



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families have had a good week.

Hopefully you will have received a letter earlier today outlining the arrangements for next Wednesday's strike day involving teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU). As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this is an extremely complex situation for schools to manage and has taken a great deal of planning. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

As you are aware, there are many trial exams taking place for different year groups at present. We have been so impressed with all students who walk past the different exam venues during lesson changeover with the utmost respect and courtesy to those sitting their trial examinations. We very rarely have to ask students to be quiet at all – they continue to show excellent co-operation and manners towards these students taking key trial examinations.

Well done to all Year 11 students who have completed their food practical examinations this week showing how to work so effectively under pressure – we think that the standard has been the best yet and staff have really enjoyed tasting the culinary delights! There has been brilliant support too from our Food teachers, Mrs Betteridge and Miss Mackey. Well done too to all Year 11 French and German students who have taken their trial speaking and reading examinations this week – this is excellent practice for them with timely feedback, and Mrs Finley and the Languages teachers have been impressed with the revision and preparation completed by students.

It is really important that students are fully equipped for school. Having the correct equipment reflects an excellent attitude to learning – something that all students should strive for, and indeed the majority do. As we say to students, you wouldn't turn up to football practice without your boots or to a music lesson without your instrument, so the same applies to learning and lessons – students need equipment to learn effectively. Please can you check that your son/daughter has the following equipment:



We really do not want to issue consequences for a lack of equipment when it can be sorted so easily! (Please contact us if you are having financial difficulties sourcing all equipment and we will endeavour to assist with this).

In order to prevent accidents on site, please can I ask for your support by not driving on to the School site when collecting your child by car from school unless this has been arranged with the School due to a medical condition or similar. This includes if you are collecting your child following a sports fixture, revision class or detention. Thank you.

In sports news, our Year 9 Boys football team drew 2-2 against Brooke House college (Market Harborough). Our Year 8 A netball team won 11-3 against Polesworth A and our Year 7 A netball team beat Princethorpe 8-6. Commiserations to our Year 8 B netball team who lost 11-0 against Polesworth A.

On Saturday 21st January, a number of our students competed at the Warwickshire Cross Country Championships held at Princethorpe College. Sam in Year 13 finished in a fantastic 2nd place in the Senior boys race. Sam was only beaten by an England Athlete. He will now represent Warwickshire for the 4th time at the English Schools Championships. Evie in Year 10 ran a great race as well to finish in 11th place in the Inter Girls race. Charlie in Year 9 also ran a brilliant race in the Junior Boys Race and finished in a fantastic 7th place. William in Year 9 also ran in the Junior Boys race and finished in 31st Place. Chloe in Year 9 ran in the Junior Girls race and finished in 15th place. Lucy in Year 8 also ran in the Junior Girls race and finished in 23rd Place. Sophie in Year 7 also ran brilliantly in the minor girls race and finished in joint 3rd place which will be enough for her to represent Warwickshire at the next round.

Year 8 students have been given their Options booklet this week. If your son/daughter is in Year 8, please read the booklet with your son/daughter and discuss possible subject option choices. On Thursday 16th February, our Curriculum and Options evening will be held at 6pm where you will be able to speak to Subject Leaders, Senior Leadership Team and students currently studying these options to give you further information, advice and guidance. Further details will follow in due course. You can also access information about the Options Process via our School website. [Please follow the link here.](#)

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Acting Headteacher



**Online mental wellbeing community. Free, safe and anonymous support.**



**Mental health support online for yourself and your child.**



# Bulletin board

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

### Year 8 Student Progress Evening – Thursday 9th February – Early School Closure:

The school/college will be close at 2.15pm on Thursday 9th February. This is due to the Year 8 Student Progress Evening which begins at 2.45pm.

### Child Friendly Warwickshire Competition:

Child Friendly Warwickshire are inviting children and young people in Warwickshire to submit their ideas on what being child friendly means to them and win £2,500 for their school!

Children and young people recently told us that more climate change awareness, mental health support, open green spaces, opportunities and careers, more clubs and activities, cost of living support and safer streets are important to them and would help to create a Child Friendly Warwickshire. We want their help to bring these ideas to life by creating a piece of artwork, video, song or written piece that reflects these themes.

The competition challenges children and young people in Warwickshire to explore and showcase what being child friendly means to them. Each of the age category winners will win £2,500 for their school or college. The school or college will then be able to spend this money on projects related to themes above.

Please look out for our news release about the competition and share our social media posts! The deadline for entries is Monday 27th February. More information can be found here:

[www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/childfriendlycompetition](http://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/childfriendlycompetition).

## YEAR 10 and 11:

### KE6 – Sports Performance Academy launching September 2023

Introduction to the Sports Performance Academy Event. Join us as we introduce our exciting new programme from September 2023.

Thursday 9 February 6:00–7:30pm – Venue: King Edward VI College, King Edward Road, Nuneaton, CV11 4BE

- Presentation by the Principal
- Talk by Jason Farndon (SPA Leader)
- Representation from Sports Performance Academy Coaches & Partners

Tell us about individual sporting achievements and learn how we can combine academic studies with our elite sports programme. Booking is not required for this event.



AGED 15–25?  
LOOKING TO WORK IN THE ARTS?

## #ARTSCAREERSFAIR

Join our **free careers events**.  
Panel discussions, interactive workshops and more.

20TH FEBRUARY (NUNEATON)  
23RD FEBRUARY (STRATFORD-UPON-AVON)

Visit [shoutoutforthearts.com/careersfairs](http://shoutoutforthearts.com/careersfairs)  
to register online in advance.

Photo by Sam Allard / BBC

SHOUT OUT  
TO THE  
ARTS

## YEAR 7, 8 AND 9:

### Flu Vaccinations:

Any parents/guardians who did not submit their child's FLU consent form before the portal closed can now book on and attend a local clinic venue for the vaccination. Please select Jepson House for Nuneaton or Locke House for Rugby clinics. Alternatively, we hold clinics in Coventry COCHC and South Warwickshire. Appointments can be booked via the Swiftqueue link below:

<https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/userlogin.php>

## YEAR 11:

### Sixth Form Subject Experience sessions:

Our Sixth Form subject teachers invite all Year 11 students to experience and find out about the subjects offered at sixth form.

All workshops will be held at the Sixth Form Centre.

**History** 31st January 2023 SF Conference room

**French** 10th February 2023 SF19 3.15 to 4.00pm

**Health and Social Care** 6th March 2023 SF04 3.15 to 3.45pm

**Law** 6th March 2023 SF Conference room 3.15 to 3.45pm

**Criminology** 6th March 2023 SF Conference room 3.15 to 3.45pm

**Economics** 15th March 2023 SF14 3.15 to 3.45pm

**PE** 16th March 2023 SF15 3.15 to 4.00pm

**Business** 22nd March 2023 SF06 and SF07 3.15 to 3.45pm

**Psychology** 22nd March 2023 SF Conference room 3.15 to 3.45pm

**Media Studies** 22nd March 2023 SF05 3.15 to 3.45pm

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Art, English Literature and English Language will be offer sixth form subject experience sessions in lessons. Geography will continue to offer these during Year 11 revision sessions in SF16.

## Dates for your diary

Please note that these dates are subject to any future government announcements

**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

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!

Please note: details of all these items are on the Able & Ambitious Google Classroom pages and they will also be communicated through Sharepoint where necessary.

All competition entrants will be awarded House Points for entering as well as prizes for the winners.

# Able & Ambitious

CHALLENGE & POTENTIAL

## All Years:

- House Poster Competition: to promote the House System within school, students are being asked to think of a famous person who represents each of the House values (Honestas: honesty; Luctamen; effort; Spiritus: inspiration) and give a reason WHY they represent that value. The winning entries will have their ideas made into a poster and win a £10 voucher and chocolates. Deadline: 10th February.
- We are currently in the process of appointing Heads of Houses to really drive the House System forward so it can make a difference to every facet of school life and give students an even more enriching experience.
- There is a FREE science newsletter available for all students called 'Science Beyond the Textbook'.
- Child friendly Warwickshire competition: students are being asked to consider what issues are important to them in terms of their safety. Prizes to be won!
- The Law talk with Paula Inglis for any students interested in a career in Law will be on Monday 13th February in Chine Hall straight after school and will finish at approximately 4pm.

## Years 9:

- Warwick University are offering a series of 6 weekly Engineering Masterclasses to be held at the university.

## Years 10:

- The National Scientific Thinking Challenge will take place during the last week of April 2023.

## Year 12:

- Physics Work Experience opportunities at Warwick University.

## Year 12 and 13 (all available through Warwick University):

- School of Life Science lab experience days are on 3rd-7th July.
- Philosophy Conference on Friday 24th March.
- Writing competition called Writing Wrongs Schools Programme.
- Business students can take an undergraduate foundation year.
- Applications for the Young Entrepreneurs Scholarship Scheme are now open.
- An Introduction to Economics virtual event is being held on Monday 6th February.



## Class Charts App – Please download!

# ClassCharts

It's really encouraging to see so many of our parents/carers have now downloaded the Class Charts app and are now accessing important information about their son/daughter. If you haven't already downloaded the app via Apple or Android, please do so as soon as possible. It's a vital means for you to keep abreast of key school information relating to your son/daughter. Information such as rewards and consequences pulls through to your app's activity feed in real time.

Guidance on how to set up Class Charts can be found on the school's website under the parents and students tab. Please check your inbox too – we recently emailed your Class Charts code. The code is necessary to gain access to Class Charts. Any questions please contact the school. We're happy to help.

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# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

## Monday 12th December - 3.15pm

### Higham Lane Sixth Form Centre

### Open to Year 7 and Year 8 students

Tombolas, Raffles, Henna Painting, Lucky Dips, Hot Chocolate, Brownies and much more!

You need permission with a signature from a parent/carer for the henna hand painting.



## Helpful Links for Parents and Carers

This link is for the FIS newsletter which includes information around money management and Warwickshire Partners Leading the Way on Inclusion.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=ff3db6ad0c>

Parenting programmes such as understanding your teenagers brain, mental health, understanding children's behaviour to name a few. These are free and can be booked via the below link, some are virtual and others are face to face.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>

Family links, the centre for emotional health offers parents step by step guides in matters such as positive praise, problem solving and internet safety.

<https://www.familylinks.org.uk/resources-for-parents>

There is also a variety of information on our website in the health and wellbeing hub

<https://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk/parents-and-students-health-and-wellbeing-hub>

# SUPPORT AND ADVICE FOR FAMILIES IN WARWICKSHIRE

No one ever said being a parent or carer was easy! There are lots of support services available in Warwickshire to support you and your family...



CHILDREN & FAMILY SUPPORT

### THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Get in touch with Warwickshire's Family Information Service for advice and guidance on a wide range of subjects including:

- Housing
- Finance
- Childcare
- Parental conflict and contact
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

☎ 01926 742274  
✉ [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk)  
📱 @WarwickshireFIS 🐦 @WarksFIS

Available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. All enquiries will be responded to during this time.

### FAMILY SUPPORT

Get in touch with a Family Support Worker for advice and guidance on parenting and all aspects of family life.

Support can be offered through telephone calls, video calls, text messages or email to suit your needs.

☎ 01926 412412

Available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. All enquiries will be responded to during this time.

To contact your local district or borough family support team via email please visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/familysupport](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/familysupport) for more information.



SCAN THE QR CODE

Scan the QR Code to sign up to the Family Information Service newsletter for regular updates to support you and your family!

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentupdates](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentupdates)



For more information and advice for families including parenting courses, workshops and other support services go to: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies)



Warwickshire County Council