



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been an incredibly cold week, and I want to thank our students for being so sensible during this period.

Mondays Matter: Attending school on Monday is really important to ensure students get all the key messages and start their week positively. Let's make every Monday matter, thank you for your support.

Attendance: Last week, the highest attending tutor group across the whole school was 7H2 with 100% attendance. They have earned 'Jump the Queue' passes for this week's lunchtimes, allowing them to go into lunch first ahead of all year groups. We are running a 100% attendance challenge from Monday 25th November to Friday 6th December. Students with perfect attendance over these 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 one item from the Reward Shop, including Amazon vouchers, footballs, netballs, table tennis sets, chess sets etc. The latest DfE attendance data has come out and we are delighted to say that our school attendance has improved further to 94.3% and we are 1.5% above national average. Please do all you can to ensure that your child is in school every day where possible, every day missed is 5 hours loss of learning and is almost impossible to catch up on.

Top Tips for 100% Attendance:

1. Speak to parents about not making appointments during the school day (e.g., doctor, dentist).
2. Have a good routine to help with sleep and organisation.
3. Get into school by 8:35 AM. Remember, students arriving after 9:30 AM must be marked absent for the AM session, impacting attendance.
4. Keep healthy with a balanced diet.

Zones of Regulation and Self-Regulation Training for Students: To compliment the Trauma Informed Attachment Awareness Training (TIAAS) that all staff are receiving from Educational Psychologists at Warwickshire LA, we are currently delivering Zones of Regulation and Self-Regulation training for students every Monday morning. This initiative aims to support our students in understanding their feelings and provide strategies to self-regulate. The workshops will cover:

- How the brain works and impacts actions
- Identifying the Zone of Regulation they are in
- Managing emotions and self-regulating
- Various stress management techniques for different situations and environments

Next week's sessions will introduce the first self-regulation strategy - breathing techniques.

Reminder to Parents: Please park considerately. Do not park on zigzag lines, block driveways or park in private spaces owned by local businesses. Thank you for your support.

Extra-Curricular Clubs: Encourage your son/daughter to sign up for our extra-curricular clubs, it is a great way to develop new skills and make new friends.

Sporting Success: Well done to our badminton, netball and football teams who have all enjoyed great success this week!



Helping Your Child Prepare for School: Please ensure your child is ready every day by considering the following:

- Do you have a tie on and your shirt tucked in?
- Is your blazer on?
- Do you have the correct shoes?
- No chewing gum?
- Do you have only one stud earring in each ear and no other jewellery (except a watch)?
- Is your mobile phone switched off and out of sight?
- Do you know what lesson you have next and what room?
- Do you have your timetable? If not, ask your form tutor for a copy.

Partial Lockdown Practice: We conducted a partial lockdown practice on Friday 29th November at 9.00 AM. It went very well, and student behaviour was excellent. Being prepared for worst-case scenarios is crucial, and safety remains our top priority.

NWSLC Trip to Nuneaton Campus: Well done to all the students who attended the NWSLC trip to Nuneaton Campus, developing a variety of new skills.

Year 11 Assessment Week: Next week is Year 11 assessment week, with many assessments taking place. Good luck to all our wonderful students!

Meet the Trust: Join us for a coffee morning at 9.00 AM on Monday 2nd December in the Sixth Form Centre at Higham Lane School. This is an opportunity to meet key staff from the Central England Academy Trust, including the CEO.

Wednesday 4th December – One Gate Open: Higham Lane Gate will be the only gate open on Wednesday 4th December, this will allow the Senior Leadership Team to check uniforms, greet all students and screen for any prohibited items following the recent police knife arch.

Year 9 Road Safety Workshop: All Year 9 students will participate in road safety workshops led by the theatre company 'Riot Act' on Friday 6th December during Period 4.

Thank you for your continued support. It is only via a strong home-school relationship that we can work together to support your child to reach his/her full potential.

Have a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,



Michael Gannon
Headteacher



CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

All donations, big or small, are appreciated and will be delivered to Doorway or Nuneaton Food Bank. Only donate what you can afford.



WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?

- Tinned food
- Long-life / dried food
- Crisps
- Biscuits / chocolate
- Squash
- Cereal bars
- Tooth brushes & paste
- Deodorant
- Toilet roll
- Sanitary products

Please do not bring in any food that is perishable.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 4th December – Year 13 Information Evening
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



42,978



41,242



40,972

We are very pleased to run an MFL Christmas Card competition this year for schools! Entries will be accepted from now until 9 December from pupils in Key Stage 2 & 3. Cards can be entered in French, Spanish, German, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic, Italian, Portuguese, Korean or Russian and should showcase language skills and creativity! We plan to create a display in our Department of all the entries and winners in each key stage will receive a £10 online shopping voucher and a certificate.

Entries should be sent via post to

Schools Outreach Team

School of Modern Languages and Cultures

FAB4.05

Faculty of Arts

University of Warwick

Coventry CV4 7AL

Please include student name, school and year group on the back of each entry. Unfortunately, we will not be able to return the cards.

We look forward to receiving the entries!



Careers

Years 10 and 12

Work Experience Placement Opportunity - Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust

We have been allocated 3 work experience placements through Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust. There is 1 placement in each of the following areas:

Bermuda Adventure Soft Play x1

Bermuda Park Nursery x1

Empire Gym x1

If you would like this placement you need to see Mrs Green or Mrs Mitchell in their office in the library. Placements will be given on a first come first served basis.

Work Experience Placement Opportunity - Barnardo's Children's Centres (Early years, teaching, childcare)

Barnardo's Children's Centres have at least 4 spaces available for work experience.

All staff members have DBS checks and are Safeguarding trained, they also have risk assessments for travelling as there may be sessions that are ran at different venues across Nuneaton and therefore you may be required to travel with members of staff.

If you are interested in this placement please come and see Mrs Green or Mrs Mitchell in the library.