



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

Last weekend, I had the privilege of attending a Race for Life Cancer Research charity event on Sunday and it was so lovely to see some of our students taking part in the event and raising money for such a worthwhile cause. Our school values of **'being the best that you can be'** by **'working hard'**, by **'being kind'** and **'taking responsibility'** were clearly demonstrated by our fantastic students, who showed incredible grit and determination in completing the 5K and 10K routes, whilst also taking the time to help others through their fundraising efforts. We are incredibly proud of them all. Well done also to our Sixth Form students who completed the annual charity skydive over the weekend! Again, this was a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for charity whilst also challenging themselves to jump out of a perfectly working plane thousands of feet up in the air! So brave and we are very proud of you!

We started Monday morning with our Year 11 students coming into school early at 8am for some last-minute English Literature revision. It was fantastic to see students embracing their Macbeth quotations whilst also enjoying some pastries during our "Croissants and Quotations" session! Thank you to all of the staff who have generously given up their time this week, whether before school, during the school day or after school, to provide additional support and revision opportunities for our students during this important examination period.

This week, we were visited by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) for an unannounced on-the-spot inspection of our examination procedures. I am delighted to say that JCQ passed the school with flying colours. This is testament to the professionalism, organisation and dedication of our staff team who work tirelessly to ensure examinations run smoothly and fairly for all students.

The heavens opened on Monday morning just as the school gates opened and breakfast club quickly became an extremely valuable provision, giving students a warm and dry place to begin the day. The weather has certainly been mixed this week, so thank you to the staff who have given up their time to run breakfast club and supervise other areas of the school to ensure students remain safe, warm and dry.

Despite the pouring rain during one of our Year 9 PE lessons, spirits remained high as students came inside for a dance lesson using Just Dance on the big screen! I am not entirely sure who enjoyed it more – the students or Mrs Mitchell! 😊



On Monday, Loudmouth Theatre Company visited the school and delivered a wonderful interactive assembly for Year 8 students focused on consent and healthy relationships. These are incredibly important life-skills and the sessions will hopefully support and prepare our students well for later life. Year 9 also benefited from the same interactive assembly later in the week.



A massive congratulations goes to our fantastic Year 7 football team who beat Kingsbury 4-1 in the County Cup Final last week to become U12 County Cup Winners! It was a brilliant display from the entire team and a wonderful way to round off a very successful first season together. Thank you to our amazing PE department who give up so much of their own time to provide wonderful opportunities to our students to take part in competitions such as this.

We are also incredibly proud of Ameerah, who has been competing in the European Under-17 Squash Championships in Prague representing England. England successfully defended their title by beating France in the final, and Ameerah thoroughly enjoyed the tournament whilst winning all of the matches she played. What an outstanding achievement – congratulations, Ameerah!



On Thursday 21st May, Higham Lane School will be celebrating Culture Day. We are encouraging all students to come into school wearing cultural clothing, clothing matching the colours of their country's flag or national/local sports team shirts. We kindly ask each student to donate at least £1 via ParentPay in support of the event. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the rich diversity within our school community.

A reminder that next week is the final week of the half term. The half-term holidays will begin on Monday 25th May and end on Friday 29th May, with students returning to school on Monday 1st June.

In the first week back after half-term, Year 9 vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 3rd June. We also have the Year 10 Student Progress Evening, which will take place online from 3pm until 7pm on Thursday 4th June.

**Please note that on Thursday 4th June, Y10 students will follow the normal school day timings; however, there will be no Period 5 so school will finish at 2:15pm to allow the Student Progress Evening (SPE) to begin promptly at 3pm.** The shortened day allows us to cram in more parents evenings slots so more parents and carers can meet their child's teachers and also gives staff time to pop to the loo, eat something and get ready for the SPE.

We are also very much looking forward to celebrating with our students at the upcoming prom events. The Year 13 Prom will take place on Friday 19th June and the Year 11 Prom on Friday 26th June. These are always wonderful occasions where we celebrate the successes, achievements and memories of our incredible students.

The Year 10 speaking trial examinations will take place from Tuesday 16th June until Monday 29th June in the Sixth Form Centre.

Looking ahead to next week, the weather forecast suggests that the week will begin rainy and cold, so please ensure your child brings an appropriate waterproof coat or jacket to school. The forecast is then expected to change significantly towards the end of the week, with much warmer temperatures anticipated. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school so they can remain hydrated throughout the day.

Finally, thank you once again to all of our parents and carers for your continued and omnipresent support of the school. Your partnership and encouragement make an enormous difference to the success and wellbeing of our students.

I wish you all a lovely and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,



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