

TRANSITION FROM YEAR 11 TO SIXTH FORM

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#STAYSAFE

Welcome to our second issue of the Higham Lane Sixth Form Bulletin.

We are very excited to share this with you.

I hope you and your families are well. We now approach the end of the 7th week of lock down and are hearing positive news ahead.

Let's remain vigilant, determined and hopeful.

The aim of the weekly bulletin is to help you make the transition from Year 11 to life at the sixth form as easy as possible. The bulletin will be brimming with information, transition tasks and super-curricular opportunities. The famous English poet T.S.Eliot once wrote: "April is the cruellest month". That's certainly an appropriate description for the Covid situation. The weather changed this week also. I was pleased for the garden but sunshine sometimes makes us feel a little brighter perhaps. Still, it has been lovely to hear so many birds singing and to see even more flowers appearing.

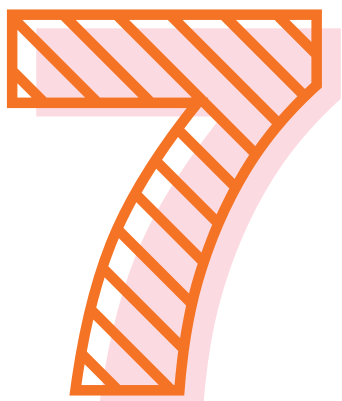
QUIZ ANSWERS FROM OUR LAST ISSUE!



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| 1. Doctor Who | 9. Madmen |
| 2. Cheers | 10. Killing Eve |
| 3. Westworld | 11. The Crown |
| 4. The Walking Dead | 12. House of Cards |
| 5. Luther | 13. Cold Feet |
| 6. Fleabag | 14. The Big Bang Theory |
| 7. Blackadder | 15. GoggleBox |
| 8. Only Fools & Horses | |

7 IS THE MAGIC NUMBER?!

This is our 7th week on lockdown and so I thought I would share some facts with you about the number 7...



- 7 continents in the world.
- 7 wonders of the ancient world.
- 7 colours in the rainbow.
- 7 musical notes.
- 7 phases of the moon.
- 7 days of the week.
- 7 is the neutral pH value.
- 7 stages of life in Shakespeare's As You Like It.
- 7 Harry Potter novels.
- 7 detectives in Enid Blyton's The Secret Seven.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

I am going to get rid of my Hoover...

Well it was just gathering dust!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT - MEGAN - YEAR 12

Hi Everyone!

Times are very difficult at the moment, and I fully sympathise with your situations. We are all in one big boat and in the knowledge that we will come through this together.

Thinking of the positives, this extended study period at home gives you some real opportunities to get a head start on sixth form! I know university is a long way away, but they will ask: What did you do when we all had to stay inside? Did you help out elderly neighbours and volunteer to help at home? Did you do some future learn courses on your interests to help expand your knowledge? Maybe, you got a head start on your A-level choices?

I found some really interesting political lectures (I'm a politics nerd), on the London School of Economics website, about immigration myths and the prejudices in society about immigrants which really made me look at things differently. This is a time to really expand and grow as a person, so why not try something new!

However, maybe there is that project you've been putting off because of school work. I started so many sewing projects and I've now had the opportunity to finally finish them!

But, one of the most important things to remember is to be forgiving of ourselves. Not every day, is going to be the most productive, the most positive and the most inspiring- and that is okay. I can tell you, that I've had days where my biggest accomplishment was making a cup of tea. So don't be too hard on yourselves, we're all human and we are in a very difficult time where there is no right or wrong way to do things (unless, you go and buy 56 rolls of toilet roll- that is indeed the wrong way).

So, to conclude- we are all in this boat together, teachers and students. It's strange, I know. I'm here if you need to ask any questions from someone who was in year 11 not too long ago. Feel free to email any questions to the Sixth form email

Stay safe and stay at home!



VE DAY CELEBRATIONS - 8TH MAY

75 Years ago the allies achieved Victory in Europe 8th May marked a day of national celebration. Many people had organised huge street parties to celebrate this significant anniversary which have unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the current situation.

However, you could take part in celebrations safely from home by joining your BBC Local Radio station initiative in making your own VE Day Great British Bunting. Download everything you need at bbc.co.uk/makeadifference

TRANSITION

At the end of this half term, we are launching tasks from each subject to help you prepare for sixth form study. Details will follow in later bulletins.

Please use our sixth form website for current transition and super-curricular opportunities

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

We are a member of NetSixthForm who are a reputable and an established organisation. They have members that are outstanding leading Sixth Form Leaders. **It would be really beneficial for you to invest some time on these weekly tasks to fully prepare you for sixth form.**

You will find information here for the second week. The focus is making notes from a lecture, podcast or video.

Year 11 Vimeo channel link is <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7013773>

Year 11 student password is **netsixth11**

I have attached the resources needed for this task on the e-mail you have received.

SUPER-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

CLICK THE TITLES TO VISIT THE WEBSITES

COURSERA - FREE

Coursera is an online education provider that offers online courses, Massive Open Online Courses, from top universities around the world. Currently it has over 200 partners from 48 countries. These partners include Universities & companies like IBM, Google and PwC — these companies are also launching courses on Coursera. Active catalog of 3,800+ online courses.

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FRIDAY.

ENJOY THE FRIDAY BANK HOLIDAY
CELEBRATING VE DAY.

Please contact me on
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if you have any questions or would like to share what new skills you
have almost mastered!

Till next week – stay safe.

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