



# Highlands School News

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2019



## Headteacher's News

At the back of this week's newsletter is the second edition of our student newsletter. As part of our Ed-Extra programme our sixth formers are leading a student journalism team and this week you can read the latest edition of their publication.

This week the Headteacher Awards go to students for a range of reasons, four of whom I would like to mention specifically. At the KS4 Award evening last week, we had two incredible musical performances. One was Molly Kain and Maya Szymecka singing "Hallelujah". The other was Henna Sethi and Claudia Sanjurjo Pfitzmann, who wrote their own song "What love can do" and performed it to piano accompaniment. Everyone present was impressed with the confidence and skill that the girls demonstrated. Well done to all of them.

**Mr McInerney**

## Highlands School Open Evening

On Monday 14th October, Highlands School will be holding its annual Open Evening for prospective parents and carers of Year 6 students. This is always a popular event regularly attracting over two thousand visitors.

In order to allow staff to prepare their areas, school will end early on Monday 14th October at 2:20pm after lunch and a short form time registration. There will be no period 5 lesson and students will be required to leave the school site.

On the following day (Tuesday 15th October) school will start later for students, beginning at period 2 of the normal timetable. Students should arrive no later than 9:45am.

Mr McNerney, Headteacher



### Exam Contingency Day - Wednesday 24th June 2020

The awarding bodies have designated Wednesday 24 June 2020 as a 'contingency day' for examinations.

The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable is in the event of national or local disruption to examinations. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations. In the highly unlikely event that there is national disruption to a day of examinations in summer 2020, the awarding bodies will liaise with the qualification regulators and the DfE to agree the most appropriate option for managing the impact. As a last resort the affected examinations will be rescheduled. Although every effort would be taken to keep the impact to a minimum, it is possible that there could be more than one timetable date affected following the disruption, up to and including the contingency day on 24 June 2020. Centres will be alerted if it was agreed to reschedule the examinations and the affected candidates will be expected to make themselves available in such circumstances. The decision regarding the re-scheduling of examinations will always rest with the awarding body.

The centre must conduct the examination on the scheduled date unless instructed to do otherwise by the awarding body.

Where candidates choose not to be available for the rescheduled examination(s) for reasons other than those traditionally covered by special consideration, they will not be eligible for enhanced grading arrangements. Therefore, we are making sure that candidates and parents are aware of this contingency arrangement so that they may take it into account when making their plans for the summer.

Yours faithfully,

Mr David Feldman  
Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum)

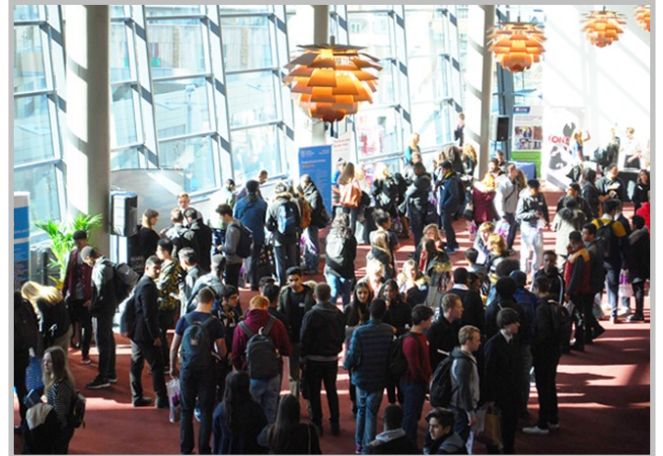




## **UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September our Year 12 students attended the 'UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair' at the Emirates Stadium.

The event attracted over 6,000 lower sixth students from around the country and was a perfect start to explore higher education/apprenticeship pathways and simply gain some inspiration in order to make informed choices.



The day provided attendees with the opportunity to speak to representatives from a wide range of universities, including The Russell Group, Red Brick and Modern universities. Also present, were a wide variety of the UK's best apprenticeship providers, HE colleges, specialist institutions, and student related organisations.

Exhibitions were featured in three large halls at the Emirates Stadium, overlooking Arsenal Football Club's pitch, while seminars were held in a large theatre. Other features included interactive STEM and creative zones, seminars throughout the day and free student brochures with detailed UCAS application guides.

The fair catered for students of all abilities, aiming to widen participation whilst supporting higher academic achievers. Our student feedback was positive and this was definitely a valuable opportunity for them to begin thinking about their next steps, to ask questions and gather information from a wide variety of different institutions.

Thank you to our Year 12 students who attended, showing great enthusiasm and an excellent representation of Highlands School values.

Mrs Laurenzi, Careers Leader





## **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students:

Mia Ozari

Molly Kain

Maya Szymecka

Henna Sethi

Claudia Sanjurjo Pfitzmann

***Next week is week B***

*(Week beginning 7.10.19)*

## ***Upcoming Events***

**Year 6 Open Evening**

**Monday 14th October 6-9pm (early closure)**

**Half Term**

**Monday 21st - Friday 25th October**

**Students return to school on Monday 28th October  
(Week B)**



## **WHO'S IN? THIS AUTUMN**

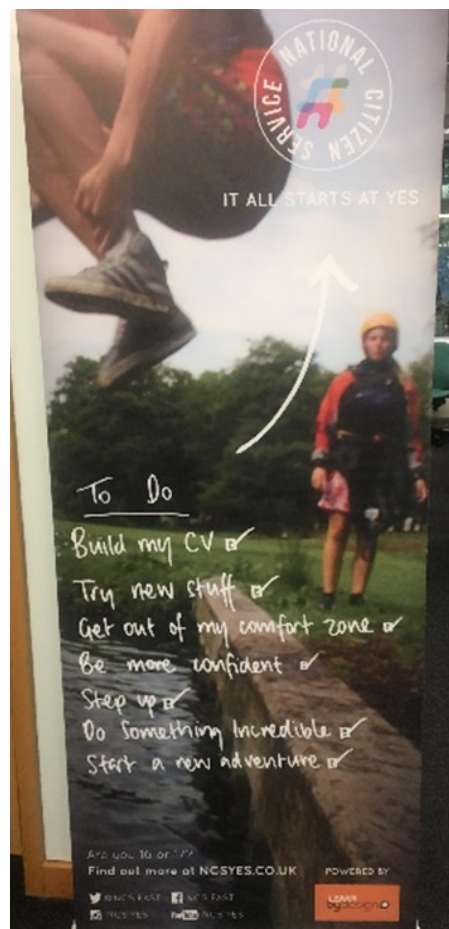
The National Citizenship Service (NCS) visited the school to speak to Year 12 students about the amazing autumn programme on offer during October half term, where you get to experience the out-doors and take on adrenaline-fueled activities like rock climbing, canoeing and archery.

NCS brings together young people from different backgrounds and helps them develop greater confidence, self-awareness and responsibility. It encourages personal and social development by working on skills like leadership, teamwork and communication.

Year 12 - If you are interested, visit the NCS website [www.ncsyes.co.uk](http://www.ncsyes.co.uk), or collect an information pack from the 6<sup>th</sup> form office and sign up to receive more information and details of how to get involved.

The National Citizenship Service will return next term to speak to Year 11 students about the fantastic opportunity that awaits them, once they finish their exams in the summer term.

Mrs Laurenzi – Careers Leader



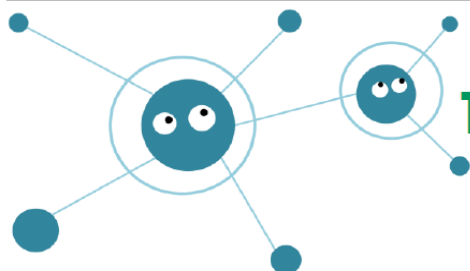
# **EXPLORE. DISCOVER. TAKE ACTION.**



# HIGHLANDS SCIENCE CLUB



Session	Date	Activity
1	10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Volcano eruptions</b> (Chemistry)
2	17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Volcano eruptions</b> (Chemistry)
3	31 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Zoo management &amp; animal care</b> (Biology)
4	7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Zoo management &amp; animal care</b> (Biology)
5	14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Zoo management &amp; animal care</b> (Biology)
6	21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Crash test eggs</b> (Physics)
7	28 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Crash test eggs</b> (Physics)



**Thursdays 3.25 – 4.25pm SE2**  
**Sign-up sheets in the Science corridor**



## Chefs of the Week

Jack Georgiou made a delicious raspberry ripple cheesecake, decorated with melted dark chocolate and fresh raspberries.

Year 11 students boned a fresh chicken and made a wide variety of dishes using the pieces of chicken.

Miss Barnes



## Messages from the School Office

**Nuts and nut products:** Please could I remind you not to send any nuts or nut products into school, as there are many students with severe nut allergies. These can, on occasion, be life threatening.

Many thanks.

Matron



**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:

- 1.10.19 Sixth Form Visit to The Millfield Theatre
- 1.10.19 Highlands School Open Evening
- 3.10.19 Exam Contingency Day

## PE News

You can get up-to-date information through our Instagram (pehighlands) and twitter (highlandspe) accounts.

### Senior Football

Unfortunately the senior boys lost their Middlesex Cup fixture 2-1 away to Ashmole. The boys represented the school well and were unlucky not to bring the game to extra time. Man of the Match: Henry Wackett.

### Taekwondo Success

Year 7 student, Jakub Warnawski, recently took part in the Taekwondo London International Open 2019.

Jakub started Taekwondo two years ago and this was his third tournament. Unfortunately he lost, just by 2 points, in the final. Jakub took the silver medal at the end of the day (pictured below). The school is very proud of his achievement. Well done Jakub!

Mr Johnston



### Girls PE Round Up

#### Netball News

The year 7 and 10 netball teams had their first league games so far this term and represented the school excellently, showing some great skills and sportsmanship (pictured above/right).



The results were as follows:

Year 7

Highlands Green v Southgate - Won 13-1

Highlands Green v St Johns - Won 5-0

Highlands Green v Enfield County - Won 8-0

Highlands Green v Kingsmead - Won 5-1

Highlands Green v LVHS - Won 5-4

Highlands Black v St Johns - Drew 0-0

Highlands Black v Southgate - Lost 7-4

Year 10

Highlands v Enfield County - Won 9-8

MOM: Alani Birmingham

Netball training for all years takes place on Thursdays 3:30-4:45.



#### Football News

The senior girls football team kicked off their season with a fantastic 10-0 win over Latymer (pictured above). Both teams played some excellent football but the Highlands strike force became too much to handle for the Latymer defence towards the end of the game.

Man of the Match: Aliyah & Kayleigh.

Football training for all years takes place on Tuesdays 3:30-4:45.

Vicki Berrill



## Year 7 and 8 Dance

A reminder about Dance lessons in Year 7 and 8.



All students in Year 7 and 8 have a dance lesson every other week. They can wear bare feet or soft ballet shoes. No tights or socks can be worn. Ballet shoes can be purchased from the dance department at a cost of £7. If you have already ordered shoes please make sure you collect them.

This term Year 7 will be doing choreography, Russian ballet and performance work. Year 8 are creating dances to Ed Sheeran 'Galway Girl' and working on their performance skills.

Many thanks,  
Miss Brown, Head of Dance



### Football Kits

We are missing a number of football shirts in girls PE, to the point where we do not have enough for a full kit. If your daughter has played in the football team, can you please check the pictures below and have a look at home to see if you have one and return it to the PE department as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Vicki Berrill



## Tours for year 6 parent/carers

Highlands School are offering tours of the school. Day time tours are only  
Tuesday 15th October 11.30 a.m.  
Wednesday 16th October 11.30 a.m.  
Thursday 17th October 9.a.m. and 11.30 a.m.



Please contact Mrs Kidd on extension 172 to book a place on a tour, as spaces are limited. The school tours are for intended for parents/carers only.

Mrs Kidd



### A Very Expensive Poison

Old Vic Schools' Club launched last week with our first workshop and trip to the theatre. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 30 Highlands students took part in a workshop with Manny and Mezze from the Old Vic. The workshop included exploration of the real life events the play is based on – the poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko. Students created scenes using a variety of techniques to explore some of the ways the new play by Lucy Prebble was to be performed.

Then on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September we battled the rain to go to the Old Vic to experience the sell out performance first hand. The production lived up the hype and was a fascinating exploration of the story, using a wide range of dramatic devices, including amongst other things: three huge inflatable caricatures of Russian senior politicians; a shadow puppetry story about nuclear reactors and a disco dance number.

GCSE and A-Level Drama students will now spend some time dissecting the production and seeing what they can learn from such an unusual and engaging method of storytelling.

Many thanks to Mrs Charles for accompanying us on this trip.

Mrs Carr and Mr McGinley



# Student Weekly

07/10/2019

## What's happening this week

### Summary:

- It is Black History Month, so you should be doing activities in your form times surrounding this!
- Year 7, 8 and 9 'Reading Olympiad' - you should all be working towards gold and hope that you are enjoying the 'Olympiad' in your English lessons!
- The school closes early on the 14th of October for the open day, make sure to ask if one of your subjects wants help!



## Get to Know... Ms. Watters

**Favourite food** – potatoes, because I'm Irish and there is a whole culture based around cooking and eating potatoes

**First impressions of the school** – I was here when it opened, 19 years ago, so my first impression was a building site. It just looked huge, I saw it as a year 7 would when you come in, you get this overwhelming feeling, I felt it as an adult seeing the school for the first time.

**Favourite book at the moment** - "The Lie Tree" by Francis Hardinge. It is not pitched as an adult book, it's pitched for 15/16 year olds, maybe even 13 year olds. It's amazing, it is about a girl in the Victorian era who wants to be an evolutionary biologist. She discovers something called the lie tree and strange events occur. It's quite Gothic, which I enjoy.

**Favourite holiday destination** – Amsterdam, I just really love it because you can walk around it, the people are so friendly and I love the museums and I really love the art culture, Van Gogh is wonderful.

**Favourite TV series** – Twin Peaks, one which I have followed since it was broadcast in the 80's but it was a real event TV, everybody was talking about it.

## What students have been up to:

- Well done to all the students who received an award at KS4 Achievement Evening. What a superb representation of Highlands School.
- Well done to the year 12's who did the Black History Month assembly, it was very informative!



Week beginning 07/10/19: B

### Quote of the week:

**"We realise the importance of our voices only when we are silenced." — Malala**

### Reads of the week:

- **Non fiction** - Girls Who Run the World: 31 CEOs Who Mean Business
- **Fiction** - After Tomorrow, by Gillian Cross
- **Revision guide** - Revise AQA GCSE (9-1) English Language Revision Cards





# Highlands Clubs

07/10/2019

What?	Where?	Who can go?
Art	A5	Year 7
Study time	Canteen	All years
Drama	DD1	Year 7
Boxing	DD2	Year 7
Dance	DD3	Year 7
Mindfulness	E1	All years
Football	Football Field	Year 7
Football	Football Field	Year 8
Rugby	Field	Year 8-9
Trampoline	Left side of sports hall	All years
Film making	MM3	All years
Orchestra	MM4	All years
Steel pan band	Music practice rooms	All years
Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 8
Debating	SF4	All years
Journalism	SF8	All years
Choir	Sixth form common room	Year 8-11
Yoga	DD2	Year 8-11

## Revision Help

- **Turn your phone off** – a simple way to stop yourself from getting distracted while doing work!
- **Active recall** – try to test yourself by reading through the notes you make and tell someone about them without looking at your notes, it is an easy way to make sure you know everything you need to.
- **If you are stuck, don't worry about asking for help** – everyone needs help from time to time, so if you get stuck on a question or are unsure don't worry about asking your teachers they are there to help you!

**Form debate topic:**

**Climate change is the greatest threat in human history.**

