



# Highlands School News



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### Headteacher's introduction

#### OFSTED

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week OFSTED inspected Highlands School. The inspection was not a 'Section 5' inspection (the type of inspection OFSTED uses to grade the overall effectiveness of a school). This was a 'Section 8' inspection, looking at certain aspects of the school's work. The inspection was unannounced, which is why the school community was not informed about the inspection the day before. The OFSTED inspection was a rigorous experience but we are a school that welcomes robust, expert challenge. I want to particularly pay tribute to our students; on Tuesday morning dozens of lessons were visited to look at behaviour and there were virtually no incidents of low level disruption. At that time, we had not told the students OFSTED were at school; this was just 'business as usual'. Our students spoke with confidence about how the school keeps them safe. We have worked hard on behaviour since I became the headteacher at Highlands. We have done this because we believe that all students have the right to attend a school where they feel safe, are free from bullying and discrimination and can grow academically, socially and emotionally. During the inspection the behaviour and attitudes of students during lessons and whilst moving between lessons was excellent. As normal, there was virtually no litter or graffiti around the site. The way students started and ended the day was excellent. When we reflect on the journey we have been on over the last three years, we should be very proud. My thanks, and that of the governors, go to our students and staff for the high standards they hold themselves to every day, whether or not the school is being inspected.

OFSTED always ask that the findings of their inspections are not shared until they formally write to us and publish their report on the website. This will happen either during the summer or in September. We remain ready for our next scheduled 'Section 5' inspection, whenever it occurs.

#### Sports Day: Monday 19th July

A reminder that Sports Day is on Monday 19th July. Students should arrive at school at 8:30am in full PE kit. Further details are on the third page of this week's newsletter. The forecast is saying it will be sunny and warm so students should bring plenty of water and sunscreen. Good luck to all the competitors!

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#### Arrangements for the final day of term: Tuesday 20th July

As is traditional at Highlands, on the final day of term we will have a rolling programme of end of term celebration assemblies and then students will be dismissed. All students should arrive at their normal start times. They will be dismissed at the following times, after their assembly ends:

Year 12 - 10:30am

Year 10 - 11:10am

Year 9 - 11:40am

Year 8 - 12:15pm

Year 7 - 12:45pm

#### Arrangements for next year

I wrote last week that the government's final update to schools indicated a change in required arrangements around bubbling, zoning and staggered start and end times of the school day. As with many of the announcements related to COVID-19 over the past two years, it came very late in the term. We had hoped to share our updated plans for the school day next year today but OFSTED has pushed this back slightly. We will publish a special end of year newsletter next Tuesday and we will confirm our plans in it.

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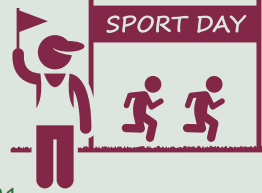
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# SPORTS DAY

## SPORTS DAY - MONDAY 19TH JULY 2021



Highlands School will be holding the annual sports day for years 7 – 10 and year 12 on Monday 19th July 2021.

All students should arrive at 8.30am for registration at 8.40am which is earlier than the normal time for years 7, 8 and 9. Students should make their way to the tennis courts/astro to be registered. Students should attend sports day in Highlands School PE kit.

We are due to finish by approximately 12.15 pm. It is compulsory that every student is to attend the day and it is hoped that everyone will compete in at least two events on the day (one athletic, one team). However, if it is not possible for a student to actively take part then we suggest that they assist by helping form tutors or officiating.

Please note that there will be no school based activities on this day. Students attending the sixth form will be given a role and expected to help staff run the day.

Students should bring in a packed lunch with a large bottle of water to rehydrate for the day. Students should also wear and bring sun cream if it is a hot day. Students who receive free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch from the school canteen at the start of the day from 8.30am.

It is essential that students do not bring any unnecessary valuables as there will be nowhere to lock them away. Students should attend the day in Highlands School PE kit only. If students have any existing issues with their PE kit they should make their behaviour mentor for their year group aware before the day.

If the event has to be cancelled due to adverse weather, students will attend normal lessons and go home after their lunch time, these finish times will be slightly different to the sports day schedule. If you are wishing to collect your son/daughter from school you may do so but you will need to arrive promptly and if driving, please park away from the school.

If it is deemed necessary to change these arrangements due to the weather, every effort will be made to inform parents by text and school website as early as possible.

Unfortunately this year we are unable to have guests for the day but would like to thank you in advance for your support in getting students prepared.





# CONGRATS

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - MUSIC



Highlands School would like to congratulate Mattia Cirillo on his recent music achievements at the Enfield music service competition, which took place on Tuesday. Mattia was chosen to be the winner of the whole competition for his performances in the grade 6+ for piano, outperforming older pupils from other Enfield schools who were playing more advanced pieces. As a result of his win, Mattia has won the school some prize money. Highlands school and Mattia's form tutor, Mr Avann, are very proud of his achievement. Well done!



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - PE



A massive congratulations to Izzie Milne in year 11 who has been representing England U17's against Ireland over the last week. We are extremely proud of you as a school. Your hard work and dedication on and off the pitch has not gone unnoticed. Well done Izzie!



## LAMDA ACTING EXAMS IN MAY



Pictured receiving their certificates are students from years 8, 9 and 10 who took the LAMDA solo acting examination in May. Despite a significant amount of the training for the exam having been online during the spring lockdown, we are very proud that every student who took the exam passed with either distinction (80%+) or high merit. Special recognition must go to Francesca Bocchetti who passed her grade 6 (bronze medal) exam with an outstanding mark of 96/100. Well done to her and all the amazing LAMDA students.

Any parent who is interested in their child taking LAMDA classes next term should contact the drama department.

LAMDA grades 5 & 6



LAMDA grades 3, 4 & 5



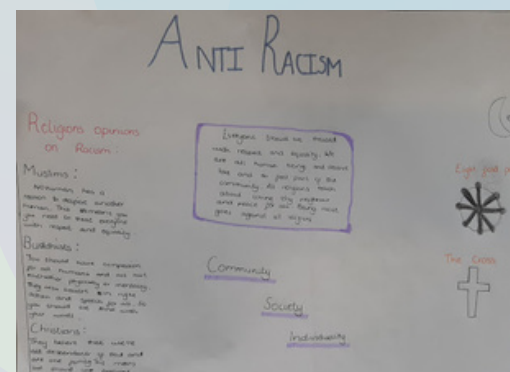
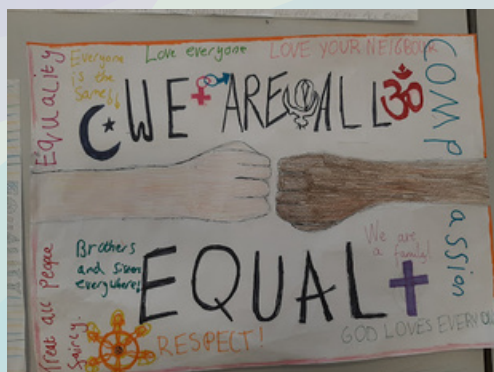
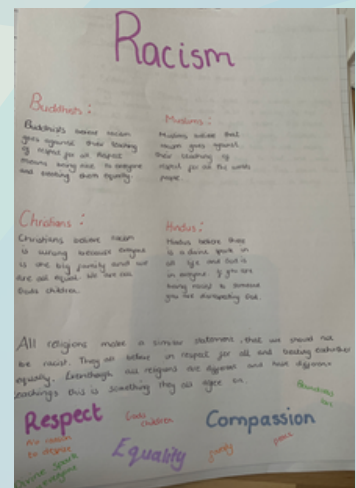
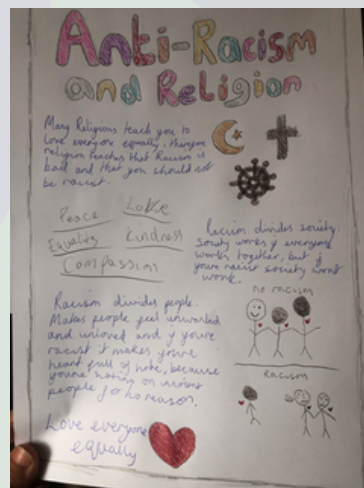
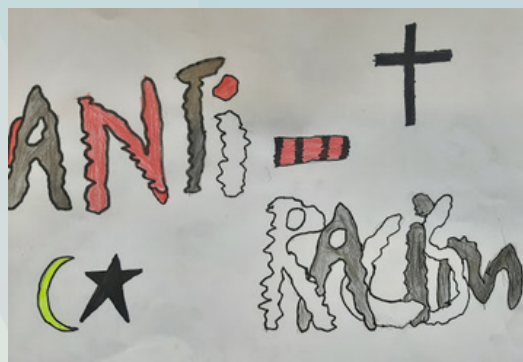


# ART

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - ART



All year 7 and year 8 have been learning about how religious beliefs support anti-racism. They have created some great posters to share what they have learnt. Well done!







## VIRTUAL VISIT FROM AUTHOR ROBERT MUCHAMORE

On Thursday 8th July, a year 9 English class had the opportunity to virtually meet author Robert Muchamore. Most notable for writing the *Cherub* and *Henderson's Boys* novels, this was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn more about Robert Muchamore's novels and for them to ask any questions. Please click [HERE](#) to view the recording of this online event. We wanted to share some images of this event below.

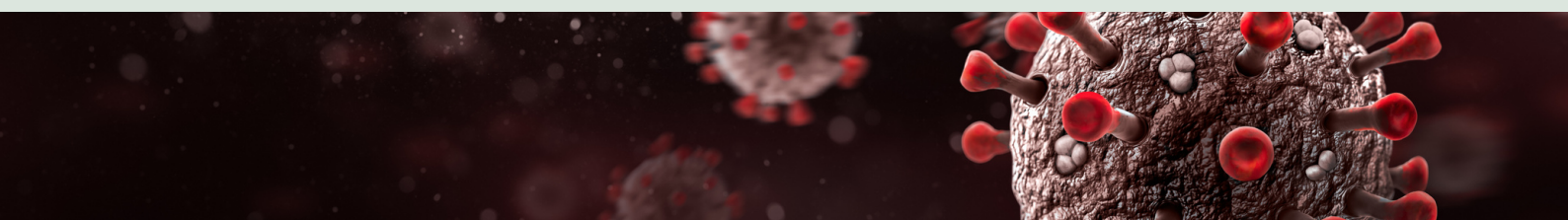


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## VACCINATIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO MISSED THEIR SENIOR BOOSTER AND HPV VACCINE

Any current year 8, 9 & 10 students who has missed their senior booster and HPV vaccinations during the routine school sessions this academic year can attend any of our clinics over the summer holidays. They will need to phone to make an appointment first.

Please call [020 8702 3499](tel:02087023499) or email at [beh-tr.enfieldimmunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:beh-tr.enfieldimmunisationteam@nhs.net) to book a time for your child to receive his/her vaccination.





# 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 4 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 5, 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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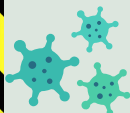


# Remember!

## 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.



### 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.

**REMEMBER!**

### LIBRARY

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

### 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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## 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)