



# Highlands School News

TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2019



## Headteacher's News

### Arrangements for the end of term

At the end of term on Thursday 19th December students will finish school after the end of term assembly at the following times:

- \* Years 11, 12 and 13 will finish school at 11:45
- \* Years 9 and 10 will finish school at 12:15
- \* Years 7 and 8 will finish school at 12:45

The new term starts on Tuesday 7th January at the regular time of 8:40 a.m. It will be week B.

### Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served in school on Tuesday 17th December (menu overleaf).

### Christmas Jumper Day

We will be hosting a Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 19th December in aid of Save the Children (full details overleaf).

### Signing up for Ed Extra

The next round of EdExtra for year 7 starts after Christmas

Please log on to Frog using your child's log on details to request your options for the next round of EdExtra. You will find the EdExtra form in a box in the top left corner of the year 7 home page. Please make three requests. We will endeavour to meet your preferences. All requests made by midnight on December 11 will be treated equally. Requests after that date may be at a disadvantage. Please note that EdExtra is compulsory for year 7 students, they must remain in school until 3:20pm.

EdExtra activities available on a Wednesday afternoon for year 8-11 after Christmas

If your child wants to stay past the end of the school day (which ends on a Wednesday at 2.15pm for years 8-13) there are limited number of places on activities. Please log on to Frog using your child's log on details to request your options for the next rounds of Ed-Extra. You will find a box in the top left corner of the year home page. All requests made by midnight on December 11 will be treated equally. Requests after that date may be at a disadvantage. Students will be informed of their activity before the Christmas break.

**Mr McInerney**



# Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

## Christmas Jumper Day

Highlands School are very proud to be supporting Children in Need and Save the Children as its official school charity for the academic year 2019/2020. The charity does fantastic work in the UK and all across the world to help children who are in poverty, in dangerous situations or living through a humanitarian crisis.

The school community are always looking for active ways to raise money for the school charity and this year we will be hosting a Fund Raising and Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 19th December in aid of Save the Children.

On this day we will be asking students to donate £1, which will be donated towards our charities. If they would like to wear a Christmas jumper or another jumper/hoodie instead of their school jumper on this day, then they will be allowed to do so. We would like students to wear the jumper instead of their normal school jumper. They will not need to wear their blazer. However, the rest of the school uniform should remain as below, as per a normal school day:

- \* School shoes
- \* Normal school skirt/trousers
- \* Shirt
- \* Tie

We are hoping to raise in excess of £1000 on this day, which we should easily achieve if students bring their £1 donations in. These can be given to their form tutor during morning registration time.

There will also be a cake sale at break time outside the hall, organised by some year 7 and 8 students. All cakes will cost 50p and students may come and buy these during their break time to help raise some extra money for charity.

We hope that you will support the school in helping to raise money for these fantastic charities.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Brown, on behalf of the Charity Society

**TUESDAY  
17TH DECEMBER**



## Christmas Menu

Roasted Turkey  
Cheese and Onion Quiche  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots  
Pig in Blankets  
Parsnips  
Brussel Sprouts  
Sage and Onion Stuffing

Christmas Cookies  
Xmas Mince Pies with Custard

**Staff: £2.80   Students: £2.40**





*Highlands Presents*

# A WINTER SHOWCASE

Thursday 12th  
December  
6.30pm

Frosty is coming!  
Get your tickets from  
the 2nd December  
on ParentPay



**This is week B**  
(Week beginning 9.12.19)



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students:

Angelo Michael, Alex Brennan, Evan Eldridge,  
Ediz Djafer, Charlotte Dodd, Orla Duffy,  
Yagmar Haydaroglu, Marco Sanjurjo Pfitzmann,  
Emma Smith, Stephania Chrysanthou, Josh Lausch,  
Kitty Kirby, Parnia Yazdanpanah, Lydia Wright,  
Grace Umenyiora, Tamsin Shipp and Jasmine Desai.

## Upcoming Events

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### Year 7 Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Lola Matthews (7WMT), the winner of the annual art competition. Her design will be used for the official school Christmas card.



### PE News

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

### Year 9 Basketball

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Highlands School Year 9 basketball team travelled to Southgate to play in a game that would determine whether or not they would qualify for the next round of the Enfield basketball inter-schools tournament. Highlands finished the game winning 39-18, which means they now await a semi-final against another school from the other league. Well played everyone.

Mr Avann



## LAMDA COMES TO HIGHLANDS SCHOOL

Highlands School is delighted to be able to offer LAMDA tuition on a peripatetic basis from January 2020.

LAMDA, The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, is a speech and communications board overseen by OFQUAL which offers exams resulting in qualifications in both Speech and Drama that are recognised around the world.

Students wishing to take the 'Acting' exams will learn the important stage skills required to be a convincing character in a scene that will be presented to an examiner followed by a discussion about their piece. The exams are ideal for bringing out a confident speaker and your child will explore different monologues, duologues and learn about a range of playwrights.

LAMDA exams are delivered at three levels;

**Level 1 – FOUNDATION** Grades 1 to 3

**Level 2 – INTERMEDIATE** Grades 4 and 5

**Level 3 – ADVANCED** Grade 6 (BRONZE) Grade 7 (SILVER) Grade 8 (GOLD)

Level 1 exams are mostly aimed at Key Stage 2, however, we are offering Grade 3 for less experienced Year 7 students in mind. Level 2 is mostly suitable for years 8 and 9 with some existing degree of acting experience while level 3 is aimed at students in Year 10 or above. These are the most challenging grade which come with the added benefit of UCAS points.

LAMDA examinations are awarded at three attainment bands. Depending on the level of mastery demonstrated during an examination, a learner may be awarded a Pass, a Merit or a Distinction.

Classes at Highlands will begin in January 2020 on Wednesday afternoons between 3:30PM & 8:30PM. Tutors from Worlds End Productions London will deliver the classes in groups of up to 10 students according to the examination grade. Classes for Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be 50 minutes and Grades 6 and above will run for one hour each week. Fees are £10 per week for all grades, payable termly in advance. All tutors are qualified and DBS checked. Further information can be found on the advert (overleaf).

Parents who wish their child to take advantage of the convenience of having LAMDA provision at Highlands are advised to book early as we expect very high demand. To find out more, talk to Mrs Carr or Mr McGinley. Alternatively, to book a class you can email [enquiries@weproductions.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@weproductions.co.uk) or visit [www.weproductions.co.uk](http://www.weproductions.co.uk).

**Mr McGinley**



Highlands School

## WEDNESDAY CLASS TIMES\*

**GRADE 3 3:30 - 4:20**

**GRADE 4 4:30 - 5:20**

**GRADE 5 5:30 - 6:20**

**GRADE 6 (Bronze) 5:15 - 6:15**

**GRADE 7 (Silver) 6:30 - 7:30**

**GRADE 8 (Gold) 7:30 - 8:30**



**LAMDA exams in 'ACTING' develop the skills needed to communicate dramatic text to an audience as well as knowledge and understanding of technical skills and the performance process.**

**Classes taught in blocks of 12 weeks - £120 per term\*\***

**Learners may take up to 2 examinations per year**

**Maximum 10 learners per class\*\*\***

**All teachers are qualified and DBS checked**

**For full details,  
Terms & Conditions and to book a class  
Please visit our website**

**WWW.WEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK/WEPERFORM**

### Year 7 Dance News

Year 7 have been putting together a dance performance piece to Thriller. They have worked really hard on learning and developing their routines and these have been performed, or are being performed, in the final Dance lessons this term. Maybe over the Christmas holidays you could ask your child to show you their routine!!!

Miss Brown





## Foodbank Collection

**Join the fight against poverty in Enfield this Christmas and support the North London Foodbank.**

We are collecting non-perishable food items, toiletries and new toys for the Enfield Food Bank over the next few weeks.

I have only had in a handful of items so far and it would be lovely to collect as much in as we normally do, which is more like three whole cars full of items. Please can items be brought into school, left at the collection point by the school main hall, or given to Miss Brown in the Music Office.

These items make a huge difference to families who are struggling to find enough money for food over the winter and Christmas period, so thank you very much for your support

Miss Brown, on behalf of the Charity Society.



### Half Price Scholastic Book Fair

The Library will be holding the Half Price Scholastic Book Fair on 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December at break time, lunch time and after school.

Please come along.

Mrs Mehmet

### 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:



- 27.11.19 Horse riding

### Youth Parliament News

Congratulations to Theo David in Year 8, Jessica Warren and Briana Shann in Year 10 and Nicholas Papanicolaou in Year 12, who will be our Youth Parliament Representatives for the coming year.

We look forward to hearing all about the wonderful work you are doing alongside Enfield Council and the United Kingdom and London Youth Parliament. Thanks for all your hard work so far and we look forward to hearing more after your first meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Miss Brown



**Youth Parliament**  
MAKING OUR MARK

Nicholas Papanicolaou, recently spoke from the dispatch box of the House of Commons at the National Youth Parliament, on the subject of voting for 16 and 17 year olds. The event was filmed by the BBC Parliamentary Channel. However, it cannot be broadcast until after the General Election.

The same week, Nicholas visited Auschwitz in Poland, with the Holocaust Educational Trust, which was an incredibly moving experience.



## **STEM Workshop Year 9 GCSE Design and Technology**

Our students had the opportunity to take part in a STEM skills workshop called 'operation disaster relief' last week. Members of the British Army worked with our students and taught them about the careers within the army that are key in disaster relief. The students learnt how to build, programme and operate LEGO Mind-storm robots to undertake engineering and logistical challenges, in order to deliver life-saving humanitarian aid to remote parts of the world hit by a destructive earthquake.

Students applied skills in Programming, Maths, Technology and Engineering, whilst developing skills such as team work, leadership, critical thinking and perseverance.

Louise Harbour-Cooper

