



# Highlands School

Determination

Aspiration

Respect

Equality



# Welcome to Highlands School

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Highlands School. This prospectus will give you a sense of the values and principles that underpin the work we do at Highlands, and of the opportunities and experiences open to your child if they join us in year 7 in September 2020.



Highlands is one of the highest performing and most popular secondary schools in Enfield. We opened in 2000 in brand new buildings surrounded by landscaped outdoor spaces and playing fields. Highlands is proud of being a genuine community school; we achieve academic excellence whilst remaining fully inclusive and welcoming students with a range of different backgrounds and abilities.

I hope that your child joins us in September 2020. As Highlands goes from strength to strength we look forward to welcoming them to our school community.

## **Vincent McInerney**

*Headteacher*

I am delighted you are considering joining our community here at Highlands School. The staff and older students thoroughly enjoy working with the year 7 students, as they inject a great deal of energy and excitement to our school.



Our aim is for every child who attends Highlands School to reach their full potential in every aspect of life. Of course a large focus is on academic achievement but we also strive to strengthen the character of our pupils, preparing them for the future challenges life will inevitably present.

At Highlands, we understand that the start of secondary school is an important transition for our students and see it as a key time to establish early success and build upon the foundations to support this big change. We strive for all pupils to leave with the qualifications and skills needed to give them the brightest future possible.

## **Jody Larter**

*Head of Year 7*



# Determination

We believe that students should have the confidence to take on new challenges, never give up, and to learn from their mistakes.



# Pastoral Care

At Highlands we strive to support students as they develop into well-rounded individuals with strong and positive characters, well equipped for later life. Our values of Determination, Aspiration, Respect and Equality are at the core of our pastoral system.

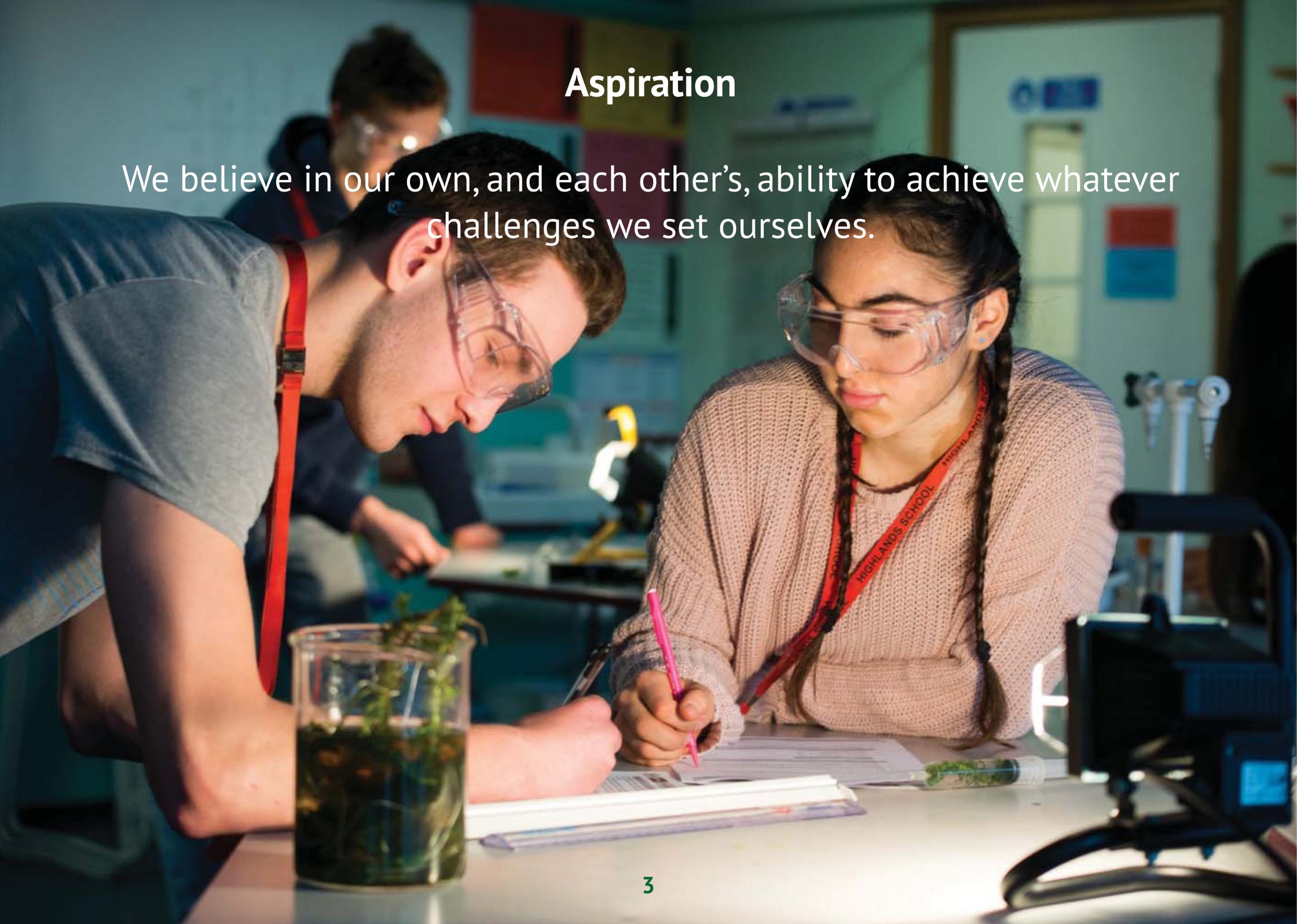
Our pastoral team works tirelessly to provide appropriate support for individuals' differing educational and social needs. We have a strong pastoral team consisting of Heads of Year, Behaviour Mentors, Assistant Headteachers, Deputy Headteachers and a dedicated School Counsellor.

We aim to provide a caring environment for all students and to help them quickly feel at home in the school. Older students are trained as 'mentors' to support and guide the younger students. We also pride ourselves on creating a strong ethos of co-operation with parents and carers which emphasises clear communication between home and school.



# Aspiration

We believe in our own, and each other's, ability to achieve whatever challenges we set ourselves.



# Transition

As the move from primary school to secondary school is a big change for children, we run a dedicated programme to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible. The Head of Year 7 visits many of the main feeder primary schools to meet with the teachers and to find out more about the new students joining Highlands School. Parents are also invited to attend information mornings at Highlands to help clarify what to expect and how we can work together successfully.

To get students excited about joining us, all new students are invited in for a Taster Day in July, where they get to experience a day at Highlands.

All year 7 students start the school year one day earlier than the older years. This builds students' confidence and enables them to establish relationships with their form tutors and with their peers. Year 7 students take lunch before the other years groups. The transition programme therefore enables students to begin their time at Highlands with confidence.

## Respect

We believe in working individually, and with others, to uphold the rules and laws of our community. We believe that this should be done whilst respecting the views of others.



# Learning Beyond the Classroom

Highlands School is committed to offering students a wide range of learning contexts in order to develop all aspects of their abilities, talents and interests.

We offer a range of residential visits to Europe and beyond, including skiing, sports, historical visits and cultural exchanges. Each faculty offers a range of day and/or evening visits to events which will enhance learning and illustrate different aspects of the curriculum. Students are also encouraged to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh programme to develop their independence.

We have dedicated Wednesday afternoons to our 'Ed-Extra' programme, which all year 7 pupils are required to attend. This programme offers a range of activities including boxing, football, cooking, journalism club and debating club. Older years are also encouraged to participate in these activities.

The PE department run a timetable of sports clubs throughout the year which includes a range of activities for all students. Highlands have a number of highly successful sports teams. The girls' U14 football team are currently Middlesex champions. We have had teams representing London at the National Futsal Finals. Highlands students are also lucky enough to frequently represent Enfield at the London Youth Games in a number of sports.

These activities allow students the chance to not only explore new interests, but to develop interpersonal, social and collaborative skills which are essential for a successful working life. The knowledge, skills and competencies gained through these 'Ed-Extra' activities are essential for the complete development of young people and we value them highly.



# Equality

We believe that we should work to protect the rights and opportunities of our community so that we all have a fair chance to participate, succeed and enjoy life.



# The Learning Environment

## Leading the way in classroom practice

Highlands School is a Teaching School, the lead school within the Pan Enfield Alliance - a group of primary and secondary schools in Enfield. We work together to provide effective training to support high quality teaching and learning. This is embedded into every lesson through the weekly training sessions that our staff attend. As a result, students at Highlands benefit from the latest developments in teaching and learning, helping us to support students in achieving the best possible personal, social and learning outcomes.

## The curriculum at Highlands School

Highlands School offers a curriculum designed to ensure that students leave school with outstanding examination results. Our GCSE students consistently achieve some of the highest levels of progress in Enfield.

However, the curriculum is about more than excellent examination results.

The Key Stage Three curriculum has recently been extended into year 9. This enables students to continue to study the arts, humanities, and modern foreign languages, irrespective of their GCSE option choices. Highlands School therefore prides itself on producing well-rounded and knowledgeable young adults.





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“ This is a high performing school where students make rapid progress and reach high standards across a broad range of subjects, including english and mathematics.

Students’ high levels of achievement continue into the Sixth Form, with high standards attained in a range of subjects.”

**Ofsted**



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