

Higham Lane North Academy NEWSLETTER



Friday 24th October 2025

We can hardly believe it's already half-term!

We're incredibly pleased with how well all our students have settled into their new routines. They've adapted quickly to new ways of working and are already thriving in so many areas. We ended the half-term on Thursday with a wonderful rewards assembly led by Miss Charles where we looked back over their half-term successes and it was quite the treat to see how much they have achieved in such a short time!

Some of the highlights this term have included our well-planned Inauguration Days to help them settle in, the informative 'Staying Safe' day, and a memorable assembly with the BAM team. It's also been wonderful to see students making the most of our amazing facilities via co-curricular clubs and during social times – whether playing football on the MUGA, enjoying Just Dance, Dodgeball, or trying their hand at Pickleball to name just a few!

We're also proud of the successful launch of our North Star Guarantee, ensuring that every student is actively involved beyond the classroom. Whether participating in co-curricular clubs, joining leadership groups, representing the school in sports teams and Open Evening, engaging in inter-house competitions, or beginning to explore charity initiatives within their Houses, your children are embracing every opportunity!

We're also extremely impressed with how committed the students are to their learning. When I speak to the teachers, they are unanimous in sharing how positive and enthusiastic they are in the classroom. Their excellent attitude to learning has not gone unnoticed and with our external visitors either who have all recognised this commitment to their learning, and to the school.



Star Bakers!

It was lovely to see what the children in our Specialist Resource Provision – Orion – have been up to recently. As part of a life skills project, they baked cakes and invited staff along to their 'coffee and cake' morning. The cakes were delicious and we all enjoyed being served a hot drink during our break! Not only did they source the ingredients themselves and bake the cakes, they also worked out if they had made a profit – which they had! Well done all and thank you to our committed support for learning staff who made this possible! Read more about it here in our Trust newsletter – [click here to view!](#)

Spooky Disco!

Everyone had a spooktacular (sorry!) time at the disco this week. It was heartwarming to see the students embrace getting together and having fun at the end of a busy half-term. The costumes were certainly creative and the dance moves impressive! We hope your child enjoyed coming along, and I would like to thank Miss Charles and Miss Rounce for the organisation of spooky decorations, treats and playlists! And also to Miss Hampton and Mrs Brookes for once again being on the treat trolley!



Well done to our footballers!

The first game proved to be a cagey affair with both sides squandering chances early on. This soon changed just before half-time when we picked up the ball and ventured down the wing providing a fantastic assist to the striker waiting in the box. The second goal followed shortly after. Just before the half-time whistle the opposition played a long ball in behind the defence and neatly finished what was a great counter attacking goal. Following half-time, it was yet another long ball in behind the defence that led to an equaliser from the opposition. The boys rallied strongly to grab a last gasp winner. With a strong team spirit, the boys ran out 3-2 winners.

The second game was played immediately after, and the boys had victory in mind. They came racing out the blocks and managed to grab two quick fire goals with relentless pressure on the opposition's defence. This pressure continued with us mounting a 4-0 lead at half time. Due to some superb football we managed to increase our lead to 7-0 with some truly fantastic finishes.

Autism training for staff

Today our staff at Higham North and staff from Higham Lane School came together to receive further training on Autism from external experts. Based at Higham North, the training focused on ensuring a greater awareness and strategies to support children with Autism. We will continue to receive specialist training on all areas of SEND need to support children in all schools within our Trust.

Family support

If you do require any support as a family on a range of issues such as mental health and wellbeing, on the school website you will find information on organisations that offer help, advice and support.

www.hlina.co.uk/families-safeguarding

Looking ahead!

We have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead on the road to Christmas! We will begin supportively with students, helping them to prepare for their first set of assessments and we are also looking forward to our Remembrance ceremony. We know that you will continue to reiterate with your child the importance of excellent attendance, particularly as we head into the winter months. Our attendance is currently 97.3% which is excellent, thank you for your support with this. Please remember that if they are feeling under the weather, paracetamol can be left at the office and we will always call you if we feel that they are too unwell to remain in school.

We hope that all students enjoy a well-deserved rest this half-term. I would like to thank you personally for your continued support which we do very much appreciate, and we look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 3rd November.