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Today is the end of the fifth half term of this academic year. COVID-19 has made this a challenging year so far but, as I have done many times before, I want to thank students and staff for their commitment and positivity. As part of our return towards normality, we will be moving year 7 out of the science classrooms from Monday 7th June and they will attend lessons in classrooms around the school. We have done this because year 7 need access to the specialist teaching rooms and areas that support many of the subjects we teach at secondary school. All students have been given a new paper copy of their timetable as some teaching rooms have changed. The timetables can also be viewed using [My Child at School](#) and [Student Portal](#).

Students should continue to bring masks to school after half term. The wearing of masks will remain compulsory on corridors and at lesson changeovers. We will monitor the infection levels across Enfield, London and the UK over the half term break and inform students about whether masks will still be worn in lessons on Monday 7th June.

I hope all members of the school community have a restful break and that the sun comes out for us!

Thank you

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

STUDENT AWARDS AND HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Today 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 today. Below you can see a few of our students accepting their awards.



IT APPRENTICES

Congratulations to our two IT apprentices who completed their training today at Highlands School. Well done!



DARIUS GEORGE
DARRYL HENSHAW



YEAR 9 GCSE FOOD & NUTRITION QUICHE LORRAINE

A year 9 food and nutrition class have been working very hard and focusing on perfecting their quiche lorraine recipes. The focus of this recipe was to make a perfect scone based pizza for the elderly. It was lovely to have them back in the food department, and we thought we would share some highlights of the great work they have created. Well done!



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?

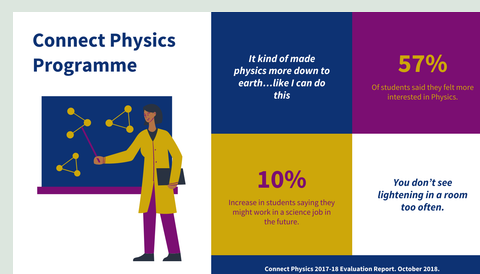
The workshops, designed by [SEPnet](#), are suitable for students of medium-high science ability and encourage students to think of the bigger picture, through connecting familiar topics from science and the latest physics research to their everyday lives.

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.



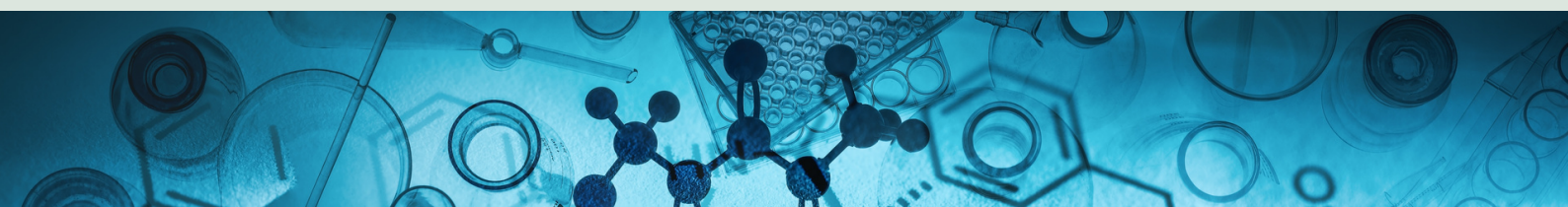
NANCY ROTHWELL AWARD 2021

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.



STEM 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](#).



LIVE VIRTUAL NHS HEALTHCARE WORK EXPERIENCE

Recently, students at Highlands have been participating in Live Virtual NHS Work Experience for Allied Health Careers which includes:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics, Radiography
- Prosthetics and orthotics
- Speech and language therapy
- Osteopathy
- Pharmacy and Podiatry



This programme is available to support all 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 hospital and community.

We wanted to remind you the next work experience session date is on **Sunday 6th June 2021**. Please register for the next session before **Wednesday 3rd June**.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register for the programme.

MUSIC

A study shows young musicians who play an instrument, practice frequently and regularly perform in an orchestra have increased memory and attention skills.

After Mental Health Awareness Week, nearly a whole year of no music due to COVID, we would like to encourage students to participate in the music Edextra activities starting in September 2021.

Please click [HERE](#) to become more aware of the importance of music.

As restrictions ease and we are coming back to a sense of normality, we are looking at reviewing the extracurricular activities that we offer students who play or are interested in playing music.

Joining a musical group at any age encourages students to develop relationships with new kinds of people. It also builds skills in leadership and team-building, as well as showing you the rewards of working with others.

At the moment, we are looking to offer students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10:

- steel Pan Ensembles
- lower School Choir and Upper School Close Harmony Group
- guitar/Ukulele Ensembles
- orchestra



EdExtra on a Wednesday can include A Close Harmony Group, Lower School Choir and an Orchestra starting in September if we have enough interested students.

On other days and during school hours, we hope to start Steel Pan groups, guitar and ukulele groups at school if we have enough interest. In the past, when we have run these groups they have proven very successful, and students have entered and participated in school events such as music competitions, concerts, achievement evenings etc.

Students interested in individual, vocal or instrumental lessons can contact Enfield Music Service [HERE](#) which offers instrumental lessons on a wide range of instruments as well as vocal lessons. These lessons are timetabled to take place at Highlands School during the school day.

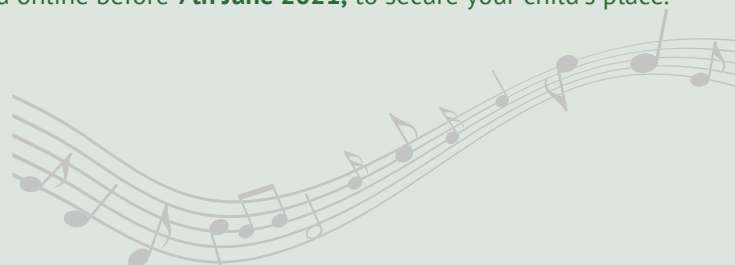
Enfield Music Service believe that they have a vital role in inspiring children and young people to make music and explore students' creativity and that all children and young people should have the opportunity to access music and make meaningful progression in their musical learning.

As one of the schools that work with Enfield Music Service, we endeavour to help facilitate a variety of additional music opportunities for pupils, such as singing festivals and group instrumental programmes.

If any students are interested in any of the groups being run for free or at a discounted rate, email MapleD@highlearn.uk.

Please check your emails this week to ensure the forms are completed online before **7th June 2021**, to secure your child's place.

If your child wishes to continue music, please see the link [HERE](#).



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."

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



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