



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well.

It was wonderful to see so many of our students supporting the charity Mind, the mental health charity, through today's non-uniform day. I am sure you will agree what a deserving cause this is. Students have learnt about the charity's work through a recent assembly put together by our Subject Leader for Geography, Mr Turley, who also ran the London Marathon in aid of Mind at the start of this month.

Our Year 11 students have had their practice interviews this week and the feedback I received was that they had given a very good account of themselves. Well done Year 11.

Year 11 revision classes continue to be well attended as the students prepare to sit their trial exams during the first two weeks after half term. Hopefully they're remembering the Loyalty Cards in order to claim their money off their prom ticket or year book or to receive a Love 2 Shop voucher!

Details of our extra-curricular activities, including Year 11 revision classes, can be found under the Teaching and Learning section of the School website or by [clicking here](#).

If your child is late to school due to attending a medical appointment or needs to leave part way through the school day, please can we ask that you phone Student Services or write a note in your son's/daughter's organiser to show to staff. This will avoid our Student Services staff having to call home to verify the reason for lateness/absence. Thank you for your support with this.

Yesterday saw the second talk take place as part of our Memorable Moments Passport scheme. Alison Morgan, Associate Professor of Education at Warwick University gave a memorable talk about her educational journey, having been the first person in her family to go to university. This was then followed by a question and answer session with the students asking some really insightful questions. Well done to all of the students who participated.

We have received the following updated guidance regarding students who have symptoms of or test positive for Covid-19:-

- No access to LFTs or do not wish to test: Adults and children who have respiratory symptoms AND are unwell/have a high temperature: stay at home and avoid contact with others until well with no temperature.
- Positive cases via LFT: Children that have tested positive should self-isolate at home for 3 days (minimum) after the day of symptom onset/test (if no symptoms) which is day 0. After 3 days it is safe for them to resume usual activities (as long as they are well and no fever).
- Covid-19 symptoms/those of other respiratory infections: continuous cough, high temperature, fever or chills, loss/change in sense of taste or smell, tiredness/lack of energy, shortness of breath, headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual, sore throat, muscle ache, blocked/runny nose, diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick.

Good luck to our students who are taking part this weekend in the Duke of Edinburgh award silver expedition. This was postponed from the summer due to the extreme heat at the time.

Class Charts is here! We're excited to inform you that Class Charts, our school management software system, will launch for teachers, parents/carers and students during week commencing Monday 31st October. We're excited about this initiative as it will allow staff, parents/carers and students to improve communication, track student behaviour, manage homework and acknowledge rewards. For more information please [click here](#).

Communication is key to a successful partnership between home and school. If you have a question or concern, please don't wait until Student Progress Evening to raise it. We also appreciate hearing about what we are doing well! Please bear with us, though, if we don't get back to you straight away as teachers have a very full timetable; and we recognise that parents and carers also have very busy lives. We will try to respond to you within three working days where possible, if not the same day, as outlined in our Communications Policy which can be found on the School's website. If you urgently need to speak to someone, for instance if there is a serious family emergency or a child protection issue, Reception staff will do their best to find a suitable member of staff to speak to you.

We have had a number of instances recently where parents have turned up to Student Services unannounced, asking to speak to a member of staff. This is not acceptable. Whilst we appreciate that there may be times when parents feel that they need to speak to someone as a matter of urgency, we do not always have staff on hand and available to take part in unplanned meetings. For example, Progress Leaders may be teaching. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please telephone school and either leave your contact details so that the member of staff can call you back, or please ask to make an appointment. Parents who turn up to school unannounced will be asked to leave and asked to telephone the school to arrange for a call back or to make an appointment, unless the matter is an emergency. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Finally, a couple of reminders about next week. Our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 20th October 2022 for any students in Year 11 and their parents/carers. Presentations from the Head of Sixth Form take place at 6pm and is repeated at 7pm. The event will take place 6pm to 8.30pm. Friday 21st October is an INSET Day and so the School will be closed to students.

Kind regards,



Acting Headteacher

### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 20th October**

Higham Lane Sixth Form Open Evening

**Friday 21st October**

INSET Day

**Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October**

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

## NEWS FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT



In sports news, our sixth form netball team came a creditable 7th in the Warwickshire county competition.

Our Year 9 football team played superbly in a 7-1 win against Southam College in the National Cup.



Our Year 7 football team also had a convincing 3-0 victory over Etone College and a 1-1 draw against St Thomas More School.

And finally, our Year 8 football team lost out narrowly to West Coventry Academy in a 3-2 defeat in the National Cup. Well done to all of 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 17th October

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You are invited to the  
Higham Lane Sixth Form

## OPEN EVENING

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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[Click here](#) to view more information on a variety of exciting opportunities!

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Exploring the lives of black people through history—find them all in the Library

