

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Another Amazing Week!**

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been yet another fantastic week at Higham Lane School, filled with achievements, hard work and memorable moments for our students and staff.

#### Year 9 Boys Football District Final

On Monday, I had the honour of attending the Year 9 Boys Football District Final. It was an exhilarating match, and I am thrilled to report that Higham Lane triumphed with a 2-1 victory against St Thomas More School. The team displayed exceptional skill, determination and sportsmanship. I was particularly impressed with their teamwork and the support they showed each other throughout the game. It was a proud moment for me to hand out the winners' medals to our footballing superstars. Congratulations to the entire team and their coaches, especially Mr Bottrill for this fantastic achievement, your hard work and dedication have truly paid off.

#### **Revamping the Quad Area**

A special thank you goes to all the students, staff, and particularly Mrs Worth for their dedication and effort in revamping the quad area by the library and Student Services. This project has been a significant undertaking, and the transformation is remarkable. The area is now vibrant, inviting, and a much-improved space for all our students to enjoy. It is wonderful to see the positive impact this has had on our school environment. Thank you to everyone involved for your hard work and creative input! Keep an eye out for our before and after photos!

#### **Exam Season**

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who are currently taking their exams. Their hard work, resilience and exemplary behaviour have been commendable. The effort they have put into their studies is truly impressive and I am confident it will be reflected in their results. We understand that this can be a stressful time, and we are incredibly proud of how well our students have managed their responsibilities. Best of luck for the exams after the half-term break - keep up the great work, and remember to take care of yourselves during this period.

## **Water Safety Reminder**

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of water safety. There was a tragic accident reported on the BBC last weekend involving two young people in another area of the UK who lost their lives after entering open water. This heart-breaking incident is a stark reminder of the dangers associated with swimming in unsupervised areas. Please ensure that your children are aware of the risks and stay safe around water. Discussing the importance of water safety with your children can help prevent such tragedies and ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable half-term break.

# **Looking Ahead**

Looking ahead, we have many exciting events and activities planned for the rest of the term. We are committed to providing a rich and varied educational experience for all our students, and I am looking forward to sharing more of our achievements and plans with you in the coming weeks.

## Wishing You a Wonderful Half-Term Break

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. It is through our collective efforts that we create a nurturing and stimulating environment for our students to thrive. Wishing you all a restful, enjoyable, and safe half-term break. I look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for the remainder of the term.

It is important to take this time to relax and recharge so that we can return refreshed and ready to continue our important work. See you back on Monday, 3rd June 2024.

Michael Gannon

Headteacher





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# Dates for your diary

Monday 27 May HALF TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS

Thursday 6 June Year 10 Personal Development Day 2

All Year 9 - Td/IPV & Men ACWY

Friday 7 June Year 9 Td/IPV & Men ACWY
Wednesday 19 June Year 7 Personal Development Day
Summer Concert

**Thursday 20 June** Year 9 Student Progress Evening – f2f **Friday 21 June** Year 9 Prison Me, No Way

Wednesday 26 June Year 12 Work Experience (3-days)

Monday 1 July Year 12 Experience Day, French Theatre performance & Year 9 and 12 Tate Gallery – Trip – All Day

Tuesday 2 July Year 12 A-level Geography trip – Burnham Deepdale, Norfolk

Tuesday - Thursday 2-4 July School Production

Wednesday 17 July Wake-a-thon & Rewards Trip

Thursday – Friday 18-19 July Cultural Capital Day Monday 22 July SUMMER HOLIDAY BEGINS





