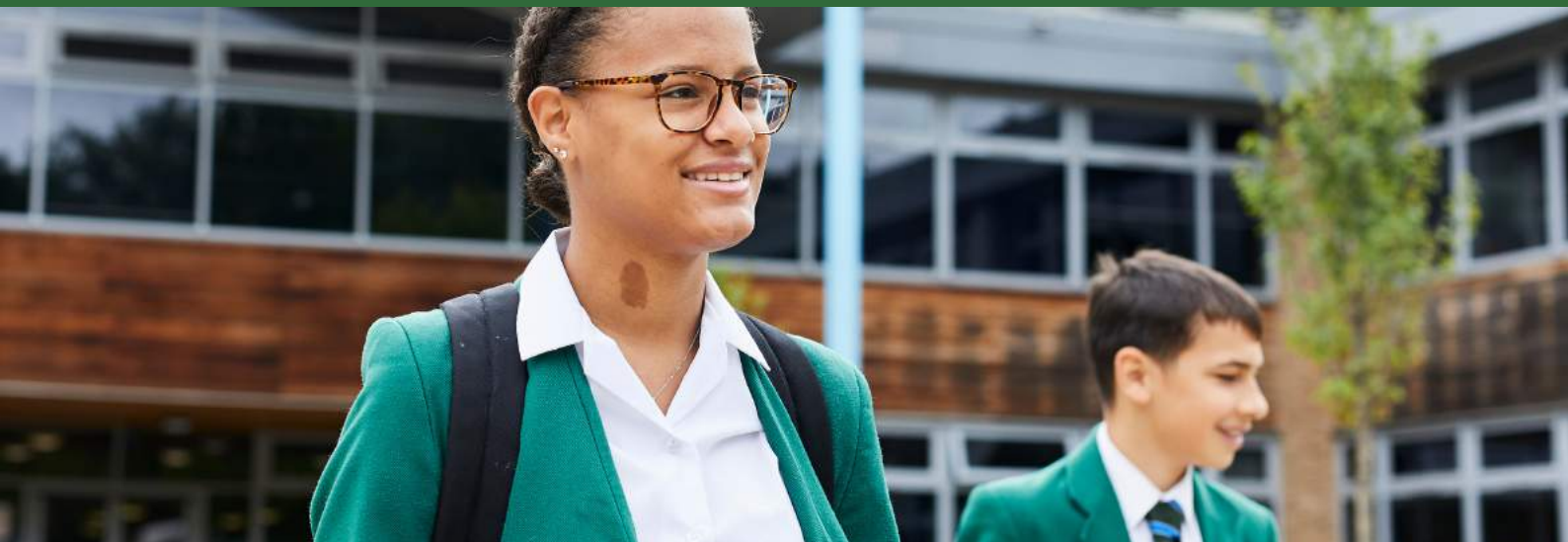




# Highlands School News



19th November 2021



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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week we held our Highlands School Sixth Form open evening. The evening was well attended and we were pleased to welcome our year 11 students and families from Highlands and, also, the many students who joined us from other schools in Enfield and schools in Barnet. I want to thank the sixth form team for arranging the event and thank the sixth formers who acted as tour guides and spoke to our guests about their experiences at Highlands.

On Thursday 18th November I held short assemblies with each year group at school to discuss how we can keep our school community a happy and positive one. I reminded students about expectations around respecting the school environment and being kind to each other. I also reminded students of our expectations around uniform and makeup (our uniform, equipment and makeup expectations can be viewed on our website [here](#)). I also discussed lateness to lessons with students. This year, as we had changed the timings of the school day, we took a flexible approach to students arriving late to lessons after break and lunch. This was to allow students to familiarise themselves with the new timings of the school day. Now that we are nine weeks into the academic year we do expect students to be in their lessons on time. From Monday 22nd November we will set detentions for students late to lessons after break and lunch. Please remind your children to be on time for lessons. Prevention is much better than sanction and, for that reason, we have also been reminding students about our expectations this week.

If you did not get a chance to view the DARE days video last week, please have a look this week, the link to it is [here](#).

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

**Mr McInerney**  
**Headteacher**

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

- 
- Havin Uludag - Year 7
  - Philip Palkowski - Year 7
  - Raina Rhode - Year 7
  - Lila Nudds - Year 7
  - Brij Mahtani- Year 8
  - Jack Nagioff - Year 8
  - Rachael Ponnou - Year 8
  - Elisa Cattarossi - Year 9
  - Souleyman Tunc - Year 9
  - Athanasios Aristidou - Year 9
  - Chloe Lewis - Year 10
  - Poppy Pountain - Year 10
  - Maya Houldsworth - Year 10
  - Alexia Kyriacou - Year 11
  - Sam Ross - Year 11

- Andrianna Stavrou - Year 11
- Natasha Nicholas - Year 12
- Georgia Nicalaou - Year 12
- Serena Pia - Year 12
- Mary Koumouris - Year 12
- Elena Sitanari - Year 13
- Krishi Malde - Year 13



PSHE AND ASSEMBLIES

What are students studying next week?  
The table below outlines what each year group will study in PSHE next week.



PSHE lessons w/b 22nd November 2021

Year 7	Personal health and hygiene
Year 8	Health and mental health introduction
Year 9	Positive body image
Year 10	Dependency and addiction
Year 11	Growth mindset
Year 12	Relationships and sex education
Year 13	Credit cards, debit cards and loans

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

The assembly focus for the week beginning Monday 22nd November is ‘special educational needs awareness’.

Bookmark Competition - Winners Announced!

After much deliberation, we would like to say thank you for all of the entrees to the annual bookmark competition and, after much deliberation, we have selected, not one but **two** winners!

The front will be the design by Franceska Koci 7RTC and the back by Penny Jones 7BNA.

Well done! They will be distributed as soon as they are printed.

Mrs Selim and Mrs Mehmet



Front:



Back:





# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

## Year 10 basketball

On Thursday 11th November, the year 10 basketball team travelled to AIM School for their first ever game together as a team. With some fantastic play and excellent shooting, Highlands were victorious, winning 32-17. The player of the day was Max G

The team's next game is on Tuesday 16th at Highlands v Broomfield.

Well done to all the pupils who represented the school.

Mr Avann



## Year 10 basketball

On Tuesday 16th November, the year 10 basketball team hosted a league game against Broomfield School. Off the back of a win against AIM School, Highlands were in a joyful mood and excited for the fixture. This enthusiasm shone through in their performance, totalling up a huge 60 points in a 60-9 win.

The next game is away to Southgate school in a few weeks time and the team hope to continue with their impressive form.

The player of the match was Kade H.

Well done to everyone who represented the school.

Mr Avann

## SCHOLASTIC CHRISTMAS BOOK CLUB



Is your son/daughter ready to go on their next reading adventure? The Scholastic Book Club is here to help you find your next greatest reads at amazing value, from classics to book packs, for everyone to enjoy.

Our new Scholastic Christmas Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/highlands-secondary/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by December 3rd, 2021.

Parents be advised that books ordered online will be delivered to Highlands School Library and distributed to students.



# REMEMBRANCE DAY

YEAR 7 ART

Each year we ask our year 7 students to produce a poppy for Remembrance Day.

As you can see from these photographs, students have produced some wonderful and very creative pieces using a variety of materials. Well done year 7!

This work is displayed in the Art corridor if students and teachers would like to come and view them up close.

Art Department





# REMINDERS

REMEMBER!

## Flu vaccinations

The Children's Immunisation Team will be at Highland's School for flu vaccinations on Friday 6th November. The vaccine will be administered as a nasal spray and has been extended to all pupils from Year 7 – 11. We would be grateful if you could complete the [e-consent form](#) by Wednesday 24th November.

If you prefer your child not to be vaccinated, please complete the 'no consent' section and we will no longer contact you for consent. Click [here](#) for more information.



## 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



## 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 had 4 positive cases of covid - 2 x year 7 and 2 x year 11.

Please note we will be distributing more home tests next week to students, however if you run out you can always collect a pack of home tests from some shops, e.g. Boots, or you can collect from one of the Enfield libraries.

Alternatively you can order them yourself to be delivered to your home using [this link](#).

Please can your register all results [here](#) but you only need to report positive results to the school via the postbox email [postbox@highlearn.uk](mailto:postbox@highlearn.uk)



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 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](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		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 &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'	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](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

**kooth**

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