



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have had a fantastic week with lots of achievements and activities to celebrate. Behaviour and attitudes have been excellent and thank you to our staff for all of their hard work.

Sporting Success:

- Year 10 Boys' National Cup 4th Round Match: Our Year 10 boys' football team won 3-0 against Sandwell Academy on Wednesday 27th November. Congratulations to the team for their outstanding performance, we look forward to playing Fairfax school in Sutton Coldfield in the next round of the cup!
- Cross Country Achievements: Five Higham Lane pupils competed for Warwickshire Schools at the Dave Sunderland Inter Counties Cross Country Championship in November, Sophie, Georgina, Matthew, Charlie and William all ran great races. Warwickshire finished 1st overall as a team, with some category wins, including the Intermediate boys. Well done to all!

Rabble Youth Theatre Production:

Many of our students are involved in the Rabble Youth Theatre's production of 'School of Rock' this weekend. Congratulations to Ella in Year 8, playing the lead role along with Elsie Mai, Joe and Andy! I am sure it will be brilliant!

Staff Karaoke/Masked Singer Event:

Students can join us for a fun lunchtime event on Monday 16th December in Coombe Hall. Tickets are £1.00 and can be purchased on ParentPay. Tickets must be bought before Wednesday 11th December, as there will be no tickets on the door. All money raised will go towards the school garden project.

Year 9 Road Safety Workshop:

All Year 9 students participated in road safety workshops led by the theatre company 'Riot Act' on Friday 6th December. We are committed to the safety of our students, please do discuss the importance of road safety with your child to ensure that your child is as safe as they can be on their journeys to and from school and when they are out in the local community. Thank you.

Assessments:

Good luck to all of the students who have done assessments this week, including our Year 11 students who have been involved in Year 11 Assessment Week.

Reminder: Year 11 Student Progress Evening - Thursday 12th December 3 - 7pm. Booking closes: Tuesday 10th December 6pm.

Year 13 Information Evening:

Thank you to all of the staff in our amazing Sixth Form Team for putting together the Year 13 information evening on Wednesday and thank you to all of our fantastic parents and carers who attended; we hope that you found the evening useful. The feedback so far has been excellent.

Vape Detectors:

We have installed vape detectors in some of our toilets. These devices alert staff if a vape is being used, allowing us to search the suspected student. One vape was found on a student this week as a result of a search following the detector alerting us to it. Please do discuss the dangers of vaping with your child and ensure that they are not in possession of a vape. If a student is found in possession of a vape, it will be confiscated as it is a prohibited item and a sanction will be issued. Thank you for your support with this matter, we are determined to do all we can to keep our students safe.

Screening:

On Wednesday 4th December, students entered the school via the Higham Lane entrance. SLT greeted all of the students and we checked uniforms and screened for prohibited items such as vapes. We are pleased to report that no prohibited items were found, we will continue with further screenings in the future to deter students from bringing prohibited items into school, again to ensure that our students and staff are safe and safety will always be our top priority.

House Competitions:

Upcoming competitions include the Maths Olympiad. There will also be an inter-house football tournament during the last week of term. The arrangements for each year group are as follows:

- Year 7: Friday 13th December
- Year 8: Monday 16th December
- Year 9: Tuesday 17th December
- Year 10: Wednesday 18th December
- Year 11: Thursday 19th December

These will take place at lunchtime in the sports hall. It is 5-a-side and a maximum of 10 players per team. Students must bring their HL PE kit with trainers and shin pads (players will not be able to compete without these items)

Word of the Week:

Admonish - Please use this word with your child to help expand their vocabulary. Thank you for your support.

Word Class	<i>Verb</i>
Meaning	1.Warn or reprimand someone firmly. Advise or urge someone.
Examples	1.My mother admonished me for not eating my vegetables. 2.She admonished him to drink no more than one glass of wine
Synonyms	Reprimand, Rebuke, Reprove, Scold, Advise, Chastise.
Challenge	Use admonish in a conversation this week. Use it in your written work and receive a house point.

Toilets:

Students should manage their time effectively and use the toilet before the school day, during break and lunchtimes. They should not leave lessons to go to the toilet unless it is an emergency or they have a medical toilet pass. Frequent and non-urgent toilet visits during lesson time are disruptive to learning. Please remind your child to use the toilet outside lesson times. Thank you for your support.

Attendance:

All students with 100% attendance over the next 10 days will be entered into a raffle. One student with 100% attendance from each year group will win a 'Golden Ticket,' allowing them to pick any item from the Reward Shop, including Amazon vouchers, footballs, netballs, table tennis sets, chess sets, etc.

Top Tips for 100% Attendance:

- Schedule appointments outside of school hours.
- Maintain a good routine for sleep and organization.
- Arrive at school by 8:35 AM.
- Keep healthy with a balanced diet and exercise regularly

Christmas Concerts:

I am very much looking forward to our HLS Carol Service next Tuesday evening at St Nicolas Church in Nuneaton; thank you to all of our amazing music students and staff who have worked so hard to put this together.

Uniform Reminder:

Please use the Christmas break to replace any items needed to ensure your child is dressed correctly and has the necessary equipment every day.

Christmas Activities:

We have lots to look forward to as we build up to Christmas. The last week of term includes staff karaoke, Xmas dinner and the Awards Assemblies on the last Friday. **We will break up for Christmas at 12:40pm on Friday 20th December.**

Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,



Michael Gannon
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th December - Christmas Carol Service at St Nicolas Church

Thursday 12th December - Year 11 Student Progress Evening

Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Concert

Monday 23rd December - Christmas Holidays Start

Friday 3rd January - Christmas Holidays End

Monday 6th January - Inset Day



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