Higham Lane North Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2026

Celebrating a fantastic first Half-Term of the year!

As our first half-term of the academic year draws to a close, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on what has been a very positive and successful start to the year for our North Stars.

Our Year 7 students have navigated one of life's biggest transitions with courage and confidence. Starting a new school can feel like a huge step, yet they have settled in brilliantly, adapted to new routines and embraced the expectations of life at HLNA. We have been so impressed by their conscientious attitudes, willingness to learn and the confidence they have shown in finding their feet in their new school community. Our Year 8 students have equally impressed us with their conscientious, compassionate and mature approach to school life. They have risen to the challenge of being our older role models, demonstrating the importance of leading by example and helping to create a positive, supportive environment for everyone. It has been wonderful to see both year groups grow in confidence, embrace opportunities and demonstrate our school values in so many ways. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during these first weeks.

As we head into the half-term break, we hope all our North Stars enjoy a well-deserved, peaceful and restful holiday with their families and friends. Thank you, as always, to our families for your continued support.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for another exciting half-term, on Monday 2nd November.

A wonderful way to end our first half-term!



It was a pleasure to officially recognise and reward our North Stars for their superb representation of the school at our recent Open Evening. We received countless lovely comments from families in our community, who shared how charming, polite and helpful our students were. We couldn't be prouder of the way they represent our school.

It was so lovely to see our students enjoying a well-deserved celebration, complete with hot chocolate, a chocolate bar, certificates, some great tunes and, most importantly, time to relax and spend time together after all their fantastic hard work.
Our North Stars truly demonstrated 'We Are Confident' through their positive attitudes, willingness to help and pride in serving our school community. They were wonderful ambassadors, and we are incredibly proud of them all.

Disco-fever!

We also enjoyed our annual Spooky Disco, and both year groups certainly impressed us with their fantastic costume efforts!

It was wonderful to see students getting to know one another in such a fun, informal setting, sharing plenty of laughs and, of course, throwing some serious shapes on the dance floor!

Our discos really are a treat, giving us the opportunity to see a different side of our students, build connections across the year groups and enjoy spending time together outside the classroom.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the disco such a success. What a fantastic way to celebrate together before the half-term break!







Developing the leaders of tomorrow at HLNA!

At HLNA, we place great value on leadership and are proud to offer a wide range of opportunities in every year group, starting right from Year 7. We believe every student should have the opportunity to develop their confidence, find their voice and make a positive contribution to our school community.

We have now completed our leadership selection processes and are delighted to announce that students across both year groups have been appointed to a variety of roles. These students will work alongside their peers and staff to help shape school life, share ideas, represent the views of their year groups and take an active role in leading our school forward.

Our leadership roles include:

⭐ Head Students
⭐ Deputy Head Students
⭐ House Captains
⭐ Pupil Parliament Members
⭐ Sports Leaders
⭐ Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
⭐ Mental Health & Wellbeing Champions
⭐ Subject and School Prefects

We are incredibly excited to begin working with our new leaders next term. We look forward to hearing their ideas, working together on initiatives to make our school even more successful and seeing them grow in their roles. Students will also benefit from training, guidance and coaching to help them strengthen their leadership skills and develop even greater confidence.

We recognise that not every student will have applied for a role this year, and that is understandable. Leadership opportunities come around every year, and we hope that, with growing confidence and experience, even more students will feel ready to put themselves forward in the future.
A huge well done to everyone who demonstrated the confidence and courage to apply! Putting yourself forward is an achievement, and we are proud of all those who took that step.

We can't wait to see what our new student leaders will achieve and look forward to introducing our Year 7 and Year 8 leadership teams to the school community next half-term!

Democracy at HLNA – Student Voice in action!

At HLNA, we believe that every student should have a voice and the opportunity to help shape our school community. As part of their role this term, our House Captains have been gathering feedback from their Houses to share with the Senior Leadership Team, discussing what is going well and what we could do to make our school even better.

We were incredibly impressed by the maturity, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm our House Captains demonstrated. They took their responsibility seriously, sharing honest, constructive feedback and showing just how much they care about our school.
There was so much to celebrate! Students highlighted:
⭐ Enjoying lessons and learning
⭐ Helpful, understanding and supportive teachers
⭐ The wide range of clubs and opportunities available
⭐ Our school discos!
⭐ Opportunities to represent the school
⭐ The food!
⭐ The MUGA and school field

It was wonderful to hear so many positive comments and to see students recognising the things that make HLNA such a special place to learn and grow.
Of course, student voice is also about listening to ideas for improvement, and our House Captains brought some great suggestions to the table!

🚲 More bike racks: As our school continues to grow, students felt we would benefit from additional bike racks. We were pleased to share that plans are already underway for this to happen next year.

📚 More comics in the library: Students would like to see a wider selection of comics available to read. We think this is a fantastic idea and will be looking to purchase some in the coming weeks! If you also have any children's comic books that are no longer of use, these would be gratefully received at school.

🚌 More trips and opportunities: Students also reflected positively on the trips they enjoyed last year, with our Year 7 students particularly keen to find out what experiences they can look forward to.

We are excited to share that, during the first week back, students will have the opportunity to take part in an outdoor pursuits trip, including activities such as kayaking and rock wall climbing. Families have already received further details about this exciting opportunity, and we will share more information about other Year 7 experiences planned for the next half-term.

A huge well done to our House Captains for representing their peers' voices and helping us to celebrate what is going well, and to reflect on how we can be even more effective.



Poetry Competition -Deadline Extended: 2nd November
Can you capture the spirit of your House in a poem?
What makes your House unique? What values do you embody? How do you make sure everyone feels included, and everyone belongs?
Write a poem celebrating your House for the chance to win a prize!
Your poem could be about:

- Your House values
- House events and achievements
- What makes your House special

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and entries.

We look forward to welcoming all students back on **MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER.**

House merits

Year 7	Year 8
7 Aquila - 1434	**8 Aquila - 1757**
7 Cetus - 1316	8 Cetus - 1691
7 Cygnus - 1325	8 Cygus - 1438
7 Hydrus - 1402	8 Hydrus - 1503
7 Lacerta - 1639	8 Lacerta - 1602

Weekly Attendance Winning Houses

7 Lacerta - 98.3%
8 Cetus - 98.4%



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Finally,

Thank you for continuing to share such positive experiences of our school.
Your support genuinely matters, and we appreciate it very much.

Best wishes,

Kirstie Robinson.
Headteacher
Higham Lane North Academy.

DATES and NOTES for your DIARY!

- **We look forward to welcoming all students back on MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER.**
- **Monday 2nd November-13th November Revise and Practice Weeks.**
- **Tuesday 3rd November Year 7 Outdoor Pursuits Trip.**
- **Wednesday 4th November Year 8 Outdoor Pursuits Trip.**
- **Sunday 8th November Nuneaton Remembrance Service**
- **Wednesday 11th November- School Remembrance Service**





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