



Highlands School Newsletter

4 February 2022

From the Headteacher

This week we celebrated LGBT+ History Month through a series of assemblies. LGBT+ History Month is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. The 2022 LGBT+ History Month celebrates 50 years since the first Pride event in the UK. This week staff at school wore rainbow Pride lanyards and staff and students wore rainbow badges. Next week we will send home a special LGBT+ newsletter and there will be form time activities around the topic.

PE kit

This week we had a focus on students coming to school in appropriate PE kit. This was because some students, mainly boys in years 10 and 11, were wearing other sportswear and tracksuits, rather than Highlands PE kit. I have checked with our uniform suppliers and they are fully stocked with our PE kit, so all students should have full kit. Students who do not have full PE kit should come to school in their normal school uniform, bring their kit in a bag, and get changed in PE. Students who come to school in other sportswear / tracksuits / non Highlands PE kit will be removed from lessons and we will ask their parents or carers to bring their uniform to school, which they can then wear for the rest of the day.

Year 11 parents' evening

A reminder that year 11 mock exam results will be sent home to parents electronically next week and following that, on Wednesday 9th February, we will hold the remote year 11 parents' evening.

Half term

Please remember that the half term holiday starts on Friday 11th February. Students return to school on Monday 21st February.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mr McInerney,

Headteacher

COVID UPDATE

Please click [here](#) to read letter from the Director of Education and the Director of Public Health at London Borough of Enfield.

The Enfield immunisation team will be on site administering covid vaccines for 12- 15 years olds on 10th February - click [here](#) for further information. Any queries about vaccinations should be directed to the Enfield immunisation team.

We ask that students continue to test at home twice weekly to help ensure we are all safe. This week we were advised of the following COVID positive cases:

	Positive cases
Year 7	12
Year 8	8
Year 9	7
Year 10	8
Year 11	4
Year 12	2
Year 13	4
Staff	4

STEM

NHS Health and Social Care Careers Fair

For students interested in pursuing a career in the NHS, Middlesex University will be hosting this year's NHS Careers Fair on Thursday 17 March from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Join them on campus to virtually discover a wide variety of careers in health and social care and learn about the different educational pathways and university courses available.

This is a great opportunity to connect with health professionals and talk about their day to day experiences in their job and the steps they took to get there.

You can also expect:

- 1-1 conversations with health professionals and teams including GPs, nurses, and health care workers
- Sessions on apprenticeships with health and social care sector workers
- Seminars and group presentations on other aspects of working in the NHS and social care

[Click here](#) to see the video showcasing the highlights from the 2019 careers fair and from the 2021 online careers fair.

Book [here](#) to not miss out!

British Biology Olympiad

Competition dates: 2 – 16 March 2022

The BBO challenges and stimulates students with an interest in biology to expand their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their talent and to be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates.



- 60% of students receive a commendation and above
- flexible timetable to suit all needs

- Based upon the A level syllabus
- Opportunity to enter the IBO

The BBO is open to students in post-16 education studying at school or college. The competition consists of two, 45-minute multiple choice papers to be taken online under staff supervised exam conditions. Students will be presented with topics and ideas which they are not familiar with, so will compete with their problem solving skills and understanding of core principals from their A level Biology curriculum.

In addition to encouraging and rewarding pupils in their studies, the BBO is the first stage in selecting a team to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO). The IBO seeks to challenge both theory and practical tests with some of the top pre-university biology students in the world, and over sixty countries taking part. The top-scoring students in the BBO will be invited to complete further practical and theoretical training and assessments in order to select a team to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO)

If you are interested please email or come and see Dr Len by Friday 11th February.

Happy STEMing!

Dr Len - Whole school STEM leader

Canteen

Please click [here](#) to see the canteen food costs for students. Please can you ensure your child's lunch balance is regularly checked and topped up.