



Highlands School News



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Headteacher's introduction

Today is the final day of term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, parents, carers and staff for supporting the positive resumption of learning this term following the period of school closure. Over the Easter break revision school will be running, providing the opportunity for those students who are in the last year of exam study to come to school and attend focused revision, led by teachers. I hope as many students in those year groups as possible will attend. A reminder that students should come in full school uniform.

This week in school our assembly was planned by the student council honored the memory of Sarah Everard and addressed how we will continue to keep our students safe. I would like to thank the student council for their work on this. This week our PSHE tutor time sessions continued and next half term the focus will move to relationships and sex education.

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter, and Ramadan Mubarak for the 12th April.

Mr McNerney
Headteacher
Highlands School

Easter revision school update

Easter revision school begins Tuesday 6th April 2021 for the final year exam students in yr 10-11 who signed up via the booking form last weekend. We are no longer able to take bookings for Easter revision school. Students should check the yr 10 / yr 11 Google Classroom daily, for further information and updates about Easter revision school.

Arrival times and end times;

Students are expected to arrive at school 10 minutes before each session is due to begin. If students arrive late they may not be able to access the building.

Arrival for morning revision sessions - 9:50 (the session is from 10:00-11:30)

Arrival for afternoon revision sessions - 12:05 (the session is from 12:15-13:45)

Teachers leading the revision sessions will meet students at the main reception and will take them to the relevant classroom.

Uniform, equipment and behaviour;

Students are expected to attend school with their bags, books for the subjects they are attending revision sessions for, pencil case, planner and white board. Students are also expected to be in full school uniform when attending Easter revision school. Our usual behaviour policy will apply during Easter revision school.

Lunch time

Students who are attending morning and afternoon revision sessions will have a 45 minute lunch break and should bring a packed lunch. We will not be able to provide a canteen food service during Easter revision school.



STUDENT AWARDS

Over the course of this past term our students have adapted quickly to working both remotely and on site. We have been incredibly impressed with the continued efforts of our students and their ability to adapt to the ever changing world we are living in. We are of course proud of all of our students and their dedication to their learning and we would like to give special recognition to the following students for their hard work throughout the period of school closure.

HEAD OF YEAR AWARD

- Sheryce Crow 7OSA
- Eliz Mustapha 7BNI
- Joseph Brooks 8RKM
- Grace Caddle 8BRD
- Ayla Okanay 8WKM
- Ryan Caddle 9OAD
- Christy Michael 9OPR
- Jessica Milne 9OAD
- Emma Lord 10RCX
- Andrianna Stavrou 10OLR
- Ava Wynter 10OLR
- Denzel Quainoo 11RKA
- Aliyah Stewart 11WAB
- Ellen Chumbley 12WSL
- Elizabeth Flower 12BAL
- Chloe Savva 12BAL
- Athena Andreou 13WJQ
- Oliver Bierman 13WJQ
- Nicholas Papanicolaou 13OKH

ENGLISH AWARD

- Matilda Gant
- Lucy Lord
- Sacha Baker
- Kitty Coleman
- Joshua Mensah
- Tom Mason
- Benjamin Turner
- Gabriel Nyarko-Duodu
- Elisa Saturnino
- Maame Danso
- Anais Ilunga
- Temitope Sorinola
- Madison Tait

MATHS AWARD

- Panos Anastasiou
- Jeffery Ohene-Berko
- Elisabeth Castells
- Stephania Chrysanthou
- Harrison Douglas
- Charlie Potsos
- Hollie Burkett
- Alexander Murphy
- James Brooks
- Cem Poyraz
- Jonathan Dhillon
- Finley Meehan
- Lydia Tobin
- Anish Amin
- Owen Chanda
- Louis Nicholas

RE AWARD

- Agatha Kyprianides
- Daniel Lam
- Du Xiaoxia Hardyman-Rice
- Zehra Turan
- Emma Dowle
- Nico Manning
- Daniel Hoxha
- Elysia Tamattiris
- Poppy Byrne
- Shomari Daley
- Joycelyn Mawutor
- Polly Moynihan
- Moneera Ali
- Georgia Haines



STUDENT AWARDS

HISTORY AWARD

- Oluwadayobomi Olugbake

GEOGRAPHY AWARD

- William Jones
- Wunfai Alex Lo

SCIENCE AWARD

- Liam Austick
- Anastasia Chrysanthou
- Claire Palmer
- Zephaniah St Hilaire

TEXTILES AWARD

- Kalina Nuckowska
- Isabelle O'Sullivan
- Jumaanah Hussain

FOOD AWARD

- Kitty Coleman
- Natasha Nicolaou
- Eleanor Dagger
- Sophie Evans
- Freya Nice
- Stephanie Nyarkoah

CHILD DEVELOPMENT AWARD

- Eniola Showunmi

DANCE AWARD

- Jakub Warnawski
- Lydia Wright
- Isabella Gormley
- Ava Wynter

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

- Eliz Mustapha
- Hannah Themistocleous
- Ella Klewin



STUDENT AWARDS

DRAMA AWARD

- Jessica Kerly
- Lucy Lord
- Suleyman Tunc
- Daisy Webb
- Alexia Chrysostomou
- Ledia Xhetani
- Eleni Antoniou
- Aisling Brennan
- Ali Hassan
- Melina Watson



MUSIC AWARD

- Naa Shidaa Quartey
- Rhys Willis
- Aiden Cela
- Luke Tyrimos
- James Janczur
- Jovan Kirton
- Syenna Ferreira
- Nikki Setoudeh

SPANISH AWARD

- Tailizandra Blana
- Aydin Chowdhury
- Nathan Fisher
- Aoife Jackson
- Connie Wakeford
- Peyton Morton
- Maria Socratous
- Emma Lord
- Harrison Swanton
- Elisa Saturnino
- Melina Watson
- Laila Mehmet-Ali
- Isabel Zambito
- Paola Acuna Diaz
- Ava Brodie



FRENCH AWARD

- Eva Chrysostomou
- Naa Shidaa Quartey
- Daisy Webb
- Kyra Bilsoy
- Selina Yardim
- Rosina D'Agostino
- Zoe Kyriacou
- Sienna Beekmeyer
- Holly Ross



STUDENT AWARDS

COMPUTING AWARD

- Matthew Guest
- Emily Palkowska
- Mercedes Acquaye
- Josephine Jones
- Theo David
- Aden White
- Rosina D'Agostino
- Maizie Mae Phillips Woodley
- Katie Dowle
- Hannah Griffith
- Yutian Wang
- Peter Carlucci
- Emily McGovern
- Oliver Alder
- Oliwia Bugno



SOCIOLOGY AWARD

- Oliver Pocock
- Eliza Teke
- Alex Gendler Smith
- Caterina Thompson

ART AWARD

- Isabelle Panteli
- Nicole Zeka
- Lola Matthews
- Yagmur Olcay
- Eliz Mete
- Holly Miller
- Simrit Swatch
- Rosie Umenyiora
- Melusine Faverjon-Jenkins
- Abigail Miller
- Georgio Chrysostomou
- Dogus Grosu



PSYCHOLOGY AWARD

- Bianca D'Agostino
- Zeren Secgin
- Sophia Themistocleous
- Yutian Wang
- Andrea Demetriou
- Isabel Galano
- Sandra Bauluck
- Holly Bundle



STUDENT PLATINUM AWARDS YEAR 7 - YEAR 12

We are very privileged at Highlands School to work with outstanding students. At the end of every term we recognise a large number of students who have consistently demonstrated our DARE values with a variety of awards including bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards. All of these students have been issued with their certificates this week during their tutor time and you can find the platinum award winners below. Those who have been awarded the gold and platinum awards will be entered into a prize draw and will be invited to a special breakfast event after the holidays.

YEAR 7

- Matilda Gant
- Eliz Mustapha
- Ender Guccuk
- Megan Faulkner
- Evie Whitbread
- Andreas Thore-Lawrence
- Eva Chrysostomou
- Ella Kissos Boast



YEAR 8

- Elisabeth Castells
- Benjamin Gormley
- Elena Giudice
- Selma Tivnann
- Arda Aslan
- William Jones
- Rory White
- Megha Pithia

YEAR 9

- Sophie Gerrish
- Holly Miller
- Peyton Morton
- Christy Michael
- Selina Ramadan
- Candice Grossmann
- Anais Marku
- Joshua Bagulay
- Christopher Chrysafi
- Jessica Milne



YEAR 10

- Rosie Umenyiora
- Theodoros Charalambous
- Benjamin Turner
- Abigail Minden
- Sapphira Kyriacou



YEAR 11

- Naomi Rawding
- Poppy Byrne
- Elisa Saturnino
- Alara Yarkan
- Kaley Munnelly
- Freya Nice
- Edward Mansfield
- Trinity Williams



YEAR 12 & 13

- Abigail Miller
- Mirna Halawi
- Nicole Mills
- Andreana Avraam
- Joshua Finney
- Andreas Holloway
- Emmanuel Raigosa
- Paola Acuna Diaz
- Christina Sharpe
- Karamveer Sondh

STUDENT WORK

Creative Writing Club

This term, we decided to bring forward a poem by Matilda Gant to coincide with emerging from lockdown and returning back to school.

Escape, by Matilda Gant

We're finally emerging,
From this gloomy pit,
And as scientists keep learning,
The vaccine we can submit.

Although we must wait,
Through the 5 stage rule,
I think it is great,
That we can now go to school!

Parks are reopening,
And cinemas too,
Let's all keep hoping,
For a big break-through.

The pandemic has been a struggle,
But I will push up,
Rise up from the rubble,
Wear my party dress and make-up.

I'll see you all soon,
Grandma and Aunt,
Not via zoom,
But in a cafe or a restaurant!



Modern Foreign Languages

This term in the Modern Foreign Language department the Year 10 French class have been working very hard on the Pen Pal exchange project. Here is a highlight entry written by Bianca D'Agostino.

Around two months ago, our French class came into correspondence with a class in Courbevoie, France. At first, we introduced ourselves with introductory emails, and were assigned pen pals with similar interests to us. It has been a few months since we've started, and I have been in regular correspondence with students in France. It enables me to write in French, use more everyday vocabulary, and be corrected by my pen pal, as well as hearing from those who live there and helping them to improve their own English. I very much enjoy speaking with those in France as it is challenging and forces me to practice more; to expand my overall knowledge of the French language; get into the habit of writing in the spoken French manner; and to communicate with those of my own age. I think it is a great idea to speak to those in the language you are learning, and I am looking forward to continuing the correspondence.



LIBRARY RECOMMENDED READS

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)



YEAR 7 EDEXTRA PROGRAMME

We are delighted to inform you that we are in a position to recommence our Year 7 Edextra programme.

Due to COVID-19 we have not been able to run our Edextra programme so far this year. We will roll out our Edextra programme in **two stages** next term. Edextra is not compulsory at the moment. If students don't wish to participate, they are able to go home at 2.30pm.

Edextra Stage 1 will be outdoor activities, which will start on Wednesday 28th April between 2:30-3-30pm. If students do not wish to participate in an outdoor activity, then they should be chosen for the three stage 1 choices on the form.

Edextra Stage 2 will include outdoor and indoor activities and will run from Wednesday 9th June between 2.30-3-30pm.

Please fill in the **form** that has been emailed to you and make three choices in each of stage 1 and stage 2 (or choose not applicable if your child doesn't wish to participate).

All activities are open to all Year 7 students.

We will be shortly sharing further information on our Year 8 and 9 programme, which will be set for different nights of the week.

The deadline to complete form is Tuesday 6th April 2020.



STEM OPPORTUNITIES

Institutes of Technology Webinar for Secondary Teachers, Students and Parents - Wednesday 28th April 16:30 - 17:30

The STEM Ambassador London Hub are delighted to be hosting a webinar with all 3 London Institutes of Technology for secondary school students, parents and educators to find out more about the Institutes of Technology.

By attending this webinar you will:

- discover more about what Institutes of Technology are and what they aim to achieve
- the benefits to students and apprentices studying at IoTs
- the career prospects IoTs open up to young people, as well as the buildings and cutting edge technology the IoTs have access to.
- have your questions answered by representatives from the IoTs in our moderated Q&A

Safeguarding Measures for this session:

All sessions have appropriate safeguarding measures implemented to ensure that attendees can watch these events sessions from home or in the classroom (or both!). Visit the Webinar webpage [here](#) for a detailed description of the safeguarding measures in place for this event

Webinar Details

Date and Time: Wednesday 28th April 16:30 - 17:30

Platform: Zoom (link to session sent upon sign up)

SIGN UP



STEM OPPORTUNITIES

Science for the World: Free virtual 18th Annual Schools Science Conference for Students - Wednesday 21st April 2021

Science4u are delighted to be running their 18th annual schools science conference - Science for the World!

This virtual event will reflect on the pandemic and showcase how scientists of all kinds have been needed and what their key roles have been.

The event includes a major Royal College of Pathology workshop called "Viruses and vaccines" which will deliver content that is relevant to the structure and function of living organisms at KS3 and cell biology and also health, disease and development of medicines at KS4.

Along with this, keynote speakers will be live discussing aspects of test development for COVID-19 and the development of vaccines, making for an inspirational event for students that gives them the opportunity to ask questions and gain information around the current Pandemic.

Conference Details:

Date: 21st April 2021

Time: 9:30 - 15:30 (various sessions throughout the day)

Audience: Secondary school students in years 9-11 and secondary school educators



To register or get more information please contact Sharon Gage via e-mail

sharon.gage@srgprojectmanagement.co.uk or telephone 07989 692 675. You can also find out more about Science4u [here](#)



Insight into Physics with the EDT



Insight Into Physics

Wish to take part in an interactive STEM activity programme accredited by the nationally-recognised Industrial Cadets scheme?

EDT are working with The Ogden Trust - a organisation promoting education and engagement in physics - to develop our brand new Insight Into Physics programme.

This virtual programme allows students to explore physics in the real world through hands-on activities and gives them the chance to interact with role models from a range of STEM industries. Open to students in year 10 and 11 in Summer 2021. To find out more please contact challenger@etrust.org.uk

STEM OPPORTUNITIES

Diversity in STEM, Atos Tech Career Insights for Girls Q&A 28th April 16:00 - 17:00

Come and hear from 5 female employees at Atos, Leading IT Industry, who will discuss their individual routes into technology in more detail and share their experiences in areas including sales, data science, project management and software engineering. There will be an opportunity for a Q&A

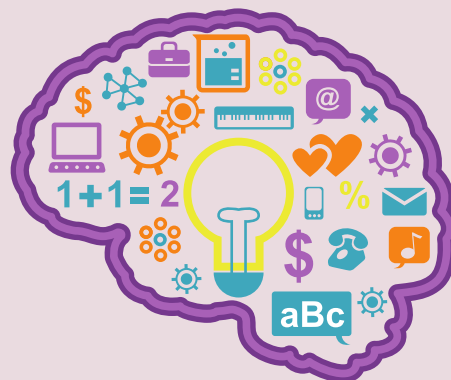
Free tickets available [here](#)

Event Details:

Date: 28/04/21

Time: 16:00-17:00

Platform: Microsoft Teams Live



Virtual Work Experience with J Murphy & Sons

Murphy & Sons is an international construction company that works on a range of infrastructure projects.

The firm employs around 3,500 engineers, professional managers and skilled operatives around the world. J Murphy and Sons have organised a virtual experience for any student thinking about a career in the construction industry. J Murphy and Sons will give you an insight into major London construction projects and the opportunities on them.

You will hear from Project Directors, Engineers, Community Engagement Managers and many more as well as developing key skills such as team work, communication and problem solving - each which are vital in our industry. Find out more [here](#).

During the week they will discuss apprenticeships and graduate schemes, as well as how to apply and even run a mock assessment centre - making sure you leave the placement work ready!

Work Experience Details

Date and Time: 12th - 16th April, 10-3pm with Breaks

Suitable For: Students 15+



STEM RESOURCES

STEM Sessions Podcast: Mini-series with SCS Railways!

STEM Sessions puts a spotlight on STEM careers in the UK. Every episode will feature one of their STEM Ambassadors, who are real people that work in STEM and also volunteer in schools to inspire and inform young people. You'll get to find out more about their job, how they got there and how young people today can get there too.

SCS Railways is the construction company appointed by HS2 to deliver the Main Tunnelling Contract, which includes the Euston tunnels and Northolt Tunnels. The company is a Skanska, Costain, and STRABAG (SCS) joint venture that brings together an industry-leading combination of tried, tested, and successful partnerships, world-wide high-speed rail experience, and extensive national and regional knowledge.

As part of our celebrations for National Careers Week at the start of March, they have partnered with STEM Ambassadors at SCS Railways to produce a mini series of podcast episodes to shine a spotlight on the variety of careers in the London section of the HS2 Project. All of the episodes are free to access and can be found on Spotify, Apple Podcast or any other platform.

These episodes are an ideal resource to help students find out about STEM careers in their local area. Maybe could even end up working for SCS Railways as an apprentice as the next step in their education journey!

Check out the SCS Railways podcast episodes below:

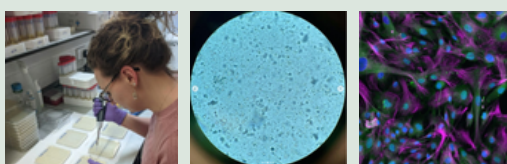
- [Building Information Management](#)
- [Social Sustainability](#)
- [Quantity Surveying](#)
- [Environmental Team](#)
- [Engineering \(Video\)](#)



Bacteriagram - STEM Ambassadors on Instagram

Find out more about what some STEM Ambassadors working in science do through Instagram! We're delighted to be working with one of our London based STEM Ambassadors who runs the Bacteriagram Instagram page. The page shares images and information related to microbiology and has amounted a following of over 38,000 people online!

As part of our celebration for British Science Week this month, we collaborated with Bacteriagram to showcase some of our STEM Ambassadors STEM stories and images of the amazing work they do! For More, Check out all of Bacteriagram's posts here



REMINDERS, 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

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



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

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.