



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well.

This week saw the School's first 'in-person' Open Day since before the pandemic. It was wonderful to see so many Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers in the school building, visiting classrooms to talk to staff and students about their subjects, taking part in activities and listening to a talk about the School. The parents and carers I spoke to were very complimentary about the School and particularly the students they had met. Over 250 students volunteered to help on the evening and each and every one of them was a credit to the School. Well done. We are very proud of them.

I mentioned in last week's newsletter the selection process which has recently taken place for our Junior Leadership Team for this academic year. I am delighted to inform you that the following students have been selected to join this year's Junior Leadership Team:-

**Head Students:**

James and Gurleen

**Deputy Head Students:**

Ollie, Zayd, Tom, Megan, Deena, Ruchi, Emily and Ruby

One of James and Gurleen's first tasks as Head Students was to speak to a hall full of parents and carers and Year 6 pupils twice as part of the School's Open Evening! They both spoke incredibly well and their speeches were very well received by the audience. Well done to them both.

Good luck to our Year 11 students as they undertake their practice interviews next week. For many students these interviews will be their first experience of being asked questions in a formal interview setting and will provide good practice for any interviews they may face for post 16 courses, apprenticeships or jobs.

Speaking of our Year 11s, Mrs Robinson has received wonderful feedback from Year 11 teachers about how well your sons and daughters are applying themselves in lessons and how well attended many of the Year 11 revision classes have been. With Year 11 trial exams taking place during the first two weeks after half term, Year 11s seem to be really stepping up to the mark. We've even set aside the new dining hall before School for any Year 11s who want somewhere quiet to revise. If you haven't had the opportunity to do so as yet, please discuss with your son/daughter which revision classes he/she is attending and ask to see their Loyalty Card!

We were delighted this week to be nominated by Warwickshire Music Education Services for a Music Mark to celebrate our work with the Warwickshire Music Hub and the value that we place on music in our school. Well done to the staff in the Music Department and our student musicians.

Yesterday saw the launch of our Memorable Moments Passport through our Able and Ambitious scheme. Coombe Hall was packed with students all eager to listen to Mr Bottrill talk about the scheme. As part of the scheme, students will complete some volunteering activities, attend some extra-curricular clubs and inspirational talks, all held over at our Sixth Form Centre.

Talks over the next few weeks include a former student who now works in Formula One for Mercedes and a speech from a successful lawyer. Well done to the students who are taking part. It is still not too late for your son/daughter to sign up. They just need to message Mr Bottrill on Google Classroom. We cannot wait to celebrate these students' successes next July in our Able and Ambitious graduation ceremony.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 20th October 2022 is fast approaching. If you have a son or daughter in Year 11, please come along to see what our Sixth Form has to offer. A presentation from the Head of Sixth Form will take place at 6pm and is then repeated at 7pm. The event will take place 6pm to 8.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

And finally, below you'll see some photographs from a display in the town centre showing the winning entries from Nuneaton & Bedworth's Transforming Nuneaton competition. Well done to Nathan, who is now in Higham Lane Sixth Form, who last year entered and won this competition with his brilliant artwork. There was also a poetry competition and the winner of this was Higham Lane School student Grace who wrote a very thoughtful and reflective poem about our local area. All students from schools in Nuneaton and Bedworth were invited to enter so to have two winners in both categories from Higham Lane School was very impressive and showed just how talented our students are! Well done to these two worthy winners and to all the other many students from English and Art who entered this competition!

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Acting Headteacher



## NEWS FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT



Our Year 11 A netball team recently won the Nuneaton Year 10 & Year 11 tournament. It was fantastic to have 4 HLS teams entered into this. The most out of any other school. This week they came 5th at the Warwickshire County tournament. A fantastic achievement.

Our Year 10 and Year 11 Rugby teams also recently won matches against St Thomas More School.

Both of our Year 8 netball teams performed well in the 1st round of their Nuneaton league matches.

Our Year 9 football team won matches against Nuneaton Academy and George Eliot School.



And finally, Sixth Form A netball team performed very well against Rugby School losing a close fought match 23-27 in the end. Player of the match was Hannah. Well done to all of our sports teams.

# Bulletin board

## Year 11

### College Open Evenings

Higham Lane Sixth Form - Thursday 20th October

KE6 - Thursday 17th November & Saturday 19th November

Etone Sixth Form - Thursday 17th November

St Thomas More Sixth Form - Thursday 17th November

NWSLC (Nuneaton Campus) - Thursday 6th October

NWSLC (Hinckley Campus) - Monday 3rd October

NWSLC (Harrowbrook Campus) - Thursday 6th October

The Hinckley Sixth Form - Thursday 10th November

### GCSE Religion and Worldviews Revision Classes

Islam Beliefs - Monday 10th October

Islam Practices - Monday 17th October

Islam Practices - Monday 31st October

### Dates for your diary

#### Thursday 20th October

Higham Lane Sixth Form Open Evening

#### Friday 21st October

INSET Day

#### Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

## Years 11 - 13

### A Career with opportunities - HSBC apprenticeships

Apprenticeships play an important role in our business. The Foundation Apprenticeship programmes are a great way to start your career with one of the world's largest banks. Giving the opportunity to gain work experience whilst studying towards a professional qualification in Financial Services, fully funded by HSBC, all whilst earning a highly competitive salary.

### Foundation Apprenticeships - Applications open now!

Positions are now open with full time, permanent opportunities across various locations in England, Wales and Scotland.

Applications are open NOW and close on 23 October 2022

To view and apply visit this website: <https://www.hsbc.com/careers/students-and-graduates/student-opportunities/uk-apprenticeship>

### Branch Network Apprenticeships - Launch event

Join us on this webinar to hear more about the role and the apprenticeship opportunities within branch network:

Thursday 6th October 17:00 - 18:00

Register for the webinar here: [https://hsbc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Ug0v8KYCTOaNy1kaNbQWNw](https://hsbc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ug0v8KYCTOaNy1kaNbQWNw)

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.

#### All years:

- There is an art competition organised by Oxford University who are giving £100 first prize for the best entries. The theme is: measuring things related to health and disease.
- An incredible opportunity for anyone interested in getting a sports scholarship to the USA has come up. A company who organises these scholarships is coming in to speak to anyone interested - students and parents/carers - on November 8th, so if you're interested, please message me through Google Classroom.
- There is a Free Speech Festival in London next weekend (15th & 16th October) for anyone interested in hearing some passionate debate and, if you're feeling brave, getting involved with the debating. You would need to make your own way to London on those dates and all details for purchasing tickets are on their website: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/battle-of-ideas-festival-2022-student-and-stem-special-tickets-428500154497>

#### Years 8-11:

- The Memorable Moments Passport has now been launched and it was fantastic to see a hundred and fifty of our Able & Ambitious students attend the meeting on Thursday. If anyone wanted to be part of the project but couldn't attend the meeting, copies of the Passport are in Resources and all details are on a voiceover PowerPoint on Google Classroom. Lots more details and updates to follow.

#### Year 12:

- Webinars giving an insight into university life at Oxford and Cambridge will be held on October 6th and 20th, November 3rd and 17th.
- Females with a passion for computer science and/or maths are encouraged to join The Oxford Women in Computer Science (OxWoCS) Challenge Club to enhance their passion and to connect with a community of like-minded individuals.
- Gresham College is launching a competition for Year 12 students to promote the art of communicating complex information in a clear, concise and compelling way. This year's theme is the environment and sustainability. There is a top prize of £250.



## BOOK OF THE WEEK

### The Good Turn by Sharna Jackson

Three friends set up their own alternative Scout group to pursue badges and activities and stumble upon a mystery at the nearby abandoned car factory

Josephine Williams is a future-focused, internet-loving eleven-year-old who is desperate to explore the world beyond her cul-de-sac - and her browser.

When she learns about Josephine Holloway - a woman who started the first Girl Scout Troop for Black girls in America - she's certain she must start her own.

Enlisting her friends Margot Anderson and Wesley Evans, the trio begin their quest for their Camping Badge. Drawn to an abandoned factory nearby, they stumble across something strange. A square, ancient television and two tatty armchairs. Beside it, a wooden sideboard with an old photograph of a young, happy couple.

What is this? Who, or what, lives here - and why?



More new mysteries to unravel