



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week it has been at Higham Lane School! We have had so many fantastic things happening across our school community, and I wanted to share some of the highlights with you.

Celebrating our students

One of the real highlights of my week was meeting Mia in Year 7, who has been selected for the Warwickshire County Netball Team. Mia has also secured a place at a prestigious netball club outside of school, following the hard work and dedication she has shown in developing her skills through our school netball team.

Last week, I also had the privilege of meeting Molly, who has similarly been selected for Warwickshire Netball too! It is wonderful to see our students taking the opportunities available to them and developing their talents both inside and outside school.

I was also delighted to meet Elizaveta in Year 7, who has recently won an important swimming competition. Elizaveta is excelling in swimming through her incredible dedication, swimming six times every week to develop her skills and performance.



These students are wonderful examples of our school values of working hard and taking responsibility. Their achievements demonstrate that success does not happen by accident; it comes from commitment, perseverance and putting in the effort required to achieve your goals. We are incredibly proud of them.

This week has also marked the start of our community litter-picking initiative, with our students helping to clean the streets of Nuneaton. As part of World Cleanup Day, students, supported by Miss Rowlands, have been litter picking every morning this week in the hope of making our local area cleaner and safer for everyone. It has been particularly lovely to hear members of the public stopping to thank and praise our students for their efforts. This is a fantastic example of our 'Be Kind' value extending beyond the school gates. Our students are showing that being part of a community means taking responsibility for the environment and looking after the place in which we live.



Inspiring Visits & Personal Development

Young High Sheriff opportunity – A reminder that the deadline for applications to become a Young High Sheriff is fast approaching. If your child is currently in Year 9, 10 or 11, please do not let this wonderful opportunity pass them by! The deadline for applications is **Monday 5 October**. Applications can be uploaded to our Young High Sheriff Google Classroom page or handed directly to Mrs Mitchell. This is an excellent opportunity for our young people to develop their leadership skills, make a contribution to the community and challenge themselves and whoever from HLS wins will be the official Young High Sheriff for the whole of Warwickshire for the next 12 months!

Young High Sheriff Competition 2026

Winner's Prize:

- £250 cash prize
- A day as Young High Sheriff of Warwickshire
- An excellent opportunity for your CV
- Two Runners-Up will win £50 vouchers
- Opportunities for all finalists to reduce crime
- Evidence for your Duke of Edinburgh Award

Write an original 500 word essay, a poem of up to 500 words, or produce a 3 minute video entitled "Why I would like to be Young High Sheriff of Warwickshire for the day."

Deadline for entries is Monday 5th October



It was very upsetting to read about the tragic incident at a school in Slovakia this week, where a teacher was killed and a child was seriously injured following an alleged attack involving a sharp object. The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff will always remain our absolute priority. As a school, we have robust safeguarding and security procedures in place. Students are regularly screened as they enter school in the morning, and we reserve the right to screen and search students at other points during the school day. These procedures allow us to check for prohibited items, including mobile phones and vapes, as well as, crucially, any illegal or dangerous items such as weapons. I appreciate your support in helping us to maintain a safe environment for everyone. Our approach is always focused on keeping our students and staff safe and ensuring that Higham Lane remains a secure and welcoming place in which to learn.

Year 10 Information Evening – Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our Year 10 Information Evening, and thank you to the members of staff who delivered such informative and helpful presentations. The evidence is very clear that when parents and carers engage with school, support the school and work in partnership with us, this has a significant positive impact on young people. Students are much more likely to achieve and succeed when school and home, work together. I would also like to remind everyone of the importance of modelling the behaviour we expect from our young people. For example, during presentations and meetings, please ensure that mobile phones are switched off or put away so that everyone can listen and participate respectfully. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Tackling misogyny and promoting respect – We welcome the Government's plans to support schools in tackling misogyny and promoting a culture of respect and belonging. We are very proud of our Personal Development curriculum, through which we support our students to develop an understanding of relationships, respect, equality, responsibility and the importance of treating others with dignity. Our school values include being kind and taking responsibility, and we will not accept discrimination in any form. Every member of our school community has a role to play in creating a culture where everyone feels safe, respected and valued.

Looking ahead, there is plenty happening at Higham Lane next week!

Tuesday: Year 7 Road Safety Workshops

Wednesday: Our Mental Health Team will be delivering Year 11 exam stress sessions

Thursday: Year 10 Road Safety Workshops during the school day

Thursday evening: Year 7 Information Evening and Year 7 Meet the Tutor, taking place from 4:00pm until 7:00pm

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers of Y7 students into school.

Save the date - Open Evening. Looking further ahead, one of the biggest events in the school calendar is our Open Evening on Wednesday 14 October, which will run from 5:00pm until 7:30pm. Please note an important change to the school day on this date; as we will be holding our student progress evening timings, school will finish at 2:15pm on Wednesday 14 October, rather than the usual 3:15pm.

Finally, thank you, as always, for your continued support of Higham Lane School. It has been another incredibly busy and positive week, and I am immensely proud of the achievements, commitment and character demonstrated by our students. From sporting successes to community service, to the many opportunities our students are taking advantage of, there is so much to celebrate.

I hope that all of our students, parents and carers have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Warm regards,



Michael Gannon
Headteacher
Higham Lane School



Key Dates:

Tuesday 29th September Year 10 Information Evening (including Work Experience Launch) - 5:30-6:15pm

Thursday 8th October - Year 7 Information Evening - 5:30-6:15pm

Wednesday 14th October - School Open Day

Thursday 22nd October - Year 13 Progress Evening

Friday 23rd October - INSET Day



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