



# Highlands School News



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### Headteacher's introduction

This afternoon our year 11 students attended their last lessons before the start of their end of year assessments. I want to thank year 11 for their excellent behaviour today. Right up until they left the school site students were being taught in classrooms and were focused on their learning. Outside of school, the students wished each other well for the long bank holiday weekend and for the assessments that start next week. We would like to wish our year 11 students a successful weekend of revising and good luck in the assessments ahead. We have written to year 11 students, parents and carers to inform them of the arrangements for the exams.

Year 13 and year 10 students also have assessments over the coming three weeks. Well done to students in those year groups for attending their intervention and revision sessions and we wish them well for the upcoming assessments. We have also shared assessment arrangements with students and families of these year groups.

Today I met with students who were awarded certificates by the Mayor of Enfield Sabri Ozaydin for contributing to the T-shirt competition he was running, whom are pictured above. Well done to all those students.

Please remember that Monday is a bank holiday; school resumes on Tuesday 4th May.

Mr McInerney  
Headteacher, Highlands School

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# ART

## STUDENT WORK (art)

Year 8 Art have been studying oriental art and focusing on techniques of Collage and Pen & Wash. It's so lovely to have them back in the art department, and we thought we would share some highlights of the great work they have created!



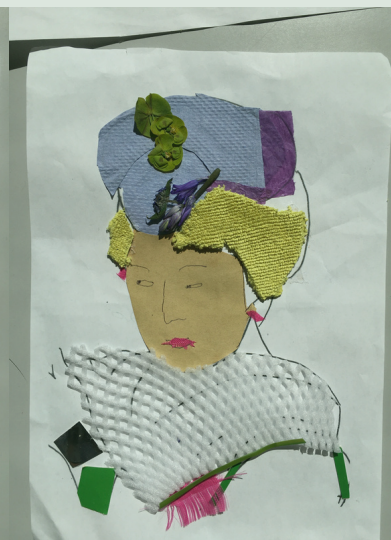
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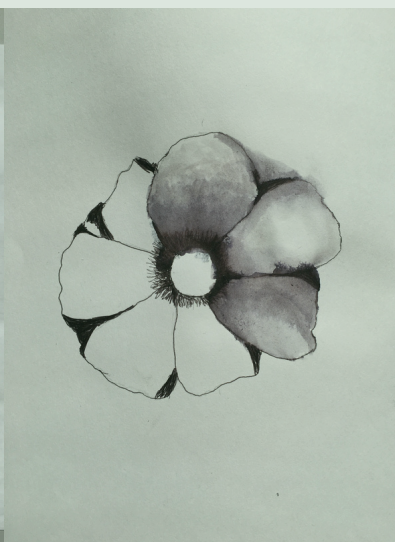
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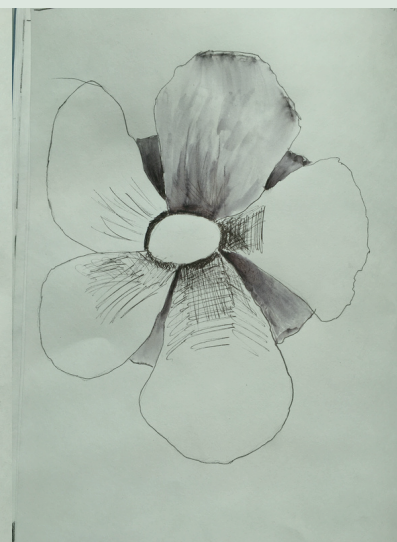
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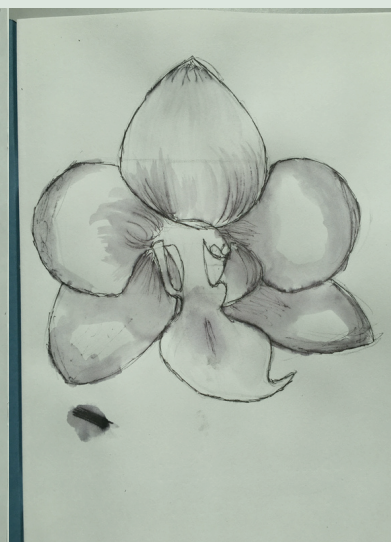
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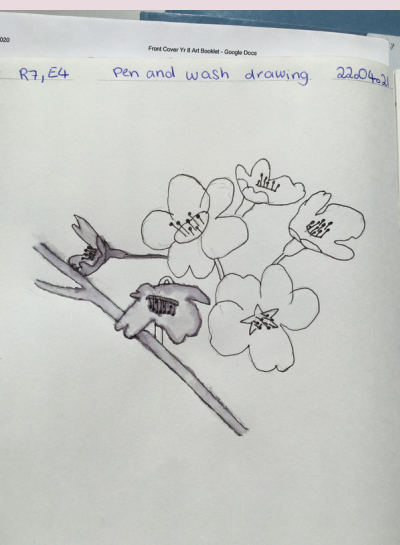
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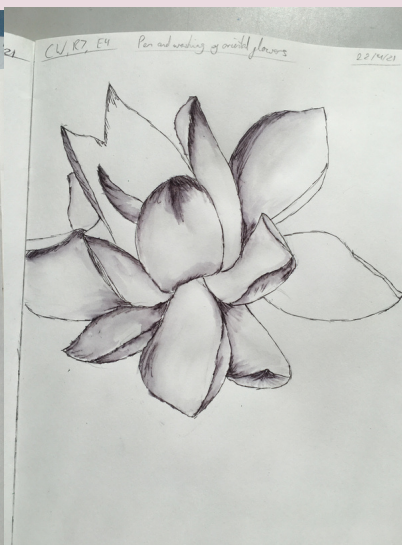
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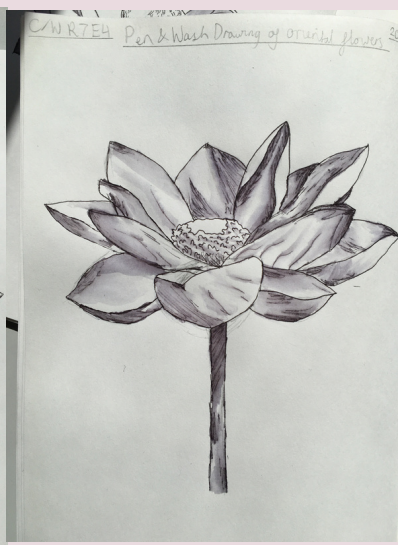
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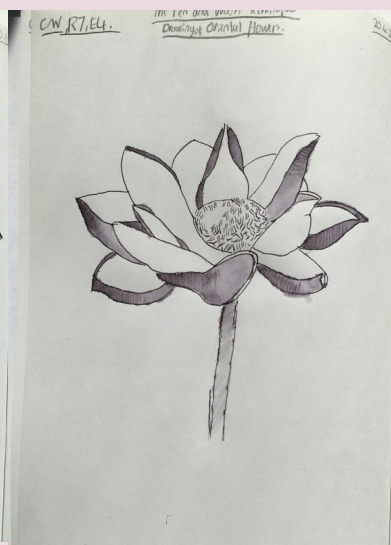
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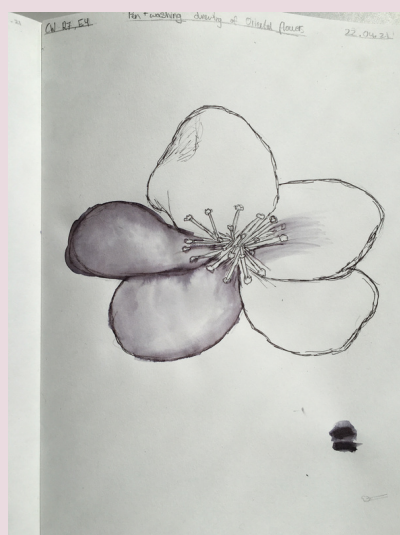
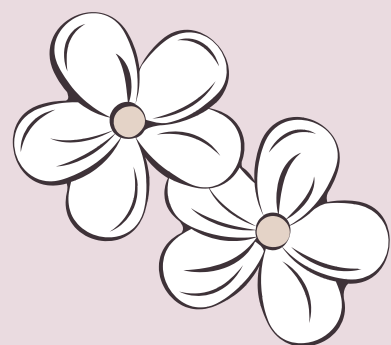
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# LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

## LIBRARY RECOMMENDED READS

Why not have a go at reading some or even all of the books? The library has many of them in stock and you can let your English teacher know how you get on. Good luck!

Here is the shortlist for the Carnegie Medal 2021. You can pick up a copy from the library or from any book retailers.

- Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo (Hot Key Books)
- The Girl Who Speaks Bear by Sophie Anderson, illustrated by Kathrin Honesta (Usborne)
- The Girl Who Became A Tree by Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Kate Milner (Otter-Barry Books)
- On Midnight Beach by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick (Faber)
- Run, Rebel by Manjeet Mann (Penguin Random House Children's)
- Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds (Knights Of)
- The Fountains Of Silence by Ruta Sepetys (Penguin Random House Children's)
- Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk (Penguin Random House Children's)



## book club

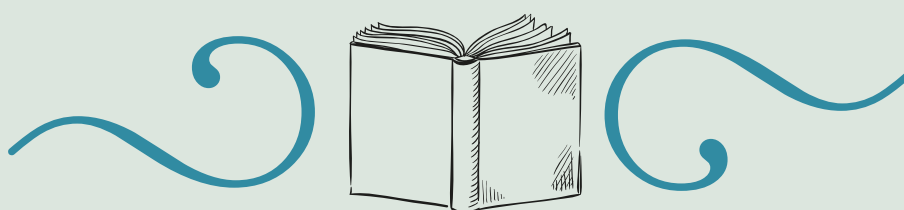
Is your son / daughter ready to go on their next reading adventure? The Scholastic Book Club is here to help you find your next greatest reads at an amazing value, from classics to book packs for everyone to enjoy.

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Click [HERE](#) to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on the book club this month, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by **May 14th, 2021**.

Parents / Carers be advised that books ordered online will be delivered to Highlands School library and distributed to the students.

Highlands School Library







# SHAKESPEARE

## SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY

Shakespeare's birthday was on Friday the 23rd of April, and to celebrate this auspicious occasion, the English department in conjunction with the library ran a competition for the best new Shakespeare play idea and front page.

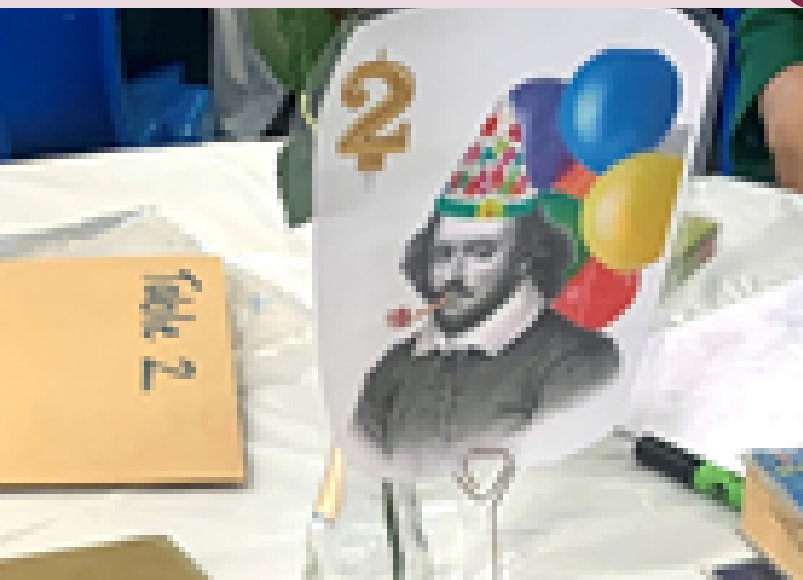
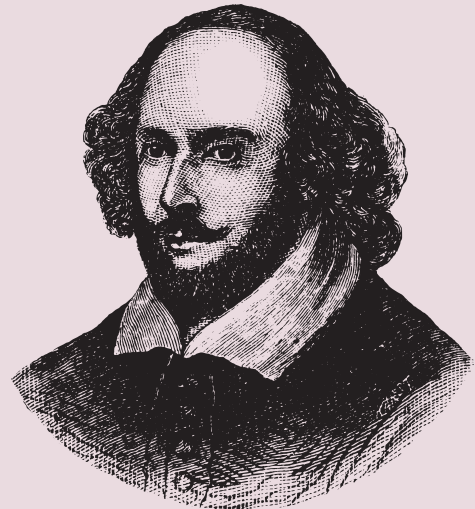
As a way of encouraging students to read, KS3 classes who were booked into the library had an extra special lesson. Inspired by The Bard's great day, tables were organised by Shakespearean genre, with each table having a selection of books based on a particular genre and an extra special birthday book for those students adventurous enough to take out the wrapped birthday book, with no other knowledge than it's genre. Some students even got the chance to read the shortlisted Carnegie award books for this year.

The winners of the Shakespeare competition will be announced later this week.



Looking forward to picking the winners!

Good luck!





# WELLBEING SUPPORT



## ENFIELD EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE: TELEPHONE SUPPORT LINE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

In response to COVID-19 and the Government's Wellbeing for Education Return programme, Enfield EP Service is offering Enfield parents and carers the opportunity to speak to an Educational Psychologist (EP) about a concern or issue they may have in relation to their child. Educational Psychologists are professionals concerned with the development, learning and social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people.

### Issues we can help you to think about include:

- transitioning back to school
- learning
- emotions (e.g. fears and worries, low mood, anger)
- managing routines at home
- resource seeking
- signposting to appropriate services

### Details:

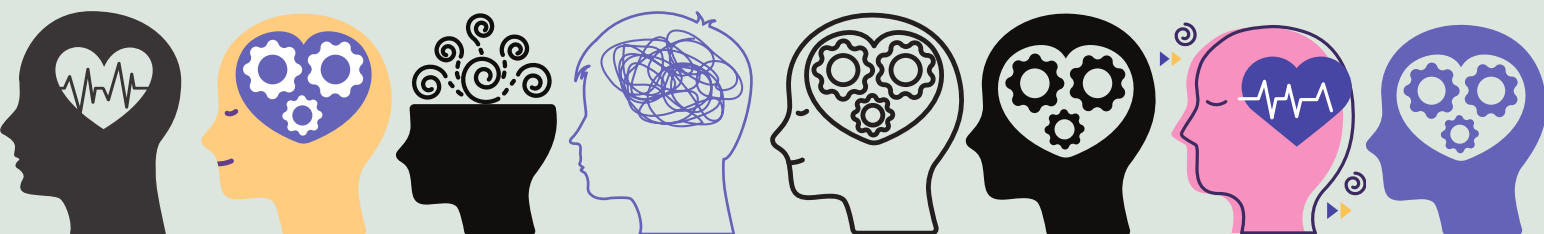
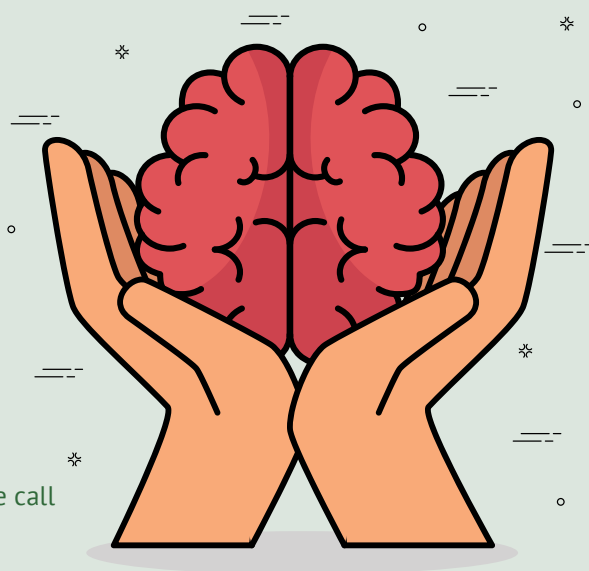
- calls can be booked between 10am and 9pm Monday to Friday
- if you have internet access, please fill in the online form [HERE](#) to request a phone call
- 0208 3792000

### How to sleep well for teenagers

A good sleep routine is really important for health and wellbeing. As a teenager, your sleep will change due to developments in your brain and body. You may need to adjust your habits to get a good night's sleep. Everything you need to know about teenage sleep is here, including:

- what sleep is
- what a 'typical' night's sleep looks like for you
- tips to help you sleep better

For more details, click [HERE](#)



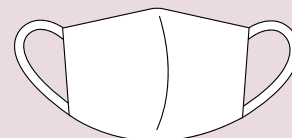


# WHY REPORTING YOUR TEST RESULT IS AS IMPORTANT AS TAKING A TEST

Following the successful reopening of schools in March, teachers, pupils and parents have been able to experience first hand the importance of testing and how it keeps COVID-19 out of our classrooms. As children begin to return from the Easter break, we've outlined why reporting a test result is a crucial part of our fight against COVID-19.

## We need to understand the amount of Covid circulating in the (school) community.

- We cannot get a clear picture of COVID-19 rates within the community if tests are not reported. This includes reporting negative test results, of which most tests are.
- Staff, students and pupils should share their result, whether void, positive or negative, with Test and Trace to help with contact tracing.
- Reporting your result helps the NHS monitor the spread of the virus, combat the virus and save lives. It also enables support to be given to communities across the UK.



## Reporting testing will not lead to more school closures

Instead, by reporting tests, staff, students and pupils are able to help councils and local health officials understand the community rates of infection better, enabling them to identify any possible outbreaks early and to take appropriate action in order to help to break chains of transmission.

It is also important to report test results so that contact tracing beyond the school environment can take place, and clinical evaluation of the testing programme can be undertaken effectively.

Staff, students and pupils should share positive results with their school so that if positive, immediate contact tracing can take place in school. Void and negative results are also useful information for schools both to monitor stocks of kits and to identify any issues that might need escalating to DfE or NHS Test & Trace. **You can report test results from your mobile as well as online**

It is important to report your result online straight away, even if it is negative or invalid. It's easy to do so **HERE**.

Recording all results helps us get a better understanding of the spread of the virus across the country. If we only record positive results, the level of COVID-19 cases will look worse than they really are. Scientists use the information to spot patterns and outbreaks more quickly and accurately; helping reduce the risk of future lockdowns.

You can also report results by calling the phone number in your test kit's instructions or by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

## Test and trace support payments are available to eligible parents who are asked to isolate as a result of their child's need to isolate

We understand how important it is for parents to be supported during this period, especially if a child tests positive for COVID-19.

Parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case of COVID-19 are included in the **Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme** if they are unable to work as a result.


The Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which provides a £500 payment to those on certain benefits or low incomes who are required to self-isolate, has been extended to the parents and carers of children who cannot work because their child or children are required to self-isolate.

Parents and carers will need to apply via their local authority in which they live to receive a payment and will need to either provide their child's NHS Test and Trace Account ID, or a communication from their early years provider/school informing them that their child needs to self-isolate.

To be eligible parents and carers must meet the following requirements:

- They are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period
- They are employed or self-employed
- They cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result.



A young woman with dark hair, wearing a dark blue face mask and a blue blazer over a light blue shirt, is holding a blue clipboard. She is looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a school or office.

# Regular rapid Covid-19 testing

Up to 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing.

**You can get regular rapid testing from your school or college to protect your friends and family.**

**Get your test at school or college**

# REMINDER

## STUDENT'S 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 Edextra will commence on the 9th June and will return to full capacity. Reminder to those students taking part in the current outdoor activities on Wednesday's, to wear your PE kits to school. You can double check your chosen activity on the lists put up on your form room.

*Do not forget*

## 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.





# 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)