



Highlands School News



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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week at Highlands we held our second week of year 7 and 8 mid year assessments. Each year group has a set of mid year assessments and a set of end of year assessments. Once marked by staff, the outcomes of these assessments are shared with students and parents and carers using the 'My child at school' app. Years 7, 8 and 13 have had their mid year assessments now, and years 9, 10, 11 and 12 will have theirs later in the year. This is not the only form of assessment we do at school. Our teachers question students during their lessons to check understanding, they use mini whiteboards to assess what has been understood and Google Forms quizzes are set and completed at home. Alongside this, at specified points during each unit of study, formative assessments are set by teachers for students to complete in their books and staff use these assessments to adapt what is being taught in subsequent lessons to help address misunderstandings.

On Friday 3rd December we are holding our variety show. I have been in to watch some of the rehearsals and I know it will be a wonderful performance. I would like to thank all of the students involved and to the staff who have organised the performance.

Finally, we are pleased to announce the winners of the Highlands School Christmas card competition. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cards and the students who produced them can be seen in this week's newsletter. Many thanks to all the students who contributed to the competition.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mr McInerney
Headteacher

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Penelope Jones
Franceska Koci
Raina Rrodhe

YEAR 10

Tyler MacDonald
Beirhan Guven
Zack Williams
Mason Eldridge
Alexandros Savva

YEAR 13

Anaya Allen-Adelu
Nicola Dipalmo

YEAR 8

Florence Wynter
Elizabeth Crutchley
Tailizandra Blana

YEAR 11

Las Bisary
Gianluca Warburton
Benjamin Turner

YEAR 9

Angelo Anastasi
Jakub Warnawski
Andrew Pishiris

YEAR 12

Daniel Stewart
Lida Alimohammadi

ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY

We are continuously amazed by the quality of the students we are privileged to work with at Highlands School. The students pictured below produced and presented a special assembly to all year groups on anti-bullying, with a particular focus on raising awareness of sexual harassment. This can be a challenging topic to address and these students did so admirably.

Thank you to the following students for your fantastic work.

Melusine Faverjon-Jenkins
Zara Creer
Ellie James
Mia Benbow
Martha Komodromos
Kayleen Patel
Amelie Smith



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Year 10 Basketball

On **Tuesday 30th November**, the year 10 basketball team traveled to Southgate for their third league game of the season. With a dominant display and some superb attacking, Highlands won 52-21 to cement their position at the top of the league.



YEAR 11 BOYS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Year 11 basketball team who played Edmonton County on the 30th November at Highlands School. The team was as follows with points scored in brackets Trey (6), Sydney, Ronald (9), Berke (8), Marcos (8), Danial (2), Ayaan (1) and Las. Overall score was Highlands 34 - 25 Edmonton County.



TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Over the past few weeks our heads of year 10 and 11 have been running team building activities with their year groups, as part of our year group cohesion plan. Students took part in 'human noughts and crosses' and 'hoop and bench' team building activities. It was great to see our students developing their interpersonal relationships and building healthy relationships with each other. They worked well together, communicated constructively and supported each other to improve outcomes for each activity. A little healthy competition also brought out their competitive side!

The remaining form groups in years 10 and 11 will take part in their team building events over the few weeks and year 9 will take part in the new year.



'LOVE IS KIND' CAMPAIGN

Highlands School is joining forces with Enfield Love Your Doorstep to support the charity campaign 'Love is Kind'.

Love is Kind is a local campaign focused on raising awareness of domestic violence against women in Enfield. The campaign is raising funds for and championing the work of two local charities that provide social, mental health and educational support for women; Enfield Women's Centre and Enfield Saheli.

Love is Kind has been set up and platformed by Enfield Love Your Doorstep and we will be working in partnership with its founder and local campaigner Emma Rigby, to support this campaign.

We launched the campaign at Highlands School on Wednesday 1st December. Emma Rigby sold Love is Kind campaign t-shirts to staff at break and lunch time. After school Emma Rigby, along with a volunteer from Enfield Saheli and the chair from Enfield Women's Centre led a presentation to a group of thirty student leaders from years 8-13. Emma inspired students with her fundraising and community work and her motivation for setting up Enfield Love Your Door Step and the Love is Kind campaign. Students also heard about the immensely valuable work carried out by the [Enfield Women's Centre](#) and [Enfield Saheli](#).

Students then worked in groups to come up with a range of campaigning ideas to support the work of the Love is Kind campaign. We look forward to working with students and Emma Rigby to bring these campaign ideas to life over the course of the year

We are so thankful to Emma Rigby and the staff from the Enfield Women's Centre and Enfield Saheli for taking the time to visit Highlands School and to work with our students. We are really excited to be supporting such an important local campaign and fundraising project.

Parents and carers can find out more about the campaign and purchase a Love is Kind t-shirt [HERE](#).

More to follow soon.

Ms Phillips



FESTIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Highlands Parents and Friends Association

FESTIVE RAFFLE

Enter online:
<https://app.galabid.com/hpfaxmasraffle>

1st Prize -
 Oculus Quest 2 VR Gaming Headset

2nd Prize -
 Apple AirPods 3rd Gen

3rd Prize -
 Festive Food Hamper

Plus many other prizes to be won!

All tickets must be bought before 15 December 2021.
 The draw will take place on 16 December 2021.

Tickets: £2 each.

For queries contact us at: HPFA.eventtickets@gmail.com

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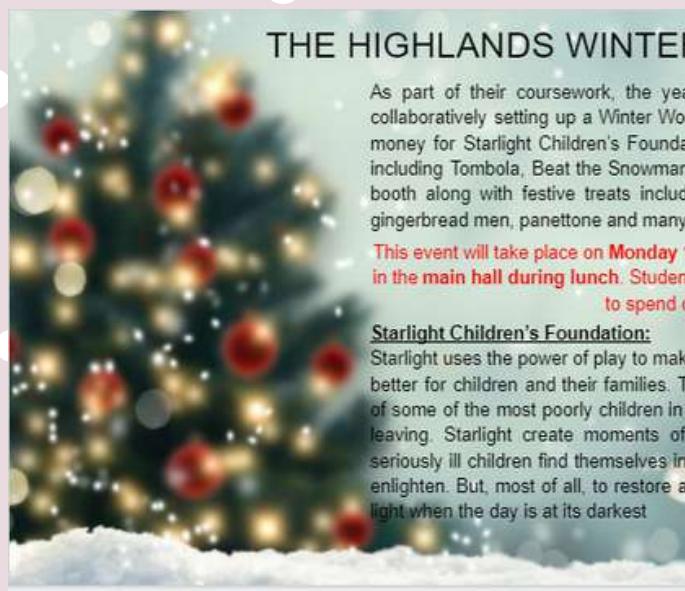
THE HIGHLANDS WINTER WONDERLAND

As part of their coursework, the year 12 BTEC Business students will be collaboratively setting up a Winter Wonderland Themed event in order to raise money for Starlight Children's Foundation. There will be a variety of activities including Tombola, Beat the Snowman and a winter wonderland themed photo booth along with festive treats including candy canes, hot chocolate cones, gingerbread men, panettone and many more.

This event will take place on Monday 13th December, 2021 and will be located in the main hall during lunch. Students should bring small amounts of change to spend on the stalls.

Starlight Children's Foundation:

Starlight uses the power of play to make the experience of illness and treatment better for children and their families. Their passion takes them to the bedsides of some of the most poorly children in the UK. In hospital, often without hope of leaving. Starlight create moments of escape from the difficult reality which seriously ill children find themselves in. To delight and distract. To entertain and enlighten. But, most of all, to restore a smile to their faces. Making moments of light when the day is at its darkest



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNERS

A huge well done to the winner and runner ups of our Christmas card competition. The winning card made by Olivia Aristodemou will be printed into a Christmas card by the school.



Olivia Aristodemou, 7RVT



Francesca Georgiou, 7WAJ



Daniella Ursache, 7ODC



CHRISTMAS MENU

SERVED IN THE CANTEEN ON
TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Menu



Roast Breast of Turkey
Or
Vegetable and Cranberry Slice

Served with:

Roast Potatoes Broccoli and Carrots
Gravy

Dessert:

Steamed Chocolate Sponge and Custard
Winter Berry Eton Mess Muffin



REMINDERS

REMEMBER!

Key assessment dates and parents' evening changes

Year 13 A level mid year assessments and parents' evening

Students and parents/carers should expect mid year assessments results to be reported home on 7th December 2021.

Please note that the parents' evening will now take place a week later than originally published.

- Year 13 parents' evening - 8th December 2021

Year 7 and 8 mid-year assessments

As mentioned at the start of the academic year, students in year 7 and 8 will begin their mid-year assessments. This will take place from November 21st to December 3rd. These assessments will take place during lessons with the exception of English, math, and science, which will take place in the Sports Hall. Subjects with a low lesson frequency such as drama, dance and music will conduct smaller assessments within this term.

Year 8 mid-year assessments for maths, English and science:

- English is on Tuesday 23rd November 11.35 - 12.45
- Science is on Thursday 25th November 11.35 - 12.45
- Maths is on Tuesday 30th November 11.35 - 12.45

Year 7 mid-year assessments for maths, English and science:

- English is on Tuesday 23rd November 9.00 - 10.05
- Science is on Thursday 25th November 9.00 - 10.05
- Maths is on Tuesday 30th November 9.00 - 10.05



Freddie the therapy dog

On Wednesday we welcomed back Freddie the therapy dog for the fortnightly intervention session.



Medicine consent form

Dear parents/carers,

Please fill out our new medicine consent form for any future medical requirements for your child. This **only** needs to be completed should your child require medication.

Your child is to bring the medicine straight to the medical room once the form has been completed.

There should be one form completed for each medicine.

Many thanks,
Highlands School

COVID update

This week we have been notified of the following positive cases. We wish everyone a very speedy recovery.

- 2 x year 7
- 9 x year 8
- 7 x year 9
- 6 x year 10
- 2 staff members

Please continue to ensure students test twice weekly from home.

Please can you register all results using this [link](#) but you only need to report positive results to the school via the postbox email postbox@highlearn.uk.



Safer Schools team

Enfield and Haringey Schools Policing

Date: 16th Nov 2021.

Dear Parent or Carer,

This letter covers the concerns around the use of TikTok by children.

I would like to share with you that there have been a number of incidents in various schools where school children have been posting malicious information about school staff on social media platforms such as TikTok. On occasions this has included falsely accusing staff of criminal offences involving children.

This is very distressing to staff and their families a behaviour that is not acceptable. Please may I respectfully ask you as parents and carers for us to work together to remind your child that this is a criminal offence under the Malicious Communications Act 1988:

Where a person sends a letter, electronic communication or article of any description which conveys a message which is indecent or grossly offensive, a threat or information which is false and known or believed to be false by the sender is a criminal offence.

If a child writes something about a member of school staff which is false or grossly offensive 'just as a bit of fun' or as a rumour and then posts it on social media – they do commit a criminal offence.

The child may then be at risk of permanently excluded and/or prosecution and risk of being criminalised resulting in a criminal record which will have an impact when they apply for a job in the future.

As your safer schools police team, we work hard with your school to avoid school children becoming excluded or criminalised, but sometimes where the level of harm or distressed caused is so severe we have little choice but to follow these routes.

The importance of sharing this communication with you is for us to work together to both educate and engage with you to avoid this situation.

Please speak to your child regarding the sensible use of social media. Please consider also using parental software to restrict to manage what they can access and monitor where appropriate. A guide can be found on line. I may also look to arrange one of our schools officers to host a virtual on line awareness session to assist you.

Although this letter is focusing on TikTok the content is relevant for other risks social media poses such as your child being at risk of being exploited, bullied, and groomed on line by criminal gangs.

If your child does genuinely suspect of anyone committing criminal offences then they must report this to either a senior staff member, or the police. You or your child can also confidentially access Childline 0800 1111 childline.org.uk or report crime anonymously via the Fearless website. Fearless.org

If you would like to speak further about this or seek some support /education around how to safeguard your child on social media please contact us on..

NAMailbox-SaferSchoolsNorth@met.police.uk (for schools situated in Enfield.)

NAmailbox-SaferSchoolsSouth@met.police.uk (For schools situated in Haringey.)

Yours sincerely,

Inspector Jas Kaur.

North Area Safer Schools Policing lead.

ED-EXTRA TIMETABLE

Here is the timetable of extra curricular activities taking place from Monday 8th November - Friday 17th December.

MONDAY

Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue	Maximum Capacity
Girls Football	7-8	Mrs Walters / Mrs Hutchinson	3:15 - 4:15	Sports Hall	30
MFL Film Club	7-9	Ms Jutila	3:15 - 4:15	L8	30
Art Attack	8	Mrs Yiangou	3:15 - 4:15	A6	15
GCSE Art	10-11	Mrs Chrysostomou / Mrs McCalmont	3:15 - 4:15	A7	25
Catch Up		Mrs Miller	3:15 - 4:15	MM5	
Music (GCSE support sessions)	<u>Invite only</u>				
Music (Vocals and Instrumental)	<u>By request</u>	Ms Maple	3:15 - 4:15	Practice Rooms	

TUESDAY

Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue	Maximum Capacity
Basketball (boys)	10-13	Mr Daludado/Mr Joseph	3:15 - 4:15	Sports Hall	30
Career Development	7-10	Ms Laurenzi	3:15 - 4:15	Library	30
Lego Club	<u>7 & 8 Invitation only</u>	Mr Martin	3:15 - 4:15	MM15	12
Music (Samba)	7-11	Mr Johnson	3:15 - 4:00	MM5	15

WEDNESDAY (ED EXTRA, Year 7 Only)

Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue
Football	7	First Goal Football	2:20 - 3:20	Astroturf
Boxing	7	'Team Mannion'	2:20 - 3:20	Canopy Field
Rugby	7	Old Grammarians RFC	2:20 - 3:20	
Basketball	7	First Goal Football	2:20 - 3:20	Sports Hall
Netball	7	England Netball	2:20 - 3:20	Playground
Street dance	7	Worlds End Productions London	2:20 - 3:20	Dance Studio
Drama	7	Worlds End Productions London	2:20 - 3:20	Drama Studio
Film making	7	Worlds End Productions London	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

THURSDAY

Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue	Maximum Capacity
Table Tennis	7-11	Mr Johnson	3:15 - 4:15	Sports Hall	30
Trampoline	<u>(GCSE PE invite only)</u>	Mr Avann	3:15 - 4:45	Sports Hall	
Animation	7-9	Mr Martin	3:15 - 4:15	MM7	14
Music (Rock Choir)	7-11	Mrs Miller / Ms Maple	3:15 - 4:00	MM5	Unlimited

FRIDAY

Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue	Maximum Capacity
Basketball (Girls)	10-13	Ms Casimir-West	3:15 - 4:15	Sports Hall	25
Music (Orchestra)	Grade 1+ Orchestral instrument only	Mr Brunori	3:15 - 4:15	MM5	35
Music (Guitar Groups)	<u>(Invite only)</u>	Mr Hawkins	3:15 - 4:15	Music Corridor	20

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