



Highlands School News



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Headteacher's introduction

This week was our first week of full-time lessons for all year groups since face to face teaching resumed. I would like to thank students and their families for the positive start that we have made at school. We have been working hard on our response to government guidance on assessing students and awarding GCSE and A level grades. We are pleased to release our proposals today, and we ask that students in years 10, 11 and 13 and their families read them carefully.

This week is also National Science and Engineering Week; we have prepared a special newsletter that will accompany this newsletter.

Finally, all of us at Highlands were shocked and appalled by the murder of Sarah Everard. We are meeting with the student council this week and will then share our response, which will show our support for the campaign to end violence against women.

Mr McNerney
Headteacher, Highlands School

Exam and assessment update

In last week's newsletter, Mr McNerney wrote to the school community with an update on our assessment process for final year exam courses. This week we are writing to parents, carers and students to reiterate the information about assessments and to share with you information about our revision programme, starting on Monday 22nd March.

We cannot be specific about the assessment process we will use until the exam boards release their guidance for subjects at the end of March. However, it is likely that our assessment process will involve grades awarded using a combination of:

- the December mock exams and predicted grades generated from them (years 10 and 11)
- the October mock exams and predicted grades generated from them (year 13)
- end of year assessments completed in the sports hall under exam conditions (at least two per subject). We can now confirm that our assessment process will take place between 3rd-21st May 2021. We will release an assessment timetable before the Easter break
- reliable, standardised classwork to refine final grades
- and NEA (non-examined assessment), commonly referred to as coursework

Please keep in mind that because schools can design their own assessments, they will only contain the parts of the curriculum that have been taught.

We understand that you may have questions about this year's approach to awarding grades especially as so many schools are doing things differently.

We would like to share our rationale for our decision with you via a live webinar with a question and answer session. The dates for these events are:

- Parents and carers of year 13 students on Tuesday 23rd March at 5pm until 6pm. [Please complete this form](#) to book a place and submit any questions. A link to the event will be sent before the event to those who have booked a place. This booking form will close on Monday 22nd March 1pm.
- Parents and carers of year 10 and 11 students, live Google Meet session on Wednesday 24th March at 5pm until 6pm. [Please complete this form](#) to book a place and submit any questions. A link to the event will be sent before the event to those who have booked a place. This booking form will close on Tuesday 23rd March 1pm.

Revision programme

We are committed to ensuring that our students receive additional teaching time to consolidate learning and to feel prepared and confident for the forthcoming assessments. We have put together a comprehensive revision programme that starts on Monday 22nd March. We will also be providing pastoral support to all students through tutor time and further one to one pastoral support to students who require this.

Our revision programme consists of four components.

After school revision for all students in years 10 and 11

- From Monday 22nd March to Friday 30th April we will have in place a daily revision programme for all year 11 students from 2.30-3.30pm. (this can be viewed below). On Wednesdays the revision programme will take place from 1:30- 2:30pm. There is the expectation that all year 11 students will remain in school until 3.30pm. (Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri) or 2:30pm. (Wednesday) to take full advantage of this programme. We will take registers and follow up absences, as we do in all lessons. Students receive a briefing session this morning to explain this revision programme to them and our expectations around attendance and participation.
- Year 10 students will also be expected to remain in school for the revision programme on the days specified in the table below.
- We will build ten minutes between the last lesson of the day and the revision lessons starting, for students to have a snack in the hall. Please can parents and carers provide their child with a snack and a drink for this purpose.



Year 13

Year 13 students will be invited to attend revision sessions over the Easter holidays. We will send out a separate timetable for this in the next few days.

Date	Y11 subject	Y10 subject
Monday 22/3/21 (a)	Science	
Tuesday 23/3/21 (a)	English	Art
Wednesday 24/3/21 (a)	MFL	R.S / citizenship
Thursday 25/3/21 (a)	Maths	Options
Friday 26/3/21 (a)	Citizenship/ R.S/ Computing	
Monday 29/3/21 (b)	Science	
Tuesday 30/3/21 (b)	English	Art
Wednesday 31/3/21 (b)	Option subjects	R.S / citizenship
Easter revision school. The full programme will be released in due course.		
Monday 19/4/21 (a)	Science	
Tuesday 20/4/21 (a)	English	Art
Wednesday 21/4/21 (a)	MFL	R.S/ Citizenship
Thursday 22/4/21 (a)	Maths	Options
Friday 23/4/21 (a)	Citizenship/ R.S/ Computing	
Monday 26/4/21 (b)	Science	
Tuesday 27/4/21 (b)	English	Art
Wednesday 28/4/21 (b)	Option subjects	R.S / citizenship
Thursday 29/4/21 (b)	Maths	Options
Friday 30/4/21 (b)	Citizenship / R.S / Computing	

Easter revision school

- We are in the process of organising our Easter revision school and we will be able to write to you next week with the full timetable. This revision timetable will include additional time for non examined assessment completion and year 13 revision.

Revision in lessons

- After the Easter break, all lesson time will be dedicated to revision and students will not be expected to learn new content from this point onwards.

Revision materials

- Over the next two weeks we will be updating the revision materials in the GCSE revision Google classroom. These revision materials are for students to use for revision at home. We hope to release this before the Easter holidays.
- We will dedicate a tutor time session before Easter to planning a revision timetable.

We hope that this information will reassure parents, carers and students that students will be well supported over the forthcoming weeks. Please can we ask that all parents and carers reinforce with their children the expectation to attend the daily revision programme. If there are personal circumstances that will prevent your child from attending please contact your child's head of year.

Ms Lloyd and Ms Phillips
Deputy Headteachers, Highlands School

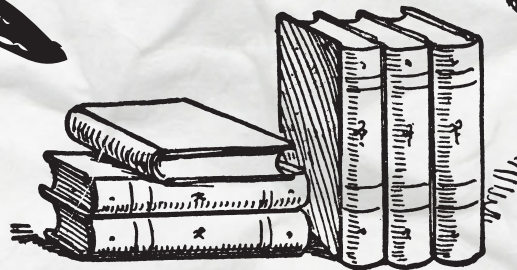
WELL DONE!

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT: FANTASY NOVELS



A huge congratulations to Gracie Tobin in Year 12 on her incredible accomplishment, having written and published her own fantasy novel titled: The Queen Raven. What an amazing achievement!

English department



LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

World Book Day winners

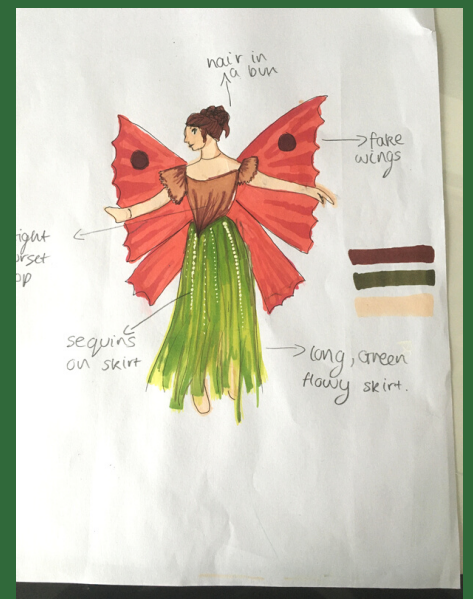
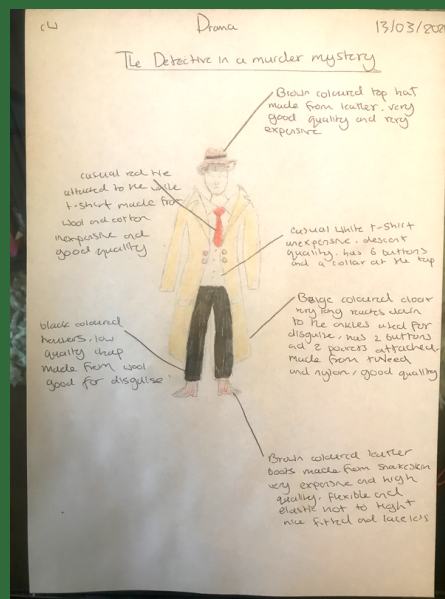
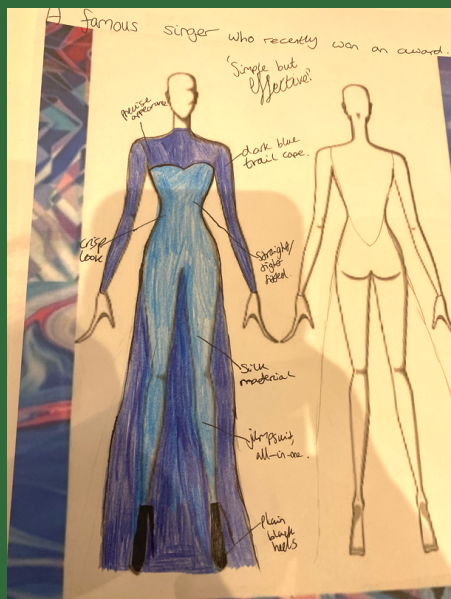
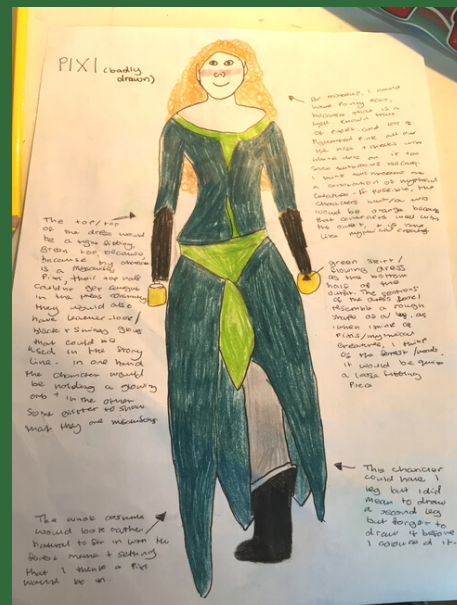
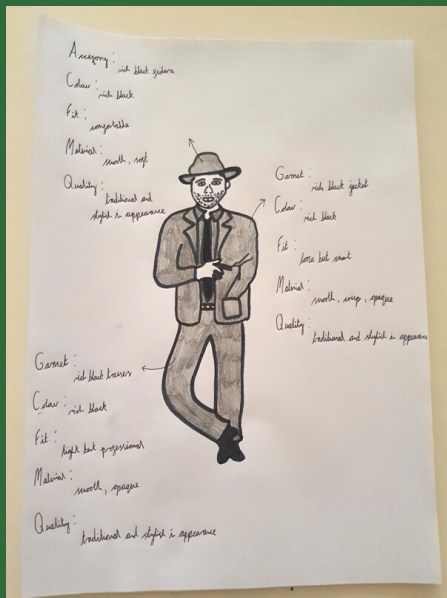
Congratulations to the following students:

Matilda Grant 7ONK
Tailizandra Blana 7RRS
Lucy Lord 7RNC
Lydia Wright 8OKS

Prizes will be given to students next week.

A close-up photograph of five blue wooden blocks with white letters spelling out 'DRAMA' in a slightly slanted row. The blocks are set against a teal background.

Here are some of the highlights from last week's year 8 practical design task for drama. Each week students have been focusing on an element of theatre design. They were tasked with creating a costume suitable for either a detective in a murder mystery, a singer who had won an award or a fairy/pixie.



Remember!

COVID-19 HOME TESTING

Earlier this week a letter was sent to parents and carers regarding COVID-19 home testing.

Home kits were provided to years 7 - 9 on Wednesday (17th March 2021).

Years 10 - 13 were provided with a home kit earlier today (19th March 2021).

To get more help on home testing, [click here](#).

To view the letter regarding home testing, [click here](#).

Four easy stages of a rapid COVID-19 self-test

NHS
Test and Trace



1 Set-up: sanitise testing area and hands, unpack kit, read instructions



2 Swab: throat then nose



3 Process test: place swab in liquid in tube, squeeze liquid onto test device



4 Read result: ensure test device is on a flat surface, wait and read result at 30 minutes

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 for more information and to book your place.



STEM AMBASSADORS: ILLUMINATING CAREERS

From 1st - 5th March, as part of National Careers Week, the STEM Ambassador Programme ran an online virtual careers fair in partnership with AECOM. Students were able to wander through the virtual space and interact with videos, quizzes and challenges from 24 national employers including Just Eat, Google, IBM, Autotrader, BBC and more!

Aimed at 11 – 19 year olds, it was a fantastic opportunity for our students to be inspired and meet STEM Ambassadors from a wide variety of STEM organisations, with an exciting opportunity to chat live every day from 10-11am and 2-3pm.

This is what three of our A level Chemistry students had this to say about the event:

"The virtual STEM fair was a great experience. It allowed me to contact and converse with employers from multiple large companies. The volunteers were really nice and helpful and shared useful information about their fields. Overall the event gave me a better outlook and understanding of the engineering industry. I would definitely recommend it to other students"

Ethan White - Y12 Chemistry Student

"The virtual STEM careers fair was a great opportunity to understand what jobs are available, especially within medicine. The fair had a quiz about what job you would be most suited to within the NHS. This was really useful to help me consider my options after A levels"

Ellie Brown - Y12 Chemistry Student

"After attending the stem workshop, I can safely say I have a good insight on the path I want to go down for my future. This was a workshop where you could explore a number of different companies which had information about what they do and what their goals are. It also allowed you to interact with some professionals where they answered all of your questions and also where you could take part in a number of online activities. I found this useful as I did not have a clue of what I wanted to do for my future and I think it has really helped me find this. For example, one of the things I found quite interesting is that a few companies have long term projects to go to Mars and set up settlements and services. This project really caught my attention and after reading more about it I really wanted to get involved. I am really pleased I attended the workshop as it has helped give me an idea of what I want to be part of in the future."

Yannish Rampersad - Y13 Chemistry Student

For more information, [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

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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KOOTH

Kooth offers emotional and mental health support for children and young people aged between 11 – 24 years and is available up to 10pm every day.

To find out more visit www.kooth.com