

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we reflect on the incredible achievements of our students this week. It has truly been a remarkable week here at Higham Lane School and I am excited to share some highlights and important updates with you all.

First and foremost, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing Year 9 students for their exemplary conduct and dedication during the exams this week. The experience of sitting formal exams is an important milestone in their academic journey, and I have no doubt that it will serve them well in their future endeavours at GCSE and A Level. Your support and encouragement during this time are invaluable and we are immensely proud of each and every one of our Year 9 students.

I also want to take a moment to commend our Year 11 French and German students who have been working tirelessly to prepare for their GCSE speaking exams that took place this week. These assessments are a crucial component of their language studies, and I am confident that their hard work will be reflected in their results. A special thank you goes out to the Modern Foreign Languages staff for their dedication and support in guiding our students through this process.

In the realm of sports, our students continue to shine bright. Congratulations are in order for our Year 7 football squad and their coach, Mr Douglass on their outstanding victory in the District Cup Final held on Monday 22nd April at the Bedworth Oval. Their determination and teamwork were truly inspiring to witness, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.



Now, let's talk about netball! Our netball teams have been nothing short of phenomenal, with each year group demonstrating exceptional skill and sportsmanship on the court. From Year 7 to Year 11, our netball teams have competed in various tournaments and leagues, showcasing their talent and determination every step of the way. Our Year 7 netball team has had an exceptional season, emerging as the winners of the Nuneaton and District tournament and the Nuneaton and District league. Their success is a testament to their hard work and dedication, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.



Similarly, our Year 8 netball team has also enjoyed a successful season, clinching victory in the Nuneaton and District tournament and league. Their determination and teamwork have been commendable, and they have represented Higham Lane School with pride and distinction. In Year 9, our netball team may have finished as runners-up in the Nuneaton and District tournament and league, but their performance has been nothing short of exceptional. Their resilience and sportsmanship have been truly commendable, and they have showcased the true spirit of Higham Lane School.

Moving on to Year 10, our netball team has had a stellar season, emerging as the winners of the Nuneaton and District tournament and putting up an impressive performance at the county tournament. Their hard work and dedication have paid off, and they have made us proud with their achievements on the court. Last but not least, our Year 11 netball team has also had a fantastic season, clinching victory in the Nuneaton and District tournament and putting up a strong showing at the county tournament. Their determination and perseverance have been truly admirable, and they have represented Higham Lane School with honour and distinction.

As we celebrate the achievements of our netball teams, I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the contributions of our coaches, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Mulholland and the supporters who have worked tirelessly to support our teams throughout the season. Your dedication and commitment have not gone unnoticed and we are immensely grateful for all that you do.

I also had the privilege of meeting Charlie Y in Y10 who ran in the Podium 5K festival which is an open race against over 80 competitors of all ages. He led the race from pretty much start to finish but was being chased down by two seniors from the University of Birmingham, he managed to hold them off and win the race by 5 seconds. Well done Charlie! You are amazing!

We are also delighted to say that the Y10 Coventry University trip on Thursday went very well and we hope that the students found this experience enriching and inspiring.

In conclusion, I want to extend my sincere congratulations to all of our sporting teams for their outstanding achievements this season., your hard work, dedication and sportsmanship are a true inspiration to us all, and you have made us proud to call you members of the Higham Lane School community.

As the week draws to a close, I encourage you all to take some time to celebrate the achievements of our students and to enjoy a well-deserved rest with your loved ones. Thank you for your continued support, and here's to another amazing week ahead at Higham Lane School.

Warm regards

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Mr. Gannon Headteacher









## Dates for your diary

Monday 6 May BANK HOLIDAY Tuesday 7 May Year 10 - Coventry University, Performing Arts Careers Day Tuesday 14 May Year 9 Personal Development Day 2 Thursday 16 May Year 10 Student Progress Evening - online Monday 20 May Year 10 Work Experience (all week) Thursday 23 May Year 12 Student Progress Evening - face to face Monday 27 May HALF TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS



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