



# Highlands School News



17th December 2021



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### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Today was the final day of term and we held a series of celebration assemblies. In these assemblies we gave out end of term awards and we received an update on the inter house competition. You can read details about these things below. Every year in education feels unique but 2021 really has been an unusual and challenging year. I want to thank the staff of Highlands for their perseverance and commitment to the school and our students. I particularly want to pay tribute to the staff who have time and time again covered for absent colleagues and taught cover lessons or taught multiple classes in the assembly hall in order that students are taught by a specialist member of staff.

COVID did not stop our students achieving excellent GCSE and A level results in the summer and we were proud of our students in years 10, 11 and 13 who did so well in their qualifications. We were determined to move on from COVID as far as possible as the year went on and we did this with the launch of our DARE days in October. If you did not see the video of the DARE days earlier in the year you can do so here.

In the past fortnight COVID and the new variant has really started to impact our ability to keep the school open but we have managed to do so. Great credit should go to our students who have still maintained good focus in lessons even though we have had significant staff absence.

The government has asked schools to test all students before they return to school in January so please read carefully the arrangements for the return to school in January, which can be found at the bottom of this newsletter

This Christmas we say goodbye to some colleagues who are leaving us and we wish them well in the future. Ms Sheth is leaving our admin team. Ms White is leaving as our assistant SENCO. Ms Ace, one of our computing teachers, is leaving us. Mr Lopez-Dominguez is leaving the MFL department. Ms Gray, from the safeguarding team, is also leaving us. Ms Boon is leaving us as a member of staff in the Hearing Impaired Base.

One more member of staff who is leaving us is Ms Deb-Biswas, who has led our Hearing Impaired Base and taught history at Highlands for over a decade. Highlands is an exceptional example of comprehensive education and we pride ourselves on being an inclusive school. The Hearing Impaired Base (HIB) is at the heart of our school and at the heart of our commitment to inclusion. Under Ms Deb Biswas' leadership the HIB has supported dozens of students as they have successfully made their way through secondary school. We wish her all the best in future.

This time last year, when writing the end of term message to the school community, I wrote about wishing that everyone would stay safe from the virus. I had hoped, as I am sure everyone hoped, that this year we would be past COVID. However, once again I am wishing you all a happy and restful Christmas, but also one during which you are all safe.

I look forward to welcoming all students back to school in January.  
Have a great Christmas and New Year,

**Mr McInerney**  
Headteacher

## MOCK EXAMS - JANUARY 2021

AM exams start in period 1 PM exams start in period 4

Option subjects are for all year 11 and early entry year 10 (classes labeled as option P only).

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	10th January	11th January	12th January	13th January	14th January
<b>AM</b>	Y11 English Language	Y11 Science Y11 Biology	Y10 Citizenship Y10 RS Music	Y11 Maths p1	Y11 Science Y11 Chemistry
<b>PM</b>	Y11 French Reading Y11 Spanish Listening	Geography	Business & Enterprise	PE Drama	History

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	17th January	18th January	19th January	20th January	21st January
<b>AM</b>	Food Media Studies RM Graphics Textiles	Y11 Maths p2	Y11 English Literature	Y11 Science Y11 Physics	
<b>PM</b>	Y11 French Writing Y11 Spanish Writing	Psychology Computer Science Dance	Y11 French Listening Y11 Spanish Reading	Economics Child Development	



# RETURNING TO SCHOOL

## COVID TESTING

We have been asked to conduct lateral flow tests for students before the return to the classroom in January and will therefore stagger the students' return at the start of term. Before the start of teaching on site all students will attend the school site for a Covid test and then, on that day, will return home. On site teaching will begin the day after the test. We will set work to be completed at home (remote learning) using Google classroom. The schedule for testing and remote learning is set out below.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Testing date for year group (these students attend school only for the test)</b>	<b>Remote learning set by teachers on these dates to be completed at home</b>	<b>Return date for year group (lessons on site)</b>
<b>7</b>	Thursday 6 January Oak & Rowan 11:30 Beech & Willow 12:15	Wednesday 5 January Thursday 6 January	Friday 7 January
<b>8</b>	Thursday 6 January Oak & Rowan 09:30 Beech & Willow 10:15	Wednesday 5 January Thursday 6 January	Friday 7 January
<b>9</b>	Wednesday 5 January Oak & Rowan 13:30 Beech & Willow 14:15	Wednesday 5 January	Thursday 6 January
<b>10</b>	Wednesday 5 January Oak & Rowan 11:00 Beech & Willow 11:45	Wednesday 5 January	Thursday 6 January
<b>11</b>	Tuesday 4 January Oak and Rowan 13.30 Beech and Willow 14.15	Tuesday 4 January	Wednesday 5 January
<b>12 &amp; 13</b>	Wednesday 5 January Year 12 09:00 Year 13 10:00	Wednesday 5 January	Thursday 6 January

## PSHE AND ASSEMBLIES

### What are students studying next half term?

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

YEAR	Unit title	Unit title
7	Relationships	Unit 3: Diversity and discrimination
8	Relationships	Unit 3: Online safety
9	Relationships	Unit 3: Committed relationships
10	Relationships	Unit 3: Addressing extremism and radicalisation
11	Relationships	Unit 3: Parenting
12 & 13	Health and wellbeing	Unit 3: Legal and illegal substances - understanding and managing risks

### Message from the Highlands Parents and Friends Association (HPFA)

Thank you to all those who supported our Christmas fund raising raffle this year. Together, we raised a staggering £1,500.00 - absolutely remarkable! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets or donated prizes. Winners have been notified to collect their prizes from school on Friday.

A very Merry Christmas to all.

From all at the HPFA



# PLATINUM AWARD WINNERS THIS TERM

## YEAR 7

Darcy	Smethurst
Emilia	Huetson Varnava
Ina	Varbanova
Elize	Savva-Faruk
Sadie	Baker
Sam	Alimohammadi
Ava	Theodorou
George	Baker
James	Cooper-Dobson
Raina	Rrodhe
Nathan	Mazele
Filip	Palkowski
Sophia	Panayi
Mir Zahran	Ali

## YEAR 8

Jack	Nagioff
Georgia	Georgiou
Liam	O'Connor
Ivan	Markovets
Sumiya	Mohamed
Caiden	Paterson-Mckenzie
Luke	Smith
Raphael	Ponnou
Dayal	Matharu
Tailizandra	Blana
Skye	Creary
Jack	Trautner
Evie	Whitbread
Nataniel	De Almeida
Mason	Newton

## YEAR 9

Zac	Maclean
Isaac	Mooney
Lana	Rushton
Elisa	Cattarossi
Benjamin	Gormley
Elaine	Ho
Athanasios	Aristidou
Ayla	Okanay
Yashraj	Singh
Lilla	Kulek
Metehan	Yardim
Tuana	Koc
Jakub	Warnawski
Caitlin	Morgan

## YEAR 10

Alessandro	Georgiou
Selina	Yardim
Zack	Williams
Maya	Houldsworth
Zachary	Sferrazza
Mason	Eldridge
Mar-Valisha	McGhan
Chloe	Lewis
Jonathan	Cooper-Dobson
Beirhan	Guven
Darshan	Yogarajah
Christopher	Chrysafi
Katie	Brookman
Alexandros	Savva

## YEAR 11

Las	Bisary
Sam	Ross
Mohamed	Massfih
Rhiannon	Prenter
Archie	Perkins
Francesca	Bocchetti
Benjamin	Turner
Tzortzinos	Tsotsi
Geraldine	Bustamante-Parra
Sapphira	Kyriacou
Alexia	Kyriakou
Ava	Bergonzi
Eleanor	Dagger
Zephaniah	St Hilaire
Andrianna	Stavrou

## YEAR 12

Natasha	Nicholas
Georgia	Nicolaou
Stephanie	Nyarkoah
Saskya	Omani
Mary	Koumouris
Lida	Alimohammadi
Alara	Yarkan
Ayse	Altinay
Andrew	Anastasiou
Paolo	Saturnino
Elvana	Gashi

## YEAR 13

Elena	Sitanari
Demi	Charalambous
Andreana	Avraam
Nicole	Mills
Molly	Lewis
Anaya	Allen-Adelu
Alexandra	Tsialis
Krishi	Malde
Onur	Ince
Ben	Thomas
Lydia	Alexandrou



Congratulations to the following students for their commitment in attending the Careers Development Programme after school and successfully completing the BeReady accredited Employability Skills training. Key topics included communication, confidence, resilience, leadership, personal branding and business etiquette. Well Done!

**Emil Skogen 7OSM**

**Elisabeth Castells 9RKM**

**Rain Kurt 9RKM**

**Rhys Willis 8WEC**

**Daisy Webb 9WMT**

**Batuhan Duran 8OSA**

**Lola Matthews 9WMT**

**CONGRATS**

# FESTIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BTEC Business Winter Wonderland Success!

Well done to the Year 12 BTEC Business students who successfully raised a total of **£441.63** for Starlight Children's Foundation and even managed to sell out in two hours of opening!



## CHRISTMAS DINNER THANKS

With many thanks to the Chartwells catering team who worked so hard to prepare such a lovely Christmas dinner on Tuesday for the students and staff.

Marva and the team wish you all a very Merry Christmas



# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

## In2scienceUK Virtual Open Days

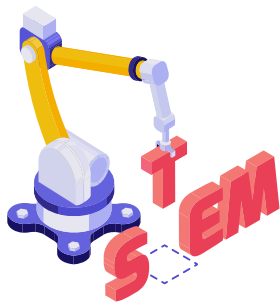
iN2 Science UK have created Virtual Open Days to present their programme to schools and students. They offer many options for dates and timings throughout the year and students and schools can sign up for their preferred time by accessing the Eventbrite page from clicking [HERE](#). Their next presentation is on 15th December from 12:30 - 13:15!

For some of you, the above Eventbrite dates may not be convenient, so they've made a couple of short video presentations.

The short presentation (roughly 1 minute) can be found [HERE](#).

A longer full presentation (roughly 15 minutes) can be found [HERE](#).

**Note:** If you have issues playing youtube videos in your school, please let us know and we will be happy to send the video directly to you.



## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY NEEDS YOUR HELP

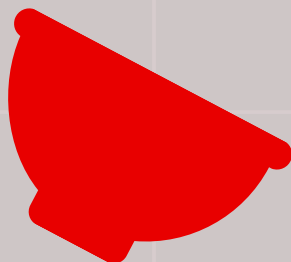
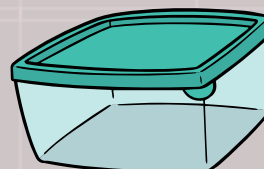
In January we will be doing an upcycling birdhouse project with year 8 in design and technology lessons. We would really appreciate any of the following to support us in this creative venture. Please collect as many as you can over the festive season and drop off to the lower design and technology office in the new year.

- Plastic takeaway containers
- plastic bottles- condiments of any brand
- ready meal bowls eg Wagamamas, microwave meals.

Merry Christmas.

**Mrs A Jeynes**

**Head of Design and Technology**





# NOTICES

REMEMBER!



## Flu Immunisations

Flu Immunisations Catch up session will be held on Jan 12th for all the students who were unable to attend in November

## Singing Club

Ms Sahraoui will be running singing classes from January in MFL department on Mondays.



**JULIAN CAMPBELL FOUNDATION JOINS ENFIELD**

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOOD PROGRAM**

\* FREE DRAMA WORKSHOPS \*  
LIMITED SPACES!

PLEASE BOOK ON OUR WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.JULIANCAMPBELLFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.JULIANCAMPBELLFOUNDATION.ORG)

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th December  
10am - 2pm @ Woodpecker Hall Academy, Edmonton, N9 8DR

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st December  
10am - 2pm @ Kingsmead School, Enfield EN1 1YQ

This programme is only available for families in receipt of benefits related free School Meals in the Enfield Borough

For more information please email [info@juliancampbellfoundation.org](mailto:info@juliancampbellfoundation.org)



## 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-19 update

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

3 x year 7      5 x year 11  
7 x year 8      5 x year 12  
6 x year 9      6 members of staff  
6 x year 10

Please continue to ensure students test twice weekly from home. Masks must be worn in communal areas.

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](mailto:postbox@highlearn.uk).



# NOTICES



REMEMBER!

## Behaviour update

As Christmas approaches, we would like to say thank you and well done to the students for their exemplary behaviour in school and their fantastic attitudes to learning. It has been a great term, and we are proud of everything our students have achieved. Our behaviour policy is at the core of everything we do at Highlands, not only has it contributed to excellent behaviour in lessons and uninterrupted learning, it offers the opportunity for praise and reward. This term our students have been rewarded with thousands of achievement points for a variety of reasons from excellent attitudes to learning, to acts of kindness. We look forward to seeing students' continued success next term.

**Please could we also take this opportunity to remind students of the following:**

**Lanyards** - students are expected to wear lanyards at all times, if a new lanyard is required they are available to purchase via Parentpay and may be collected from the school office.

**Blazers**- please ensure your child is wearing their blazers to school. Students are required to wear blazers in and around the school building.

**Equipment** - please ensure that your child returns to school in January fully equipped with:

- **planner**
- **mini whiteboard and whiteboard pen**
- **a full pencil case (black/ blue/ green pens, pencil, ruler, rubber, glue stick, math set).**

**Please let your child's head of year know if support is required purchasing equipment items.**

**Arrival time at school** - a gentle reminder that students are expected to arrive on site by 8:30am (gates open at 8:20). Students are late if they arrive after 8:35.

**PE kit** - students should continue to wear PE kit on days they are timetabled for a PE practical. Please ensure that your child is wearing a full PE kit.

Thank you for your continued support of the school's behaviour policy.



## Extra curricular Clubs

As a school we are delighted to offer a range of extra curricular clubs to give our students additional opportunities to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. Consequently, if your child would like to attend these extra curricular clubs we must receive parental/carer consent. These extra curricular clubs take place at the end of the school day.

Without your consent, your child will not be able to attend an extra curricular club. Should you wish to change the consent for your child for an extra curricular club then please inform the teacher of that club.

**Please note that a parental consent form must be filled out each half term in order for your child to attend an extracurricular club. This means if you have previously filled out a consent form for last term and your child wishes to join the same (or a new) club next term, then you must fill in a new consent form.**

Pupils should come to school in their school uniform unless they have PE on the day they also have an extra curricular club. The changing rooms will be opened at the end of the school day to allow pupils to change from their school uniform into their PE kit, should they need to use them.

Year 7 ed'extra is treated separately from the rest of the extracurricular timetable.

The deadline to sign your child up for an extracurricular club is Friday 7th January, 3pm. Clubs are based on a first come first serve basis except for clubs where the teacher may invite specific pupils. Email confirmation of your child's place at a club will be sent out as soon as possible after Friday 7th January.

Below is the timetable of the extra curricular clubs on offer from Tuesday 4th January to Friday 11th February.

Yours faithfully,  
**PE Department**

MONDAY					
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue	Maximum Capacity
Girls Football	9-11	Mrs Walters / Mrs Hutchinson	3:15 - 4:15	Sports Hall	30
Debating Club	7-13	Mr Islam	3:15 - 4:15	H6	30
Art Attack	7-8	Mrs Yiangou	3:15 - 4:15	A6	15
GCSE Art Catch Up	10-11	Mrs Chrysostomou / Mrs McCalmont	3:15 - 4:15	A7	25
Music (GCSE support sessions)	<i>Invite only</i>	Mrs Miller	3:15 - 4:15	MM5	
Music (Vocals and Instrumental)	<i>By request</i>	Ms Maple	3:15 - 4:15	Practice Rooms	

THURSDAY					
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue	Maximum Capacity
Table Tennis	7-11	Mr Johnson	3:15 - 4:15	Sports Hall	30
Trampoline	<i>(GCSE PE invite only)</i>	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
GCSE Art Catch Up	10-11	Mrs Chrysostomou / Mrs McCalmont	3:15 - 4:15	A7	25
Christian Faith Club	7-13	Miss Chinnery	3:15 - 4:30	H3	Unlimited

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FRIDAY					
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue	Maximum Capacity
Basketball (Girls)	7-10	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)	<i>(Invite only)</i>	Mr Hawkins	3:15 - 4:15	Music Corridor	20



Safer Schools team

Enfield and Haringey Schools Policing

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://childline.org.uk) or report crime anonymously via the Fearless website. [Fearless.org](http://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](mailto:NAMailbox-SaferSchoolsNorth@met.police.uk) (for schools situated in Enfield.)

[NAmailbox-SaferSchoolsSouth@met.police.uk](mailto: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					
Music (GCSE support sessions)	<u>Invite only</u>	Mrs Miller	3:15 - 4:15	MM5	
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 &amp; 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' Old	2:20 - 3:20	Canopy Field
Rugby	7	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

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# 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](mailto: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

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Support service for  
students  
wellbeing  
([www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com))

Multi Agency  
Safeguarding Hub:  
0300 500 80 90

Switchboard  
LGBT+ helpline  
0300 330  
0630

NSPCC

Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Barnardos

Contact: 0800 008  
7005