



# Highlands School News



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### Headteacher's introduction

Today the school submitted the final teacher assessed grades for students in years 10, 11 and 13. As I have done before, I wanted to thank the staff at school for the hours and hours of work that they have put into setting the questions and papers to be answered and then marking and moderating the work that students have submitted. Thanks also should go to the exams admin team, particularly Ms Bell. And, of course, thanks to the students in years 10, 11 and 13 for their focus and commitment to the process.

### Year 11 prom:

In light of the government's announcement this week and after conducting a risk assessment, Forty Hall has informed us that they are no longer able to host the Highlands School prom as planned on 23rd June 2021.

Although this is very disappointing, we are pleased to announce that we have managed to rebook Forty Hall on Monday 19th July from 7-10.30pm. It is expected that by this date the venue will be able to safely accommodate the expected number of staff and students in line with government guidelines.

All tickets will be transferred to this date and if students who were previously unable to attend now wish to buy a ticket, they must do so by Monday 5th July on Parentpay. The cost of the ticket remains the same (£35). We are required to provide the venue with a full list of students attending in advance, so please ensure any further tickets are purchased by Monday 5th July at the latest.

If there are any problems attending the new date, or further questions, please contact Ms Murdock via email [murdockv@highlearn.uk](mailto:murdockv@highlearn.uk).

Thank you

Vincent McInerney

Headteacher  
Highlands School

# WELL DONE!

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH (DofE)

Congratulations to our students who took part and completed their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award this past year. Students have completed the 'Volunteering', 'Skills' and 'Physical' sections, and we are very proud of their dedication. This is a great accomplishment, especially given the difficult circumstances of Covid-19. Well done!



**YOUTH  
WITHOUT  
LIMITS**

# Thank you

to the  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants

from

**Highlands School**

who spent

**247 hours**

volunteering between  
1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we are immensely proud  
of the dedication, effort and achievement of our participants.

The social value of these hours is

**£1,123.85**

RUTH MARVEL CEO

May 2021



# PE KITS

## PE KIT



At Highlands school we have high expectations for students with regards to their uniform and PE kit, and we wanted to clarify the requirements for pupils on the days when they have PE and attend school in their PE kit. **Students are only expected to wear a full PE kit that has been purchased from our suppliers John Lyon or Smith's** (details are on the [school website](#)).

Students are not allowed to wear any other alternative coloured kit, hoodies or tracksuit bottoms. Please make sure that students are wearing the correct and appropriate kit when they leave for school.

Students who are not in the appropriate PE kit will be issued a 40 minute detention, as this will be treated in the same way as any other school uniform concern. Students have been informed during their PE lessons of this expectation.

**Please see PE Kit list and link to suppliers below.**

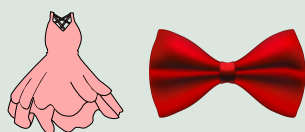
- Highlands school PE Hoodie
- Highlands school PE t-shirt
- Highlands rugby shirt (optional)
- Highlands school black tracksuit bottoms
- Highlands black shorts / black skirt / skort
- Highlands black sports leggings
- Highlands school black rugby socks outdoor lessons or plain white socks indoor lessons
- Shin pads, non-marking trainers, football boots for lessons on the field



Plain black cycling shorts can be worn alongside the skort but not on their own.

The above information and links to our suppliers can be found on the Highlands school website [HERE](#).

## PROM UPDATE



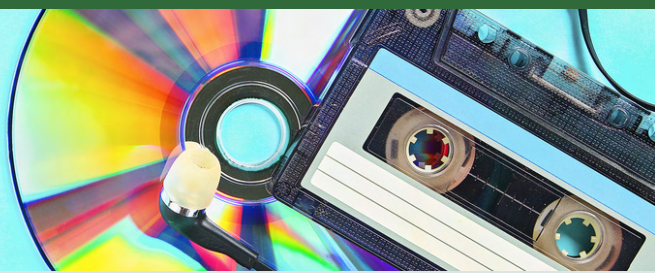
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# MUSIC



## ED EXTRA AND EXTRA FREE TUITION FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7,8 & 9 IN SEPTEMBER 2021 - 2022.

We are requesting students to complete the form [HERE](#) as to what musical instruments they are currently playing, and which music group they are interested in joining. Try and be as accurate as you can, and note that upon completion we will either enroll you into a club of your choosing or not.

Ed Extra on a Wednesday will include a vocal group and an orchestra starting in September. On other days and during school hours, we will be able to start steel pan, guitar and ukulele groups at school if we have enough interest. This has been very successful in the past and has led to participation in school events such as music competitions, concerts, achievement evenings etc.

If you would like to keep the arts and creative subjects alive, your support is needed for these facilities to keep running for all present and future students.

Please contact Mrs Maple at [MapleD@highlearn.uk](mailto:MapleD@highlearn.uk) if you would like to sign up for a particular group.

## UPCYCLING PROJECT IN RESISTANT MATERIALS

We need your rubbish! Design and technology are looking for help with donation of materials. Can you help? We need empty condiment squeeze bottles, as well as any other materials listed bellow. which can be any size and must be cleaned before brought into school. Please can participating students bring the materials into reception for the attention of Mrs Harbour - Cooper or Mrs Jaynes.



CONDIMENT SQUEEZY BOTTLES



WOODEN SPOONS



PLASTIC BOWLS



PLASTIC TAKEAWAY CONTAINERS



PLASTIC PLANT POT SAUCERS



# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## UCL ACCESS AND WIDENING PARTICIPATION EVENT

From coding to sustainability, from space to footwear design, this month the UCL Access and Widening Participation event has it all.

Some of the newly opened events include:

- Explore English - a free online summer school for year 10 students to improve their GCSE English creative writing skills and learn more about university.
- Building Futures - this event will allow care experienced young people in year 10 or above lots of information about what it is like to be a young person with care experience at university.
- Discover UCL Online Summer School- an exciting opportunity exclusively for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in Year 11 and Year 12.

You can learn more about our upcoming events below on our website [HERE](#).

## UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER OPEN EVENTS



Queen Mary's upcoming undergraduate open events will be taking place on 25th-26th June 2021 and 1st-3rd July 2021 (subject to successful government road map implementation). There will be the opportunity for your students to visit the campus and/or attend online to discover everything about studying at Queen Mary.

Whether students attend an event on-campus and/or online, they will have plenty of opportunities to chat with Queen Mary students and staff, explore the campuses and find all the answers to their questions.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Undergraduate Open Events page for more information and discover more undergraduate open events.

## NANCY ROTHWELL AWARD 2021

The Nancy Rothwell Award 2021 specimen drawing competition for ages 7-18 year is now open for submissions. Prizes include art materials for students and can also win a £100 voucher. The deadline for entries is 30th July 2021. Visit the Royal Society of Biology website for more information [HERE](#).

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2021



'Interconnected' is the theme of this year's Royal Society of Biology Photography Competition. Life on Earth is connected and this year we invite you to capture these interactions. The competition has two age categories each with a cash prize. Ages 18 and over will be rewarded with a cash prize of £1000 and under 18's will be rewarded £500. Click [HERE](#) to submit your images by 23rd July 2021.

# Do you find it difficult to attend school for emotional reasons?



Join the Educational Psychology Service at a online workshop for young people. We will:

- ❑ Learn more about how anxiety starts, and what keeps it going
- ❑ Think about why it might feel hard to attend school
- ❑ Explore what you can do to help yourself
- ❑ Discuss what others can do to support you
- ❑ Tell you about support that you can access
- ❑ Share your ideas and strategies with others.



You will not need your camera or mic on, and can participate as much or as little as you want to

**Thursday 1st July  
5-6pm**

To book, please email [eps-sews@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:eps-sews@enfield.gov.uk)

[www.enfield.gov.uk](http://www.enfield.gov.uk)



# Does your child find it difficult to attend school for emotional reasons?



**Join the Educational Psychology Service at a online two-part workshop for parents and carers. We will:**

- ▶ Learn more about anxiety
- ▶ Explore what feels helpful for your child and family
- ▶ Discuss working together with schools to help young people attend
- ▶ Share your thoughts and ideas with each other
- ▶ Identify what help and support are available
- ▶ Connect with other parents and carers with similar concerns
- ▶ Consider how we can look after ourselves when things are hard



**Wednesday 30th June  
8-9pm**

**Wednesday 7th July  
8-9pm**

To book, please email [eps-sews@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:eps-sews@enfield.gov.uk)  
or call 0208 379 2000

[www.enfield.gov.uk](http://www.enfield.gov.uk)



# REMINDER



## 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!

## STUDENT EQUIPMENT

From 19th April 2021 whiteboard pens will become a part of student equipment that will need replacing at their expense, in the same way as other pens and pencils. Mini whiteboards have quickly become part of our classroom routines and are a fantastic way for teachers to assess learning and spot any misconceptions. They are especially useful whilst COVID-19 measures are in place, but we will be continuing their use once things return to normal and into the next school year. Multi-packs of whiteboard (dry erase) pens can be bought at an affordable price from Amazon, most supermarkets and stationery stores. For any student who has lost a mini whiteboard, we will be selling replacements from the school office from 19th April 2021, with the cost still to be determined.

## 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.



## DON'T FORGET

# 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

**shout**  
**85258**  
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)