



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Celebrating Our Stars 🌟, It is with great pride that I share some remarkable achievements from our talented students.

## **Congratulations to:**

Darcie in Year 9: Darcie has secured the coveted role of Mr Mistoffelees in the professional performance of CATS in Leicester. Bravo, Darcie! Your dedication and talent shine brightly.

Lacey, Keira, Jennifer, and Jessica; these exceptional Year 9 to Year 11 students mesmerized the audience at the Shaftesbury Theatre in London. Their outstanding performance showcased the incredible talent we are fortunate to have at Higham Lane School.

## **Farewell to Mrs Pallett:**

After an incredible 9 years, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Pallett in the Learning Support Department. Mrs Pallett has been an invaluable member of our staff and both students and colleagues will miss her dearly. We extend our heartfelt wishes for success in the future.

## **Important Announcements:**

Safety Reminder: Please remind students not to congregate on the pavement beside the Shanklin Drive gate; this is causing congestion on the pavement and may lead to safety concerns if students have to walk in the road to get around. Your cooperation in ensuring a safe environment is highly appreciated.

Music Concert Participation: Students interested in playing a solo, duet, or ensemble at the upcoming music concert, please inform the Music department. We encourage and celebrate the diverse talents of our students.

Year 13 Student Progress Evening: A big thank you to the parents who attended last night's event. With an impressive 97.4% attendance, it reflects the strong home-school relationship we cherish. Your support is vital and we appreciate your continued presence in your child's educational journey.

## Year 11s:

We were delighted with how our Year 11's conducted themselves during the trial exam period, demonstrating their commitment and focus. Students are now in the process of receiving their trial exam feedback and grades and they will record results in their planners. What is key at this stage is the feedback on the purple sheets from teachers: celebrating what they have done well and crucially working on next steps in order to achieve, and exceed, their potential. We are really looking forward to our face-to-face Student Progress Evening on Thursday 14th December (more details coming soon) where you will be able to make appointments with subject teachers to discuss progress. Our Learning Mentor, Careers Advisor and SENCO will also be in attendance during the evening to provide you with information and guidance to support further.

As always, thank you for your omnipresent support and involvement in the Higham Lane School community.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful weekend!

Kind regards



Michael Gannon  
Headteacher



**18,150**



**19,656**



**18,542**





14th



3 teams with 28 boys represented HLS!  
9 games played - won 4, drew 3, lost 2

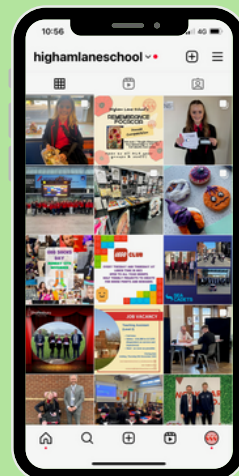


This Anti-Bullying Week,  
let's make a noise about bullying

## ANTI-BULLYING POSTER COMPETITION

**CREATE A POSTER ON PLAIN A4 PAPER USING COLOURS AND WORDS PROMOTING ANTI-BULLYING, KINDNESS AND AN INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.**

**THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE WINNER/S!!  
PLEASE RETURN YOUR POSTER TO STUDENT  
SERVICES BY WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER.**



[www.highamlaneschool.co.uk](http://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk)



# Bulletin board

## NHS Immunity Team:

The portal for consenting for the flu vaccine will be closing this Sunday 19th November 2023.

Those parents who have already consented, DO NOT need to consent again.



As the nights draw in and November is nearly coming to an end, our talented musicians at Higham Lane are turning their thoughts to our forthcoming annual events which consists of the Carol Service, held at St Nicolas church on Tuesday 12th December commencing 6.30pm and our festive Christmas Concert in Coombe hall, Wednesday 20th December from 7pm.

We would very much like parents, carers, family and friends to come along firstly to celebrate the start of Christmas by joining in with Carols led by members of the school choir and accompanied by our school orchestra and secondly by having a lovely evening listening to a wide variety of performances by our students whilst enjoying refreshments served by JLT.

Tickets for the concert can be obtained during break or lunchtime in MU1 priced £5 for adults and £3.50 for concessions.

The music department and students involved are really looking forward to welcoming you to what will be a lovely way of showcasing our musical talents and hard work this year.

With best wishes,  
Mrs Davenport  
SL for Music





Year 9 – 11:

Summer Experience 2024 – Taking place at the prestigious University College London (UCL) and offering the opportunity to visit iconic industry locations across London, InvestIN provides teenagers with the chance to experience life beyond school, as well as receive unparalleled career preparation.

Our Summer Experiences run during the summer holidays and include the opportunity to:

- Work with world class industry professionals across 15 top careers
- Participate in hands on career simulations
- Visit exclusive professional venues

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## Dates for your diary

**Friday 1st December – Years 7 – 11 – FLU Vaccinations**

**Thursday 7th December – Year 13 Parents Information Evening**

**Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Carol Service**

**Monday 18th December – Year 7 to 8 Christmas Fayre**

**Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Concert**

**Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Click for Term Dates



# **FREE ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP**

## FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Get practical hints and tips to support your children and keep them safe online, and learn how to keep up to date in the ever changing online world.



Wed 29th  
**NOVEMBER**  
7.30pm-8.30pm



Speaker

**KAT HOWARD**

Head of Education & Wellbeing (UK)  
Smoothwall



Access the workshop [here](#)

[bit.ly/ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP 29th Nov](https://bit.ly/ONLINE_SAFETY_WORKSHOP_29th_Nov)

Kat has been working with schools for over 18 years to develop their understanding of online safety. She is passionate about the importance of online safety in schools and the wider community.

For more information on online safety, visit <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>



# Free bite-sized sessions to support parents and carers of autistic children

The Community Autism Support Service (CASS) offers support to people of all ages living in Coventry and Warwickshire, whether they are waiting for a neurodevelopmental assessment or already have a diagnosis of autism.

One of the ways CASS is able to offer support to parents, carers and family members of autistic children is through their accessible 'Toolboxes'. These are free bite-sized, one-hour sessions covering topics such as routines, meltdowns and communication. [Find out more about Toolboxes here.](#)

You can find more information about the support available on the [CASS website](#), by calling the dedicated phone line on **02476 012333** (available five days a week Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm) or by

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| <b>Insight workshops</b>                                  | 2.5 hours             | For parents and carers of autistic children and adults.     | Online and face-to-face options                |
|   | 12 times a year       |   |  |
| <a href="#">Book a place</a>                              | 30 places per session | Professionals working with autistic adults                  |  |
| <b>Connections Professionals Workshops</b>                | 10am–4pm              | For professionals and carers of children                    | Online   |
|   | 6 times a year        |   |  |
| <a href="#">Book a place</a>                              | 25 places per session |   |  |
| <b>Parent workshops CASP</b><br>Children up to age 12     | Four 3 hour sessions  | For parents and carers of autistic children up to age 12    | Online and face-to-face options                |
|   | 5 times a year        |   |  |
| <a href="#">Book a place</a>                              | 15 places per session |   |  |
| <b>Parent workshops TASP</b><br>Children from 13–18 years | Four 3 hour sessions  | For parents and carers of autistic children age 13–18 years | Online and face-to-face options                |
|   | 3 times a year        |   |  |
| <a href="#">Book a place</a>                              | 15 places per session |   |  |
| <b>Parent/carers toolboxes</b>                            | One hour              | For parents or family members                               | Over 20 session topics                         |
|   | Lunchtime, weekly     |   | Evenings online                                |
| <a href="#">Book lunchtime</a>                            | Evenings, fortnightly |   | Lunchtimes online and face-to-face in Nuneaton |
| <a href="#">Book evening</a>                              |                       |   |  |

## Parent workshop topics include...

- Anxiety
- Sleep
- Friendships
- Surviving & thriving at Christmas
- Sensory processing
- Spiky development
- Support
- And many more.

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