



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you at the end of what has been a momentous week in our nation's history. Monday's State Funeral for Queen Elizabeth II will live long in the memory for its mixture of poignancy, pomp and ceremony. A fitting tribute to our nation's longest reigning monarch.

This week has marked a significant milestone for our Year 7s with them now making their own way to lessons and joining the rest of the school on the playground at break and lunchtime. Although the size of the building can be quite daunting compared with their primary schools, they are generally managing to find their way round (with a little help from their maps in some cases!) and if they are unsure, are asking teachers or fellow students to direct them.

In terms of our older year groups, voting is currently underway for our Junior Leadership Team. The Junior Leadership Team (or JLT) is an important part of school life and an excellent opportunity for the students to develop their leadership skills. JLT members contribute ideas to the running of the school through regular meetings with me and Mr Ireland (who coordinates JLT), organise events and gauge student opinion. Two members of JLT are selected to become Head Students for the School.

Year 11 students have been set the challenge of attending as many revision classes between now and their trial exams (which start on the 31 Oct, the Monday after half term) through the launch of the Loyalty Card. For every 10 sessions attended, students qualify for money off their prom ticket or year book or receive a Love 2 Shop voucher. We have added certain stipulations this year in terms of which subjects they need to attend as part of their 10 sessions in order to encourage them to attend revision sessions across a range of subjects. If you have a son or daughter in Year 11, please ask to see their Loyalty Card to see how many sessions they have attended!

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the Year 7, 10 and 12 Parents' Information Evenings this week. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, your support for these events is always greatly appreciated and I hope that you found it useful in terms of how to support your child this academic year. The slides for all of the Parents' Information Evenings are now available under the Parents and Students section of the school website.

Last week I shared with you a date for your diary if you have children in Year 6 (Wednesday 5th October which is the date of our Open Evening). This week I'd like to give you advance notice if you have sons/daughters in Year 11 of our Sixth Form Open Evening which is Thursday 20th October 6pm-8.30pm.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr P Banks  
Acting Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### Wednesday 5th October

Higham Lane School Open Evening

### Thursday 20th October

Higham Lane Sixth Form Open Evening

### Friday 21st October

INSET Day

### Monday 24th October to

### Friday 28th October

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

# Bulletin board

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### Child Friendly Warwickshire

We're looking to hear the views of children and young people to help shape the County and create a Child Friendly Warwickshire. The Warwickshire County Council has just launched Dialogue, a new online discussion platform, and Child Friendly Warwickshire is the first initiative to use the tool to engage with young people, their families, and schools.

Dialogue provides a safe space to form constructive ideas and make comments on what they think would make Warwickshire a better place to grow up in and more child/young person friendly! The Child Friendly Warwickshire Dialogue forum asks our Children and young people for more ideas to make Warwickshire as child friendly as possible, to enable all children and young people to be heard, safe, healthy, skilled, and happy.

We're encouraging children and young people to comment on existing ideas and add new ones here:

<https://discuss.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

## YEAR 11

### College Open Evenings

Higham Lane Sixth Form - Thursday 20th October

KE6 - Thursday 17th November & Saturday 19th November

Etone Sixth Form - TBC

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

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!

