

Higham Lane North Academy

NEWSLETTER



Friday 1st May 2026

We are Conscientious

This week, it has been a real pleasure to visit so many lessons across the school. At HLNA, we have high expectations for your child's learning and progress, ensuring they are both happy and successful in life.

Students have not only created their own revision timetables ahead of our Year 7 assessments, but lessons have also focused on what to revise and, crucially, how to revise effectively. All students have their own revision booklet to help guide their studies. By developing strong study and revision habits from Year 7, we aim to support your child's long-term success at GCSE.

Our goal is that these habits become second nature over time, so that by Year 11, while there may naturally be moments of pressure, students feel confident, prepared, and in control, thanks to the consistent approach built over five years.

We know that you are supporting your child well at home with their revision, and we are very grateful for the strong partnership we share.

We also take time in school to remind students of the importance of looking after themselves. We appreciate that, over the weekend, you will continue to support them in maintaining this balance. Whether this means making time for a hobby or personal interest or simply enjoying time together as a family or with friends, we know that a healthy balance is essential for overall wellbeing. Please also look at our Safeguarding newsletter where there are lots of ideas to help support 'Mindfulness in May' which we will also be reinforcing in school over the next few weeks.



We are Confident

Students continue to impress us with the many ways they demonstrate success. One of our core school values is that 'we are confident', and we actively encourage students to learn from the habits and attitudes of successful people.

All students have contributed to our half-termly 'Have Your Say' sessions, ensuring their voices are heard. We value their input and listen carefully to what is going well, as well as what we can further develop to make our school even more successful.

To share this feedback with the year group, I was delighted to hand over the assembly to our House representatives, who presented the outcomes of recent discussions between the Senior Leadership Team and the Pupil Parliament. Their presentation skills were exceptional, and they engaged their audience with confidence and clarity.

We are excited to begin implementing students' ideas, including a non-uniform day in June, where students will have the opportunity to celebrate their culture! More details coming soon!



We are Conscientious - UK Junior Maths Trust Challenge

Well done to all students who took part in the UK Maths Trust Challenge. We are immensely proud of how well everyone rose to the challenge of this national competition. As part of our commitment that 'everyone is included and everyone belongs', every child received the opportunity to test out their maths skills with this fun challenge. The challenge encourages mathematical reasoning and precision of thought and fluency to make students think. We look forward to seeing if any of our students perform exceptionally well against other schools that enter for further rewards and recognition! Thank you especially to Mr Thomas for supporting every child to take part by organising all entries.



Rewards Day – Team Building Friday 10th July

Please ensure that you have provided consent and kindly paid monies by Tuesday 5th May for your child to participate in this exciting day. We have aimed to keep costs as low as possible, avoiding coach travel. We hope that everyone will take part as we celebrate a highly successful year for everyone together.



A weekend of Netball!



We know that our Year 7 Netballers will have a brilliant weekend at PGL Netball. Working together as a team they will enhance their netball skills and play a range of games against other schools, whilst also enjoying outdoor team building exercises. We know that they are excited too for the Friday night disco and they also have a final presentation attending by an England Netballer to look forward to! This is a fantastic opportunity for the girls and we are actively looking at further sports trips for all students over the next few years. Huge thanks and appreciation to Miss Rounce and Miss Slater for accompanying the girls this Bank Holiday Weekend – we could not offer this trip without their commitment, and also to Miss Tomlinson for driving the girls there and back. We can't wait to hear all about it!

A busy and exciting week ahead of us!

As you may be aware, many people across the country will be voting in local elections this Thursday. As part of our school's commitment to promoting British Values, including democracy and the rule of law, our students will also take part in a mock election.

Mr Froome will deliver an informative assembly explaining how the voting process works, while members of our Pupil Parliament have been researching the key priorities of local parties in Nuneaton, which they will share with the year group. This initiative is designed to introduce students to the role they can play as active, informed citizens, helping them to understand both how voting works and the impact it can have at a local and national level.

The process has been carefully structured to remain neutral and unbiased. Students will be encouraged to consider information about each party, what they stand for, and how their policies may affect the local community.

On Thursday 7th May, students will have the opportunity to practise democratic participation by casting their votes in our school ballot boxes. We look forward to the results of our first mock election.

Happy Birthday to Sir David Attenborough!

To mark Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday next week, our school will be celebrating his remarkable impact on wildlife, conservation and environmental awareness. We will have a range of activities throughout the week that will shine a light on looking after our planet and celebrating this special milestone!



Finally,

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you and your families enjoy the extended Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Kirstie Robinson.
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DATES and NOTES for your DIARY!

- 21st May – CEAT Day of Cultural Diversity
- 11th – 22nd May Assessment Weeks
- 25th May – Half-Term
- 4th June – SEND Coffee & Communication for Families 4pm
- 10th June – SLT Coffee & Communication for Families 4pm
- 12th June – Student Wellbeing Day – students do not attend school. Staff INSET.
- 1st July – Summer Fayre
- 3rd July – Sports Day
- 10th July – Year 7 Rewards Day
- 14th – 16th July – French Trip
- 15th July – Wellbeing Rewards Afternoon
- 17th July – Rewards Assembly and last day of term

