

Higham Lane North Academy

NEWSLETTER



Friday 13th March 2026

A culture of excellence

We often ask students to reflect on their lives and encourage them to develop an 'attitude of gratitude' both at school and at home. This helps them gain perspective and build resilience.

This week, as Miss Charles and I were on duty, we also took time to reflect on how the school operates each day and to appreciate the many wonderful aspects of HLNA. Afterwards, we shared with students how fortunate we all are to be part of this school community and how many positive things we see daily.

For example, we rarely need to speak to students about uniform – everyone looks very smart and wears it with pride. Students consistently keep their mobile phones switched off and in their bags, thus avoiding any unpleasant incidents. The attitude to learning in lessons is consistently excellent, thus ensuring that everyone is making excellent progress, and during social times students interact warmly and positively with one another, which is heartwarming to see.

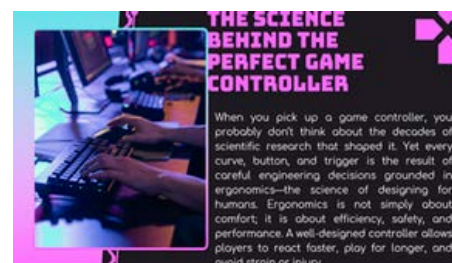
Of course, no school, community, or society is ever perfect. However, reflecting together reminded us how much there is to be grateful for at HLNA.

Thank you very much for your continued support at home in reinforcing and consolidating the school values we all want to live by, which we are also immensely grateful for. As we have always shared, success for your child comes from the partnership between home and school. We look forward to continuing our successful partnership.

British Science Week

This week we have been celebrating British Science Week through a variety of practical investigations. This year's theme was 'curiosity', encouraging students to ask questions about the world and to explore how scientists investigate and find answers. Students have taken part in several investigations, such as: Can you identify a Crime Suspect?, Can you guess the household substance?, and, Does caffeine affect the heart rate of living things? Students enjoyed applying their scientific investigative skills whilst working in small groups. Thank you to Mrs Marshall for organising these practical sessions for students! In another lesson, students also looked at how science research has influenced technology and explored ergonomics to create their own controller. Thank you to Miss Charles for creating this lesson and for bringing together different subjects as part of STEM for a fascinating lesson using research and creativity for students.

We have also been speaking to the students about the significance of Science skills and how bringing together Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths (STEAM), can very much help shape future careers. We are looking forward to some further exciting STEM and STEAM opportunities which we will share with you in the summer term!



Wonders of the World at Higham North!

Well done to everyone who entered our History and Geography Competition as part of our North Star Curriculum! From the Great Wall of China and Petra via Christ the Redeemer, Machu Picchu and Chichen Itza, calling in on the Colosseum and the Taj Mahal, you are well travelled with your knowledge and skills!

We have been so impressed with your amazing entries. You've shown fantastic effort by linking your History and Geography knowledge, using your literacy skills to write clear explanations, and developing your research and creativity along the way.

Huge gratitude to Miss Clempson and Mr Froome, our curriculum leaders for Geography and History, for organising such an imaginative, engaging and enjoyable competition.

We are incredibly proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm shown by everyone!



Well done to the boys football team!



This week the boys played two matches, and whilst they were disappointed with the results, Coach Froome told us that he was so impressed with the boys' attitude, both during the game and afterwards as they dealt with their disappointment. Well done to the boys for displaying a positive mindset with perseverance and resilience. We look forward to continuing to support you as you represent our school so well.

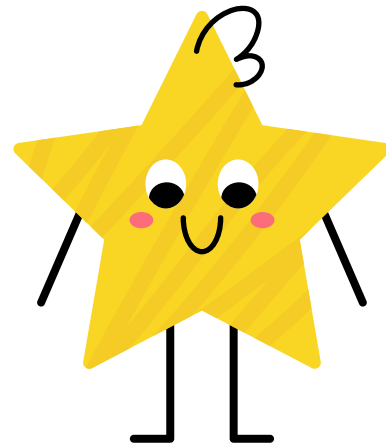
Contacting school

Please kindly note that all enquiries should be communicated via hello@hlina.co.uk. Mrs Smith, PA and Office Manager, subsequently directs emails to relevant staff. Please may we ask you to always use this email address and not to email staff directly. We do not make staff emails public. This is part of our safeguarding, workload and wellbeing commitment to our staff, particularly as we work with young people as well as adults. Our email policy for staff is to respond to emails during the working week of Monday – Friday 7am – 7pm and all email enquiries from staff are directed via the school office. Thank you for your support and understanding on this matter.

Welcome to our new Year 7 North Stars!

On Tuesday we welcomed our second cohort of North Stars. It was wonderful to meet all students and their families as they begin their secondary journey with us.

Our current Year 7 students were fantastic ambassadors for the school as they made students so welcome, playing games and taking part in activities with them. We are looking forward to further transition opportunities throughout the summer term, and into the autumn term, where many more Year 7s (and when they will be Year 8!) will be able to support with ensuring that all students feel confident about their move to HLNA.



Student Progress Evenings

As previously communicated, these will be taking place on Thursday 19th March, Thursday 26th March and Wednesday 15th April.

The booking system went live on Wednesday evening. Please see separate details about the procedures for these evenings so that we can ensure that these evenings are as successful as possible for everyone.

Year 7 Curriculum trip – Wednesday 25th March

We are all excited to be visiting Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and the Sea Life Centre as part of enriching our knowledge of the Year 7 curriculum. Students need to arrive at school at the usual time with a packed lunch and bottle of water. Students will be wearing school uniform and will arrive back at school for 3.15pm. There will be limited opportunity to purchase anything, and we do not recommend that students bring any further monies with them.

DATES and NOTES for your DIARY!

19th March – Year 7 Pupil Progress Evening
23rd March–27th March – Shakespeare Week
25th March – Inspiration Day–Year 7 trip
26th March – Easter Rewards Celebration
26th March – Year 7 Pupil Progress Evening
15th April–Year 7 Pupil Progress Evening
30th March–10th April – Easter Holiday

Student Progress Evenings

Reminder: Due to the Student Progress Evening on Thursday 19th March the school will finish at 2pm.

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