



Highlands School News

10 JANUARY 2020



Headteacher's News

Dear Parents/carers

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year.

As we welcomed students back to school this week and celebrated the turn of a new decade, I wanted to ensure that all students were reminded of our values and expectations. As such, this week I held assemblies for all year groups. The expectations I discussed link to our core values – Determination, Aspiration, Respect and Equality (DARE). The information given was also reinforced to them during tutor time on Wednesday.

I want to make you aware of the information that we have given to students, so that together we can support your child to ensure they receive the very best from their educational years at Highlands.

Below are the full details of my presentation given to students this week and in form time on Wednesday.

At Highlands School we have high standards. We expect students to be ready for school each morning and to:

- be punctual to school and lessons
- respect staff and peers
- follow instructions first time
- have a positive attitude to learning

These high expectations ensure that the school is a calm, respectful and safe place for everyone. We understand that mistakes happen and sometimes students get things wrong. However, we expect Highlands students to recognise that they have made a mistake, apologise, accept the consequence and strive to be better moving forward.

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The vast majority of students meet these expectations every day, but some do not and they have a negative impact on the rest of the school community. We reminded students yesterday that although we all make mistakes, an action is not a mistake if we have to be reminded constantly not to do it.

As students arrive at school, they should remove coats, scarves, earphones and any non-uniform items, these should be locked away in their lockers. Once they are in their tutor rooms, they should remove their bags from their backs, ensure blazers are on, sit facing the front giving the teacher their full attention. This is the expectation in every lesson and tutor time.

We emphasised the following expectations:

Expectation 1

If you make a mistake apologise and correct your behaviour. Accept the consequences of your actions. Do not repeat this behaviour again.

Expectation 2

Arrive at school on time.

- Students should be in tutor time by 8.40 a.m.
- This means arriving at school **before** 8.40 a.m.

Arrive to lessons on time.

- Visit lockers before school, at break and lunchtime.
- Do not waste time in the corridors or at lockers.

Expectation 3

Be in full school uniform throughout the school day. This means:

- Remove coats, scarves, hats and hoodies as you walk through the main doors. Do not go any further into the building until you have done this.
- Do not wear any of these items during the school day unless you are outside.
- Once in tutor rooms, bags should be removed from backs, blazers must be on, and students should sit facing the front giving the teacher their full attention. This is the expectation in every lesson and tutor time.

Expectation 4

Have a positive attitude to learning. Do not disrupt the learning of others.

- In cover lessons sit in your usual seats and complete the work set, as you would in any lesson
- Cover lessons are lessons and learning should be taking place.

Expectation 5

Follow instructions from all members of staff first time. No arguing, no negotiating, no ignoring the instruction.

Expectation 6

Mobile phones should not be seen or heard during the school day, until it is the end of the day and you are outside of the main building. Phones are not permitted inside the school building at any time. If we discover that students have been calling or messaging parents/friends from the toilets, phones will be confiscated.

Expectation 7

Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself. This means no grabbing or touching other people and no play fighting.

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Expectation 8

Only use positive language. This means no sexism, no racism, no homophobia, no transphobia and no swearing. If you do not have anything nice to say to someone then do not say anything. Do not make fun of people, threaten or bully them.

We also have three new expectations:

New Expectation 1 - Banned item list

There have been recent incidents when students have brought items to school that the school has considered dangerous and exclusions have been issued. We want to be clear with the school community which items are allowed in school and which are not.

The items below must not be brought to school or, in the case of mobile phones, seen in school. If they are seen, then they will be confiscated. Any student found with any item that could be considered dangerous or a weapon will be excluded from school and is at risk of permanent exclusion.

<p>Dangerous and harmful Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stink bombs• Fire crackers• Aerosol cans• Any other type of sprays• Lasers• Knives, screwdrivers or tools of any kind• Guns, fake/toy guns• Metal combs• Any objects that could be used as a weapon• Cigarettes• Drugs• Alcohol• E-cigarettes /vapes• Lighters• Matches• Any sharp objects (a compass should be kept in a maths set box, scissors should be small and round and kept in a pencil case)	<p>Items which distract from learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile phones• Large amounts of money, or money being brought it to lend/give to other students• Music devices / earphones• Electronic equipment (eg: portable games consoles)• Items to be sold to others• Skateboards• Balls that are not in a ball bag <p>Food and drinks items that are banned</p> <p>Chewing gum, energy drinks and products containing nuts are also banned in school.</p>
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New Expectation 2

Specific areas of the school building will be closed to students in years 7 – 11 during break and lunch. This is to make sure students are not in areas of the school where they are not being supervised by staff. This year we bought seating for over 300 students in the assembly hall. Along with the canteen and library and our outdoor spaces there are lots of areas for students to spend time at break and lunch. We are asking students not to visit parts of the school where they will be unsupervised:

Where you can go during lunch and break time	Where you cannot go after the first 5 minutes of lunch and break time
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The canteen• The hall• Playground/courts/terrace• A detention if you have a note in your planner• The library, if there is capacity• Designated ground floor toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The corridors on either the ground floor or top floor• The basement area• To your locker• To the water fountain (water is available in the canteen)• To visit teachers (unless you have a note)

- Water will be available at all times during break lunch in the canteen.
- At the start of break and lunch there will be 5 minutes to visit lockers and visit water fountains on the corridors. After that time all students should go to one of the permitted areas.
- Students will be allowed into all areas of the school at 11.18 a.m. to go to lockers and fill up bottles before period 3 starts. This is 7 minutes before lessons start.
- Students will be allowed into all areas of the school at 2.08 p.m. to go to lockers and fill up bottles before period 5 starts. This is 7 minutes before lessons start.
- To go from the canteen or the hall to one of the outside spaces use only the doors next to the canteen.

New Expectation 3

At the end of the school day all students must leave the building. Having unsupervised students in the building is a safeguarding concern. Students must leave straight away unless they:

- have a detention
- are attending intervention
- have an after school sporting activity
- are year 7 and attending Ed-Extra

Students cannot

- wait in corridors for friends or siblings*
- wander around the building
- hang around the corridors

*Students waiting for someone to travel home with should wait on the green chairs in reception and have a note in their planner from parents / carers / tutors or Head of Year.

We look forward to working together with parents and carers to reinforce these expectations to make our school a safer and more orderly community for everyone.

Mr McInerney
Headteacher



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students:

Reo Smith, Kris Stavrou, Reece Williams, Abigail Mayudi, Tareka Smith, Kharna Bennett, Joelle Hassan, Celal Bayar, Saira Akdam, Eleanor Smith, Anaya Willoughby, Isabelle Williams, Daisy Webb, Chika Oporum, Stephanie Anastasiades, Romea Erodotou, Connie Wakeford, Katie Pedder and Athena Luxton.

Next week is week A

(Week beginning 13.1.20)

Upcoming Events

**Notice of Year 10 PPE results meeting
Thursday 16 January 5:30pm to 6pm in the school
hall. For all parents/carers and students.**

**Year 11 Parents' Evening, Wednesday 22 January
Years 8/10 Options Evening, Wednesday 5 February**



starlight[™] children's foundation

As part of the BTEC Business Studies course, students had to stage and manage a business or social enterprise event. The year 12 students had decided to stage a Christmas themed fete, where all money raised would be donated to the Starlight Children's Foundation. The students staged this event incredibly well, with lots of initiative on the creation of their products as well as the beautiful Christmas decorations and displays.

The Starlight Children's Foundation is a national children's charity dedicated to brightening the lives of seriously ill children and their families. They do this through their hospital play, distraction and entertainment services, wish granting and their Starlight Escapes. These programmes deliver the support experiences that children, young people and families need to escape the routine and reality of living with a serious illness.

The students raised the huge amount of £306. Well done to all who took part; Ryan, David, Olivia. F, Esmeralda, Olivia. K, Georgio, Angelo, Antony, Milla, Amar, Emmanuel, Eleni, Joshua, Christina, Benjamin, Alfie, Ellie, Karamveer, George, Antoine, Raphael and Georgina.

Miss Constantas



Chefs of the Week

Below are some images of the Christmas cooking from Year 10 and Year 8 students - Aashni, Azam, Eden and Alexia.

Mrs Southern



7RKM Crisis Christmas Appeal

7RKM pupils decided to raise money for the Crisis Christmas Appeal this year.

Instead of each pupil buying and writing 30 individual cards for their form, they each donated £1 and wrote a "bauble" for the class Christmas tree. Together we raised £34 for the Crisis Christmas Appeal.

For £28.87, Crisis offers a homeless person access to: hot food, initial assessment, companionship, medical checks, opticians, new clothes, counselling, training/courses, employment skills, cv writing, housing advice and support.

Well done 7RKM!

Mrs K McCalmont, Form Tutor



THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM CRISIS

Thank you so much for supporting Crisis. Your donation of £34.00 will make a huge difference to someone without a home this Christmas and could be the first step out of homelessness for good.

As well as working for Crisis, I've been volunteering every Christmas for 19 years and I can tell you first-hand what a difference that week makes to people who otherwise would have nowhere to turn. This Christmas you've given them warmth, support and hope for a brighter future. Thank you.

If you have any questions about Crisis then please visit our website or get in touch with us via supporter.helpline@crisis.org.uk or 08000 38 48 38. We're a small team so please do bear with us if we can't get back to you right away.

Thank you again for helping someone who is homeless this Christmas.



Thank you for supporting Crisis



Winchmore Hill

Residents Association

Our community—Your voice

Introducing the new Winchmore Hill Residents Association

We are keen to reach as many Winchmore Hill residents as possible. Please find a link to the website below:

<https://mailchi.mp/dee98ed3c7c0/winchmore-hill-residents-association-december-newsletter?e=d2956d5667>

BSL (British Sign Language) Level 1 Classes

Start on Thursday 9th January at Highlands Room L6

3.30-4.30pm

Taught by Ms Tina Kemp

Any questions please contact the HIRB (Hearing Impaired Base) at Highlands.

Thank you.

Anita Biswas



Messages from the School Office

Letters Home: Whole year/whole school letters sent home can usually be located on the 'letters home' page of the school website. Recent letters sent or emailed home include the following:

- 18.12.19 Year 11 PPE Parent Invitation (email)
- 7.1.20 Year 11 Parents Evening Letter
- 10.1.20 Year 10 PPE Results and Information Meeting
- 10.1.20 Release of Year 11 PPE Exam Results and Information Meeting

