



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Thank you for your understanding and support with regard to the arrangements for Wednesday's day of industrial action by teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU). Despite not having some of their usual teachers, the students who attended school worked well on the day. Two more days of industrial action are planned for Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. We will again write out to you in advance with the arrangements for these two days.

On Tuesday Year 10 had a virtual Careers Roadshow called Your Future Roadshow. The event saw presentations from representatives from further education, ASK Apprenticeships & higher education. It was organised by the Careers & Enterprise Company on our behalf, with other schools in Coventry & Warwickshire taking part too. Students were given information on the options available to them at 16, including what sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeships are on offer locally. They were also involved in a workshop on going to university, the range of courses available to them along with the costs and benefits/concerns about going to university. This roadshow is part of our commitment to provide impartial careers information, advice and guidance to our students and also provide them with a meaningful encounter with further and higher education establishments.

On Wednesday evening Year 13 parents/carers were invited to a Student Finance evening at our Sixth Form Centre by Mr Ladha where speakers from Warwick University explained what their sons/daughters needed to do over the coming months regarding applying for tuition fees, how maintenance loans work and also provided research and tips on student budgeting for the next part of their lives. The presentation was highly informative and useful and we would like to thank both parents/carers for attending and also to our Warwick University associates for giving up their time again to support with this crucial aspect of attending university. Mr Ladha will be running a follow-up session on finance with our Year 13 students in a couple of weeks time.

We are really excited to have launched our annual Rewards Trip to students in Years 7 - 10 this week. These trips reward students for their excellent behaviour and attitude with the thresholds being shared at present with students - we really hope that this year a record number of students will be able to attend! Watch out for more details on this over the coming weeks.

We are also really pleased to be able to offer our Enrichment programme during the last week of the summer term for all students. These enriching activities will take place on Thursday 20th July and during the morning of Friday 21st July. All information will be shared with students and parents/carers shortly. This is always a highlight of the academic year for both students and staff and we are really looking forward to these memorable moments for your children at school.

Year 11s have completed their second set of trial exams now. Well done to all Year 11s for keeping their focus and maintaining their exam stamina over the last three weeks. We begin our final push now towards GCSE examinations – students can look forward to feedback from their teachers alongside our Student Progress Evening which is on Thursday 30th March. Please do book appointments for your final chance to speak with teachers about what your son/daughter can do to make a difference to their final grades. There will also be a Year 11 Revision Support evening for some students and parents/carers on Thursday 23rd March – more details coming soon.

We are really pleased to be offering revision classes during the Easter holidays. Thank you for encouraging your son/daughter to attend these – our research shows that attending revision classes throughout the year, really does make a difference to final exam performance.

Please check out the Able and Ambitious section of this newsletter for details of a song writing competition, an advanced reading list, the next in the series of talks as part of the Memorable Moments Passport scheme and Future Females in Tech event for Year 10–13 girls interested in a career in the technology industry.

Unfortunately a small number of students are still not in the correct uniform despite having had the half term holiday to sort this out. Please can I ask that you purchase a replacement over the weekend if your son/daughter has lost their tie, for example. Please could I remind parents/carers that students are allowed one small stud earring in each ear only. We also have a number of girls wearing skin tight trousers which sit above the ankle (causing bare ankles to be on show!). These have never been permitted under our uniform policy which is as follows:–

Girls' trousers school policy

Please remember that girls may wear the school trousers with the logo on, but are also able to wear plain, black trousers. Please remember that Trousers must be plain, black polyester. They should be tailored and suitable for business wear, in good condition and not fraying. These trousers tend to be looser in fit and style.

Unacceptable items include: cords, cotton, denim or flares. Trousers that are skin-tight such as leggings and also that limit the ability to tuck shirts in, trousers that are cropped and/or sit above the ankle.

Please can I ask that you arrange for replacement trousers over the weekend if your daughter's current trousers do not meet our policy. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope you have lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary

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

6th March – Year 11 Personal Development Day
9th March – Year 13 Student Progress Evening
17th March – Year 10 Personal Development Day
20th March – Year 8 HPV 1 Vaccinations
21st March – Year 9 Personal Development Day
22nd March – Year 9 HPV 2 Vaccinations
23rd March – Year 8 HPV 1 Vaccinations / Year 9 HPV 2 Vaccinations
30th March – Year 11 Student Progress Evening
31st March – End of Spring Term



Able & Ambitious

CHALLENGE & POTENTIAL

All Years:

- There is a song writing competition open to students of any age with some very exciting prizes on offer: musical instruments, professional song recordings and many more.
- Mr Goldstraw (ex-Higham Lane History teacher) will be coming in on 16th March to give a talk about life in the military and how he became a History teacher. If you want to hear his fascinating presentation, go to Coombe Hall straight after school. Memorable Moments Passport students **MUST** attend.
- There is an advanced reading list for anyone who wants to broaden their horizons, learn about all sorts of fascinating things and have a bit of escapism.

Girls in Years 10–13:

- There is the chance for any females in Y10-13 who are considering a future in the tech industry to experience this life in a Future Females in Tech event being run by Deutsche Bank.



It was wonderful to see so many of our students recognised for their sporting talents at the recent annual awards evening for the Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum. The following students won awards in the following categories:-

Nuneaton & Bedworth Sports Forum Junior Achievement Scholarship awards 2023

William (Year 10) Tennis
Alfie (Year 11) Golf
Callum (Year 10) Football

Nuneaton & Bedworth Sports Forum Junior Development Scholarship awards 2023

Tilly (Year 8) Dance
Ameerah (Year 8) Squash
Darcie (Year 8) Dance
Suhana (Year 12) Tennis

Nuneaton & Bedworth Sports Forum Junior Team award 2022

NBSC Junior Team Swimming

Theo (Year 8)

Nuneaton & Bedworth Sports Forum Junior Volunteer award

Suhana (Year 12) Tennis



Well done and congratulations to all of these students. We are very proud of you.

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

The Coventry and Warwickshire Youth Orchestra

The Coventry and Warwickshire Youth Orchestra's next concert is on Saturday 18th March, 7pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Beauchamp Avenue, Leamington Spa. It features songs from films and well known folk tunes that all the family would enjoy. We are offering FREE tickets to ANY young musicians, whatever the instrument, whatever the level, which can be obtained by emailing cwyorch@gmail.com with details of the young person and the instrument that they play. A ticket will then be reserved for them.

More information about our orchestra can be found on our website: <https://www.cwyo.org/>

YEAR 8:

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

The Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 20th March and Tuesday 21st March to administer the initial dose of HPV vaccination to Year 8 students.

The vaccination sessions will be held in the school library over the 2 days.

To enable your child to receive this vaccination an electronic consent form must be completed. The link to the electronic form has been emailed from the school this week. Please note that the link for this consent form will close on Sunday 12th March.

If you require any further information or have any concerns you can contact the North Warwickshire Immunisation Team on 02476 321550.

YEAR 9:

Year 9 HPV Vaccinations

The Immunisation Team will be in school on Tuesday 21st March and Wednesday 22nd March to administer the second dose of HPV vaccination to all Year 9 students (where consent was given)

The vaccination sessions will be held in the school library over the 2 days. A letter has been emailed to you from the school with information about these vaccinations.

If you require any information or have any concerns you can contact the North Warwickshire Immunisation Team on 02476 321550.

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YEAR 11:

HSBC Foundation Apprenticeships are now open for Applications!

HSBC's Foundation Apprenticeships provide you with a permanent contract entry-level role, giving the opportunity to gain working experience whilst studying towards professional qualifications. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package, as well as support and encouragement to develop and progress your career within HSBC.

Applications are now open across various locations and areas across the bank, all with an expected start date of July 2023!

Roles available:

- Early Careers - Foundation Apprenticeship Programme 2022-2023 - Branch Network (UK - UK locations) UK Locations: Chester, St Helens, Altrincham, Crawley, Hereford
- Early Careers - Foundation Apprenticeship Programme 2022-2023 - Customer Services (UK - UK locations) UK Locations: Leeds, Hamilton, Birmingham
- Early Careers - Foundation Apprenticeship Programme 2022-2023 - M&S Bank (UK - UK locations) UK Locations: Chester

Click here to find out more and to submit your application:

<https://www.hsbc.com/careers/students-and-graduates/student-opportunities/uk-apprenticeship>

Application deadline: 26 March 2023. We would encourage you to apply sooner rather than later. Good luck!

If you have any questions, please email: apprenticeship.team@hsbc.com

YEAR 10 - 13:

National Careers Week - a guide for parents

https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/_files/ugd/a0f9e4_d221bede03e44ca4814ad514d5576bba.pdf



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



Mental health support online for yourself and your child.

