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Welcome To Our Eggciting Easter Edition!

DEAR Parents/Carers,
 Welcome to the Easter edition of HLS Express! I know you will enjoy reading about the School's glowing feedback and Pupil Premium Award from the DfE; World Book Day; the cracking

Christmas music concerts; BBC News School Report, along with further successes in the world of sport, including an England football call-up for one student. Happy Easter to you all!
PHIL KELLY, Headteacher

FIRST CLASS!

STAFF and students at Higham Lane are celebrating being recognised by the Department for Education and the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) following last summer's examination success.

The School has been rated as among the top eight per cent of all secondary educational bases in England.

In fact, it is the joint-highest performing, state funded secondary school in the whole of Warwickshire, alongside Southam College, based upon its 2015 GCSE results of 82 per cent 5+ A* to C grades including English and mathematics.

The Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed that the School achieved a value-added score of 1032.5 against a national average of 1000 for its exam results.

Furthermore, Higham Lane is ranked first out of 55 schools with a very similar intake of students across the whole of England.

Delighted Headteacher, Phil Kelly, said the rankings were an indication of the progress students make in the school.

"This is an excellent performance by the students and their teachers," he said.

"It indicates that students of all abilities make impressive progress at Higham



• **OFFICIAL RECOGNITION!** Celebrating more good news for Higham Lane School — Headteacher, Mr Kelly, Deputy Headteacher, Mr Banks, and members of the Junior Leadership Team.

Lane and that the school is performing extremely well."

The recognition follows on from the School's success in 2014 when the Minister of State for Education congratulated us for being within the top 100 non-selective state-funded schools in England.

Due to our consistently high performance, Higham Lane School has been given permission to open our own Sixth Form in September 2016.

Students wishing to obtain a place in the Sixth Form should contact Assistant Headteacher, Hanif Ladha, on 02476 388123.



No stopping us now . . . !

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to share some milestones towards the opening of Higham Lane Sixth Form in September.

As you can see from the photograph below, the build has started and is on schedule, and we will be holding the two-day Sixth Form induction on Monday and Tuesday, July 11/12, at the new Sixth Form Centre.

We are planning to show the new build to other year groups so that they can share in this historic and exciting addition to the School's success.

We are pleased to receive applications from students at Higham Lane School and other providers. It is no surprise that we are currently over-subscribed.

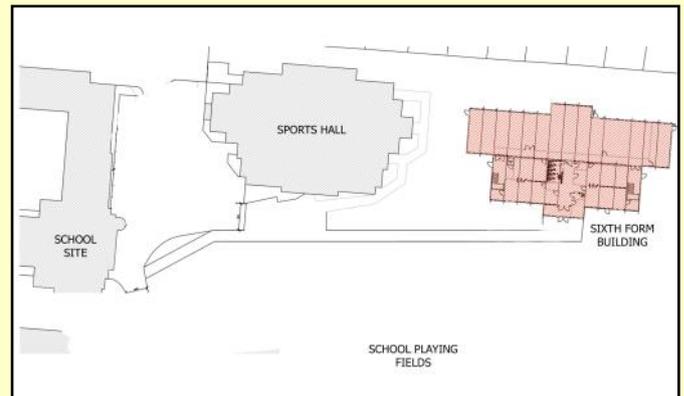
Interviews were held in February and we were also able to offer information, advice and guidance to students.

Sixth Form teaching staff are regularly involved with specialist training and we have made some further excellent appointments, including Law and Psychology teachers.

We are working closely and strengthening links with partners in excellence, other providers, universities and businesses.

It is of paramount importance that all of our students are given a varied and exciting diet of opportunities.

Giving strong information, advice and guidance will allow all of



our students to make informed choices relevant to their aspirational careers.

'Helping Learners Succeed' will be a common thread in all that we offer, deliver and provide at the Sixth Form.

I wish all our Year 11s well in their exams and know they will reap the rewards of their hard work.

MR LADHA

Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form



• HISTORIC MOMENT — The groundworks are underway on Higham Lane School's new Sixth Form building.

AT THIS time of year we sadly say goodbye to a number of staff.

Whilst we are always sad to see colleagues leave us, we know that new staff arrive with fresh ideas and experience.

Tony Lawton left his post as teacher of Science at February half term. We are

Staff leavers and arrivals

grateful for his contribution to the Science Department.

Selina Ghaiwal leaves us after a short period of cover for English. We thank her for her helpful input.

Sara McCallum has done an excellent job as EVC and

Cover Co-ordinator. We wish her well in her new project.

Megan Hoar has been a superb TA. We know she will continue to thrive in her next post.

Next term we welcome **Katherine Howard**, Assistant

Subject Leader for English, and **Abbe Fardon** to our English Department.

We wish **Natacha Finley** (Modern Foreign Languages) and **Laura Thomas** (English) all the best as they leave us to begin their maternity leaves during next term.

MR KELLY
Headteacher

School receives Local Pupil Premium Award!

HIGHAM Lane's excellent work with students who receive the Pupil Premium has been recognised by the Department for Education.

The School has received a letter from Sam Gyimah MP, Minister for Childcare and Education, congratulating us on winning a Local Award in the Key Stage 4 category of the Pupil Premium Awards 2016.

This is in recognition of our work with students who are in care, in receipt of Free School Meals or who have parents in the armed forces.

This Award recognises consistently high attainment in the percentage of students in these groups achieving A*-C in English and maths between 2013 and 2015 and an above average percentage of students in these groups achieving the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) in 2015.

Schools winning the Local Award must also have a high value added score for students in these groups, sustained high or non-declining attainment for students overall and be judged good or outstanding by OFSTED.

Delighted Headteacher, Phil Kelly, said: "It is wonderful to receive recognition for our work in this important field. I would particularly like to congratulate Di Pitcher, who coordinates our work in this area, Leanne Whitfield, who supports Di, as well as Kirstie Robinson, Subject Leader for English, and Jayne Hales, Subject Leader for Maths. This is a great team effort!"



- **SUPER SALESMAN!** Headteacher, Mr Kelly, serves up a slice of cake to help a charity close to his heart.

Raising money is a piece of cake!

ON MONDAY, March 14, Higham Lane staff held a bake sale to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Headteacher, Mr Kelly, had talked to staff about the way this illness had affected his mother and family and pointed out that it is now affecting large numbers of families across the UK and the world as life expectancy increases.

We may all be affected as sufferers or carers for our grandparents, parents and other relatives or friends.

Mr Kelly's daughter has decided to run the London Marathon to raise money for this important charity.

On the positive side, medicines have been developed that can definitely slow down the rate of dementia, particularly if diagnosis occurs early on and a cure may be around the corner.

Staff responded by baking a wide range of delicious cakes, quiches and other delectable items. Mr Kelly donned a Superman apron as he joined his PA, Mrs Lisa Luke, Resources Manager Miss Jo Stansfield and other staff to serve their colleagues. The fantastic sum of more than £200 was raised!

We know that the Alzheimer's Society will appreciate this contribution to their research costs and fundraising for awareness about this illness.



- **A GREAT TEAM EFFORT!** Proudly showing off the award (left to right): Leanne Whitfield; Headteacher, Mr Kelly; Pupil Premium Co-ordinator, Di Pitcher; Subject Leader for English, Kirstie Robinson; Jayne Hales, Subject Leader for Mathematics.

HIGHAM Lane School played host to a very special guest when X Factor contestant James Graham dropped in for a flying visit.

The vocalist, who shot to fame in the 2014 run of the popular talent show, later became part of the eight-strong Stereo Kicks boy band, but has now decided to pursue a solo career.

During his appearance, James entertained Year 8 and 9 students,

Higham Lane has got the X Factor!



performing Justin Bieber's 'Love Yourself' and conducting a question and answer session with each group.

The following weekend, the singer was on the bill at the Civic Hall, Bedworth, performing alongside three other former X Factor contestants — Stevie Ritchie, Jake Quickenden and Ray Quinn.

During the evening, the foursome pulled out all the stops, providing a mixture of pop ballads and clap-your-hands-together upbeat numbers, with Celebrity Big Brother winner James Hill hosting the show.



• **BIG HIT!** James Graham performs 'Love Yourself'.

• **PLEASED TO MEET YOU!** The former X Factor and Stereo Kicks star meets and greets Year 9 students during his visit to the School.

Monkeying around on YouTube!

FOR the past three years I have been on the professional stage.

In one pantomime I was involved with, the Dame was a producer and has

been writing a new pre-school internet channel called 'Cheeky Chimps'.

He needed six children out of 24 who were part of the panto, and I was one of the lucky ones chosen!

On January 30, we went to the Dame's own studio in Oxford Hill. On that day we were put in places where we were going to be in 'Cheeky Chimps'.

We returned the following day and started to film with a proper camera.

We then had to go back on February 28 to a recording studio in London to record the main songs.

'Cheeky Chimps' is going to be on YouTube, and if it is popular we will do more programmes and I will get paid!

It is very exciting to be involved with 'Cheeky Chimps' so please spread the word around and make it become popular!



• **FAME BECKONS!** Molly (circled) and the 'Cheeky Chimps' team.

MOLLY (9L1)



Book Swap is a huge success

IN ORDER to promote and encourage reading for pleasure, the English Department organised a HLS 'Book Swap'.

This involved students, parents and teachers donating any books that were unwanted or which they had already read.

The 'Book Swap' took place on Tuesday, March 15, in EN7, students of all years being invited to attend and help themselves to a book of their choice, free of charge.

The response to the event has been overwhelming with many teachers and students donating a substantial amount of books.

The 'Book Swap' proved to be a real success and helped raise the profile of reading, equipping us all with some new and exciting reading material!

MRS THOMAS
Literacy Co-ordinator

Making an impression with literary characters!

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

3 MARCH 2016

THE students at Higham Lane School were taken by surprise on Thursday, March 3, when they arrived at school to find their teachers in fancy dress – ready for World Book Day.

Many members of staff at Higham Lane School decided to mark World Book Day by choosing to dress up as their favourite characters from popular books, in order to prompt discussions about reading and to raise the profile of reading for pleasure.

This provided lots of entertainment for students and staff alike.

Students were curious about the characters that members of staff had dressed up as and why, provoking lots of discussion and interesting reactions.

Staff and students also spent the first 10 minutes of each lesson reading their favourite books and discussing why they liked them.

Many students in Year 7, 8 and 9 took part in a 'Quotation Treasure Hunt' around school, testing students' knowledge about book titles and authors.

The day was a huge success and the activities linked to World Book Day created a buzz of fun and excitement in school.

The message was clear: reading widely is not only fun, but it really is the key to high achievement.

MRS THOMAS, Literacy Co-ordinator



● **SPOT THE BOOK!** Members of staff celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite characters from popular books.



News from the English Department

What the Dickens?

T'WAS a week before Christmas and the English Department, with Year 10s, were feeling very festive with their morning exploring 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.

The final GCSE English Literature examination requires all Year 10 students to know this novel alongside having a detailed understanding of what life was like in Victorian times.

Therefore, students spent a morning visiting different 'Victorian' stations and learning about aspects from this time in history from Victorian Christmas card making to tasting gruel and from hearing 'ghost' stories from Nuneaton's very own workhouse to learning about Victorian schools; there was certainly a lot to explore.

All students had their fingernails inspected as 'cleanliness was next to godliness' in the 1850s and they had to work out the significance of many items from the Victorian era.

Tiny Tim's crutch even made an appearance, and we were fortunate enough for the great man himself, Charles Dickens, to have paid a visit! Student behaviour and attitude to learning was truly excellent during the morning and they were enthusiastic throughout.

Many thanks to the English teachers as well, for putting on an experience that will help students remember information for their final GCSE exams.

MRS ROBINSON
Subject Leader for English



• **STRICT UPBRINGING** — Miss Witham teaches students about Victorian traditions and values.



• **YULETIDE GREETINGS!** Students learn how Christmas cards became popular during Victorian times.



• **FRIGHT TIME!** Victorians loved the supernatural and, in particular, ghost stories, as highlighted by Miss Hollin and Miss Arshad.



• **CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS!** Mrs Robinson checks students' finger nails — all part of the school day in Victorian times.



• **PICTURE THIS!** Miss Tutt explains how Christmas cards were created.



• **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** — Mrs Thomas demonstrates how gruel and mince pies were made.



• **VICTORIAN WAY OF LIFE** — A selection of objects from the time were showcased by Mrs Findlay.



• **DEGRADING DISCIPLINE!** Mrs Somel shows Connor (10H3) how Victorian teachers treated under-achieving students.



• **PERIOD DRESS** — The English Department take a step back in time. Back row (left to right): Mrs Findlay, Mrs Somel, Miss Arshad and Miss Tutt. Front: Mr Bottrill, Mrs Thomas, Miss Hollin, Miss Witham and Mrs Robinson.



News from the Modern Ethics Department

The only way is Ethics!

ON FRIDAY, February 12, Year 11 students took part in Modern Ethics revision sessions in preparation for their forthcoming exams.

Students were extremely enthusiastic, respectful and hardworking during the sessions, which looked at issues such as: 'Is War Ever Right?', 'Do Animals Have Rights?', and 'Does The Law On Abortion Need To Change?'

Students took part in many dynamic activities, including a questions race which saw Miss Charles, Mr Froggett and Mrs Kilkelly go head-to-head to see whose groups were the fastest fact finders and best team workers.

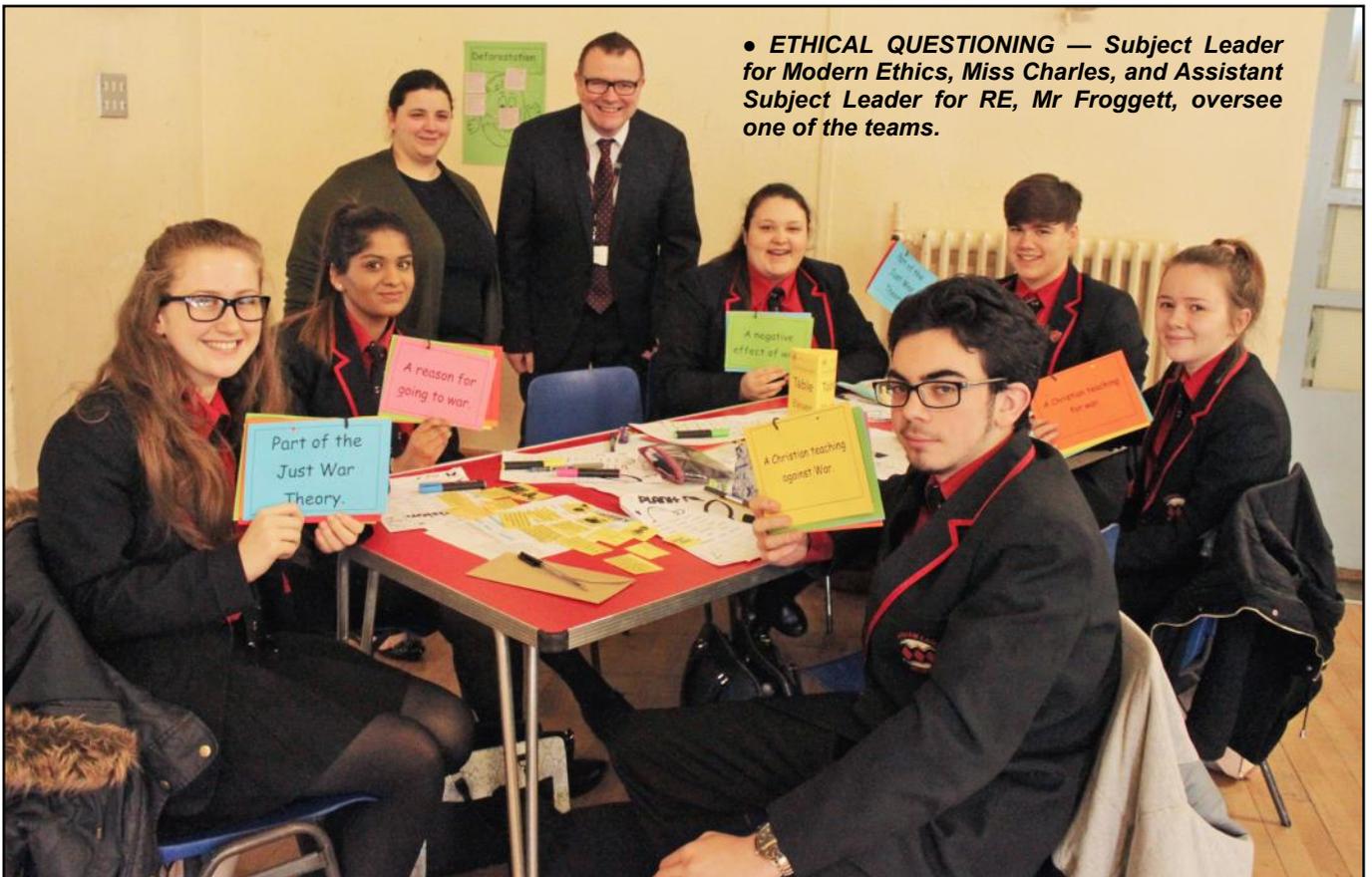
Mr Froggett's legendary humour and full sweet tub made for a very fun and informative day with Year 11 students leaving feeling confident that they know how to tackle the challenging evaluation questions and accurately apply key teachings to their answers.

Good luck to all of Year 11 in your Modern Ethics exams and remember: 'Pick 3 My Lord!'.

MISS CHARLES, Subject Leader for Modern Ethics



● **SEARCHING QUESTIONS** — Modern Ethics teacher, Mrs Kilkelly, gives a helping hand as students work their way through the challenging issues.



● **ETHICAL QUESTIONING** — Subject Leader for Modern Ethics, Miss Charles, and Assistant Subject Leader for RE, Mr Froggett, oversee one of the teams.



• **OPEN TO DEBATE!** Back row, left to right: Rohan, James, Sharifa, Lauren, Jack and Ollie. Front: Dhaanish and Jack.

Photograph courtesy of the Nuneaton News



Friendly persuasion from debating teams!



ON MONDAY, January 18, nine of our students participated in the Youth Speaks competition, hosted by the Rotary Club in Coombe Hall.

The event gave our students the opportunity to speak for six minutes about a topic of their choice.

There were two senior teams from Year 11 and one junior team from Year 9. Each team was made up of a Chairperson, Speaker and a Vote of Thanks Proposer.

In that order, the first senior team consisted of Lauren (11H3), Sharifa (11S1) and Jack (11L3). The second team was made up of Rohan (11S3), James (11H3) and Oliver (11L1). Jack (9S3), Dhaanish (9L1) and Jack (9H1) made up the junior team.

Sadly, Jack (9H1) was unable to attend the event, having contributed massively to the preparation stage, but regardless the junior team handled this unexpected problem extremely well, managing to give an excellent spontaneous vote of thanks.

Unfortunately, no other schools participated in this event, so our senior teams were competing against one another and our junior team was unopposed.

The junior team gave a thought-provoking and informative talk about the

legalisation of cannabis in the UK and the benefits that this could have on our country.

The first of our senior teams spoke persuasively and passionately about the increasing need for ocean conservation and exploration in today's society and the advantages of this.

In response, the second senior team's talk was regarding the fact that the voting age for the EU referendum should be lowered to 16 and why 16-year-olds are capable of making an informed decision with maturity.

All of the speakers were extremely confident and well-spoken, managing to include relevant and persuasive information regarding the topics on which they were speaking.

The chairpersons managed the talks, introduced who was speaking, summed up the presentations and invited a spontaneous question from the judges.

The speakers spoke for six minutes about their chosen topic, then for two minutes in response to the question, which was challenging and required a quick but thoughtful answer.

Lastly, the Vote of Thanks commented on the effectiveness of the speakers' talks and the relevance of the topic discussed.

Furthermore, the Vote of Thanks asked

for appreciation of the speaker and guests in attendance.

The first of our senior teams won the competition, so they and the junior team headed to the regional rounds of this national competition at Bablake School on March 12. We look forward to seeing them in action again!

SHARIFA and OLIVER
Head Girl and Head Boy



Photograph courtesy of the Nuneaton News

• **SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT!** Lauren is congratulated by Roger Coopey, the Rotary Club's representative, following her team's victory.



News from the Music Department

Feast of festive sounds!



• **LET THE BELLS RING OUT!** Mrs Davenport and Mrs Watson with the students who ensured Christmas got off to a cracking start at Higham Lane School's Carol Concert, held at Nuneaton's St Nicolas Parish Church.



• **ON-SONG** — Residents at Reg Hadden Court enjoyed an afternoon of Christmas tunes.

HIGHAM Lane School's talented and dedicated musicians ensured the Yuletide celebrations got off to a perfect start thanks to four cracking concerts!

Kicking-off the festivities was the annual Carol Concert, held at St Nicolas Parish Church, Nuneaton.

This was followed by a Christmas concert at the School. Under the directorship of Mrs Davenport and Mrs Watson, students performed to a large audience who were

treated to an enchanting evening of musical entertainment.

The school orchestra, string ensemble, school choir and African drummers all played varied pieces, providing an assortment of styles, supported by several other performers with traditional carols, popular songs and compositions.

Weddington Primary School's Recorder Group, under the guidance of Julie Sowerby, was once again invited to perform at a repeat performance the following morning, the audience comprising senior citizens from the local community.

Students were also invited to play a matinee concert at Reg Hadden Court, opposite the School, where the residents enjoyed participating in the carols and Christmas songs.

A big thank-you is extended to all the fantastic musicians for their hard work and dedication which provides us with such wonderful concerts year after year.

Finally, many thanks to the parents/carers of students involved for their continued support, encouragement and ferrying!



• **RAISING THE ROOF!** Reg Hadden Court was filled with Christmas cheer thanks to Higham Lane School's magnificent musicians.



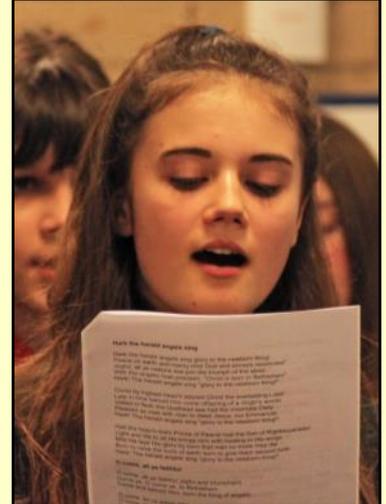
News from the Music Department



• **MELLOW CELLO!** Cellist Isabella (8L2).



• **THE SOUND OF BRASS!** Florence (10L1) shows great concentration.



• **IN FINE VOICE!** Soloist Maicie (8S1).



• **FULLY FOCUSED** — Drummer boy Euan (10S3), left, and clarinet player Ruby (8H2), below, both hit the right notes with the audience at Higham Lane School's evening Christmas concert.



Examination success

THE following Music students have passed their Associated Board Examinations during the autumn term of 2015. Congratulations!

Grade 3		
Heather 10L1	Flute	Pass
Isabella 8L2	Alto Sax	Pass
Grade 1		
Jamilah 10H2	Clarinet	Merit



News from the Music Department



● **WE'VE GOT RHYTHM!** The African Drums proved to be a big hit with the festive audience!



● **ALL TOGETHER NOW!** Members of the School Choir were in fine voice!



● **SPECIAL REQUEST!** The duo of Millie (9L1) left, and Sophie (9H3) played The Housemartins' 'Caravan of Love', for Headteacher, Mr Kelly.



● **SOLO FLUTE** — Lauren (11S1) performs 'Sicilienne' by Fauré.



● **IN FINE TUNE!** Member of the eight-strong String Ensemble, Elissa (10L2).



● **DELIGHTFUL DUET** — Assistant Head Boy and Girl, Jack and Jessica, warmed the audience with their rendition of 'It's Cold Outside'.



● **TALENTED MUSICIANS** — Flute players Jessica (11S1) and Shaan (11L1).



● **JOYOUS OCCASION!** Local residents join Higham Lane School musicians and Weddington Primary School's Recorder Group following the Christmas Community Concert.

There's no doubting Thomas!

CONGRATULATIONS and well done to Thomas (11L2) who has received his ASDAN Bronze & Silver Award.

Thomas has been working towards his award over a two-year period, completing various projects including writing and illustrating a children's book. Well done Thomas!

MRS BOWERS
ASDAN Co-ordinator

Dates for your diary



FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Break up for Easter.

MONDAY, APRIL 4

INSET day.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Summer term commences.

MONDAY, MAY 2

May Day Bank Holiday.

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Break-up for half term.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

Summer term recommences.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Break up for summer.

A comprehensive list of calendar dates can be found on the School's website — www.highamlaneschool.co.uk



• **GREAT ACHIEVEMENT!** Thomas is congratulated on his Bronze & Silver Award by ASDAN Co-ordinator, Mrs Bowers.

Help set a new Guinness World Record!

HIGHAM Lane School's students and staff are being invited to help set a new Guinness World Record.

An official attempt for the world's largest fitness circuit at a single venue is taking place on Sunday, May 1, at Ambleside Sports Club, Nuneaton. The event is open to everyone and caters for all levels of fitness.

Registration takes place between 10am-11.30am on the day and the fitness circuit gets underway at noon.

Entrants are being encouraged to pay a voluntary donation to raise money for two local charities – George's Record and Nuneaton Round Table.

Recommended donations are £5 adults and £1 under-16s, with 100 per

cent of the money raised going to these two charities.

If you can't afford a donation, still turn up on the day and get involved in the record-breaking attempt.

The current world record stands at 2,061, which was set in Australia in 2013, and the organisers are aiming to smash this with a target of 2,400 people.

Participants are also being urged to take along their families as there are lots of other attractions, including barbecue, cake and sweet stalls, bouncy castle and face painting.

To register your interest, please go to www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/georgiesrecord



Don't miss the next deadline!

THE next edition of HLS Express will be published on July 18, 2016. Would you please ensure all your contributions are with Mr Nikols by Monday, July 4, 2016, at the latest. Thank you.

BUGSY MALONE

LAST year's *Annie* cast — the first from Higham Lane to perform at the Abbey Theatre — set the bar exceptionally high, so this year's cast of *Bugsy Malone* knew what the expectations were. They more than lived up to them!

After months of hard work, sometimes rehearsing four times a week, we were all ready for another roof-raising show.

It was the youngest cast

we've ever had for a school production, with the majority of the lead roles played by Year 8s and 9s, and you could tell they were extremely nervous on the first night and had no older, more confident leading actors to feed off or calm them down.

However, once they settled down and began to enjoy it, the whole show went from strength to strength to strength!

By the final performance, every single one of them was performing with the confidence, imagination and enjoyment of actors twice their age and audiences on all three nights were treated to another belter of a show.

Congratulations and thank you to EVERYONE involved with the show — see you next year for more of the same!

MR BOTTRILL



Photos by Ben (8H1)





News from the Science Department

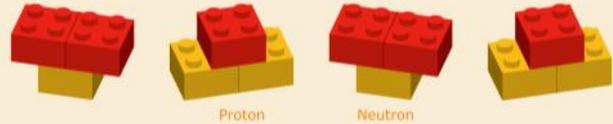
BUILD YOUR OWN UNIVERSE

1: TIME = BEFORE 0.01 SECONDS THE PARTICLE SOUP



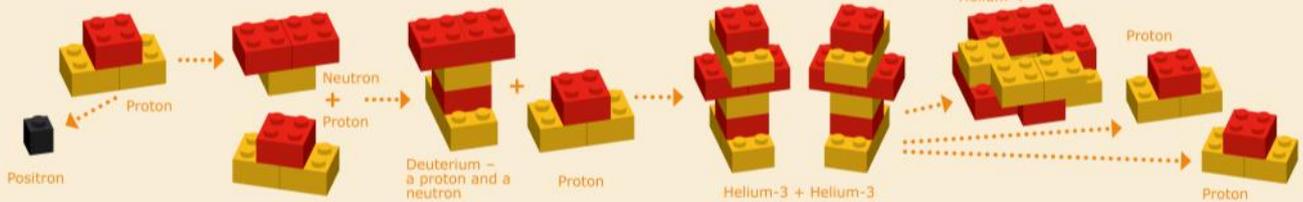
The Universe is very very hot and very dense. It is full of a jumble of strange particles: quarks, electrons, positrons and neutrinos, as well as photons.

2: TIME = 0.01 SECONDS - 14 SECONDS PROTONS AND NEUTRONS FORM



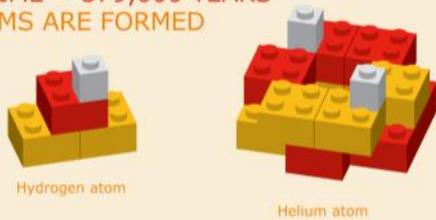
Up and Down quarks start to combine to make protons and neutrons, but it's still too hot for electrons to stick to protons to make atoms.

3: TIME = 3 MINUTES - 20 MINUTES LIGHT ELEMENTS ARE FORMED



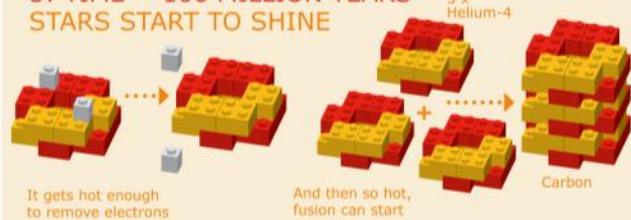
Protons and neutrons start to join together to make elements, mainly helium and hydrogen. The step that makes this possible is beta decay: where a proton turns into a neutron by firing out a positron.

4: TIME = 379,000 YEARS ATOMS ARE FORMED



For the first time, the Universe is cool enough for hydrogen and helium nuclei to capture electrons to form atoms, and light can travel freely through the Universe.

5: TIME = 100 MILLION YEARS STARS START TO SHINE

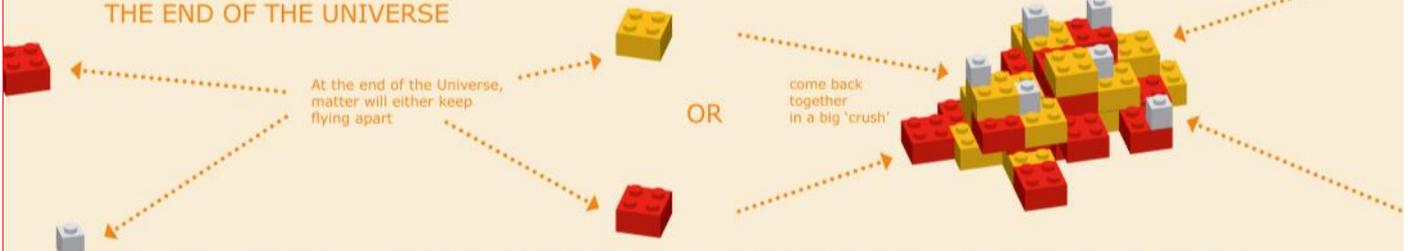


It gets hot enough to remove electrons

And then so hot, fusion can start

The matter in the Universe has been collapsing due to gravity, forming stars. Temperatures keep increasing so that heavier elements – like carbon – can be formed through fusion.

6: TIME = ? THE END OF THE UNIVERSE



We don't know what will happen at the end of the Universe yet. Right now, all of the matter in the Universe is flying apart, but one theory is that at some point in the future, this will change, and everything will come flying back together in one big crunch. Other people think that things will keep flying apart forever, and the Universe will just get very cold and boring.



Learning with LEGO

IF YOU are like me, you probably love Science! It is the best subject after all!

Also, if you are like me, you probably love LEGO! Imagine my excitement when I stumbled across a series of articles that explain Physics principles using LEGO.

Have a go yourself using the poster on the opposite page that looks at the formation of the universe!

The physical aspect of building the LEGO models as you go through the connected theory on the poster really makes the concepts stick.

This resource was put together by the School of Physics and Astronomy at Queen Mary University London.

They also have some more In-depth booklet resources on the 'Building a Universe' idea and two other looking at 'Fission or Fusion?' and 'Particle Physics' all using LEGO as a learning resource.

Use the links below to access any of the booklets available:-

<http://ph.qmul.ac.uk/sites/default/files/QMUL%20LEGO%20leaflet.pdf>

http://ph.qmul.ac.uk/sites/default/files/QMUL_Fission_Fusion.pdf

http://ph.qmul.ac.uk/sites/default/files/SEPnet%20LEGO%20leaflet_A%20level.pdf

This is all challenging stuff, but it is designed to push your thinking and understanding! Definitely the kind of thing you should be looking at if you have aspirations for Physics A-level and beyond!

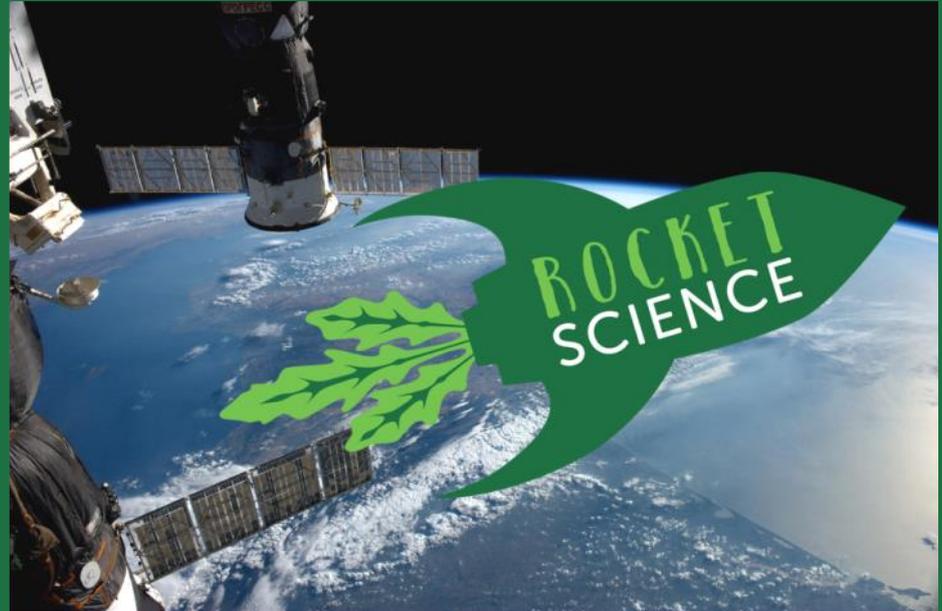
A good revision technique would be to create your own step-by-step model for a concept or process you have studied.

Video yourself building it and talking through the concept. You can then do your revision review by looking back over what you made after trying to brain dump everything that was in the video.

That would make a great way to approach an Independent Learning Unit as well!

Have fun!

MR PARKER
Subject Leader for Science



Seeds in space!

HIGHAM Lane School is over the moon after learning it will be taking part in the Royal Horticultural Society's Rocket Science Experiment.

The RHS Rocket Science project, in partnership with the UK Space Agency, is a nationwide experiment and a fun, interactive way to get students thinking about how plants might grow in space. It will help them understand the difficulties of living, growing and eating in space.

In September, 2kg of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station on Soyuz 44S. The seeds are being held in microgravity for six months with British ESA astronaut, Tim Peake, taking charge of them while on the ISS for his Principia mission, which started in December.

The seeds are due to return to Earth in April this year, and Higham Lane will be one of several schools to receive 100 seeds. These will be grown alongside seeds that have not been to space to see if there are any differences in growth.

No-one at the School will know which seeds have been to space and which have remained on Earth.

Students will care for the seedlings, record their growth and observe them over a seven-week period, then enter their findings into a database. After all the data has been collected, the results will be

analysed by professional statisticians.

Leading scientists from the RHS and European Space Agency will interpret the results and draw possible conclusions prior to publishing their findings on the RHS Campaign for School Gardening website.

The Science Department is currently taking names of students who would like to be part of the mission. If you would like to know more about Rocket Science before the seeds arrive at Higham Lane, you can:-

- Visit the RHS Rocket Science Webpage:-

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Competitions/Rocket-Science-Experiment-Overview>

- Track the ISS online:-

<http://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/#.VgLAf8tVhBc>

- Watch a video of the rocket launch that delivered our seeds to the ISS:-

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9R7gWKZZsg>

- Follow on Twitter:-

[#RocketScience](https://twitter.com/rhsschools) or

[Facebook: facebook.com/rhsschoolgardening](https://facebook.com/rhsschoolgardening)

MRS ROWLAND, Science Department



Junior reporters make the news !

ON MARCH 10, 120 Year 8 students took part in the BBC News School Report.

The School was a hive of activity with Year 8 students becoming on-the-day journalists to uncover the top stories of the day, as seen in the accompanying photographs.

Students gathered in classrooms to discover the range of tasks the editors had in store for them!

They were asked to research breaking news stories and to film segments. Topics included flooding, teen pregnancy, entertainment stories, and sports.

Students were also asked to take pictures of the weather for BBC Weather Watchers; the BBC re-tweeted one!

Local film maker and teacher Rich Wood was on hand to help students film and edit videos.

After the hectic day, students were treated to pizza and the opportunity to watch their own news report.

Well done to all students who participated.

MISS TUTT, Assistant Subject Leader for English





Not your average version of 'Macbeth'!

TREACHERY. Power. Murder. These are fitting words to describe one of Shakespeare's most famous plays.

On January 28, 49 Year 9 students went to Birmingham's Repertory Theatre to watch Carrie Cracknell and Lucy Guerin's adaptation of 'Macbeth'.

This wasn't your average version of 'Macbeth'! Set in the middle of a modern day conflict, Macbeth struggled between his wife and what was right.

The production was complemented with elements of outstanding choreography to add to the eerie and intense atmosphere.

With lots of flashing light and stunning visual effects, students and staff were highly impressed with the production.

Students found the production incredibly helpful in understanding the plot, Macbeth being a GCSE text.

Thanks to all who came.

MISS TUTT
Assistant Subject Leader for English

Play delivers on its promise

ON THURSDAY, February 11, 100 enthusiastic Year 11 students boarded coaches bound for the Birmingham Repertory Theatre to immerse themselves in a production of John Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men'.

The production delivered on its promise to bring the text alive: characters were believable, the backdrop reflected the bleakness of 1930s America and key themes of dreams, friendship and loneliness were illuminated.

The visit was for some students, the first time they had been to a theatre to watch a play.

We hope that by enjoying a production, on a much-loved GCSE text, will have sowed the seed for a life-long passion for literature and the theatre.

MRS SOMEL
Assistant Subject Leader for English



Student Voice members meet every fortnight to work on actions suggested by other students. Our aim is to make Higham Lane an even better school.

A JOINT meeting with Year Ambassadors and JLT was held at the end of the autumn term to discuss suggestions for improvements which have been raised by students to their Year Ambassador via Form Captains.

Actions and progress include the following:-

- **Facilities and Environment:** This group aims to make the School a better place for all students and they have been busy following up suggestions discussed at the joint meeting, including the

provision of trampolines, football in PE and the re-painting and re-surfacing of the netball courts. Students also raised issues concerning the doors in the boys' toilets and a wasp nest in the girls'; both of these have now been rectified.

Students also asked about the one-way system and the Science doors. Notices will appear on FROG to remind students. A questionnaire has been prepared for students to comment on the school's facilities and environment. Hopefully this will provide further suggestions for improvement.

- **Anti-Bullying:** An assembly was given to Year 7 students, along with anti-bullying activities, during Anti-Bullying Week. Year 9 students have been recruited to take over from our existing Year 10 students. They had a training session on Tuesday, March 1. Bullying is a serious issue in all schools that we should all tackle. Anti-bullying Ambassadors visit Year 7 forms weekly to spread the message through fun and engaging activities to promote discussion and understanding.

- **Student Voice on FROG and e-safety:** This group supported the anti-bullying assembly to Year 7 students and they also gave a presentation at Parent Forum. Now that Student Voice is well established on FROG, after Easter this group will be known as 'Safeguarding' and will include cyber-safety (e-safety), CSE, self-harm and mental health. (This ties in with the work Lauren Fletcher has been doing in her role as Youth Parliament Representative). A group of eight Year 9-10 students has also attended a Child Sexual Exploitation conference to raise awareness of this issue. They will be delivering assemblies to all students later this term.

- **Charities:** Over £50 was donated to 'Dogs for Good' which was raised from staff wearing Christmas jumpers and students wearing Santa hats. 'Dogs for Good' is a charity which trains autism assistance dogs to work with autistic children in their day-to-day life. This group also organised the Teachers' Lip Sync battle which raised over £100 for Macmillan Cancer Research (see opposite page). A non-uniform day is also planned for Friday, March 18, to raise funds for Sports Relief, the 'Bugsy' theatre production and to fund the poster display boards for the toilets. This group has also organised a further collection for Nuneaton Foodbank, which brings our total donated to the local community to over 514Kgs.

All groups have also updated FROG and the noticeboards to inform students and staff of their work to date.

Since the last meeting, JLT has given an assembly to all year groups about AIDS and an assembly to Year 10 to start the new Prefect/JLT process. The first Prefect training day took place on Wednesday, March 3, and the new JLT will be appointed before Easter.

MISS FERN, Assistant Headteacher



• **GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS** — Year 10 Progress Leader, Mr Davies, addresses students at the Prefect Training Day.

New Prefects on duty

SEVENTY Year 10 students have now taken over the roles of Prefects and Senior Prefects from Year 11 students. They have attended their first training session looking at the role and responsibilities of a Prefect and drawing up a code of conduct.

JLT will be selected from these Prefects and Senior Prefects.

Students have a duty day once a week and this year have been issued with high visibility waistcoats to increase their presence on the site.

Prefect list (Senior Prefects in yellow):-

Monday: Abigail, Mia, **Max**, Jessica, Lauren, Robert, Emma, Miah and Eliot (10H1); **Amna**, Kasey and Caitlin (10H2); Max and James (10L1).

Tuesday: **Sam**, Sukhdip, Oliver and **Ellie** (10L1); Matthew, Hamzah, Jessica and Caitlin (10H2); Jessica, Amber, Liam, Chaz and Rohit (10H3); James (10L1).

Wednesday: Lauren, Lauren, Molly, Connor, Zoe, Ellie, Max and James (10H3); **Yagnesh** (10L1); Morgan and Molly (10S3); Sajal and **Armaan** (10L2); Florence (10L1).

Thursday: Heather (10L1); **Megan** and Elissa (10L2); Katherine, **Lewis** and Alannah (10L3); Holly, Armani and Holly (10S1); Chloe, Ellie, Daisy and Alex (10S2); Umaymah (10S3).

Friday: **Elise**, Malaika and Aaminah (10S3); **Max** (10L1); Joe, Ulfa, Libby, Davit, Dylan, Zara and Yusra (10S3); Georgia, Evie and Ethan (10L1).

MISS FERN, Assistant Headteacher

Opposition is 'Frozen' out in Lip Sync Battle!

HIGHAM Lane School's first-ever Teacher Lip Sync Battle, organised by Student Voice, proved to be a massive hit!

The event, held on February 10, attracted more than 200 students to Coombe Hall for the lunchtime fund-raiser.

Going into battle in the inaugural challenge was Deputy Headteacher, Mr Banks, who was up against the delightful duo of Mr Bottrill and Mr Saunders.

Opening the show, Mr Banks got everyone's feet tapping with his own version of '(Is This The Way To) Amarillo?'

However, when Mr Bottrill and Mr Saunders took to the stage with their version of 'Love Is An Open Door' from the Disney film 'Frozen', the

crowd were up on their feet!

Thanks to the tremendous support of the students who turned up to watch the show, more than £100 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Research.

MISS FERN
Assistant Headteacher



● **LET BATTLE COMMENCE!** Deputy Headteacher, Mr Banks, is first into the spotlight at the School's inaugural Teacher Lip Sync Battle with '(Is This The Way To) Amarillo?'.

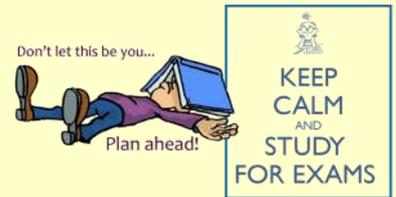


● **DAZZLING DUET!** Mr Bottrill and Mr Saunders take to the stage.



● **EMOTIONAL MOMENT!** Mr Bottrill and Mr Saunders give it their all as they power their way to the lip sync title with 'Love Is An Open Door' from 'Frozen'.

Year 11 — Your exams are nearly here . . !



THERE'S not long left now until your exams. Have you started revising? The answer should be YES! If you haven't already done so, you need to start revising NOW – **DO NOT LEAVE IT TOO LATE!**

Planning ahead will help you achieve your goal. Use the information below to organise your time and be prepared.

When are your exams?

- Start by making a list showing the order they come in so you can plan your revision accordingly. If Maths is one of your first exams, make sure it is one of the first subjects you start revising.
- Prioritise the subjects that may need more attention than others.
- Ask for help and attend any catch-up classes that are on offer. You cannot revise something that you do not fully understand.

Make a space for yourself

- Revise somewhere that you won't be distracted.
- Make it comfortable.
- Keep the space tidy and when you take a break, move away from your revision space.
- Turn your phone off while you revise – no social networking! Leave it in another room if you can't trust yourself.
- If you feel silence would help you work better, let others around you know that you are working.
- If silence doesn't help, try playing background music instead, or use some headphones to reduce the risk of outside distractions.

Technique

By now, you should know what revision techniques are out there. The important thing to remember is to use whatever works best for you, regardless of what works best for your friends. These are **YOUR** exams!

Think about using the following:-

- Summary notes.
- Reading out loud when memorising.

- Creating posters and mind maps.
- Highlighting key words for each topic.
- Making revision cards.
- Looking at past exam papers.
- Using different colours (paper/pens).
- Test yourself regularly.

Do not work all the time!

It is important to work for around 40 minutes before taking a short break. If you work for too long in one go, your brain will get tired, making it harder to remember all the information.

Eat and sleep well

- Do something in your break. You could call a friend or have something to eat. Use these things as a reward for your hard work before moving on to another topic.
- Get into good habits – go to bed at a reasonable time and make sure you always have breakfast. You cannot function properly if you haven't had enough food or sleep so make sure you take it seriously.

- Make sure you stay hydrated and drink plenty of water. Stay away from energy drinks. They can give you a boost to begin with, but then make you tired.
- Take time to relax.

Think about yourself

- Focus on what you need to do and not what other people are doing. Everyone is different and you must do what is best for YOU.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help. See your teachers, Progress Leader, Learning Mentor, parents/carers or friends.
- Remember that this period of hard work and stress will not last forever!
- Preparing for your exams may seem like a lot of work, but the more prepared you are, the more you will achieve. Your goal is in sight. Strive to achieve your best!

Visit the Learning Mentor Frog page for help with revision techniques.

I wish you every success!

MS AYLIF
Learning Mentor

REVISION

What is revision?

Revision is looking back at information that you have previously learnt.

You need to understand the information, know the information and remember it for the exam!

What is the aim of my revision?

The aim is to make a series of key points relating to a subject

You need key points, phrases or words to prompt you to remember the information stored in your brain.

You should aim to have a card or A4 sheet with the key points for each topic or sub-topic.

How should I structure my revision?

- Have an aim for the session, e.g. by the end of this session I want to be able to answer questions on ...
- Think about what you already know and identify the bits you need to spend more time on.
- Break topics down into chunks.
- Make notes with key points, phrases or words.
- Test yourself.
- Have a tick list so that you can see your progress.
- Look over your notes one month, one week and one day before the exam.

What can I do to revise?

- Put revision aids around the house
- Tell someone what you have learnt
- Use mnemonics - making a rhyme from the first letters
- Make spider diagrams
- Record yourself saying key points and play back
- Use pictures to associate with key words
- Make posters and stick them on the wall
- Read a page, shut the book, make notes on what you can remember
- As parents or friends to test you
- Highlight key points in notes or books



News from the Physical Education Department



● **KEY STAGE 3 GIRLS' BADMINTON TEAM** — Beth, Hannah, Asmita and Catherine.



● **KEY STAGE 3 BOYS' BADMINTON TEAM** — Nick, Aaron, Elliot and Joseph.

Key Stage 3 Girls

The Year 8 and 9 girls' badminton team has experienced another very successful season.

In November, they won the District Tournament and therefore qualified for the County Tournament.

In their first two games, against Stratford High and Park Hall School, the girls got off to fast start, winning both 5-0.

In the final group game they played Bluecoats School and won 4-1, meaning they progressed through to the final.

In the final they faced a very tough match against Arden School from Solihull. Despite some great play and close games, the girls lost 4-1 to finish runners-up.

Well done to Beth, Hannah, Asmita (Year 9) and Catherine (Year 8).

Key Stage 3 Boys

The Year 9 boys' badminton team won the District Tournament in November and therefore progressed through to the County finals.

In their first match they played Kineton and won 4-1, which was a good confidence booster.

In their second game, against Park Hall, the team played some excellent badminton to win 5-0.

In the deciding game against Bluecoat School, who were also unbeaten, they narrowly lost 3-2, meaning they would be in the 3rd/4th place final against Southam.

After losing the first two games the boys showed good pride to win the next two to make the score 2-2, but in the decider just lost out and therefore finished in fourth position.

Well done to Nick, Aaron, Elliot and Joseph Bates (Year 9).

Key Stage 4 Boys

The Year 10 and 11 boys' badminton team has played superbly well this year.

They easily won the District Tournament and confidence was high going into the County Tournament.

Smashing season on the badminton courts!

All three of their group games, against Kineton, Park Hall and Lyng Hall, were won 5-0. This meant a repeat of last year's final against a very good Langley School team.

The boys continued to play excellent badminton and did not let the pressure show as they won the game 4-1 to be

crowned Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire champions and progress through to the West Midlands finals.

Well done to Jack (Year 11), Josh, Rohit and Armaan (Year 10).

DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

Under-14 Girls — Winners

Polesworth, won 7-1, Twycross, won 7-1, Ash Green, won 8-0, George Eliot, won 8-0.

Under-14 Boys — Winners

Polesworth, won 8-0, Hartshill, won 7-1, Twycross, lost 5-3, Ash Green, won 6-2, George Eliot, won 6-2, NCTC, won 7-1.

Under-16 Girls — Runners-up

St Thomas More, won 8-0, Polesworth, won 5-3, Hartshill, lost 5-3, NCTC, won 8-0.

Under-16 Boys — Winners

St Thomas More, won 8-0, Polesworth, won 8-0, Hartshill, won 5-3, Ash Green, won 7-1, George Eliot, won 5-3, NCTC, won 8-0.

MR WILSON

Subject Leader for PE



● **KEY STAGE 4 BOYS' BADMINTON TEAM** — Jack, Rohit, Josh and Armaan.



News from the Physical Education Department



• **RESPECTABLE PERFORMANCES** — *The Year 7 and Year 8 indoor athletics teams.*

AFTER winning the Nuneaton & Bedworth district round of the Year 7 & 8 Indoor Athletics competition, the students from Higham Lane went on to represent Northern Warwickshire at the Coventry Warwickshire & Solihull School Games in Solihull.

Indoor athletes in fine form

Competing in standing long jump, an obstacle relay and shot putt, to name a few events, our students competed

well against the other winners of the aforementioned areas.

Our Year 7 teams finished a respectable fifth place and the Year 8 teams finished seventh. Well done to all the students involved!

MRS MITCHELL, PE Department

Awesome display by swimmers



• **YEAR 7 BOYS' SWIMMING TEAM** — *Jack, Ben, Finley and Harry.*

IN THE wake of winning the Nuneaton & Bedworth District round of the swimming gala competition very convincingly, the Year 7 students from Higham Lane went onto represent Northern Warwickshire at the Coventry Warwickshire & Solihull School Games in Rugby.

Competing against the other winners of their respected areas, our Year 7 girls finished in third place and our Year 7 boys finished in the Gold medal position. An awesome display from our Year 7 swimmers in the pool!

Travelling with the Year 7s were our Year 9 girls swimming team. They too won through to the finals after winning their Nuneaton & Bedworth District event. Up against some tough opposition in the School Games finals, the girls finished fifth overall.

Well done to all the swimmers involved!

MRS MITCHELL, PE Department



• **YEAR 7 GIRLS' SWIMMING TEAM** — *Mia, Sophie, Gabriella and Ivy.*



• **YEAR 9 GIRLS' SWIMMING TEAM** — *Karla, Anna, Jessie and Emily.*



News from the Physical Education Department

• **BEST IN TOWN!**
The high-scoring Year 9 netball squad. Back row, left to right: Asmita, Leah, Kristen, Laura and Katie. Front: Billie-Jo, Morgan, Hannah, Megan and Casey.



There's 'Nun' better!

HIGHAM Lane's Year 9 netball team romped to this year's Nuneaton & District title after scoring an incredible 99 goals while conceding just seven!

The girls got off to a breath-taking start in the competition, trouncing Queen Elizabeth and Nicholas Chamberlaine 19-0 and 17-0 respectively, which was followed by an emphatic 21-2 victory over St Thomas More.

This resulted in a semi-final tie against rivals Hartshill, who were subsequently despatched by a mammoth 27-0 scoreline! The final saw Higham facing a strong Twycross team who were to prove more resilient opposition. Nevertheless, the girls always held the upper hand and at full-time lifted the town title following a comfortable 15-5 success.

Continuing their fine form, the girls also performed well in the Warwickshire Tournament, where they finished as runners-up. Their six games provided five victories against Princethorpe (11-1), Stratford Grammar (12-1), Kingsley (7-3), Rugby School (7-6), plus a 20-3 annihilation of Stratford-upon-Avon. However, a narrow 5-6 defeat to King's High — who had a 100 per cent record — meant Higham had to be content with

second spot, sufficient to earn them a place in the Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire competition.

Another solid performance followed in the CSW tournament, which resulted in the team finishing a very creditable second.

In this four-match under-14 triangular tournament, Higham beat Bablake 7-5, King Henry 9-4, Tudor Grange 12-10 and St Martin's 21-9, the only reversal being a 5-7 defeat against King's High.

Runners-up position resulted in the team qualifying for the West Midlands Finals, where they were pitted against a succession of quality opposition.

In their six games, four victories were recorded against Shrewsbury (7-5), St Mary's RC School (10-1), Hagley Catholic School (10-1) and King Edward's Lichfield (19-4) accompanied by defeats from King Edward's (6-8) and eventual winners Bromsgrove (7-15).

The results saw Higham finish third in section, narrowly missing out on a coveted semi-final place.

MRS DAVIES, PE Department



News from the Physical Education Department

County champions!



● **BEST IN WARWICKSHIRE!** The Year 10 netball team. Back row, left to right: Daisy, Kristen, Georgia, Christie, Becky and Laura. Front: Asmita, Faye, Lucy, Amy and Macy.

THE Year 10 netball team have enjoyed a scintillating season, the highlight being crowned champions of Warwickshire.

Despite facing a series of tough opposition, the girls breezed their way through the County group stages, beating Princethorpe 10-2, Rugby High 14-5 and Alcester Grammar School 15-0.

This earned them a potentially tricky semi-final tie against the School's old adversaries — King's High. Unfazed by their task, the team triumphed 10-2 to set up a final against Princethorpe, who they had beaten earlier in the day.

This time, a rejuvenated Princethorpe team proved to be a more difficult proposition, forcing the Higham girls to dig deep on their resolve as they secured the County crown with a narrow 5-4 victory.

Further silverware was destined for the Higham Lane sports trophy cabinet when the team won the Nuneaton & District Tournament following another astounding all-round display.

In the National Magazine Cup, the Under-10s found themselves facing the crème-de-la-crème of the country's young netball teams.

Following a bye in the first round, the girls were pitched against Birmingham's Edgbaston High School, who they duly brushed aside 36-10. In the next match the team succumbed 15-5 to a strong Kibworth side, but regrouped to record a convincing 30-22 victory against a strong Bromsgrove outfit in the following fixture.

This resulted in a daunting quarter-final tie against Brentwood, last year's National champions and, despite a valiant effort, Higham Lane departed the tournament following a high-scoring 46-56 defeat.

MRS DAVIES
PE Department

Sporting recognition

THE skills of Higham Lane netballers were recognised at the recent Nuneaton & Bedworth Sports Forum awards evening.

Despite leaving school last summer, the achievements of the Year 11 team saw them awarded the accolade '2016 Junior Team of the Year'.

The award followed a sensational season in which the Under-16 girls finished a fantastic fifth in the National Schools' Netball Finals.

In addition, current Year 10 England international starlet Georgia (10L1) was awarded a sports scholarship which will help her progress up the England netballing ladder (see P27).



● **WELL DESERVED!** Last year's Under-16 representatives, Chelsea and Chloe, and Georgia receive their Nuneaton & Bedworth Sports Forum awards.



• **MIXING WITH THE BEST!** Higham Lane's netballing sensation, Georgia (third from right on the front row) lines-up with fellow members of the Regional Under-19 squad and the EM Academy players.



• **STAR GIRL!** Fellow netballers congratulate Georgia on her 'Centre Court Player of the Day' award.

Georgia's netball career is on the up!

IN OCTOBER last year, Georgia (10L1) was identified by her Regional netball coaches as a critical athlete in the England Pathway with the potential to gain a place at National Screening.

This then involved additional training as a nomination was dependent on hitting national targets for skills and fitness testing.

On Sunday, February 15, Georgia was selected for the Regional Under-19 squad to play against the EM Academy, while the following Thursday saw her playing in a quad regional tournament with academies from the West Midlands, East Midlands, East and London & South East.

The latter involved mixing the academies and playing with unfamiliar players. Nevertheless, Georgia excelled in her play and was awarded the 'Centre Court Player of the Day'.

The accolade resulted in subsequent notification that she had been selected to attend National Screening at Sheffield on March 12.

MRS DAVIES, PE Department



• **BUDDING STARS!** Georgia (circled) with other players from her West Midlands squad, join their counter-parts from the East Midlands, East and London & South East for a group photograph following the quad regional tournament.

HLS Express Sport

ENGLAND CALL!

HIGHAM Lane School's footballing hot shot, Asmita (9L1), is being tipped for the top following a sensational start to her England career.

The path to international honours began in October last year when Asmita was invited to attend the Midland trials for the English Schools' Football Association Girls' Under-15 International Squad.

Having successfully negotiated the first hurdle, she progressed to November's Regional trials (Midlands v North), where again her skills caught the selectors' eye.

This resulted in her attending the final round of the trials — North v South — in December, which she successfully came through to secure a place in the 16-strong England squad.

In February, Asmita and her fellow teammates attended a week's training camp in Spain where impressive displays in friendly matches included the thrashing of a strong Valencia team.

This stood the girls in good stead for an international game against the Republic of Ireland at Bury FC's Gigg Lane Stadium on Saturday, March 5, which was unfortunately postponed because of snow!

The fixture was quickly re-arranged for the following day at nearby Egerton Youth FC, where Asmita played her part in a 1-0 victory for the host nation. *(A video of the whole game can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79h8LAJZefk>)*

The upbeat squad is now looking forward to the four-day Bob Docherty Tournament in April, which includes teams from Scotland, Wales, the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland and other European countries.

Inspired by brother, Asim, Asmita began playing as a right-winger with a local boy's team at the age of seven.

Her career has since seen her involved with the Bulkington Colts Mixed Team at Under-8 and Under-9 level; Coventry City Ladies Centre of Excellence Under-10s; and Aston Villa Ladies Centre of Excellence, where she has been for five years.

During her time at the Birmingham club, the 14-year-old has become renowned as a prolific scorer while undertaking a central defender role, her particular forté being headed goals.

Asmita is a multi-talented sports person, playing cricket for Warwickshire Under-



• **THREE LIONS ON MY SHIRT!**
Asmita in action for England.

11s, netball, tennis, badminton and rounders, while also being a competent athlete.

The School wishes Asmita all the very best in her future England footballing

career and, hopefully, one day she will receive a full England cap and become a household name. Watch this space!

MRS DAVIES
PE Department