



Highlands School News

16 DECEMBER 2019



Headteacher's News

This is the final newsletter of the year and I would like to thank all the staff, students, parents and carers at Highlands School for their hard work and support this term. Inside this week's newsletter are details of the end of term and of our Christmas jumper day, taking place on Thursday 19th December.

Next week Mr Feldman is leaving Highlands School. Mr Feldman has worked at Highlands since September 2009 and, as the deputy headteacher responsible for curriculum, he played a key role in the excellent results and successful OFSTED inspections that the school has achieved over the time he has been here. I would like to thank him for the hard work and support that he has given the school and we all wish him the very best in future.

In January we will be re-focusing on behaviour at Highlands and I will be speaking to students about this in assemblies. I would like you to emphasise with your children that, as a school, we have the highest expectations of behaviour and that those who put at risk the wellbeing or education of other members of the school community will put their place at our school in jeopardy. On this theme I want to provide clarity and reassurance regarding an incident that took place at school last week. During lunch time on Wednesday it came to our attention that some students had sprayed a substance that had a bad smell and was causing some other students and members of staff to cough. We immediately ensured that all pupils were sent outside into the fresh air while we ventilated the area. We conducted health and safety checks before ensuring it was safe for staff and students to enter the building again. We have identified the students responsible for this and they are being dealt with accordingly.

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.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students:
Darcey Farnes, Ines Britton, Naomi Rawding,
Lucy Rawding, Margot Farnes, Owen Davies and
Lucia Innaurato.

WELL DONE!

A big CONGRATULATIONS to all the performers and backstage crew for the Highlands Winter Showcase!

We had a capacity audience of over 200 guests in the hall for a wonderful night of Dance, Music and Drama.

We are so proud of all of you and have loved seeing your creative talents shared with a live audience.

Mrs Carr, Mrs Miller
and Miss Brown



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

Week A

(Week beginning 16.12.19)

Upcoming Events

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Messages from the School Office

Refillable water bottle: It is important that all students bring a refillable water bottle to school with them every day, to avoid dehydration and headaches. 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:

- 10.12.19 The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA)

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




LAMDA
THE LONDON
ACADEMY OF
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DRAMATIC ART

Highlands School

WEDNESDAY CLASS TIMES*

GRADE 3	3:30 - 4:20	GRADE 6 (Bronze)	5:15 - 6:15
GRADE 4	4:30 - 5:20	GRADE 7 (Silver)	6:30 - 7:30
GRADE 5	5:30 - 6:20	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,
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Please visit our website**

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***Alternative times & days may be available dependant on demand and/or availability
**Tuition fees do not include examination entry charges
***All classes are subject to a minimum number of learners

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Exams & Qualifications

PE News

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



Year 9 Basketball

On Tuesday 10th December, the Highlands' year 9 basketball team (pictured above) played their Borough Championship final against Edmonton County at Enfield Grammar School. Despite a fantastic performance by everyone involved, the boys lost 49-29. Man of the Match was Marcos Golec.

Next year we will go again and try to win the competition. If your son/child would like to play for the year 10 team, we will do some trial sessions next September.

Mr Avann