision classes are taking place. Details were also provided on the handouts from yesterday evening's Year 13 exam information evening. Thank you for your support for your son/daughter over the remaining weeks leading up to their examinations.

Good luck to our Year 10 students with their trial exams over the next two weeks - these students will get a real feel for what their final GCSE examinations will be like next year as they sit these trial examinations in our halls. Thank you for encouraging your son/daughter to revise and study each evening for these. Good luck also to our Year 11 Engineering students who are completing their practical exams. We hope they achieve the grades their work deserves.

Wednesday of this week saw all Year 11 Art and Photography students off timetable for the day for the launch of their exam unit which they will be working on over the next few weeks. Previous cohorts of students have found that having this block of time with their teachers has been really beneficial. Thank you to the Art and Photography teachers involved in organising this day.

School Policy on Uniform

Please can I remind parents/carers of the following section of our uniform policy about coats and girls' skirts/trousers as we have unfortunately had a small number of students return to school this week in coats or trousers which do not meet our uniform requirements:-

Coats

Required: A plain, full-length black coat or anorak, covering the top of trousers/skirts.

Unacceptable items include: Coats of any other colours; leather or leather-look jackets or coats; hoodies; tracksuit tops; fleeces; sweatshirts; jackets; denim jackets; coats containing large wording; camouflaged, patterned coats; markings, symbols or stripes; coats with excessive, unnecessary zips; coats from sports teams, any other leisurewear.

Please note that a jacket is an item that fits mid-stomach and tends to be lighter and less insulating than a coat. An example of such an item is the 'Harrington jacket' which is defined by its checked lining. Jackets of all types are not allowed.

Girls' skirts/trousers

Please remember that girls may wear the school trousers with the logo on, but are also able to wear plain, black trousers. Please remember that trousers must be plain, black polyester. They should be tailored and suitable for business wear, in good condition and not fraying. These trousers tend to be looser in fit and style.

Unacceptable items include: cords, cotton, denim or flares. Trousers that are skin-tight such as leggings and also that limit the ability to tuck shirts in, trousers that are cropped and/or sit above the ankle.

If your daughter chooses to wear a skirt, please remember that our policy is as follows:

- to either purchase the official plain black pleated HLS skirt with school logo. This skirt will have one logo on it, not two, to reduce the cost to parents/carers.

Or:

- to purchase a plain, black, pleated skirt with no logo that is of an appropriate length – that sits just on or above the knee and is not rolled up or worn high above the knee.

Student uniform and equipment checks

Over the next couple of weeks teachers will be making uniform and equipment a focus in lessons and form time. Please can we ask that you check that your son/daughter has the correct equipment for school and has the correct uniform as well as meeting our expectations in terms of jewellery, make-up and hairstyles. Full details of our policy on School Uniform, Jewellery, Make-Up and Hairstyles can be found in the student organiser. We appreciate that times are tight at the moment but we really do appreciate your support with school uniform, in particular. By encouraging your child to follow these rules, we can all focus on teaching and learning and achievement, not waste time phoning you about inappropriate footwear or hairstyles.

Finally, the UK Health Security Agency has issued some advice to parents/carers on how you can help to ensure that your child doesn't catch and spread illness in school or college. Specifically, the guidance says:

- emphasise routines of handwashing
- keep your child off school if they are ill and have a temperature
- get a flu jab for your child if they are eligible

You can read the guidance [here](#). Although a lot of this guidance appears to be common sense, it is designed to keep our schools and colleges open, and to protect the NHS amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Acting Headteacher

Students should bring this equipment to school everyday



Bulletin board

WHOLE SCHOOL (more information can be found on our website)

Warwickshire Police Cadet Recruitment:

Warwickshire Police Cadets is a volunteer scheme for young people who wish to be part of a programme that offers an opportunity to gain a practical understanding of policing and develop their spirit of adventure and good citizenship.

The application form can also be downloaded from Warwickshire Police website, press the career tab and then the cadet tab to download the application form. [Please click here for more information.](#)

Request for any jigsaws

In the Library we usually have a jigsaw available for our students to complete during their breaktimes and lunchtimes. They really enjoy the challenge and work collaboratively to complete them. There is a real sense of achievement when it's all done and many students will take part. If you have any jigsaws you could donate to us, we would be really grateful. Anything up to 500 pieces is a manageable size. With so many students having a go at the jigsaw - we get through them quickly!

Many thanks,
Mrs Turner (Library Manager)

YEARS 11, 12, and 13

Warwickshire Webinar for Young Drivers and Parents/Carers of Young Drivers. [Please click here for more information.](#)

Dates for your diary

23rd January 2023

Flu Vaccinations (Year 7-9)

2nd February 2023

Year 8 Job Taster Day

9th February 2023

Year 8 Student Progress Evening

16th February 2023

Year 8 Options Evening

20th - 24th February 2023

Half term week



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