



# Highlands School News



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### Headteacher's introduction

This week we held two after school webinars with families of students in years 10, 11 and 13 about the awarding of grades this summer. Hundreds of people attended the events and lots and lots of questions were posed and answered. Thank you to all of those who joined and to the staff who set up the events. Our after school intervention programme was also in full swing with up to 400 students staying behind after school to prepare for the end of year assessments. For students that are going to be awarded GCSE, BTEC or A level results this summer, please remember that Easter revision school is running over the two weeks of the upcoming holiday and that after school revision is running between now and the start of the assessments on 6th May. From the point at which we return from the Easter holidays, all lessons will be focused on revision.

This week I was pleased to meet with two groups of students who were being recognised by the school. One group were Duke of Edinburgh award winners and the other were receiving rewards for their contribution to World Book Day. Many congratulations to those students. I would also like to congratulate all of the students who were nominated by departments because of their excellent work during school closure / remote learning. Their names will be announced during Wednesday tutor time and will be in next week's newsletter.

Finally, a reminder that school finishes for all students at 11:55am next Thursday, 1st April, for the Easter holiday.

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# Remember!

## HPV VACCINATIONS FOR YEAR 8

Letters have been sent out to parents and carers of year 8 students regarding a second human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. All year 8 students have been offered the HPV vaccine.

The Enfield Immunisation Team is continuing its vaccination service during the pandemic. They are offering appointments for year 8 students at **Forty Hall** during the Easter holidays.

Vaccinations will be taking place on **Tuesday 6th April, Wednesday 7th April and Thursday 8th April 2021.**

Please contact [beh-tr.enfieldimmunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:beh-tr.enfieldimmunisationteam@nhs.net) for more information and to book your place.

## MUSIC LESSONS

Please note that the deadline to book summer term music lessons with EMS was Monday 22nd March. Bookings made after this date will now be subject to a £10 late fee.

If you have any queries, you can email [enfieldmusicservice@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:enfieldmusicservice@enfield.gov.uk)

Lessons can be booked via the music store, click on the button below to be directed to their website.

**CLICK HERE**



## 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.



# STEM

The next NHS virtual work experience date is the 4th of April 2021. This programme is now available to support all of our aspiring healthcare students as an alternative to in-person NHS work experience during the pandemic.

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. Students will observe the healthcare professionals as they interact with the patients and also each other. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain knowledge through teaching. This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers, as they see different patient cases and their healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as the hospital and the community.

Students will spend a day with real healthcare professionals, in the following professions:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Radiography
- Art, drama and music therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and orthotics
- Speech and language therapy and pharmacy



You can register for the programme [here](#).

Students will receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Students can register individually through the website link above. Places are just £10 a day to cover administrative costs and run the tech on the day.





## MEDIC MENTOR AND ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

Medic Mentor are always looking for ways to create more opportunities for students to develop themselves, personally and professionally. Mentors from across the UK have been giving up their time and working tirelessly to bring thousands of students an incredible freely available, live work-experience that connects students to; doctors, dentists and vets, for one day every month.

So, if you are a student who has participated and enjoyed any of our virtual work experiences so far (no matter how many sessions you have participated in), we have a great opportunity for you to give back to all of the work experience team here at Medic Mentor, simply by being an amazing mentor yourself. We will be rewarding the best student mentors with the 'Work Experience Prize!'

The competition is a fantastic way for you to pay it forward, by sharing the work experience opportunity with other students in year 10-13, acting as a role model and student mentor for other aspiring students!

Participating in the competition will enable you to develop key skills such as confidence, verbal and written communication, leadership, teaching and presentation skills. Even if you do not win, the experience of participating in this competition will help you to hone your skills and become more confident for your medical/dental/ veterinary university application, whilst encouraging you to develop the skills of an excellent future healthcare professional!

Visit the 'Work Experience Prize' webpage [here](#) to see all of the competition details!

The deadline for this competition will be **5pm on the 21st of June 2021.**



***THERE ARE 10 PRIZES OF £100 UP FOR GRABS!***

## ENGINEERING IN ACTION

Join Engineering in Action for an exciting programme of engineering inspiration and content. In three highly interactive sessions, a team of engineers will explore different types of engineering including civil, structural, mechanical and more. Each session also includes a Q&A session to quiz the engineers. Tickets online are priced at £8 plus VAT each (each student will require a ticket). The programme can be viewed at school or at home, broadcast in a class/hall or accessed on individual computers. To find out more and book a ticket, [click here](#).



# 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)