



Highlands School News



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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week at Highlands School we held mid year assessments for students in years 7 and 8. These assessments are part of our new assessment and reporting strategy that we launched this year. Each year group will have a set of mid year assessments and end of year assessments. The mid year assessments are followed by parent and carer evenings, which we hold online. For example, our year 13 students had their assessments in the week commencing 8th November and have their parent and carer information evening on Wednesday 8th December. The year 7 and 8 parent and carer evenings will be held after Christmas, once the assessments have been marked and moderated. Our year 7 and 8 students conducted themselves excellently throughout the first week of the assessment window, and we want to thank students and families in advance for their support making the second week of assessments (next week) equally successful.

Next Friday, 8th December, at 7:00pm we are holding our Winter Variety Show at Highlands. We invite all members of the school community to attend. Tickets are available on ParentPay and cost £5. Children under five can attend for free. Please come along and support the performing arts at Highlands.

Have a great weekend,

Mr McNerney
Headteacher

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Penelope Jones
Hugh Murphy
Ava Theodorou

YEAR 8

Eva Chrysostomou
Jack Nagioff
Elizabeth Crutchley

YEAR 9

Elisa Cattarossi
Caitlin Morgan
Lana Rushton

YEAR 10

Ishtiyaq Ali
Chloe Lewis
Selina Yardim
Melisa Ince

YEAR 11

Mohamed Massfih
Sam Ross
Archie Perkins
Amelia Seibutyte
Zoe Kyriacou

YEAR 12

Stephanie Nyarkoah
Constantina Michael

YEAR 13

Ben Thomas
Marco Goumal



PSHE AND ASSEMBLIES

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What are students studying next week?

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

PSHE lessons w/b 29th November 2021



Year 7	Healthy sleep
Year 8	Mental health: body image
Year 9	Self-esteem and the media: part one
Year 10	Help with drugs and addiction
Year 11	Revision and study skills
Year 12	Writing a personal statement
Year 13	Financial planning: Mortgages

Assemblies

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

The assembly focus for the week beginning Monday 29th November is on 'World AIDS Day'.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

Jakub Rejniak-Warnawska from class 9OSD has successfully passed his Taekwondo exam and gained his red belt. He worked extremely hard for 4 -5 days a week and completed the 2 hour exam exceptionally well. We are so happy for him and look forward to hearing when he achieves his black belt.

CONGRATULATIONS



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

High Achievers' Evening

On the **11th November 2021**, seven of Highlands highest achieving GCSE students received an award from the Mayor of Enfield for their fantastic results. Students were also able to take part in workshops from selective universities. We are extremely proud of these students and what they achieved given the difficulties they have faced. Well done to Hannah Griffith, Sanjana Persand, Dino Achillea, Nicholas Andreou, Alan Petritaj, Nagham Hassan and Ella Joseph.

GIRLS BASKETBALL CLUB (YEARS 10 AND 11 ONLY)

There is a Basketball club run every Friday at 3:15 - 4:15. The club is run by Ms. Casimir-West and all abilities are welcome. This is a great opportunity to represent Highlands School in tournaments against other schools.



STEM OPPORTUNITIES

MATHS

BBC STEM PRESENTS - MATHS SEASON 2021

This winter the BBC will be hosting a series of online events for young people to take a closer look at careers that focus on mathematics at the BBC and within the wider broadcast sector. The purpose of the sessions are to help students to make the connection between Mathematics in further and higher education (A-Level, Degree or Graduate level) and the many Maths related career possibilities within the broadcast sector.

There are two areas covered: Finance & Data

Between **6 - 10th December 2021** BBC STEM will be hosting a **series of workshops, masterclasses** and taking a closer look at the connection between Finance & Data.

The sessions will be hosted on the Zoom video conferencing platform and will be exclusively available to a limited number of colleges working with 16-18 yr olds across the UK.

Via the **STEM Ambassador Hub London** we have places available for **four London Colleges** to participate with four students from each aged 16 - 18.

For more information click the links below. If you feel your school can participate, then register your school by clicking [HERE](#).

To view BBC Finance click [HERE](#).

To view BBC Data workshops click [HERE](#).



FESTIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE THE
HOLIDAY SEASON WITH US!

*Highlands
School's*

Winter Variety Show

As a thank you to round off
the year, we will be bringing
the songs, the drama, and the
dances to you!

DECEMBER 3RD, 2021 | 7 PM
TICKETS £5 (NO CONCESSIONS)
KIDS UNDER 5 FREE
AVAILABLE VIA PARENTPAY



Highlands Parents and Friends Association

FESTIVE RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED!

We urgently need donations for the
upcoming festive raffle.

All money raised by the raffle will directly benefit
Highlands pupils.

Donations could include non perishable food,
alcohol or festive hampers, retail or restaurant
vouchers, free classes, activities or lessons,
monetary gifts etc.

Can you help?

To donate, please contact us ASAP at:
HPFA.eventtickets@gmail.com



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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



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 20 positive cases of covid - 5 x year 8, 3 x year 9, 1 x year 10, 1 x year 11, 3 x year 12 and 7 x year 13.

Please note this week we have distributed more home tests to students so they should all have brought them home. If your child was absent 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. Please can your 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](https://www.childline.org.uk) or report crime anonymously via the Fearless website. [Fearless.org](https://www.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 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 & 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 Grammarians RFC	2:20 - 3:20	Canopy Field
Rugby	7	First Goal Football	2:20 - 3:20	Sports Hall
Basketball	7	England Netball	2:20 - 3:20	Playground
Netball	7	Worlds End Productions London	2:20 - 3:20	Dance Studio
Street dance	7	Worlds End Productions London	2:20 - 3:20	Drama Studio
Drama	7	Worlds End Productions London	2:20 - 3:20	M2
Film making	7	Worlds End Productions London	2:20 - 3:20	DT7
Technology club	7	Ms Bull	2:20 - 3:20	T6
Cooking	7	Mrs Stevens / Mrs Rossi	2:20 - 3:20	T4
Textiles	7	Ms O'Connell	2:20 - 3:20	E6
Girls'2World	7	Ms Charles	2:20 - 3:20	

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

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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