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Headteacher's introduction

This week we welcomed students back after the break for the final half term of the academic year. Year 10 students have been taking part in their end of year internal assessments. Year 7 students came out of their 'bubble' on the lower science corridor and joined the rest of the school in the full range of classrooms. Levels of COVID-19 infection have dropped nationally and since we returned in March we have had only one case of COVID-19 requiring staff and students needing to isolate, however, we must remember to continue to take actions to stop the spread of the disease. To continue to help reduce the spread of infection students are still separated at lunchtimes, the start of our school day is still staggered and our expectations around the wearing of face masks has not changed. Students still hand sanitise multiple times during the day and we teach with windows and doors open.

This week on Wednesday we held an online induction evening for year 6 families joining us in September. Highlands continues to be one of the most popular secondary schools in Enfield and we were pleased to see so many enthusiastic year 6 students join us online. We look forward to welcoming them to our induction day in July and then to school as year 7 students, in September.

In the newsletter this week we have photos of some of the many students who won awards at the end of the last half term for picking up achievement points in lessons and around school. The school issues many more positive achievement points that concern codes and we are very proud of the students who won awards. Edextra for students in year 7 is back in full swing on Wednesday afternoons and you can read more about this in page three of the newsletter this week.

As the forecast for next week continues to look warm, students will not be required to wear blazers next week.

Thank you

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

STUDENT AWARDS AND HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



Before the holidays students in 7, 8, 9 and 12 received their end of term bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards, as well as a special Headteacher's award. Congratulations to the hundreds of our students who received their awards. Below you can see a few of our students accepting their awards.



YEAR 8 FOOD TECHNOLOGY



A year 8 food technology class have been working very hard and focusing on perfecting their baking skills. It was lovely to have them back in the food department after half term, and we thought we would share some highlights of the delicious foods they have baked. Well done!



ED EXTRA

EDEXTRA

This week the next round of Edextra commenced and has returned to full capacity as well as a separate Monday tennis club. Students had an amazing time taking part in a variety of outdoor activities as well as some indoor activities such as drama, dancing, textiles, tech club and cooking.

Reminder to those students taking part in the current outdoor activities on Wednesday and Thursday to wear your PE kits to school on these days.

We wanted to share a few key moments from the afternoon below.



FOOTBALL



ROUNDERS



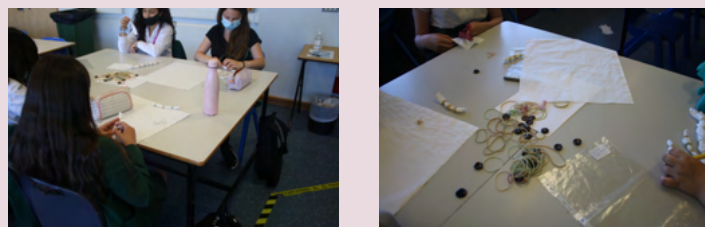
DRAMA



DANCING



TEXTILES



DESIGN AND COOKING



FOOTBALL

We are delighted to share our congratulations to the following year 12 students who have recently completed their attendance at the Football Therapy Integration project. They have all shown determination and resilience to challenge themselves and I am very proud of them. Well done!



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](#).

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

STEM OPPORTUNITIES

AMAZON FUTURE ENGINEER BURSARY

The Royal Academy of Engineering is working with Amazon to launch a new Amazon Future Engineer bursary scheme in the UK. The bursary will support female students from low-income households studying computer science and related engineering courses at university.

Twelve awards, worth £5,000 a year for up to four years, will be made available to students progressing from A-level or technical education courses to university for the 2021/22 academic year. The new bursaries will help students who demonstrate a drive and passion for computing and engineering, and an understanding of how innovation and creativity in these fields can help solve some of the world's greatest challenges.

The closing date for applications is Monday 14th June 2021, 4pm. For more information including applications details, please click [HERE](#).

RUSSELL GROUP TEACHERS' AND ADVISERS' CONFERENCE

Queen Mary will be supporting the Russell Group Teachers' and Advisers' Conference on Wednesday 16th June, 3.15-6.00pm. This free event will assist teachers and advisers by providing additional information that can be used to support their students to progress to some of the UK's most selective universities.

The following six webinars will be available during the event:

- Alternatives to medicine
- The employability benefits of attending a selective university
- UCAS for beginners: Top tips and insight into university admissions and the UCAS application process
- UCAS update
- Supporting disadvantaged learners to progress to university
- Supporting students in England, Wales or Northern Ireland to apply to university in Scotland



Click [HERE](#) to register

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.

STEM OPPORTUNITIES

2021-22 CONNECT PHYSICS PROGRAMME

Connect Physics is a set of three workshops for year 8 science students, answering the following questions.

- What is physics?
- Why do physics?
- How do we do physics?

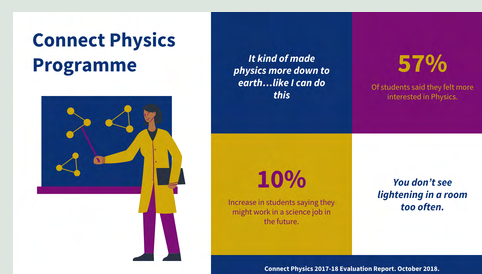
The workshops, designed by [SEPnet](#), are suitable for students of medium-high science ability and encourage students to think of the bigger picture, through connecting familiar topics from science and the latest physics research to their everyday lives.

Each workshop fits into a 45 to 60 minute lesson. If lessons are slightly shorter or longer, please let them know beforehand so the workshops can be altered.

Currently, this programme is planned to run in person within the classroom but is subject to any coronavirus restrictions in place at the time of delivery.

Applications for the 2021-22 Connect Physics Programme are now open, with applications closing on Wednesday 30th June 2021.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the Connect Physics website and click [HERE](#) to apply.



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.

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

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



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