



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a truly wonderful week here at Higham Lane!

The weather has been a little cooler this week, which has made it much more pleasant for our students to learn and enjoy their time outdoors. Many have particularly relished being out on the field playing sports, taking full advantage of the change in temperature and enjoying a game of football or relaxing under the shade of the trees with friends.

Looking ahead to Monday, the forecast for Nuneaton is for highs of around 29°C. As a result, students will be permitted to wear their full Higham Lane School PE kit if they wish on Monday 30th June. Students may, of course, opt to wear their full school uniform, or they can wear their school uniform without blazers or ties, however, we anticipate that most students will choose the PE kit option. Please ensure that if your child chooses to wear PE kit, it is the full Higham Lane School PE kit, students are not allowed to substitute any part of the school PE kit for other sports items, in particular, please do not allow your child to substitute the Higham Lane shorts for short, tight cycling shorts-type shorts such as Nike Pros. If students are deemed to be wearing clothing that is not appropriate for school, they will be asked to remain in Student Services whilst we contact home and wait for alternative clothing to be brought in. Thank you for your support with this in advance.

On a fantastic note, The Nuneaton News has also written about our recent Ofsted success! You can read the article here: <https://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/local-news/nuneaton-school-pupils-shine-still-31889162>. We are very proud to have remained the only Ofsted Outstanding School in the whole of Nuneaton and Bedworth.

This week has been incredibly busy and enriching for our students. On Monday and Tuesday, our Year 12 students attended the Post 18 Conference at the NEC. This was an invaluable opportunity for them to learn all about the UCAS process, applying to university and receiving other information, advice and guidance about future careers. Year 12 students have also been engaged in their work experience placements this week, and we hope they have found this experience useful and insightful. We also hope that the students fortunate enough to attend the Big Bang Science Fair at the NEC had a truly wonderful and inspiring time.

I have personally enjoyed leading assemblies this week to different year groups, with a core focus on the vital importance of education. We delved into the compelling case of Malala Yousafzai and the transformative power of learning. Furthermore, we discussed research from the Department for Education's June 2021 documentation on GCSE attainment and lifetime earnings.

This research highlights that improving GCSE grades by just one grade can potentially lead to an average increase of lifetime earnings of £8,500, which could equate to an increase in lifetime earnings of almost £100,000 over a career. The report further underscored the clear correlation between increased education and increased income potential, you can find the report here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/60c36f0cd3bf7f4bd11a2326/GCSE_Attainment_and_Lifetime_Earnings_PDF3A.pdf

Wednesday saw our highly anticipated Enrichment Day, which was a huge success! A diverse range of activities took place, both on and off the school site. These included spray painting art, a fascinating wildlife experience featuring a tarantula, a university trip, a trip to Go Ape, a theatre trip, a visit to a golf range, badminton and an escape room type activity with a large box, amongst many other exciting options.



On Thursday, it was a pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students with a variety of special educational needs (SEND) for their SEND Transition Day. I very much enjoyed meeting them, and I hope they found the day useful in helping them settle in before the main Transition Day next Wednesday, which is for all new Year 7 students who will be joining us in September. On the subject of transition, I also held a productive meeting this week with the headteachers of our local primary schools, and a further meeting with local headteachers where we discussed how we can further enhance the transition process from primary to secondary school. Furthermore, I visited Weddington Primary School this week, where I delivered an assembly to Year 5 students to give them a taste of secondary school life, and a different assembly to Year 6 students who will be joining Higham Lane School next year. I will be visiting the other primary schools to deliver similar presentations over the next two weeks.

Thursday night was a truly lovely occasion as we celebrated the Year 13 Prom. It was wonderful to see students and staff celebrating their successes from the last two years as they prepare to embark on their journeys to university, apprenticeships and employment. We eagerly look forward to seeing them again in August when they collect their A-level examination results, all of that hard work will pay off!

Tonight is the Year 11 Prom at Coombe Abbey, and we are very much looking forward to seeing the students and having a wonderful time celebrating all their hard work over the last two years with their GCSEs. Again, we look forward to celebrating with them in August when they collect their results after all of those revision classes and hard work!

Finally, a huge good luck to all the students involved in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualification over the weekend, and also to all the students involved in the technical setup and technical rehearsal for the school production of Matilda!

Next week promises to be another busy one! We have the dress rehearsal for Matilda on Monday, the New Year 7 Transition Day on Wednesday, school productions taking place later in the week, and our Year 8 Jurassic Coast trip heading out on Friday. As mentioned earlier, students will be in PE kit on Monday due to the high temperatures forecast, and we may implement something similar on Tuesday if the weather remains hot, but we will make that decision on Monday. The forecast for later on in the week is for it to be much cooler, at around 20°C, so students will be expected to be back in normal school uniform.

Thank you, as always, for your omnipresent support as parents and carers. I wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Gannon
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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 2nd July – Friday 4th July 2025 – School Production – Matilda

Thursday 3rd July – HLS Culture Day

Monday 14th July 2025 – Sports Day

Friday 18th July 2025 – End Of Term

Monday 21st July 2025 – Inset Day



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