



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well.

As we prepare for this evening's Sixth Form Open Evening, I find it hard to believe that seven weeks has already passed since the start of this academic year. It has certainly been a busy half term and I thought I'd take this opportunity to share with you just some of the work which has been taking place in school since the start of September.

Since returning to school in September, so much learning has taken place and our curriculum for the year is well underway - please do have a look with your son/daughter what each subject's learning journey for the year looks like, you will find this in their books/folders. Subject Leaders plan their curriculum areas very carefully, to ensure that each new topic builds on previous learning. Students have also received feedback on their work, written and verbally - again, please have a look through your son/daughter's books to celebrate their strengths and to discuss what they need to work on next to improve and make even more progress.

Our Subject Leaders and members of the Senior Leadership Team have also visited classrooms to see how students are settling into their learning so far, it has been fantastic to see such positive attitudes to learning in the many classrooms that we have visited. This commitment to continuous improvement is a large part of what we do when evaluating the strengths of the school whilst also exploring areas to make us even more effective.

Thank you for the continued support that you give us to help make your son/daughter successful in school. Please may we ask that over half-term you check that your son/daughter is wearing correct uniform and is also fully equipped for school, including having a reading book. Please note in particular our policy for skirts and trousers, which you can find in the attached document ([please click here](#)). These are our school rules and this information can also be found in their Student Organiser.

Thank you for also taking time to celebrate your son/daughter's rewards, for example, all the house points that s/he may have accrued so far this year or the positive phone call/email or 'work hard, be kind' postcard that s/he may have received. It really helps to reinforce what we all want for the students - to work hard, be kind and follow the rules. Please also speak to your son/daughter about his/her behaviour where required. We know that sometimes students may say/do the wrong thing without always thinking and this can get them into trouble, but reminding your son/daughter to follow instructions first time and if they are in the wrong to say 'sorry' unprompted can go a long way to de-escalating a situation for them.

Thank you to the overwhelming majority of students who do the right thing all of the time - we are lucky to have these students with us, your children - and they are a credit to you!

Half term week sees a number of our Year 13 History, Government and Politics and Law students and their teachers travel to Washington and New York. We wish you well on your travels. Thank you to the staff concerned for giving up their half term to offer this trip.

Well done to our Year 11 Geographers who took part in field work visits around Nuneaton this week. The feedback from their teachers about how they conducted themselves has been excellent.

Thursday 3rd November sees the first of our personal development days for this academic year. The theme for the day is Celebrating Difference & Equality with Year 10 students off timetable for the day and working with their Personal Development teacher on topics such as Women's Rights & Equality, LGBT Equality in the UK, Toxic Masculinity, the MeToo & Times Up Movement plus a knife crime talk from the police. Personal development days for other year groups will follow later in the year.

Good luck to our Year 11s with their trial exams the first two weeks after half term. We know how hard the vast majority of students have been working over the past few weeks and hope they achieve the grades their work deserves.

Miss Charnell, our Subject Leader for Maths, has recently been seconded on to SLT to support our work. Miss Charnell will now be Senior Leadership Team link for Year 8 to work alongside Mrs Lynch.

A reminder that we are closed to students tomorrow (Friday 21st October) for an INSET Day.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your sons/daughters a safe and restful half term. We look forward to seeing the students back in school on Monday 31st October at 8.35am.

Kind regards,



Acting Headteacher

You are invited to the
Higham Lane Sixth Form

**OPEN EVENING
TONIGHT!**

Thursday 20th October 2022
6pm - 8.30pm

- ▶ Take a tour of Higham Lane Sixth Form
- ▶ Explore our courses and visit Higher Education Stalls
- ▶ Meet our Head of Sixth Form - Presentations at 6pm and 7pm
- ▶ Hear from our students about life at the Sixth Form
- ▶ Find out how we can give you the EDGE

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Dates for your diary

Monday 31st October to Friday 11th November

Year 11 trial exams

Thursday 3rd November

Year 10 Personal Development Day

Monday 14th November

A Christmas Carol theatre trip English Literature Year 11

Wednesday 16th November

Year 11 Personal Development Day

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

NEWS FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT



Our Year 9 A netball team came 1st in the Nuneaton League having been unbeaten in any of their matches. Year 9 B netball team came 6th in the Nuneaton League.



Our Year 7 dodgeball teams came 3rd and 4th in the School Games Values tournament. Well done to all 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 Practices – Monday 31st October

Rugby Trials

Rugby Trials are taking place at Rugby Town Academy on Wednesday 26th October at 9.30am.

PE Kit

Can we please ask parents/carers to remind students that they must bring their PE kit in with them on the days that they have PE. We have had a lot of students forgetting PE kits recently resulting in parents/carers dropping them off at Student Services. It is the responsibility of the student to remember to bring their PE kit as well as remember to take it home with them the same day, as we also have a lot of PE kits in our lost property.

Class Charts coming soon!

Look out for our email letter on Friday 28th October detailing the launch of Class Charts and how you can set your account up and login.

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!

BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Lighthouse by Alex Bell

On Bird Rock, gannets circle and thick mist surrounds the lighthouse at its centre, hiding the secrets of a tragic past within ...

From the second they set foot on the island to join their dad and his new family, Jess and Rosie feel that something's wrong. Nightmares haunt their dreams and there seems to be someone, or something, else with them in the lighthouse – their home for the summer.

Counting down the days until they can leave, Jess and Rosie decide to investigate. But when Rosie disappears, the countdown takes on a new meaning. Especially when no one but Jess remembers Rosie at all...

More spooky suspense...

