



Highlands School News



1st October 2021

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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week Ms Sheikh and I finished the appointment process for the head students at Highlands School. We had some very strong applications for the positions and the students we interviewed had some excellent ideas about how they could lead and develop our school.

Our head students for the academic year ahead are:

Melusine Faverjon-Jenkins

Jonathan Dhillon

Our deputy head students are:

Ellie Brown

Maya Szymecka

Arshya Karimaghei

Harry Quantrill

The other members of the executive sixth form committee are:

Mia Benbow

Zara Creer

Ria Demetriou

Ellie James

Atoosa Namazi

Sundeep Lokuge



Melusine Faverjon-Jenkins



Jonathan Dhillon



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There are three areas of focus that the team will be leading on this year: the environment and sustainability, charity and events, and tutoring and mentoring younger students.

Many congratulations to Melusine and Jonathan and to the other students who will be part of our student leadership team.

Mr McInerney
Headteacher

Early closure and late start for open evening

Staff and students will be working hard to ready the building for open evening and will be staying late to clear up afterwards. For these reasons please note the following arrangements:


On Monday 11th October all year groups will finish school at 12:40pm

On Tuesday 12th October all year groups should arrive at school before 9:55am. The gates will be open from 9:40am. Students arriving after 9:55am will be late. The timetable that day will start with period 2.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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- Penelope Jones - Year 7
 - Lila Nudds - Year 7
 - Adithya Krishna Das - Year 7
 - George Robinson - Year 7
 - Jessica Kerly - Year 8
 - Aleksandros Veneti - Year 8
 - Lucy Lord - Year 8
 - Rakibe Halili - Year 9
 - Yashraj Singh - Year 9
 - Nicholas Kosta - Year 9
 - Hana Fahmy - Year 10
 - Selina Ramadan - Year 10
 - Maya Houldsworth - Year 10
 - Maia Fereday - Year 11
 - Las Bisary - Year 11

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- Andrianna Stavrou - Year 11
 - Adem Fadil - Year 11
 - Eleanor Dagger - Year 11
 - Natasha Nicholas - Year 12
 - Alara Yarkan - Year 12
 - Daisy Heath - Year 12
 - Xhastin Vreto - Year 12
 - Serena Pia - Year 12
 - Krishi Malde - Year 13
 - Blesen Boateng - Year 13
 - Jack Kilgallon - Year 13
 - Joshua Finney - Year 13

WELL DONE!



The Year 10 Netball team played their first mini tournament of the year on Tuesday. They beat Broomfield 11-0 and drew 4-4 with Palmer Green High School. Well done girls!

Mrs Walters



Highlands School PE department would like to congratulate Jimmy Mansfield (year 10), who has successfully passed a trial with London Irish to join their DPP programme. Well done Jimmy!

PSHE AND ASSEMBLIES

PSHE

What are students studying next week?

The table below outlines what each year group will study in PSHE next week.

Year 7	Growth Mindset
Year 8	Energy drinks and caffeine
Year 9	Assessing risk and personal safety
Year 10	Tackling stigma
Year 11	Choices now, choices later
Year 12	Balancing part time work and education
Year 13	Employability skills

ASSEMBLIES

Our weekly, themed assemblies form a key part of our stay safe curriculum.

The assembly focus for the week beginning Monday 4th October is 'Mental health', in preparation for World Mental Health Day on 10th October. Taking care of our mental health is just as important as taking care of our physical health. Our assembly will look at what mental health is, including strategies to manage our mental health and tackle the stigma around mental health.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONFERENCE EVENT

Today marks the start of Black History Month. This year's theme is 'proud to be me', one that we feel links well with our DARE values.

We have put together a programme of ways in which we are celebrating this as a school, with this theme running through our programme. Part of our programme includes a conference event, which will take place on Monday 4th October.

This is a targeted event for students in years 10-13 who study a Creative Arts subject to attend. This will include students who study Art, Graphics, Drama, Dance, Music, Media Studies or Photography.

These students will attend a live conference where we will have a panel of guest speakers who work across the Creative Arts, to share their stories and experiences of their career paths, and to celebrate and showcase Black people within the Creative Arts industry. There will be an opportunity at the end of the conference for students to remain and ask questions. More information will follow on google classroom.



Remember

COVID-19

During the past 2 weeks, we have had a further 17 positive cases of Covid amongst our students. We wish them all a very speedy recovery. Please ensure that students are testing at home twice a week.

A reminder that Covid-19 vaccinations are taking place in school on the 5th October and you should register your consent directly to the NHS immunisation team, full details are on the email sent to parents.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are often getting bounce backs from emails to parents and we do our best to identify those and have them corrected. If you are not receiving emails from the school please can you advise us so we can check your email address is correct. Particularly this applies to email addresses which are not in your name as we cannot identify who you are when they bounce back.

NATASHA'S LAW

Please [click here](#) to view the statement from our canteen food provider regarding Natasha's law which comes into effect from 1 October.

STUDENT LANYARDS

Should your child lose their lanyard or ID card, these can now be ordered by logging into your parentpay account.

You can either purchase both photocard and coloured lanyard together, or buy them as separate items. There are 3 different options for you to choose from. Lanyards are part of the school uniform now so should be worn at all times on site.

MESSAGE FROM THE P.E DEPARTMENT

We would like to remind students that for health and safety reasons all studded earrings must be removed for PE lessons or covered over with medical tape.

ED-EXTRA TIMETABLE

Here is the timetable of extra curricular activities taking place from Tuesday 21st September - Friday 22nd October.

<u>MONDAY</u>				
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue
Badminton	8-11	Mr Avann	3:15 - 4:15	Sports Hall
Netball	8-11	Ms Berrill/Ms Walters/Ms Hutchinson	3:15 - 4:15	Playground
MFL Film Club	7-9	Ms Jutila	3:15 - 4:15	L8
GCSE Art Coursework	9-11	Ms McCalmont/ Ms Chrysostomou	3:15 - 4:45	A7

<u>TUESDAY</u>				
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue
Football (girls)	7-11	Ms Walters/Ms Hutchinson	3:15- 4:15	Astroturf
Career Development	7-13	Ms Laurenzi	3:15 - 4:15	Library
Basketball (boys)	10-13	Mr Daludado/Mr Joseph	3:15 - 4:15	Sports Hall

<u>WEDNESDAY (ED EXTRA, Year 7 Only)</u>				
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue
Football	7	First Goal Football	2:20 - 3:20	Astroturf
Boxing	7	'Team Mannion'	2:20 - 3:20	Canopy
Rugby	7	Old Grammarians RFC	2:20 - 3:20	Field
Basketball	7	First Goal Football	2:20 - 3:20	Sports Hall
Netball	7	England Netball	2:20 - 3:20	Playground

ED-EXTRA TIMETABLE

Street dance	7	Worlds End Lane Productions	2:20 - 3:20	Dance Studio
Drama	7	Worlds End Lane Productions	2:20 - 3:20	Drama Studio
Film making	7	Worlds End Lane Productions	2:20 - 3:20	M2
Technology club	7	Ms Bull	2:20 - 3:20	DT7
Cooking	7	Mrs Stevens / Mrs Rossi	2:20 - 3:20	T6
Textiles	7	Ms O'Connell	2:20 - 3:20	T4
Girls'2'World	7	Ms Charles	2:20 - 3:20	E6

<u>THURSDAY</u>				
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue
Football (boys)	8-11	Mr Johnston/Mr Savvides	3:15 - 4:15	Astroturf
Trampoline	<i>(invite only)</i>	Mr Avann	3:15 - 4:45	Sports Hall

<u>FRIDAY</u>				
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue
Basketball (girls)	7-11	Ms Casimir-West	3:15 - 4:15	Sports Hall

LAMDA

— Exams & Qualifications

As part of the extended curriculum, students at Highlands can opt to take LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) Solo Acting 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 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. Exams take place once a year, in the summer term.

There is now limited availability for YEAR 7's in the 3:30 to 4:30 class. To book, parents should use the link, below.

<https://bookwhen.com/weproductions/e/ev-smsa-20210929141500>

For more information, please contact the Drama department.

LAMDA CLASS TIMETABLE - AUTUMN 2021***

2:20 - 3:20 - Year 8/9

3:30 - 4:30 - Year 7

3.30 - 4:30 - Years 10, 11 & 12

* Monthly payments of £30 per calendar month by direct debit. An online booking fee is applicable to monthly and termly payments.

** Classes take place on Wednesdays, however alternative days and times may be available on request.

*** Class times and groups are subject to change.

OPTIMUS WELLBEING AWARD

Highlands School is currently reviewing the wellbeing support within the school community and is working to achieve the Optimus wellbeing award in association with the National Children's Bureau.

In order to evaluate our current provision, we need your input. Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can do even better. We will be surveying all students and staff over the coming weeks as well to get a full picture of our current provision.

We would really appreciate it if parents and carers could please click on this [link](#) and complete the survey. It should only take a couple of minutes and the survey will be available until 6 October 2021.

Your responses and suggestions will be carefully considered by the change team and used to produce an action plan to support the school community.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



Wear yellow to school day for World Mental Health Day on Friday 8th October 2021

All students are being encouraged to wear ONE yellow item to school on Friday 8th October and to donate £2, which will go to the charity Young Minds.

This is to mark World Mental Health Day 2021.

Who are Young Minds?

Young Minds are the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. They want to see a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health, and all young people get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

Wear Yellow Day Rules

- Students can wear one item of yellow clothing . This could be a yellow tie, a yellow shirt, a yellow jumper, yellow tracksuit bottoms, yellow trainers or yellow socks.
- School uniform should be worn for all other items. So if you wear a yellow jumper, you must wear your school trousers or skirt. If you wear yellow tracksuit bottoms or a yellow skirt, you must wear your school shirt/tie/blazer. If you wear yellow shoes, all other clothing should be school uniform
- Hats are not allowed
- Please bring your £2 donation as this is a charity event
- Lanyards must be worn

BSL COURSE



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LEVEL 2 COURSE



British Sign Language
At Brimsdown HIRBiE
Level 1

We have received a considerable number of requests from people asking about learning BSL Level 1. For those who are keen on unlocking a new skill whilst gaining a useful interaction tool - we're happy to announce that Brimsdown Primary School will be offering BSL Level 1 training starting this month! The course will come at the cost of £405 excluding exam fees.

This fantastic opportunity will give you the chance to be able to have a conversation in BSL using a simple range of topics, use a wide vocabulary and understanding signing structure whilst giving and receiving directions.

Inclusive of all school overheads, the current exam costs are as follows:

BSL 101 Exam : £30 adult / £20 child

BSL 102 Exam : £55 adult / £40 child

BSL 103 Exam : £55 adult / £40 child

Students may also pay for the course in three termly instalments of £135 plus the exam fee. Please note, all payments must be made via ParentPay and may be subject to a small ParentPay handling charge.

If this sounds like this may be for you, please contact BSL tutor Tina Kemp on Kerry@brimsdown.enfield.sch.uk

Alternatively, you can also phone Brimsdown Primary School's office on 020 8804 6797

Green Street (nr Junction with Alma Road) Enfield EN3 7NA



HIGHLANDS SCHOOL PRESENTS



ROCK CHOIR

Practise - Perfect - Perform

EVERY THURSDAY
MM5 3:15PM - 4PM
STARTING 7TH OCTOBER

A WIDE RANGE OF ABILITIES WITH FULL ON COMMITMENT

Safeguarding

Safeguarding contacts:

If there is a concern about a Highlands School student, please contact the school on 020 8370 1100 or email the DSL at staysafe@highlearn.uk.

If the school cannot be contacted, please contact Enfield Children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 020 8379 5555.

If a student is in immediate danger, call the police on 999 straight away.

The police:
(if you are in
danger): 999

ChildLine
0800 1111

kooth

Support service for
students
wellbeing
(www.kooth.com)

Switchboard
LGBT+ helpline

0300 330
0630

Multi Agency
Safeguarding Hub:
0300 500 80 90

Barnardos

Contact: 0800 008
7005

NSPCC

Helpline: 0808 800 5000