



Highlands School News



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Parent and carer survey

We are asking parents and carers to take part in our annual school survey. This year our survey is being conducted by an external agency that we are working with on a special project to celebrate 20 years of Highlands School being open. As part of this project the governors and leaders of the school are reviewing all aspects of the school to find out what is working well and should be kept, and what could be improved or refreshed. That is why, in the second part of the survey, there are questions about perceptions of the personality or character of the school, and about the school uniform. The responses to this survey will be presented to the leaders and governors along with the results of other forms of research and will play a part in shaping our school for the next 20 years.

The survey will take ten minutes to complete – your responses will make a big difference to our understanding.

All responses to this survey will be entirely confidential and anonymous as the survey is being conducted by an external agency.

Please complete the survey straight away if you can by [clicking this link](#) – or by **Monday 5th July at 9am** at the very latest.

Safeguarding at Highlands School

At Highlands we ask experts in different areas of school leadership and education to come and work with us so that we can draw on their expertise to improve our school. Last week Angela Corbett, a former OFSTED HMI and expert in safeguarding, carried out a three day review of safeguarding at Highlands. She met with governors, senior leaders, staff, students and she reviewed our policies and key safeguarding documents. OFSTED judge safeguarding at schools to be either effective, or not effective. We were pleased that Angela judged our safeguarding to be effective and highlighted many areas of strength. She also, as we hoped she would, made recommendations to us to improve further.

COVID-19 cases

We have had six student cases of COVID-19 in the past three weeks at school and nearly 170 students have had to isolate. We want to remind all members of the school community to follow our health and safety procedures so that we can keep each other safe. Students self isolating should be able to access their lessons on Google Classroom.

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Highlands School

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FOOTBALL ACHEVEMENT



Highlands School would like to congratulate Regan King and Karan Singh for their football achievements outside of school over the weekend. On Saturday Regan and Karan played in the national final JPL cup for Cheshunt football club in Gloucester against a very good South Shields football club from Newcastle. They finished 1-1 and won on penalties 8-7. On Sunday Regan captained Cheshunt football club to the EJA league title. These two competitions are for elite grassroots football clubs. Congratulations on this amazing achievement!



ENFIELD MUSIC SERVICE PIANO COMPETITION FINALISTS



Congratulations to the following students for becoming finalists in the Enfield music service piano competition. This year's final will be an online event as Enfield music service are unable to use the Dugdale theatre at the moment. Therefore the event will take place on google meet on Tuesday 13th July 2021 in the evening.

There were a good number of secondary school entries this year with a range of grades, so much so, that Enfield music service had to have two secondary categories for the first time. The categories are 'secondary grade 2-5' and 'secondary grade 6 and above'. Congratulations to Adrian and Mattia, and we wish them all the best for the finals on Tuesday 13th July.



Mattia Cirillo
Grades 6 and Above



Adrian Tumanya
Grades 2-5

Well Done

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



Recently four students entered a design a stamp competition run by Royal Mail to celebrate the heroes of this year's pandemic. We wanted to show some of the fantastic designs submitted by our students. Well done and good luck!



CHALLENGE

DESIGN A TRAINER COMPETITION

Olympic season is almost here! In support of Team GB and Paralympics GB, we are encouraging students at Highlands school to show their support and be a part of the action as they go for gold in Tokyo this summer.

It's time to get creative and design your very own trainer for an Olympic or Paralympic athlete.

Take part in the **design a trainer challenge** as part of the get set summer competition. Once you've made your trainer as unique and colourful as possible, email them to **getset@getset.co.uk** for the chance to win a pair of Adidas trainers!

TIME REQUIRED: 60 - 120 minutes

EQUIPMENT: Art materials: paper, pens, paints, pencils, crayons

CHALLENGE OUTCOMES

- Plan and develop an eye-catching trainer
- Choose a slogan to include on the trainer showing support for Team GB and Paralympics GB
- Consider the use of red, white and blue to complement the Team GB and Paralympics GB kit for Tokyo 2020
- Please click [HERE](#) to use the attached template and see the competition entry form. Once complete, email them to **getset@getset.co.uk** for the chance to win a pair of Adidas trainers
- The competition is open until **Friday 18th July 2021**



NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST INTERACTIVE CHALLENGE



Highlands School will be undertaking an exciting opportunity this summer, and we would like to get all of our students involved in the national literacy trust interactive challenge. Are you willing to take part?

In line with the UEFA EURO 2020 tournament and as part of the FA's UEFA EURO 2020, there are many free live event; a free 'live' Euro story, a free UEFA EURO 2020 reading challenge and a free online Euro 2020 football reading game video.

This reading challenge is among 11 other exciting curriculum-based challenges, which you can access for free from **The FA website**.

Featuring characters from Tom's **Roy of the Rovers** books, Roy and his sister Rocky, the story is being written in 13 'live' chapters by Tom Palmer.

Chapter 2 is now available and can be found [HERE](#). Every week in the newsletter and on the school website, we will be attaching links to the next chapter and with a challenge. Follow the links and complete the challenge by submitting to: **MehmetE@highlearn.uk** and at the end of the summer we will showcase the students that have undertaken the challenge.

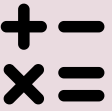
The final chapter, chapter 6, will be published on **Wednesday 23 June 2021**.

We challenge you to take part in the amazing quiz about football and reading.



STEM

MATHS IN ACTION



This autumn the maths in action programme will be brought to students in-person and online, in five informative, engaging and interactive sessions. Maths in action includes talks on a diverse range of topics from statistics and engineering to data science and pure mathematics. Don't miss the examination session which includes hints and tips on how to improve your grades and the new lunchtime quiz. Click [HERE](#) to find out or more information about maths in action and to book your spaces to join this opportunity in London, the Midlands or online!

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ALSTOM APPRENTICESHIPS WEBINAR

The STEM ambassador hub London are delighted to be collaborating with STEM ambassadors from international rail engineering firm Alstom to showcase their fantastic apprenticeship opportunities at their Wembley and Golders Green depots. This is an amazing opportunity for students to find out more about careers in rail engineering and apprenticeship within their local area!

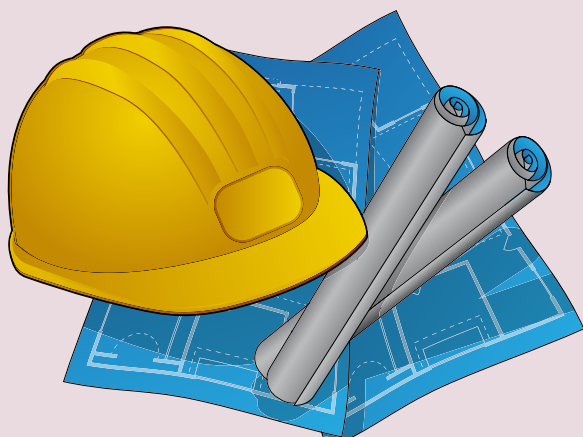
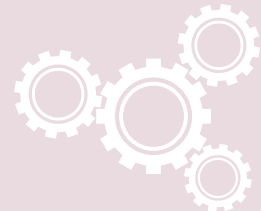
Alstom are a multinational rail engineering firm that offer a range of solutions to the rail industry from building trains and rolling stock through to signalling systems and infrastructure projects. The firm operates in over 60 countries worldwide and has 2 sites in North West London based at Golders Green and Wembley.

Young people attending this session will:

- get to find out more about Alstom and the rail industry as a whole with a specific focus on the northern line of the London underground
- take part in a virtual tour of the Alstom depot at Morden
- find out more about apprenticeships and gain valuable application tips from Alstom STEM ambassadors.
- have an opportunity to ask questions in a moderated, anonymised q&a section

Event Details

- Online, Wednesday 14th July 2021, 13:00 – 14:30
- To book a tickets or find out more information, click [HERE](#)

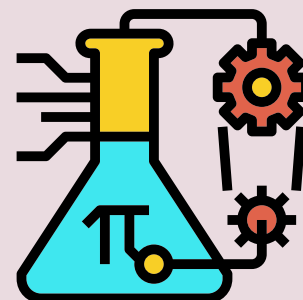


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ENGINEERING IN ACTION

Everything is in place for another exciting afternoon of engineering in action in just one week's time.

- Anna Ploszajski will show students why materials matter.
- Katie Cresswell-Maynard will lead students along the path to planetary protection.
- Sam Rogers will share his insights into rocket-pack research.



The event will be live streamed online, allowing students from all over the country to join the ultimate afternoon of inspiring and enriching content.

Event Details

- Online, **June 28th 1.00-3.45pm**
- For A level and IB students
- To book a ticket or find out more information, click [HERE](#)



GCSE SCIENCE IN ACTION

Want to learn how animals in the ocean use physics?

Dr Liz Kalaugher is joining GCSE science in action this autumn to talk about the physics of animal life in the oceans.

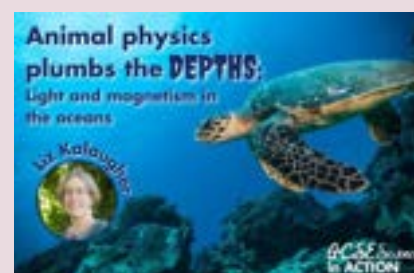
How does a turtle hatchling from Florida circle the Atlantic before returning to the very beach it started from? Why do giant squid have eyes three times bigger than those of any other animal? These puzzles – and many more besides – are explained by physics. Find out more as we span the world's oceans and cover light and magnetism, with a touch of sonar on the side.

Liz Kalaugher is a science writer and author of *Furry Logic: The Physics of Animal Life*. Don't miss her GCSE Science in Action debut this autumn, in London, the Midlands, or online!

Liz will be joined by four more engaging scientists at GCSE science in action, giving students a full day to immerse themselves in the excitement of science. A special session on exam success will also help them to prepare for the return of external exams in 2022.

Event Details

- Online, 10th and 16th November 2021
- To book a tickets or find out more information, click [HERE](#)



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MEDICINE IN ACTION



What is the future of neurosurgery?

We are delighted to announce that neurosurgeon Dr Alex Alamri will be joining medicine in action online. Alex will be talking about the technological innovations that have allowed neurosurgeons to peer into the brain before, during, and after (often) life-changing surgery.

Join this event to find out about the latest developments in neurosurgery, ask questions about life as a neurosurgeon and explore career pathways into this exciting field!

Event Details

- Online, **Friday 2nd July 2021**
- Suitable for Year 10 and Year 13
- To book a ticket or find out more information, click [HERE](#)



CHEMISTRY IN ACTION

How does ice break the rules?

We are pleased that Professor Andrea Sella is returning to chemistry in action this autumn. This programme which is suitable for A-Level and IB students will hold events in London, the Midlands and, for the first time, streamed live online!

Professor Andrea will explore how we know about the properties of frozen water, how it compares with other ices, and the way in which it may be the canary warning us that our futures may be much less certain than we imagine. Ice may seem very familiar to us, but it breaks almost every rule in the textbooks. Come and find out why!

Tickets for venue-based events are strictly limited, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment. Bookings for in-person tickets can be amended up to 45 days before the event.

Event Details

- **17th and 29th November 2021**
- To book a tickets or find out more information, click [HERE](#)



KS3 STEM IN ACTION

There is just one week left to book for KS3 stem in action online! This special event brings together top science communicators to introduce students to the wonders of science and encourage curious thinking about the world. Students will be able to participate in polls and quizzes and pose their questions live directly to the speakers.

Book now, and don't miss out on this exciting enrichment experience designed to show KS3 students how thrilling science can be!

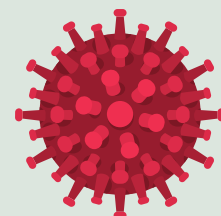
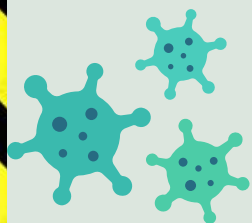
Event Details

- Online, **30th June 2021**
- Click [HERE](#) to book today

Remember!

COVID-19

If your child tests positive the school does need to be notified immediately. This includes in the evening or over the weekend - please urgently email for the attention of school manager to postbox@highlearn.uk with full details, as we do monitor this mailbox out of hours. This will enable us to track and trace efficiently and quickly.



DON'T FORGET



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!

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.

E-SCOOTERS AND THE LAW



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E-SCOOTERS AND THE LAW

What is the law on e-scooters?

Currently in the UK, you can legally buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement.

The only place it can be used is on private land.

The reason for this is that e-scooters are treated as motor vehicles by the Department of Transport and are subject to the same legal requirement as other vehicles, such as MOT, licencing, tax and insurance. Because they don't always have number plates, signalling ability or visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

What happens if I am stopped by the police?

The police will advise you on the law and may ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may, however, still penalise you depending on the seriousness of the offence. If caught riding an e-scooter, fines you may receive can include:

- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points
- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to £100 fine and three-six penalty points

Other offences which may result in penalties include riding on the footpath, using a mobile phone, riding through red lights and drink driving offences.

To find out more, visit www.met.police.uk/e-scooters

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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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