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This week our Year 11 and Year 13 students sat their final GCSE, BTEC and A level assessments, and later had their celebration BBQs. The weather was just about dry for the Year 11 students, sadly the rain did not hold off for the Year 13's! Both year groups remained at school for some time, chatting and taking photos and signing their shirts. Thank you to all students and staff for making those events so successful.

Our Year 10 and 12 students now become the oldest year groups attending school each day and we look forward to working with them and supporting them for the rest of the academic year and into next year when they become our new Year 11 and 13 students. Ms Lloyd has written to all Year 10 parents today about plans for the rest of this year, which we have also included again in today's newsletter.

Thank you

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Headteacher
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YEAR 10

YEAR 10 ASSESSMENTS

Highlands School would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support throughout the assessment period. Your child concluded their GCSE assessments in two of their GCSE subjects last week and we were very impressed with their behaviour, conduct and attitude throughout that time. There is now curriculum time available in the option subjects that have been completed. Some of this will be used to deliver relationships and sex education (RSE) and some of this time will be used to prepare and assess your child in the GCSE / BTEC subjects they will take at the end of Year 11.

As you know your child is still studying their remaining GCSEs and it is important that they have an opportunity to sit an end of year assessment in those subjects too. The reason for this is that it helps us and them understand how well they are performing so that we know what support to put in place for them in September. Secondly, they are entitled to practice GCSE papers in standardised conditions in all of their subjects, in preparation for their GCSEs next year.

We understand that this has been a difficult year for your child. School closure has meant that they have missed out on some face to face teaching and we understand that this may make some feel anxious and worried about how they will fare in next year's GCSE exams. Whilst we do not know whether or what adaptations the exam boards may make to the examination process next year, we do know that it is essential we prepare your child for every eventuality. Therefore it is important that we run the assessments this year as we usually would do, but that we do so in a way that does not overwhelm your child or disrupt their learning time in those subjects.

So that this can happen your child will sit their assessment in existing lesson slots in the option subject they completed this year. The assessment period will begin on the 8th June 2021 and conclude on the week beginning the 6th July 2021. This plan avoids some of the anxiety that can come with a full week of examinations in the sports hall and doesn't disrupt their existing curriculum time. It also means that their assessments are spaced apart, with no more than three assessments per week. This means students have time in lessons and after school to revise.

The time table included on the next page shows which assessments your child will be sitting each week. If they do not study one of the option subjects blocked they will be revising in lessons. Where there may be a clash, for example if they study French and Spanish, they will do the second assessment during P6 that day. We met students in year 10 this morning to explain this and we will communicate all the information to students in advance in writing. Revision material for the first week of assessments will be provided to all students next week for them to study in their year 10 entry option subject.

Once again, we thank you in advance for your support. If you do have any questions, concerns or queries please could you contact the head of year, Nilgun Ace on acen@highlearn.uk.



YEAR 10 ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE

Week A/B	Date of exam	Day	Period	Subjects			
	Week 1						
A	8 June 2021	Tuesday	2	Spanish	French	Revision in lesson	
	10 June 2021	Thursday	2	English Language			
	10 June 2021	Thursday	3	Computing	Drama	BTEC business	Revision in lesson
	Week 2						
B	15 June 2021	Tuesday	1	History	Revision in lesson		
	17 June 2021	Thursday	2	English literature			
	17 June 2021	Thursday	3	Economics	Food	Revision in lesson	
	Week 3						
A	22 June 2021	Tuesday	2	History	Revision in lesson		
	24 June 2021	Thursday	2	Chemistry			
	24 June 2021	Thursday	3	Child development	ICT	Revision in lesson	
	Week 4						
B	29 June 2021	Tuesday	1	Biology			
	1 July 2021	Thursday	2	Physics			
	1 July 2021	Thursday	3	PE	Dance	Media studies	Revision in lesson
	Week 5						
A	6 July 2021	Tuesday	2	Maths			
	8 July 2021	Thursday	2	Maths			
	8 July 2021	Thursday	3	Maths			

MUSEUM

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY 2021

International Museum Day is an occasion to raise awareness on how important museums are in the development of society. Every year since 1977, International Museum Day has been organised worldwide around May 18th.

Generally the event highlights a specific theme which changes every year to reflect the basis of the international museum community's preoccupations.

The theme for International Museum Day 2021 was 'The Future of Museums: Recover and Imagine', inspired by the changes the world has experienced in the last year and urging people to reimagine the museums of the future, to respond to the issues we face in the present.

You can continue to take part in their activities today to better understand the following.

- Promoting cultural exchange as a catalyst for peace among peoples.
- How they reimagine the future of museums and their role in our societies.
- The history of International Museum Day.

We hope these examples of events and actions being organised by ICOM will inspire you to participate in this meaningful event on and after International Museum Day 2021.



IMPORTANT

BEWARE PARENTS AND STUDENTS: KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT AROUND ENFIELD

This week police officers in Enfield carried out enquiries to find a 10-year-old boy, who was reported missing on the morning of Tuesday 18th May. The boy was located and returned home on the same day.

Police are aware of reports circulating that the boy may have potentially been abducted. Officers are continuing to conduct extensive enquiries to establish the circumstances of the alleged abduction and whether any offence has occurred.

Officers are also aware of reports of a suspicious incident that occurred on Saturday, 15 May in the Enfield Lock area involving a white van. Officers traced the occupants of the van and arrested a man and a woman on suspicion of attempted child abduction. The man and woman have been bailed to return on a date in mid-June.

At this time police are not linking reports of the alleged abduction of the 10-year-old boy and reports of the suspicious incident in Enfield Lock involving the white van. As such, officers are continuing to investigate the two matters separately.

Detective Chief Superintendent Treena Fleming, in charge of policing for Enfield and Haringey, said: "I would like to reassure my local community that we take all allegations of this nature very seriously; we understand the concerns and strength of feeling, particularly amongst parents, when we hear of potential incidents involving children.

"I am aware, understandably, that there has been a great deal of coverage and concern expressed on social media around these two incidents but I would respectfully ask the local community to allow us to complete a full and thorough investigation around both matters. This will ensure that we are able to fully understand what may have occurred.

"If I do have any concerns around public safety, I will ensure that our residents and communities are made aware of my concerns, should this be necessary. When I know the full circumstances of what has happened in these alleged incidents, I will be sure to update the community.

"You will continue to see officers out and about across Enfield and I would encourage the public to speak with them about any concerns they may have. I would also suggest those living in the area to follow the @MPSEnfield account on Twitter, which is used by officers to engage with the community.

"Child kidnappings or abductions are incredibly rare and I must stress that we are still establishing the full facts around these cases to determine whether any offences have been committed. However, if anyone sees anything suspicious, or has any concerns, they should **dial 999** in an emergency or **call 101** in a non-emergency."

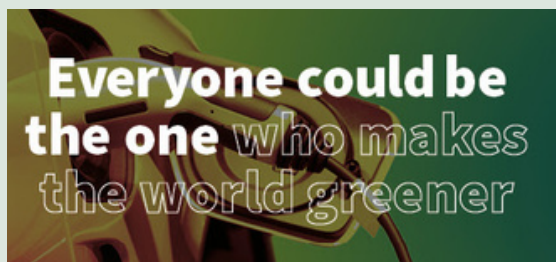
STEM OPPORTUNITIES

GIRLS INTO TECH

There is a gender gap in the tech industry and we are hoping to help change that! We know that the tech industry requires people of all skills and backgrounds, and we are committed to help build a diverse and inclusive tech workforce of the future.

Queen Mary, University of London would like to invite current Year 12 students who identify as female to a 'Girls in Tech' virtual event on **Wednesday 2nd June, 4.30pm-5.15pm BST**. This event will give students an overview of life as an undergraduate student in the School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science, as well as experience of what it's like to be a woman in the tech industry. The event will give your students the opportunity to:

- attend a taster lecture with one of our friendly academics
- learn about what it's like to be a computer scientist
- discover more about what it is to be an electronic engineer and how they are solving real-world problems such as developing more sustainable and cleaner energy
- chat with current students and alumni



Click [HERE](#) to register today

JOURNEY TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD

What happens to your body when you push it somewhere it's not built to go, such as to the top of the world?

BBC TV presenter and YouTuber Greg Foot took a journey to Mount Everest to find out. At KS3 STEM in Action, he'll show stunning videos from his journey and introduce interactive experiments designed to spark students' curiosity.

Join them on the afternoon of **Wednesday 30th June** online for three accessible and engaging sessions with top science communicators, designed to infuse a passion for science in KS3 students. Click [HERE](#) to join.



STEM OPPORTUNITIES

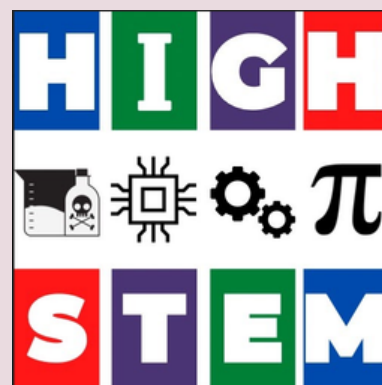
ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN UNION 2019-2021 - RADIATION

Highlands School is proud to be a part of the ERASMUS+ Programme, which provides our students an all-inclusive program that covers education, training, youth and sport around the European Union. The ERASMUS+ Programme gives a chance to more than four million European youths to contemplate, train, gain work experience and volunteer abroad.

Well done to the following students who were a part of the programme.

Ellie Andreou
Nathaniel Angate
Armantas Mankavicius
Amelia Mills
Naomi Leighton

Constance Smith
Claire Hamid
Evan Eldridge
Hisham Sohawon
Jack Elborn
Julia Capala



The 2019-2020 programme focused on the topic 'Radiation - a blessing or a cure?'. It involved Highlands School as well as 5 other European schools from Denmark (Copenhagen), Britain (London), France (Olonne-sur-Mer), Poland (Torun), Finland (Pyhajoki) and Germany (Hamburg) working together. Our students had the opportunity to travel to all 5 other collaborating countries to;

- network with industrial and academic scientists in their working environment
- enter different routes of learning in an international environment with an emphasis on doing experiments and working on digital media in school
- design products and build up public speaking skills
- discover new friends from European partnering schools

Click [HERE](#) to view the publication link that provides more information on the 2019- 2021 programme

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN UNION 2021-2022 - MOBILITY

Watch this space in the new academic year for the new project that will be launched on 'Mobility'. We will be recruiting new Year 12 students who have a passion for exploring the world and collaborating with others to make the world a better place to live.

STEM IN ACTION

All of the online 'Stem In Action' events [HERE](#) are accessible using any device with a web browser, and are available to watch on demand for a week if timetabling the live event is a struggle.



DRAMA

As part of the extended curriculum, the Drama department at Highlands School offer optional LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) examinations. These popular classes are open to all students who are keen to develop their acting skills and/or build confidence as well as gain a valuable qualification.

LAMDA exams are internationally recognised qualifications. They are graded according to age and experience with higher grades carrying UCAS points.

Classes at Highlands are run by an external provider on a peripatetic basis and take place on Wednesday afternoons after timetabled lessons have finished (see timetable, below). Highlands students benefit from an extremely favourable school rate of £10 per week, payable termly or monthly*. Students are taught in small groups in preparation for solo or combined examinations which usually take place once a year in the summer term. Students at Highlands have enjoyed great success in the LAMDA exams with 100% of last year's cohort achieving a Pass with Distinction, despite tutoring having taken place on line for most of the spring and summer term.

FREE TRIAL

We would like to offer current Year 7 students who are interested in taking the Solo or Combined Acting exam next year an opportunity to try a free trial class on 26th May 2021 (see times below).

Pre-booking is required for the trial class. Parents should click [HERE](#) and select the 'LAMDA Acting exams TRIAL LESSON' option. Students who have not booked will not be permitted to take part in the trial lesson. If you would like more information about the lessons and/or exams, please contact the Drama department via the usual school channels.

LAMDA Class Timetable**

Years 10, 11 & 12- 13:30 - 14:30

Years 8 & 9- 14:35 - 15:35

Year 7- 15:40 - 16:40

* Monthly payments of £30 per calendar month by direct debit

** Classes take place on Wednesdays. Alternative days and times may be available on request.

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PARKING AROUND HIGHLANDS SCHOOL



Responsible parking

We have received several complaints from local residents about inconsiderate or dangerous parking by parents when they drop off students at either Grange Park or Highlands school. Parking restrictions are in place on the roundabout area between the two schools. Enfield council do regularly patrol with cameras and issue fixed penalty notices in the post. Please do not drop off students on the zebra crossing area. We all want students to arrive safely at school, so please can parents ensure they park considerately and safely. The majority of our students should be able to walk to and from school each day or use public transport to complete their journeys. When it is necessary for any other arrangement, we remind parents of their obligations to park responsibly and ensure the safety of others.

- The roundabout immediately between Highlands school and Grange Park school is a designated public highway with yellow lines restricting parking at the start and end of school; this area is routinely patrolled by enforcement cars with CCTV and should not be used as a waiting area.
- The zebra crossing has zig-zag lines marking the approach and it is illegal to park on these as doing so would block the view of approaching traffic or force over-taking, therefore we kindly ask parents not to use the crossing as a drop off or pick up point.
- The end of Lonsdale Drive has yellow line restrictions, this is to ensure that traffic can turn safely and that busses can navigate the junction; please do not park in this section of the road as it narrows the width and inevitably blocks the flow of traffic.
- If you must use a car to transport your child we ask that you make arrangements to drop off or pick up at a suitable location away from the school, for example in the car park outside Sainsbury's or at a point a short walk from the entrance.

With the cooperation of our community we can ensure a safe travel environment around the school for all of our students.

Thank you



LIBRARY

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)

Why not have a go at reading some or even all of the books? The library has many of them in stock and you can let your English teacher know how you get on. Good luck!



 SCHOLASTIC

book club

Thank you to everyone who ordered from our Scholastic Book Club. We are delighted to let you know that thanks to your support we raised **£86.66** to spend on books for the school. Please look out for our next book club to order great books at great prices and earn lots of free books for our school.

Many thanks

Highlands School Library



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 Edextra will commence on the 9th of June and will return to full capacity. Reminder to those students taking part in the current outdoor activities on Wednesday and Thursday to wear your PE kits to school. You can double check your chosen activity on the lists put up on your form room.

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.

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