



Highlands School News



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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Black History Month Conference

On Monday this week the school held a special conference during period 5 and after school to celebrate Black History Month. The focus on the event was on the creative arts. A range of speakers took questions from the students who attended and shared their experiences of becoming successful Black professionals in TV, film, the news media, music and dance. Over three hundred students attended and many stayed after school to ask further questions and talk more with the guests. Many thanks to Ms Wilton, Ms Michaelides and Amani Simpson, one of our governors, for organising the event.

#HelloYellow 2021

Today was #HelloYellow 2021 at Highlands. Students were invited to pay £2 and wear yellow to raise money for Young Minds, a charity that fights for young people's mental health. Hundreds of students participated and there were some very creative outfits; you can see some of the students who participated in the image at the top of today's newsletter.

DARE Days October 2021

Today we are delighted to share details of the first ever DARE Days at Highlands School. At Highlands we are committed to providing students with an exceptional standard of education. Part of that education is the learning that takes place in lessons, but part of that education is also the experiences that take place outside the classroom.

As I explained in the parent and carer information evenings in September, this year we are launching a programme of whole school trips and activities designed to enhance and enrich the experiences our students have at Highlands.

These days are called DARE days and the first two will take place on 21st and 22nd October.

What are DARE days?

DARE days will take place four times a year, two in October and two in June. All lessons and teaching will be suspended and all students and staff will take part in trips or enrichment activities. These activities have been chosen carefully to support the learning in curriculum areas or to support the development of character, teamwork and confidence. We also want them to be fun! All of them will allow our students to demonstrate the values that underpin all our work: determination, aspiration, respect and equality.

What activities will my child do?

In the table below are the activities that we will run this October. There will be a different set of activities in June. Over the course of seven years from year 7-13, students will take part in 28 days of memorable and exciting activities. COVID-19 means that this October the activities will all be based in London and the south of England. From June we plan to add international visits to the programme of events.

Will all students take part in these activities?

Yes. These activities are carefully chosen and are part of our school curriculum. All students will participate and we will provide financial support so no child cannot participate. We will make sure all students with SEN can participate. We are an inclusive school and everyone from students in year 7 to the headteacher will be involved in the trips.

Are all the activities off site?

At key stage three half the year group will normally be on site on the first day whilst the other half go on a trip. On the second day this reverses and students who have been on site go on the trip and students on the trip stay at school for activities. In older year groups there is more likely to be a focus on careers and guidance or UCAS, although some trips will still run.

Is there a cost?

Yes, but we aim to keep costs to a minimum. This is why, typically, one of the two days will be spent on site. Today, we are writing to parents and carers with specific details of the trips their child will be going on and with details of how financial support can be provided by the school if required. These communications will also include details of uniform requirements, and how to give consent and pay are being sent to families today.

Activities for DARE days October 2021.

Students will take part in the two activities below over Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October 2021

Year 7	Herts Young Mariners Team building	Off site	Dance challenge day Dance	On site
Year 8	St Albans Geography	Off site	Technology challenge day Technology	On site
Year 9	Woburn Safari Park Science	Off site	Bletchley Park and museum Computing	Off site
Year 10	Altitude activity day Teambuilding	Off site	Bright Futures - Employability workshops Careers	On site

Year 11	Stubbers Adventure Centre Teambuilding	Off site	Globe Theatre workshops - English	On site
Year 12	City of London culture exploration	Off site	Bright Futures - Leadership & vision workshops	On site
Year 13	University applications	On site	Preparing for life after sixth form	On site

Mr McInerney
Headteacher

Early closure and late start for open evening

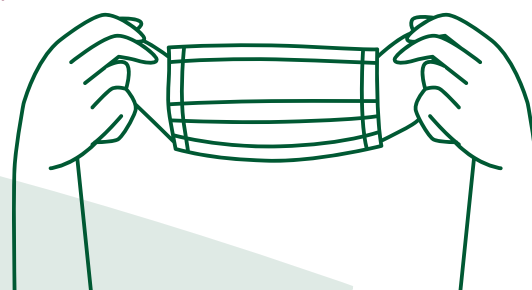
Staff and students will be working hard to ready the building for open evening and will be staying late to clear up afterwards. For these reasons please note the following arrangements:

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.

COVID UPDATE

This week we have had 5 students and 1 member of staff test positive. We wish them all a speedy recovery. Please continue with testing at home - our test kits will be issued to students in school next week.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

- Joseph Smyth - Year 7
- Mira Cosgun - Year 7
- Nathan Mazele - Year 7
- George Robinson - Year 7
- Florence Wynter - Year 8
- Jack Trautner - Year 8
- Elisa Cattarossi - Year 9
- Ioannis Tamattiris - Year 9
- Ella Mohan - Year 9
- Emma Dowle - Year 10
- Melisa Ince - Year 10
- Beirhan Guven - Year 10



- Sapphira Kyriacou - Year 11
- Rebecca Herath - Year 11
- Natasha Nicholas - Year 12
- Alara Yarkan - Year 12
- Daisy Heath - Year 12
- Xhastin Vreto - Year 12
- Paul McGrath - Year 13
- Adeel Kashmiri - Year 13
- Blesen Boateng - Year 13
- Julian Zelli - 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 11 October 2021

Year 7	Personal safety and the emergency services
Year 8	Addiction and managing influences
Year 9	Drugs exploitation
Year 10	Stress management
Year 11	Writing a CV/ covering letter
Year 12	Employability skills
Year 13	Aspirations and goals

Assemblies

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

The assembly focus for the week beginning Monday 11th October is on 'hearing impaired awareness'.



YEAR 7 BOOKMARK COMPETITION



Bookmark competition

The Library and English department are launching a bookmark competition for all Year 7 students, please keep a look out during your English lessons. The winning bookmark will be printed and distributed to all students for the remainder of this academic year.

Once you have completed your design, hand it in to your English teacher, deadline is Monday 18th October.

[Click here](#) for your design template.

Good luck!



Last year's winner

STEM opportunities

Dear students and parents,

The Get Into Medicine conferences are a fantastic turning point for many aspiring medical students, where you will learn about different medical careers and more in-depth knowledge of the UCAS application process. It will unlock opportunities to enhance your CV and help you to meet a variety of doctors who volunteer their time to support you on this journey into Medical School.

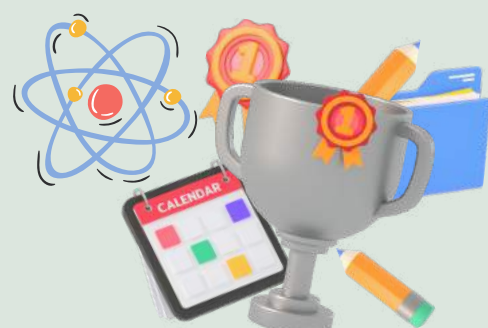
You can register online, for FREE using the coupon: teacher21 at this link:
<https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

You can meet Dr Olivia Coldicutt, President of Medic Mentor at one of our Get into Medicine Conferences, as well as many other doctors,.

Do not miss out on this incredible opportunity to become part of the Medic Mentor Family, a non-profit national medical organisation, and join thousands of successful students by participating on any of the upcoming dates below:

9th October
24th October
30th October

Your Chief Mentors look forward to meeting you there!



PE

Rugby.

A massive congratulations to Jimmy Mansfield who has been offered a place on the DPP rugby programme for the London Irish RFC!

Well done Jimmy, this is a massive achievement. The PE department is extremely proud of you.



Year 8 football

On Tuesday 5th October, the Year 8 football team travelled to Southgate School to take part in a mini-tournament against Southgate and Winchmore.

Highlands produced some fantastic football and this resulted in one of the Highlands teams winning one game and drawing their second game.

The other Highlands team drew both of their games. Overall, there were plenty of positives and some areas to improve on before our next game. The goalscorers were; Jack x1, Mathis x2, Alfie x1, Shaquel x1 and Luca x2.

Well done, Mr Avann.



Year 10 football

Year 10 played Southgate on Monday 4th October. The team was unfortunate to lose 2-1 with opportunities that could have got them a draw. Goal J Tucker, MOM Karan Singh.



Senior Boys Football v Southgate

Well done to the Senior Boys who had a Friendly fixture v Southgate School!

The score was 6-1 to Highlands with MOM James Baxter.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Zero waste refill offer

In a bid to keep prices down whilst ensuring students arrive with ingredients, Refill @ The Grange are offering parents of Highland students a 20% discount if they are buying ingredients for food practical lessons.

Just pop along to the shop with your containers, fill up with exactly the amount needed and mention that you're buying for Highlands food lessons!

An unmissable offer!

REFILL
@THE GRANGE



MUSIC



Music department notice

As Music lessons are in full swing, we would strongly like to encourage students to keep up on their instrumental and vocal practicing.

Students have received their music passes to be relieved from lessons to attend EMS lessons. Not all students were in or have received passes, so can students come to the Music office MM01 in the Music corridor to speak to Mrs Maple.

Individual = 11 x weekly Individual 20 or 30 minute lessons
 Paired = 11 x weekly 30 minute lessons for 2 pupils together
 Group = 11 x weekly lessons of 2 pupils together for 20 minutes or 3 pupils for 30 minutes

Music Extracurricular is being phased in this week with Guitar groups, Samba and Orchestra. Any students that have a grade 1 and above and play an orchestral instrument can attend Orchestra after school on Friday 3.15 - 4pm. Also Rockchoir will be starting this Thursday with an amazing number from Erasure.

Please encourage our students to stay committed to the groups they have decided to join so we can continue to run these free activities.

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

BRINGING MUSIC TO THE MASSES ONE NOTE AT A TIME

FRIDAYS
MM5 - 3.15 - 4PM
MR BRUNORI

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL
 WHO PLAY AN ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT
 GRADE 1 AND ABOVE

TURN UP OR CONFIRM YOUR PLACE
 VIA MAPLED@HIGHLARN.UK

Highlands School

SAMBA GROUP

Tuesday's 3.15 - 4pm
MM5 - Mr Johnson

Open to all
 wanting to beat to a whole new drum

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

LIBRARY NEWS

In collaboration with the English faculty, the library, organised for an online 'meet the author' event with Femi Faduba on Thursday 30th September.

This was an exciting event for our students to attend and they were completely enthralled by Faduba's motivation behind his story.

Well done to all students involved and particularly, the mature and insightful questions that were prepared.



Ordering signed books

Copies of books with signed bookplates can be purchased from H & H Spalding Books via the following order link.

<https://spaldingbooks.square.site/>

The discounted price per copy is £8.99 including postage and packing. The book will be posted to the purchaser as quickly as possible.

The Upper World is a book about a character called Esso who is running out of time and into trouble. After he is accidentally caught up in a gang war, he is haunted by a vision of a bullet fired in an alleyway with devastating consequences.

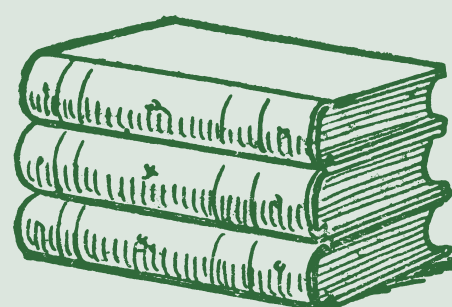
A generation later, fifteen-year-old football prodigy Rhia is desperately searching for

answers—and a catastrophic moment from the past holds the key to understanding the

Parents she never got to meet.

Whether on the roads of South London or in the mysterious Upper World, Esso and Rhia's fates must collide.

And when they do, a race against the clock will become a race against time itself.



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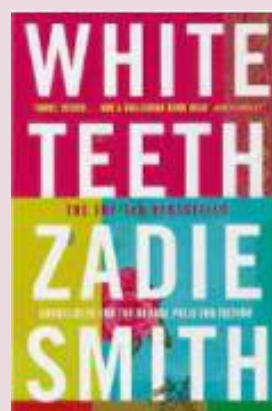
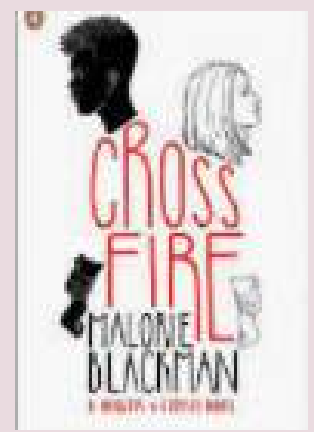
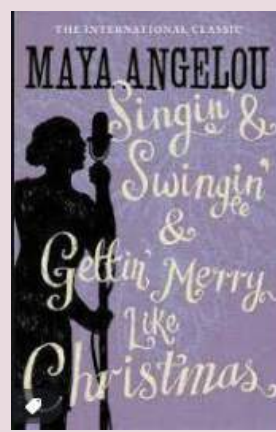
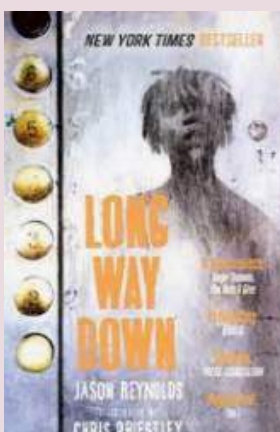
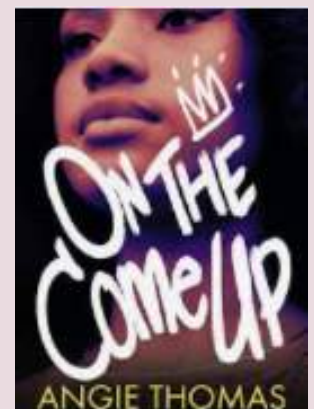
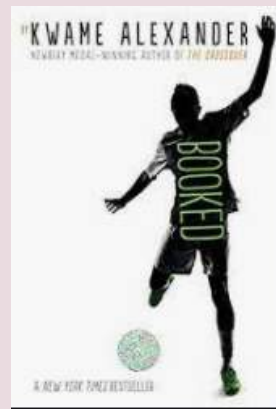
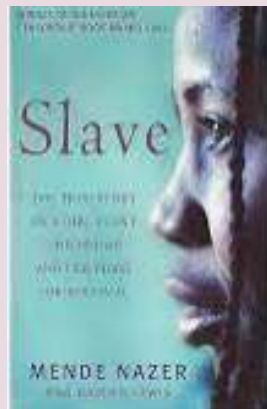
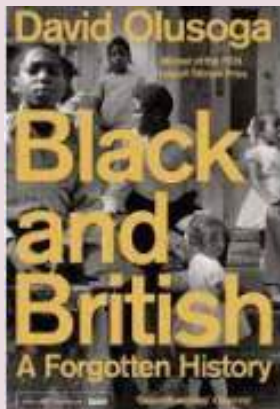
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READS

**SOME RECOMMENDED READS FROM THE
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AND LIBRARY**



ED-EXTRA TIMETABLE

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

MONDAY				
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 Jutla	3:15 - 4:15	L8
GCSE Art Coursework	9-11	Ms McCalmont/ Ms Chrysostomou	3:15 - 4:45	A7

TUESDAY				
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

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
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

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

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

FRIDAY				
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.

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



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