



# Highlands School News



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### Headteacher's introduction

This Sunday England will play Italy in the Euro 2020 final. Over the past month, as England have made their way through the tournament, the success of the football team has been a force for positivity, optimism and community spirit. We have seen it at school with students excitedly discussing England's progress and asking each other, and me, repeatedly, whether football is, 'coming home?'. We all hope the answer to that question is, 'yes'. We know that families and members of staff will be staying up late on Sunday to watch the game, particularly if it goes to extra-time and penalties. For this reason we will start school at 9:30am on Monday, giving years 10 and 12 the same late start that students in years 7, 8 and 9 already have. All students should arrive at school at 9:30am. Hopefully, when they do arrive, we will be celebrating England's first success in a major tournament since 1966.

### **Response to government announcements about COVID-19 restrictions**

This week the government made announcements about COVID-19 restrictions in schools from September. We have been waiting for this guidance for some time. It is very detailed and we are working our way through it and understanding the implications for our school. Next week we will be able to share our plans for September.

### **Sports day**

A reminder that sports day will be held on Monday 19th July. More details will follow.

### **End of term**

The final day of term is Tuesday 20th July. This will be a shorter school day, students will be dismissed once their morning lessons and celebration assemblies are over. More details will follow next week.

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# ART

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (ART)



A year 8 class has been studying Chinese / Japanese art work this term. We wanted to show some of the fantastic designs created by our students. Well done!



ALEX HUNT 8WKM



AYLA OKANAY 8WKM



ELLA KUFEJI 8WKM



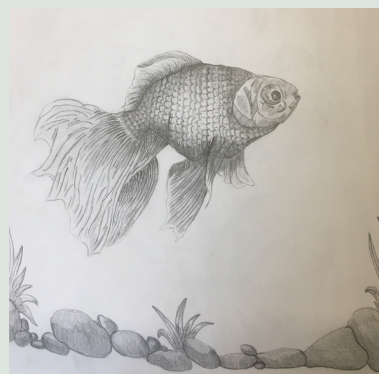
ISAAC MOONEY 8WKM



SKYE OMANI 8WKM



ALEX HUNT 8WKM



ELIZABETH PLUME 8OKS



# COMPETITION

## REBRANDING THE OLYMPIAD

Can you help to rebrand the reading olympiad?

- Come up with a new name for our independent reading programme
- Design the front cover to go alongside the name.

Designs can be presented on an A5 piece of paper / card, in colour and handed in to your English teacher

Winner(s) will have their design printed for the whole year group and school.

### We need you to:

- demonstrate knowledge of haiku
- include syllables, onomatopoeia, personification and metaphors

**EXAMPLE** →



## DESIGN A TRAINER COMPETITION

Olympic season is almost here! In support of Team GB and Paralympics GB, we are encouraging students at Highlands school to show their support and be a part of the action as they go for gold in Tokyo this summer.

It's time to get creative and design your very own trainer for an Olympic or Paralympic athlete.

Take part in the **design a trainer challenge** as part of the get set summer competition. Once you've made your trainer as unique and colourful as possible, email them to [getset@getset.co.uk](mailto:getset@getset.co.uk) for the chance to win a pair of Adidas trainers!

**TIME REQUIRED:** 60 - 120 minutes

**EQUIPMENT:** Art materials: paper, pens, paints, pencils, crayons

### CHALLENGE OUTCOMES

- Plan and develop an eye-catching trainer
- Choose a slogan to include on the trainer showing support for Team GB and Paralympics GB
- Consider the use of red, white and blue to complement the Team GB and Paralympics GB kit for Tokyo 2020
- Please click [HERE](#) to use the attached template and see the competition entry form. Once complete, email them to [getset@getset.co.uk](mailto:getset@getset.co.uk) for the chance to win a pair of Adidas trainers
- The competition is open until **Friday 18th July 2021**



# LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

## NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST INTERACTIVE CHALLENGE



Highlands School will be undertaking an exciting opportunity this summer, and we would like to get all of our students involved in the national literacy trust interactive challenge. Are you willing to take part?

In line with the UEFA EURO 2020 tournament and as part of the FA's UEFA EURO 2020, there are many free live event; a free 'live' Euro story, a free UEFA EURO 2020 reading challenge and a free online Euro 2020 football reading game video.

This reading challenge is among 11 other exciting curriculum-based challenges, which you can access for free from **The FA website**.

Featuring characters from Tom's **Roy of the Rovers** books, Roy and his sister Rocky, the story is being written in 13 'live' chapters by Tom Palmer.

Chapter 3 is now available and can be found [HERE](#). Every week in the newsletter and on the school website, we will be attaching links to the next chapter and with a challenge. Follow the links and complete the challenge by submitting to: **MehmetE@highlearn.uk** and at the end of the summer we will showcase the students that have undertaken the challenge.

The final chapter, chapter 6, will be published on **Wednesday 23 July 2021**.

We challenge you to take part in the amazing quiz about football and reading.



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## WH SMITH FREE VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOL SCHEME

WH Smith are supporting our school with their free vouchers for school scheme and we need your help to make it a success!

We have signed up to a new scheme to earn free vouchers for our school. WH Smith has agreed to donate 10% of the value on all our Parents/Carers spending's between 1st June – 30th September 2021 on books and stationery as WH Smith vouchers, which will be used to reward and acknowledge students achievements. After the 30th September 2021 we will receive 10% of the value of the spend on books and stationery earned by everyone that has participated, back in vouchers for the school.

### How to support our school:

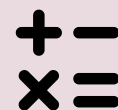
- **Shopping in store:** please print and take the below barcode in to a WH Smith High Street store and ask the cashier to scan the barcode along with your items at the checkout or scan at the self-service tills
- **Shopping online:** When completing your purchase, simply enter the barcode number below into the 'do you have a promo code' box

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# STEM

## MATHS IN ACTION



This autumn the maths in action programme will be brought to students in-person and online, in five informative, engaging and interactive sessions. Maths in action includes talks on a diverse range of topics from statistics and engineering to data science and pure mathematics. Don't miss the examination session which includes hints and tips on how to improve your grades and the new lunchtime quiz. Click [HERE](#) to find out or more information about maths in action and to book your spaces to join this opportunity in London, the Midlands or online!

## ALSTOM APPRENTICESHIPS WEBINAR



The STEM ambassador hub London are delighted to be collaborating with STEM ambassadors from international rail engineering firm Alstom to showcase their fantastic apprenticeship opportunities at their Wembley and Golders Green depots. This is an amazing opportunity for students to find out more about careers in rail engineering and apprenticeship within their local area!

Alstom are a multinational rail engineering firm that offer a range of solutions to the rail industry from building trains and rolling stock through to signalling systems and infrastructure projects. The firm operates in over 60 countries worldwide and has 2 sites in North West London based at Golders Green and Wembley.

### Young people attending this session will:

- get to find out more about Alstom and the rail industry as a whole with a specific focus on the northern line of the London underground
- take part in a virtual tour of the Alstom depot at Morden
- find out more about apprenticeships and gain valuable application tips from Alstom STEM ambassadors.
- have an opportunity to ask questions in a moderated, anonymised q&a section



### Event Details

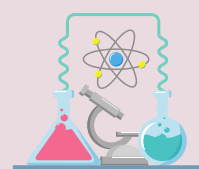
- Online, Wednesday 14th July 2021, 13:00 – 14:30
- To book a tickets or find out more information, click [HERE](#)

## SUMMER SCIENCE 2021

This year the royal society's popular summer science exhibition has decided to go digital between the 8 - 11 July 2021. With a packed programme of inspiring talks, fun science from home activities and exciting digital content, there is something for all ages. Nineteen research groups from across the UK will be demonstrating their research through innovative digital experiences, from escape rooms and quizzes to virtual tours and digital games.

### Event Details

- Online, Sunday 11th July 2021
- Click [HERE](#) for more information

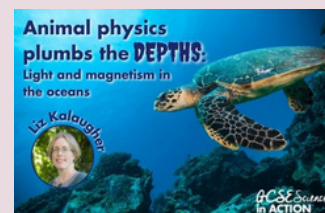




# STEM

## GCSE SCIENCE IN ACTION

Want to learn how animals in the ocean use physics?



Dr Liz Kalaugher is joining GCSE science in action this autumn to talk about the physics of animal life in the oceans.

How does a turtle hatchling from Florida circle the Atlantic before returning to the very beach it started from? Why do giant squid have eyes three times bigger than those of any other animal? These puzzles – and many more besides – are explained by physics. Find out more as we span the world's oceans and cover light and magnetism, with a touch of sonar on the side.

Liz Kalaugher is a science writer and author of *Furry Logic: The Physics of Animal Life*. Don't miss her GCSE Science in Action debut this autumn, in London, the Midlands, or online!

Liz will be joined by four more engaging scientists at GCSE science in action, giving students a full day to immerse themselves in the excitement of science. A special session on exam success will also help them to prepare for the return of external exams in 2022.

### Event Details

- Online, 10th and 16th November 2021
- To book a tickets or find out more information, click [HERE](#)

## CHEMISTRY IN ACTION

How does ice break the rules?



We are pleased that Professor Andrea Sella is returning to chemistry in action this autumn. This programme which is suitable for A-Level and IB students will hold events in London, the Midlands and, for the first time, streamed live online!

Professor Andrea will explore how we know about the properties of frozen water, how it compares with other ices, and the way in which it may be the canary warning us that our futures may be much less certain than we imagine. Ice may seem very familiar to us, but it breaks almost every rule in the textbooks. Come and find out why!

Tickets for venue-based events are strictly limited, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment. Bookings for in-person tickets can be amended up to 45 days before the event.

### Event Details

- 17th and 29th November 2021
- To book a tickets or find out more information, click [HERE](#)

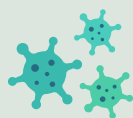
## ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE DAY



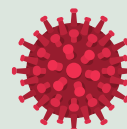
Engineering Open House Day is all about highlighting the important roles that engineers play in everyday life, with participating venues and organisations demonstrating the creativity and excitement behind engineering careers. For more information and bookings, click [HERE!](#)

# Remember!

## COVID-19



Reminder that students should be doing a Covid test twice a week at home. Only positive test results should be reported to the school. If your child tests positive the school does need to be notified immediately. This includes in the evening or over the weekend - please urgently email for the attention of school manager to [postbox@highlearn.uk](mailto:postbox@highlearn.uk) with full details, as we do monitor this mailbox out of hours. This will enable us to track and trace efficiently and quickly.



### IMPORTANT LIBRARY NOTICE

Students that have books that are overdue, please return them to the library, before the summer break.



### STUDENTS' LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Please check your child's lunch account each week via Parentpay to ensure that it is topped up in order for them to buy lunch.

### EDEXTRA

The next round of Ed-Extra has commenced from the beginning of this term and has returned to full capacity. Reminder to those students taking part in the current outdoor activities, wear your PE kits to school and be sure to carry a bottle of water with you during this hot weather!

### PARENTAL EMAILS

We are getting several bounce backs from parents' emails, many of which seem to go to work place email addresses, if you are not receiving our emails, please can you ensure we have an up to date email address for you.

# NOTICES & CONTACTS



## CHILDLINE

Childline is a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything.

**Important update:** Childline is working a little differently because of Coronavirus. However, you can still speak to a counsellor every day from 9am to 3:30pm.

Visit [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

## SHOUT

Shout is a 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.

Text **SHOUT** to 85258

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here for you 24/7



## LGBT+ SWITCHBOARD

The LGBT+ helpline provides a safe space for individuals to discuss anything they like, including; sexuality, gender identity, sexual health and emotional well-being.

Their mission is to ensure LGBT+ people are informed and empowered.

Call **0300 330 0630** or visit [www.switchboard.lgbt](http://www.switchboard.lgbt)