



Highlands School News



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Over the past week we have been marking Remembrance at Highlands School. On Wednesday 4th November our assembly was on Remembrance and this week on Wednesday 11th November the school fell silent as we marked the two minute silence in memory of all those who have given their lives in war in the 19th and 20th centuries. The school is selling poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion and we encourage members of the school community to support this charity and wear their poppies with pride.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

We are supporting students in year 11 as they make their choices about post-16 options. We would like to invite all year 11 students, parents and carers to our sixth form virtual open evening, next week on Wednesday 18th November, 6:30pm. Registration in advance is required and can be accessed on our website [HERE](#). Last year our sixth form was oversubscribed and we had to turn some students away from courses; we prioritise Highlands students but we need them to apply early so we can make sure we are running the right courses. Please attend the virtual open evening to make sure you are fully informed about the process.

We will be launching our sixth form open evening micro-site on the morning of the virtual open evening, November 18th. However, you can get a sense of what our sixth form is about by having a look at last year's [virtual sixth form induction site](#) that we made for the new year 12 students as they joined the sixth form in September 2020.

We look forward to seeing year 11 students, parents and carers next Wednesday evening.

Please note that the morning after the virtual sixth form open evening (Thursday 19th November), year 11 students are not expected in school until 10:40am. This will allow them time to revise for their mock exams in the afternoon. Please read page 3.

ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

We are pleased to announce that the students on the next page were awarded the most achievement points in the first week back after half term, well done!

Vincent McInerney, headteacher



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ACHIEVEMENT POINT WINNERS

Year 7

- ★ Matilda Gant, 7ONK
- ★ Sheryce Crow, 7OSA
- ★ Naa Shidaa Quartey, 7WSB

Year 10

- ★ Rosina D'Agostino, 10BSB
- ★ Jonah Annett, 10RSB
- ★ Shania Kizito, 10BJT

Year 13

- ★ Christina Sharpe, 13OKH
- ★ Sophie Rogers, 13ODC
- ★ Paola Acuna Diaz, 13RMC
- ★ Mia Garvey, 13RMC

Year 8

- ★ Elisabeth Castells, 8RKM
- ★ Stephania Chrysanthou, 8OSD
- ★ Arnelijus Mankevicius, 8OKS

Year 11

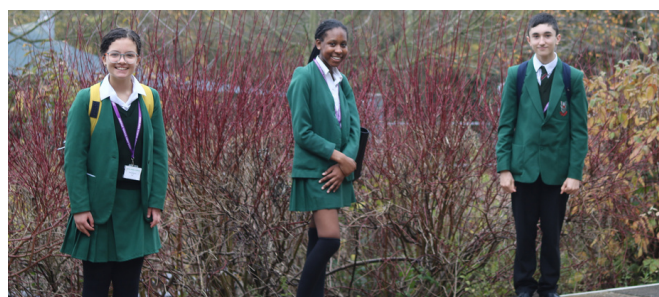
- ★ Naomi Rawding, 11BCS
- ★ Trinity Williams, 11BJB
- ★ Constantina Michael, 11BJB
- ★ Natasha Nicholas, 11WAI

Year 9

- ★ Aden White, 9BPL
- ★ Kalina Nuckowska, 9BPL
- ★ Elle Mills, 9RGA

Year 12

- ★ Abigail Miller, 12RTA
- ★ Layla Yamansef, 12RTA





MOCK EXAMS

Please see the mock exam timetable for year 10 and year 11 students and note a change to arrangements on **THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER**.

On Thursday 19th November year 11 will now arrive at school at the later time of 10:40am to attend period 3 lessons. This will allow them to participate in the sixth form information event on Wednesday evening (see information in this newsletter) and continue revision at home in the morning. The exams for year 11 will now take place in the afternoon.

The year 10 exams on Thursday will now take place in the morning.

There is no other study leave for students during the school day.

Mock Exams November 2020

AM exams start in period 1 PM exams start in period 4

Exams are for year 11 students unless indicated

| | | | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| | | | 18/11/2020 | 19/11/2020 | 20/11/2020 |
| AM | | | English Language | **CHANGE** Y10 Citizenship Y10 Religious Studies Y11 start at 10:40 for period 3 | Maths P1 |
| PM | | | French Reading Spanish Listening | **CHANGE** Y11 Citizenship Y11 Religious Studies Y11 Computer Science | Science Biology |

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 23/11/2020 | 24/11/2020 | 25/11/2020 | 26/11/2020 | 27/11/2020 |
| AM | Y10 final year Options | Science Physics | Maths P2 | English Literature Y10 Art | Science Chemistry |
| PM | Y11 Options | French Writing Spanish Writing | French Listening Spanish Reading | Maths P3 | |





CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

We are aware that with the current circumstances many households are finding themselves in a very difficult position running up to the festive period. We know some families found half term week challenging and are concerned about the impact of the Christmas holiday. The Highlands School community wants to help by providing food hampers for those families. If you feel your family would benefit from one of these hampers, please complete the online form attached [HERE](#) and return by **Friday 27th November** at the latest.

To fulfill these requests we need the help of the Highlands School Community!

We would ask that, if you are able, you donate food suitable for a hamper for a family in need this Christmas. We then hope to make up Christmas hampers to distribute the week prior to the holidays. We are looking for items such as:

 *Non perishable food such as: tinned beans and pulses; soup; tinned vegetables; cereal; tinned pies; tinned meat and fish; rice; pasta; long life custard; sponge pudding; rice pudding; biscuits; crackers; tinned fruit.*

 *Christmas items such as: chocolate selection boxes/chocolates; christmas puddings; christmas themed cakes; christmas crackers; mince pies.*

 *Drinks such as: squash; long life fruit juice; hot chocolate; tea and coffee; UHT milk.*

Also, we are looking for monetary donations to help complete the hampers. You can do this via ParentPay - just look for the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Please make all donations by **Friday 4th December**.

We will collect food donations from the 30th November - 4th December at the beginning of the students' school day. Please put items in a bag so students can deposit them in a collection box as they enter the school building. There will also be a box in the sixth form area for year 12s and 13s to make food donations.

The upcoming holidays are a great opportunity for the Highlands community to come together and support one another. We know that you as a community will want to help support our appeal and help all families look forward to the holiday season. With your help we can really make a difference!



DRAMA

LAMDA EXAMS

Students who took their LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) solo acting exams in July, received their certificates recently. All the students had moved to online tuition during the spring lockdown, preparing for exams ranging from grade 3 to grade 6 (bronze award). We are very proud that every one of them achieved a pass with distinction. Well done!

The classes, which form an optional part of the drama department's extended curriculum, are running 'face to face' sessions again this year on Wednesday afternoons. As well as building confidence and communication skills, they also provide globally recognised and Ofqual approved qualifications and UCAS points (grades 6 to 8). There are a very limited number of places available from January for new starters. Please contact the drama department for more details.

Will McGinley

Teacher of Drama



SIXTH FORM HEADTEACHER AWARDS

On the left you can see some sixth formers who received a headteacher award at the end of the last term.



NOTICES

STAY SAFE

We are always here to support our students whenever they need it. If students feel like they need any kind of support, please speak to a member of staff on the school premises so we can help.

Alternatively, when off school premises or if you would like to speak to someone anonymously, you can also call or chat online with trained professionals at Childline.

www.childline.org.uk



TOPPING UP YOUR CHILD'S PARENTPAY LUNCH ACCOUNT

Please can you check weekly to ensure your child has enough credit on their parentpay account for their lunches if they wish to purchase food from our canteen.



MULTICULTURAL MENU IN CANTEEN

To celebrate the upcoming cultural celebrations, our school canteen will be serving food from different countries once a week until the end of the year.



English: 19/11/2020

Main: Roast beef with roast potatoes

Vegetarian: Bubble and squeak

Dessert: Apple pie with custard



Chinese: 26/11/2020

Main: Sweet and sour pork with noodles

Vegetarian: Wok tossed oriental vegetables

Dessert: Chocolate cake served with custard



Japanese: 3/12/2020

Main: Teriyaki chicken with noodles

Vegetarian: Macaroni and cheese

Dessert: Vanilla sponge served with custard



Thailand: 10/12/2020

Main: Thai beef and coconut

Vegetarian: Thai yellow vegetable curry

Dessert: Carrot cake served with custard

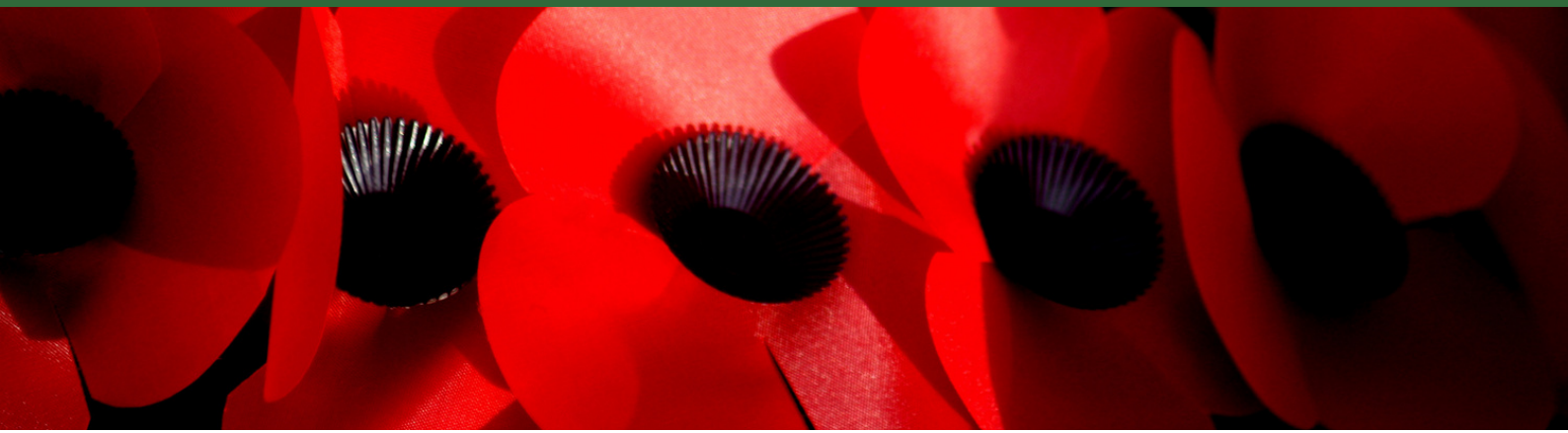


Greek: 17/12/2020

Main: Lamb moussaka

Vegetarian: Vegetable moussaka

Dessert: Olive oil cake served with custard



REMEMBRANCE DAY QUIZ

Remembrance Sunday this year was on 8th November 2020. The military are seen playing music appropriate for the event. Listen to the relevant tracks below and answer the questions. Submit your answers to MapleD@highlearn.uk.

PART 1

'When I am laid in earth' by Henry Purcell

Click [HERE](#) to view the video.

What period of musical history does this piece of music come from? You might need to look this up online.

- 1 Renaissance
- 2 Baroque
- 3 Classical
- 4 Romantic
- 5 Modern

- 1 A theatrical piece which tells a story totally through the music.
- 2 A genre of music with dancing and music.
- 3 A large scale work for choir and orchestra usually religious.
- 4 A Mass for the dead.

'When I am laid in earth' is also known as 'Dido's Lament'. It is taken from an Opera. What is an Opera? You might want to look this up.

PART 2

Edward Elgar's (1857-1934) music often gets used for important events. Elgar was considered a nationalistic composer and his music is identified with Britain and The British Empire.

Edward Elgar's 'Enigma Variations' 'Nimrod'. Watch the video and answer the questions below.

Click [HERE](#) to view the video.

This piece of music is often used on Remembrance Sunday. Look up when it was written.

- 1 1750-5
- 2 1898-9
- 3 1914-8
- 4 1939 - 45

- 1 Elgar himself
- 2 Elgar's wife
- 3 Hunter
- 4 Elgar's viola pupil

At the start of the video, the narrator tells you what 'Nimrod' means. Choose the correct meaning on the left.

REMEMBER

PART 3

The Last Post

The Last Post is used at Commonwealth military funerals, and ceremonies commemorating those who have been killed in war. It is often followed by The Rouse. Its use in Remembrance Day ceremonies in Commonwealth nations has two generally unexpressed purposes: the first is an implied summoning of the spirits of the fallen to the cenotaph, the second is to symbolically end the day, so that the period of silence before the "Rouse" is blown becomes in effect a ritualised night vigil.

Click [HERE](#) to view the video.

Watch and listen to the video above. What type of instrument plays The Last Post?

1 Trumpet



2 Bugle



3 Trombone



4 French horn



- 1 Medium soft
- 2 Medium loud
- 3 Loud
- 4 Crescendo

What does 'mf' indicate in music? Look at bar one of the music above.



CAREER OF THE WEEK

Engineering



Engineering is one of the most in demand jobs globally. Whatever your background, engineering can help you be the difference in the world. From movie makers to robot builders, from classroom learners to globetrotters, find out from the heroes why they chose engineering and how they followed their passions into a rewarding career. Click [HERE](#) for more info about how you can make a difference.

Want to be an Engineer without studying for a degree? Choosing a level 3 course in science or engineering would be useful. Many technician roles do not require a degree, read more [HERE](#).



MOOC (massive online open courses) of the week

Engineering the future - Creating the amazing

You will learn how the disciplines of maths, biology, computing and physics, alongside creative thinking and people skills, come together to produce cutting-edge engineering projects. You will also explore the impact of modern engineering on a diverse range of industries, from healthcare to artificial intelligence.

To join this free online course click [HERE](#).

The young entrepreneurs challenge

Got a great business idea?

The young entrepreneurs challenge brought to you by Unloc and Verizon is an online entrepreneurship competition looking for people aged 16 to 25, with fresh and innovative technology-led business ideas. You could win a £10,000 grant and a mentorship package. To enter the challenge, all you need to do is submit a 60-second pitch video on the competition website. The key competition criteria is viability, technology innovation and sustainability.

The competition closes for applications on 22nd January 2021. For more information and to register visit: [young entrepreneurs challenge](#).



CAREER



PROGRESS...

Creative industries virtual talks

This November, **Escape Studios** are hosting a series of virtual events (which can be accessed from home), to help students in years 10 - 13 learn more about careers in VFX, animation and games. Whether you're artistic, have a passion for maths and programming or have an interest in business and marketing there is a role in the creative industries to suit you. Hear from professionals working at PlayStation, Industrial Light & Magic, Union VFX, Moonraker VFX, MPC Advertising, The Mill and more.

ESCAPE

STUDIOS

Get your FREE tickets [HERE](#).



Apprenticeships virtual careers fairs

AllAboutSchoolLeavers are running a series of virtual careers fairs on Tuesday 17th November (aimed at year 11 - 13). Join these webinars to find out more about key sectors and their apprenticeship offers by registering with the industry you are interested in below:

Accountancy:
Apprenticeships with
RSM
Register [HERE](#)

Entertainment:
Apprenticeships at SKY
Register [HERE](#)

Rail & Transport:
Apprenticeships at
Network Rail
Register [HERE](#)

Aerospace & Technology:
Apprenticeships with
Atkins
Register [HERE](#)

Biopharmaceutical:
Apprenticeships at
AstraZeneca
Register [HERE](#)

Creative Industries:
Apprenticeships at
Plymouth College of
Art
Register [HERE](#)

TOPICS

TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Options at 16

If you're in year 11, you should have started planning about what you want to do after you leave school. What you can do after Year 11 depends on things like where you live, what kind of grades you're likely to get, what you're interested in and what kind of environment you want to learn in. Until the age of 18 you have to stay in some form of education but you can choose from a range of options.

SIXTH FORM & SIXTH FORM COLLEGES

Sixth forms are often attached to a school and sometimes sixth forms are completely separate from any other schools, and teach students from lots of different places. The courses available are mainly a level but some do include vocational qualifications like a BTEC. A levels or equivalent level 3 courses offer a great route into higher education and employment. **Applications are now open and deadlines are by mid January 2021 at the latest.**

FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGES

Offer a huge range of courses that can help at every stage of life from Level 1 courses through to degrees and professional qualifications. Colleges offer a range of full-time and part-time courses related to a broad employment area such as sports, engineering, media, health and social care etc that can lead to a specific job. **Virtual events have started and applications are open - deadlines are usually end of March 2021.**

APPRENTICESHIPS

Offer a way to learn on the job whilst working for an employer, building up knowledge and skills, gaining qualifications and earning money at the same time. If you have a job sector or career in mind then an apprenticeship can be a great choice. **Applications are all advertised all year round. Ensure you have an up to date CV.**

EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTARY WORK

If you do choose the work/voluntary work route, this will involve you working towards a nationally recognised qualification as well as being employed, self employed or volunteering for 20 hours or more a week.

HOW TO CHOOSE

Think about how each option fits with your other GCSEs. Does a subject go well with your other choices? Or does a subject provide a welcome change?

If you're taking lots of science and maths based subjects, it can be good to include one choice which is essay based.



A good place to start planning your post-16 options is to think of these three questions.

Who am I? (What qualifications, skills, and interests do I have?)

Where am I going? (What would I like to be doing in 5 years time – job, living away from home, etc?)

How do I get there? (What course, training or future job is likely to get me where I want to go?)

Of course, at 16, young people may not know the answers to all these questions, but now is the time to start exploring information about careers, jobs and courses. If you really aren't sure about what you want to do in the future then 'stay broad' - do a broad range of subjects so that you can decide later!

Get advice from people who know you well (like parents/carers & teachers). All year 11 students are supported with post 16 applications and have a 1:1 careers meeting followed by a careers action plan.

Use the JED explorer database licensed to Highlands for further research: [JED](#) and the National Careers Service [NCS](#).

When you sign up to any of the events mentioned - please email Mrs Laurenzi - laurenzs@highlearn.uk