



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well and had a restful half term.

This week saw the launch of Class Charts at Higham Lane School for staff, parents/carers and students. If you haven't yet set up your Class Charts account and logged in please do so! Class Charts will allow you access to important information on your son/daughter's house points, behaviour, attendance, detentions and more. Teachers are also beginning to put homework activities on there too which will enable you to support your child with this important aspect of their learning. Class Charts is really easy to access, simply log in via the website www.classcharts.com or via their app, which is available via the Apple app store or Google Play store. For log in details please refer to the email sent to you on Friday 28th October. We're looking forward to you setting up and joining Class Charts. Any questions or issues, please don't hesitate to contact the School.

We are so grateful for your support as parents/carers in ensuring that your son/daughter follows our school rules on uniform, hairstyles and equipment. Please can we remind you to check the Student Organiser for these rules, particularly around girls' skirts and trousers and boys shoes - boys should not be wearing any trainer-style black footwear. School uniform is one of the great levellers in society, and our uniform, which we are really proud of, means that your son/daughter is part of our school, our collective identity. Please may we also ask that your son/daughter checks their equipment for school - as we say, you wouldn't turn up to a sports session without your trainers, so please don't turn up to school without your equipment either! And finally, with the return of the wet weather in recent days, please encourage your son/daughter to wear a coat to school. This needs to be plain black, please.

Well done to our Year 11 students who have completed the first week of their trial exams. They have conducted themselves brilliantly by taking these exams seriously. One more week to go! Then they can look forward to detailed exam feedback from their teachers which will inform them of their strengths, and crucially, their next steps for improvement.

Two key dates for your diaries are our Year 13 Student Progress Evening which takes place on Thursday 1st December and our Year 11 Student Progress Evening on Thursday 8th December. Details will follow separately but we know that you will want to speak online with your son/daughter's subject teachers so that you can continue to support them in the final year of their GCSEs/A-levels.

Year 10s took part in their Personal Development day on Thursday this week on the theme of Celebrating Difference & Equality. Workshops were based around knife crime, Women's Rights & Equality, LGBT Equality in the UK, Toxic Masculinity, the MeToo & Times Up Movement. Please take the opportunity to discuss with your son/daughter what they learnt from these workshops.

Last Monday a group of our Year 12 History, Law and Criminology students made a visit to Westminster for a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament and were given special access to both chambers. I'm sure that you will agree that this was a fantastic opportunity for the students involved and is just one of many experiences that we offer to students during their time at Higham Lane. Thank you to their teachers for organising these visits.

This week's talk as part of the Memorable Moments Passport scheme was kindly delivered by Raveena Rai who talked to the students about media and film. Raveena is employed by the British and Irish Modern Music (BIMM) Institute which runs the Screen and Film School. They have campuses in Birmingham, Brighton and Manchester. Raveena gave a fascinating talk about the film making process and what it's like to study film making at university. The students, as always, were a fantastic audience and asked some probing and perceptive questions.

Raveena has also very kindly offered to host a 4 hour workshop for up to fifty five of our students at their Birmingham campus. Unfortunately the Screen and Film School can only host students in Year 10 and above for this visit. Further details will be released shortly on the Able & Ambitious pages on Google Classroom, including how your son/daughter can register their interest in this visit.

In this week's sports fixtures, our Year 7 A netball team drew 5-5 with St Martin's School whilst Year 7 B netball beat St Martin's 11-7. Well done to all our sports teams who have competed in fixtures recently.

And finally, thanks to the generosity of our Sixth Form students, we recently raised £136 for Coventry and Warwickshire Mind by taking part in their Hats on 4 Mental Health event. Combined with our non-uniform day before half term which raised £1070, our students have raised an incredible £1206 for a very deserving cause. Well done to everyone concerned. Mr Ladha informs me that his next fundraising initiative is the Sixth Form sky dive. Not for the faint hearted! Further details to follow in a future newsletter.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary

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

HOUSEPOINT TOTALS 2022-23



11,648



11,626



11,207

Bulletin board

Books available at all Warwickshire public libraries to support young people.

Developed by The Reading Agency in partnership with Libraries Connected and delivered through public libraries, Reading Well for teens supports the mental health and wellbeing of teens, providing information, advice and support to better understand their feelings, handle difficult experiences and boost confidence.



Hinckley RFC
RUGBY AND PIZZA
RECRUITMENT NIGHT

LEICESTER ROAD, LE10 3DR
ALL WELCOME
WED 9TH NOVEMBER 6.30-7.30PM

School years 6-11.
No experience necessary.
Great for GCSE PE.

Contact Marcella on
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[WEA National homepage](#)

WEA Adult Learning Within Reach Adult Education Craft Courses Nov/Dec 2022

Arts and Crafts & Well-Being
wea.org.uk

Seasonal Papercraft

Mondays 7th November until 12th December 10:00

6 sessions

[Craft, Craft - General: Seasonal Papercraft \(C3129433\) \(wea.org.uk\)](#)

3D Element Christmas Cards

Mondays 7th November until 12th December 13:00

6 sessions

[Craft, Craft - General: 3D Element Christmas Cards \(C3129434\) \(wea.org.uk\)](#)

Calming Collage

Thursdays 10th November until 15th December 12:00

6 sessions

[Craft, Craft - General: Calming Collage \(C3129435\) \(wea.org.uk\)](#)

Playing With Colour

Fridays 4th November until 16th December 10:00

7 sessions

[Craft, Craft - General: Playing With Colour \(C3129436\) \(wea.org.uk\)](#)

Bags Tags, Boxes and Bows

Fridays 4th November until 16th December 13:00

7 sessions

[Craft, Craft - General: Bags, Tags, Boxes and Bows \(C3129437\) \(wea.org.uk\)](#)

Location:

This is an online course delivered using Zoom and Canvas

Fee Waivers available.

If you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to a **FREE COURSE**.



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Year 11

College Open Evenings

The Hinckley Sixth Form - Thursday 10th November

KE6 - Thursday 17th November & Saturday 19th November

Etone Sixth Form - Thursday 17th November

St Thomas More Sixth Form - Thursday 17th 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!

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:

- We have expert speakers coming in to deliver lectures on media on Thursday 3rd November and engineering on Thursday 10th November. These lectures are compulsory for students taking part in the Memorable Moments Passport but anyone from any year is welcome. They will take place in Coombe Hall straight after school and finish at approximately 4.15pm.
- There is a meeting for any students (and their parents/carers, if you can make it) interested in trying to get a sports scholarship to the USA on Tuesday 8th November. The meeting will be held in Chine Hall from 3.35pm to approximately 4.30pm. An email has been sent to parents so if you are interested in attending, please fill in the digital reply slip. If your child intends to attend without you, can you encourage them to please bring a notepad and pen so they can jot down key information? Thanks.

Years 8-11:

- For those taking part in the Memorable Moments Passport, students should now be well on their way to deciding what they're going to do for the volunteering, charity, MOOCs and extra-curricular sections. There is a meeting on 15th December to check on progress and make sure students have made a good start with their projects. Any questions or issues, please contact Mr Bottrill through Google Classroom (GC).

Years 9-11:

- There is a scheme to develop critical thinking being run by Oxford University that has some excellent prizes on offer.

Years 11-13:

- For lovers of literature and language, there is a scheme being run by Queen's College, Oxford that is an excellent opportunity to develop skills and knowledge, especially for those considering studying literature or language at university.

Year 9:

- There is an opportunity to represent the district for boys who play rugby. Dates of training and a tournament at Rugby School are on GC.

Year 11:

- Engineering students interested in a career in engineering can apply for an Arkwright Engineering scholarship.

Years 12 & 13:

- Higham Lane is being represented by some of our amazing KS5 students at this year's Historical Association Great Debate on 24th November. Hopefully, I'll be bringing you details of their success in the near future.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

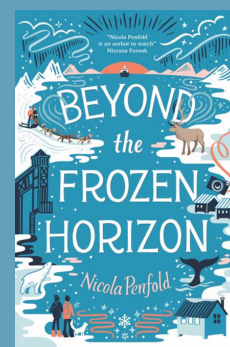
Beyond the Frozen Horizon By Nicola Penfold

The world here clearly doesn't belong to people, it belongs to them – the seals and the gulls and whatever else is in these waters.

The earth is thriving - with wilderness status protecting land and wildlife, and scientific organisations researching new ways to support human life sustainably.

Rory's mum is a geologist on one of these projects and Rory is excited to join her on a work trip to the Arctic.

But the project isn't all that it seems. Rory soon learns what's at stake for the people and animals that live there. Will she be able to help uncover the truth before it's too late?



More Arctic mysteries

