



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Amazing Week at Higham Lane School!

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We've had an incredible week at Higham Lane School, filled with exciting events and achievements by our students.

New Behaviour Policy Assemblies:

On Monday, we held assemblies introducing our new and improved praise and behaviour policy that will be launched later this year. The new policy will have improved rewards and clearer actions to address poor behaviour that disrupts learning; we believe this will create a more positive and focused learning environment for our students.

Year 8 Job Taster Event:

On Wednesday, Year 8 participated in our annual Job Taster event. Split into three waves, students had the opportunity to engage with eight different employers. The feedback from students has been extremely positive and useful.

Mathematical Challenge Success:

Congratulations to our Year 9 and Year 10 students who excelled in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. Their incredible results earned them numerous certificates, with 37 in Year 10 and 10 in Year 9.

Swimming Achievements:

We are thrilled to share the success of our HLS students from Nuneaton and Bedworth Dolphins Swimming Club. Recently attending a national swimming final, they showcased their talent and dedication to the sport. Special mention to Lois, who achieved outstanding results at the Welsh Nationals, breaking club records and winning Silver in the 200m Fly.

Art Students Engage in Sarah Graham Zoom Artist Talk:

Our Year 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 Art students participated in an enlightening Zoom Artist Talk by Sarah Graham. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to connect with and learn from a prominent artist.

Toilets:

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that students are maximising their learning, we want to remind parents and carers that whilst toilets are open for the majority of the day, the toilets will be closed at limited times during the day. Rest assured, they will be open before school, during part of period 2, at break time, during lunch and during part of period 5. If students have medical passes in relation to toilets, they have unlimited access to toilets and if a student needs to use a toilet during the limited times when they are closed, there are alternative toilets available. We thank you for your support in this matter to ensure that students are in lessons during lesson time and not congregating in toilets.

Aspire Talk Success:

On Thursday evening, 81 HLS students attended an inspiring Aspire Talk featuring an ex-HLS student who has successfully become a GP. The talk provided valuable insights into her journey and aspirations.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead!

Best regards,



Michael Gannon
Headteacher



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Able & Ambitious

All Years:

- Aspire Talk: We were lucky enough to have Dr Sam Johnson, an ex-Higham Lane student and GP, come in to talk to our students on Thursday. She spoke brilliantly about her life as a GP, her many other impressive roles, and her 3 key principles: believe in yourself, work hard and surround yourself with the right people. The students were, as always, a fantastic audience and asked some very searching and perceptive questions.
- Any girls interested in playing cricket can join the Alderman Smith Old Balls Cricket Club who train at Parks Primary School in Hinckley.
- Any students with a passion for music production or DJing can part in a free 10-week course at Aspire in Arts which is in Abbey Street, Nuneaton.
- Higham Lane's Mini-Marathon 2.0: we are organising a mini-marathon to support Young Lives vs Cancer on March 18th at Ambleside. Students can be sponsored to run between 1 and 5 miles in an hour, or they can run a stall in our festival area. Entry forms have been emailed home.

Years 9-13:

- NaturalMotion Access All Areas is a chance for students aged 14+ to explore careers in the games industry and examine the diverse talent pool needed to create amazing games.

Years 12-13:

- Get to know more about university and join our virtual fair where you can join live sessions and get in touch directly with universities across the UK. We'll be joined by top universities including the Universities of Exeter, Portsmouth, Sussex, Cardiff University, Manchester Metropolitan University, and many more! This is taking place on March 13th 4.30-7pm.

Parent and Carer Anxiety Workshop

We are delighted to be hosting a parent and carer anxiety workshop led by colleagues from Warwickshire Mental Health support Team. The aims of the workshop will be to: discuss the purpose of anxiety, symptoms of anxiety, to understand the fight, flight freeze response and to provide strategies to help manage the symptoms of anxiety.

Please complete the link below to reserve a place.

Please note this is for parents and carers only and will be held in the Sixth Form Centre from 5-6pm on Tuesday 27th February 2024.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdivwRbq2ljZxW9kg4DnvJUDxjb6-w4WPO6_qmUiiGAFrd1Bg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Year 7 - 11**Robot Day @ Coventry College**

Robot Day has been created to inspire and educate young people and those who are influential in their lives about STEAM careers through: creative workshops, activities, displays, exhibits, and talks on robotics, automation and AI.

Coventry College are holding a Robot Day event on Saturday 16th March 2024.

The link below will take you to some information about Robot Day and enable you to book FREE tickets::

<https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/events/robot-day-2024/>

Year 10 and 12**Work Experience @ HORIBA MIRA**

To search for work experience placements you must follow the link below:

https://ce0879li.webitrent.com/ce0879li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC179GF.open?WVID=6122900071

To apply for a placement there is an application process which is scored to be fair and consistent for all, this will include a CV.

The deadline for all applications is Thursday 29th February 2024.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 28th February - All Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Thursday 29th February - Year 13 Student Progress Evening

Wednesday 6th March - Year 11 Sixth Form Event

Thursday 7th March - Year 9 Personal Development Day 1

Wednesday 13th March - All Year 8 HPV Vaccinations / Year 12 Rugby School Trip

Thursday 21st March Year 11 Student Progress Evening 2 - online

Monday 25th March - EASTER HOLIDAY BEGINS

Friday 5th April - EASTER HOLIDAY ENDS

Click for Term Dates

