



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well.

It was a delight to attend our annual carol service at St Nicolas Church this week, an event which for me always signals the start of the Christmas period. Our school orchestra and choir performed the Christmas carols beautifully and students who provided us with readings were so articulate as they encouraged us to take time to reflect on the meaning of this time of year, and to think of those who may find Christmas difficult. Special thanks go to Mrs Davenport, Mrs Watson and Mrs Fawcett for yet again delivering such a key event for us so well and to St Nicolas Church for hosting the event. But above all, thank you to our wonderful students for providing us with such a special evening and thank you also to parents/carers, family and friends who attended and supported the children. It was lovely to see you all.

As we were reminded at our Carol Service, Christmas is a time to also think of others and to be generous, where we are able to. With this in mind, on Wednesday we will be holding a non-uniform day in aid of Nuneaton Foodbank. A list of foods that the Foodbank welcomes can be found in this newsletter.

Our Junior Leadership Team will then be involved in ensuring that these items are collected and ready to be delivered to the local Foodbank. Thank you for your support with this. It is much appreciated and we know that it will make such a difference to people living locally who rely on this help, particularly at Christmas time, when many can often feel things more keenly.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host our Christmas Fayre for Year 7 and 8 students on Monday after school at our Sixth Form Centre. Students who are taking part in our Memorable Moments Passport Scheme will be raising monies for their chosen charities through a range of Christmas stalls and activities. What kind and generous students we have! Well done to all those involved in this, and if your child is in Year 7 or 8, please do encourage them to come along!

Next week also sees a second hand book sale which is being organised by three of our Year 9 students. This will be held on Tuesday after school until 4.30pm in Chine Hall. This is wonderful opportunity for our students to pick up a Christmas bargain either for themselves or a loved one. All proceeds are being donated to the Anthony Nolan Trust and the Air Ambulance.

On Wednesday evening next week we are due to hold our Christmas music concert at 7pm in Coombe featuring our wonderful choir and school orchestra. Depending on the outcome of the England World Cup game on Sunday evening, the time for this may change or we may decide to record it and make it available virtually. More information will be sent out on Monday.

Our Student Progress Evening appointments will continue to be virtual for this academic year. We have switched platforms and initial reports from the two evenings which have taken place so far is that the software is working well with fewer glitches than the previous platform. As always, please provide us with your feedback after these events by completing the evaluation forms which are sent out via email.

With regard to Student Progress Evenings, I would like to thank our Year 11 parents and carers who booked appointments for the Year 11 Student Progress Evening last night.

This will hopefully have given you the opportunity to discuss recent trial exam performance, celebrating strengths and discussing next steps, ready for the next set of trial exams in the spring term, all of which will help our Year 11s do the best that they can in the summer examinations. It is working together like this between home and school that really will ensure that your son/daughter achieves, and exceeds, their potential.

On the subject of working together, I would like to thank those parents/carers who actively support the School, our rules and our ethos. We ask and expect all parents/carers who send their child to our school to do this. It is essential that we work together and are seen to work together by your son/daughter. We expect parents/carers to support sanctions that the School issues to students who do not follow our rules and expectations. These are not negotiable. On the rare occasions a parent/carer says, "I don't agree with the rules", my response is, "Perhaps you need to find a different school with different rules which you do agree with". The overwhelming majority of our parents/carers accept and actively support our rules. This is essential. Thank you.

Term ends next Friday (16th December) with students in years 7-11 finishing school at 1.30pm and sixth form students finishing at the end of period 3. Students return to School on Tuesday 3rd January at 8.40am.

And finally, we know as well that many of our students and their families will be looking forward to watching England play France in the quarter finals of the World Cup this Saturday evening! Good luck to England and fingers crossed, we can enjoy the game and hopefully the result!

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Acting Headteacher

Class Charts App - Please download!



ClassCharts

It's really encouraging to note so many of our parents/carers have now downloaded the Class Charts app and are accessing important information about their son/daughter. Please, if you haven't already downloaded the app via Apple or Android, do so as soon as possible. It's a vital means for you to keep abreast of key school information relating to your son/daughter. Remember, behaviour information such as rewards and consequences pulls through to your app's activity feed in real time.

Guidance on how to set up Class Charts can be found on the School's website under the parents and students tab. Please check your inbox too - we recently emailed your Class Charts code. The code is necessary to gain access to Class Charts. If you have any questions please contact the school. We're happy to help.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Monday 12th December - 3.15pm

Higham Lane Sixth Form Centre

Open to Year 7 and Year 8 students

Tombolas, Raffles, Henna Painting, Lucky Dips, Hot Chocolate, Brownies and much more!

You need permission with a signature from a parent/carer for the henna hand painting.



HIGHAM LANE SIXTH FORM

In Sixth Form news, our Year 13 medicine applicants had mock interviews on Wednesday delivered by a Medicine Admissions Tutor from Sheffield University (who is a former HLS student) and four University of Leicester medical students (including Charlotte Gurr, who attended Higham Lane Sixth Form). One of our medicine applicants has secured an interview at Oxford University. Two of our students have been called for Cambridge interviews to read Law. They have also been preparing for their interviews with the support of their teachers, Oxbridge Law interns, Hogan Lovells of Nuneaton and Keble College Oxford. We wish these students every success

Non-uniform Day Wednesday 14th December 2022



The foodbank urgently need:

- UHT MILK
- PASTA SAUCE
- TINNED SPAGHETTI /LOOPS
- CUSTARD - TINS OR CARTONS
- RICE PUDDING
- TINNED FRUIT
- COFFEE
- SQUASH
- FRUIT JUICE
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TINNED CARROTS
- TINNED POTATOES
- INSTANT MASH
- CRISPS
- PUDDINGS
- CEREAL
- DOG FOOD
- TOILET ROLLS
- SHAMPOO
- WASHING-UP LIQUID
- WASHING POWDER
- NAPPIES SIZE 5+6
- SHAVING FOAM/GEL

They do not need:

- PORRIDGE
- BOTTLED WATER
- CHICKPEAS/RED KIDNEY BEANS
- DRY PASTA
- BAKED BEANS
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Donations to be taken to CHINE HALL

NEWS FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT



In this week's sports fixtures, our Year 8 girls Futsal team came third in their group in a tournament held last Monday. The Year 7 girls Futsal team topped their group and went through to the final where they were narrowly beaten by Nicholas Chamberlaine School. Well done to both teams.

There is a cross country competition on the 21st January at Princethorpe College. If anyone would like to enter they need to speak to Miss Chinn.

Christmas Carol Concert

Tuesday 6th December 2022

St Nicolas Church, Nuneaton



Bulletin board

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

Warwickshire Police Cadets

Warwickshire Police Cadets is a volunteer scheme for young people who wish to be part of a year programme that offers an opportunity to gain a practical understanding of policing and develop their spirit of adventure and good citizenship.

Vision Football Academy

For 12–16-year olds. Wednesdays 7pm to 8:30pm. Nuneaton Academy, 4G Pitch, CV10 7PD.

Happy Healthy Kidz (HAF) – Warwickshire County Council

Free Children's Holiday Club – free for children receiving benefit related FSM or £25 per day per child. 19th–22nd December, 10am to 2pm, at Etone Sports Centre.

YEAR 7, 8 and 9

Flu Vaccinations for Years 7, 8 and 9:

Just a reminder that the Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 23rd January 2023 to administer the flu vaccination.

If you would like your child to receive this vaccination please refer to a letter containing a unique link to an e-consent form which was emailed from school on Monday 28th November. The link will close on 11th December.

If you are experiencing any difficulties accessing the form – please let us know and we can resend the letter with the link out to you or contact the Immunisation Team on 02476 321 550.

Dates for your diary

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



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!