



Highlands School Newsletter

18 March 2022

Today we held a non uniform day to raise money for the victims of the war in Ukraine. I am delighted to announce that we raised over £1,870. The year 7 students also made a colour mosaic outside school this morning, which you can see above. I was lucky enough to spend some of this morning with Polina in year 8 (below). I have met her twice now and she has been updating me on the situation that her family finds themselves in as the war spreads across Ukraine. She told me of the bravery of those affected by the war and of her family members who have had to leave Ukraine and are making their way into other European countries.

This week on Tuesday I attended the music and dance GCSE recital evening. It was a wonderful event and I wanted to thank all of the students and staff who attended, and particularly Ms Brown, Ms Miller and Mr Martin.

I would like parents and carers to remind students that their behaviour coming to and from school, particularly on public transport, is something we take very seriously and we have very high standards and expectations around this. I have had to issue fixed term exclusions to two students this week, one for being rude to a member of the public and one for stealing from Sainsbury's. Please remind students that they are subject to our behaviour policy at all times and that we always follow up when incidents of poor behaviour are reported to us. If you see poor behaviour from Highlands students in the community, please report it to school.

I would like to remind parents and carers of students in year 10 that it is parents' evening next week, Wednesday 23rd March, from 4-7pm. The event will be held remotely.

Have a great weekend,

Mr McInerney, Headteacher.



Highlands Parents and Friends Association (HPFA)

Please [click here](#) to view details of the HPFA Easter raffle - they would very much appreciate any contributions / donations of gifts for the raffle. [Click here](#) for full details of how to order your raffle tickets. Please support this fundraising organised by the Highlands Parents and Friends Association.

Careers

Last week we successfully launched our very own Highlands' Careers (CEIAG) site as part of National Careers Week. Students from all year groups took part in the daily online activities from making plans and setting SMART goals, learning how different subjects can link to certain careers, attending virtual careers fairs and short worksight activities. We would like to congratulate all the students that participated, and congratulations to Mackenzie Wright 7OSM, Tailizandra Blana 8RRS, Christina Hajilambi 7WAJ, for being the Career Champions and a big thank you in particular to START (digital careers platform) for providing careers information and tools to help students explore and plan for their future. Judging by some of the student feedback, it is clear the strong impact virtual sessions can have.

We will continually update the site with new opportunities as and when they become available, in the meantime please be reminded that there is also a section for parents and carers, on how to support your child throughout their career journey whilst in education, including the amazing [Skillsbuilder](#) homezone to build essential skills at home. We encourage you to take some time with your child to support their future planning as well as making you aware of various opportunities available for them in whichever career field they choose.

Students can access the site via the link posted on each year group Google classroom by using their [@highlearn.uk](#) email address only.

Extracurricular clubs - summer term timetable

As a school we are delighted to offer a range of extracurricular 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/carers consent. These extracurricular clubs take place at the end of the school day.

Parental consent forms have been sent out this week via email, please check your inbox and complete the consent forms to give your child permission to attend a club.

The deadline to sign your child up for an extracurricular club for after the half term break is Sunday 27th March, 6pm.

Please note that the Year 7 Edextra programme is treated separately from the rest of the extracurricular timetable. If your child is in year 7 and would like to take part in an extracurricular club on either Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday then please complete a parental consent form for the club that they would like to take part in.

Here is the timetable of extracurricular clubs for the first half of the summer term (Tuesday 19th April to Friday 27th May). Clubs are based on a first come first serve basis except for clubs where the teacher may invite specific pupils.

MONDAY					
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue	Maximum Capacity
Tennis	8-11	Mr Johnston	3:15 - 4:30	Playground	36

MFL Singing Club (Chante Avec Moi!)	7-11	Ms Sahraoui	3:15 - 3:50	L8	10
Anime/Manga Club	8-10	Ms Charles	3:15 - 4:15	E3	20
Debating Club	7-13	Mr Islam	3:30 - 4:30	H6	30
Art Attack	7-8	Mrs Yiangou	3:15 - 4:30	A6	15
GCSE Art Catch Up	10-11	Mrs Chrysostomou / Mrs McCalmont	3:15 - 4:30	A7	25
Music (GCSE support sessions)	Invite only	Mrs Miller	3:15 - 4:15	MM5	

TUESDAY					
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue	Maximum Capacity
Athletics	7-10	Mr Joseph	3:15 - 4:30	Field	32
Rounders	7-11	Ms Walters/Ms Berrill/Ms Hutchinson	3:15 - 4:30	Field	50
Lego Club	7 & 8 Invitation only	Mr Martin	3:15 - 4:30	MM15	12

THURSDAY					
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue	Maximum Capacity
GCSE PE Theory Club (for GCSE PE students sitting their exams this summer)		Mr Avann	3:15 - 4:00	PE4	30
Animation	7-9	Mr Martin	3:15 - 4:30	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 - 4:30	A7	25
Christian Faith Club	7-13	Miss Chinnery	3:15 - 4:30	H3	Unlimited

FRIDAY					
Club	Year	Staff	Time	Venue	Maximum Capacity
Basketball (Girls)	7-10	Ms Casimir-West	3:15 - 4:30	Sports Hall	25
Music (Orchestra)	Grade 1+ Orchestral instrument only	Mr Brunori	3:15 - 4:15	MM5	35

PSHE

What are students studying next week?

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

PSHE lessons w/b 21st March 2022

Year 7	Safety in online relationships
Year 8	Creating a positive online presence
Year 9	The impact of relationship breakdown
Year 10	Civil partnerships and marriages
Year 11	Different ways to start a family
Year 12	The science relating to blood donation - part 2
Year 13	Postnatal care and wellbeing

Spring discos

Following the success of our halloween discos in the autumn term, we will be hosting our spring discos soon. The dates for these are as follows.

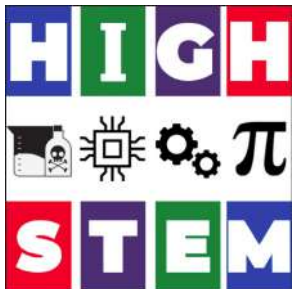
Year 9: Tuesday 29th March (5-7pm)

Year 8: Wednesday 30th March (5-7pm)

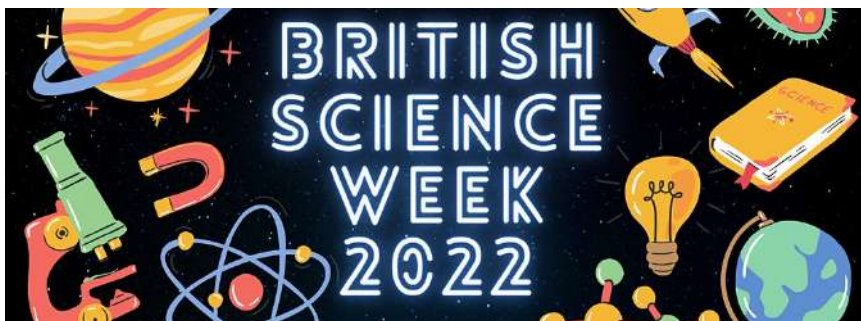
Year 7: Thursday 31st March (5-7pm)

Tickets will be available to purchase through parentpay from the week beginning 21st March.

More information will follow in a separate email.



British Science Week 2022 - Growth (11-20 March)



Highlands School celebrated British Science Week with this year's theme being 'Growth'. During assembly students explored the theme in their everyday world and especially Green Growth. We looked at a few examples of individuals who are helping to tackle climate change and global warming. Students were also introduced to our Eco Schools council members and the changes they are driving within the school to make it a more environmentally friendly school. Our year 7 Lego robotics club are also exploring designing robots, such as seed catapults to ocean bed cleaning machines that can help conserve our planet. Please find [here the assembly](#) that was delivered to our students on BSW 2022.

BSW 2022 - competition

Earth Day



This year's theme is 'Invest in Our Planet'. Please find [here information](#) on what Earth Day is all about and the topics that you can explore and address in your poster.

Send your posters by email to Dr Len (lena@highlearn.uk) by Monday 28/03 and the winner will be announced on April 22nd (Earth Day)

Winners will receive a £25 gift voucher and a tree planted in our school with your name on a plaque to show how you have Invested in our Planet.

Good luck!



In five inspirational sessions, engineers will explore different types of engineering including civil, structural, mechanical and more. Each session also includes a Q&A session to quiz the engineers. The aim is to encourage the uptake of Engineering at the highest level and instill curiosity in all.

If you or your child is interested in attending please [click here](#) to book and pay for your slot.

Dr Alice Len

STEM Leader

Online STEM mentoring opportunity - applications shut soon!

This programme offers UK based students 1:1 online, personalised mentoring where you can talk about your future study and career options. By taking part you'll be sending and receiving messages with your mentor via a secure platform to talk about things like:

- Your options – to work out the best path for you.
- How to deal with challenges and uncertainty.
- Where you can find trustworthy information and answers.

Please make sure you've read the below information before filling out this form. You can also discuss it with a parent, guardian or carer if you're unsure what it means. If you or anyone else has any questions, please email students@stem.org.uk.

HERE IS THE SIGN UP FORM -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFUDrxpQn-OsLeAJI74sTGoPIBzBPvQkAiRMkPA4FHIDPISQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Students who sign up will receive their invite emails to the platform along with associated training in March. Please check your junk/spam folders for the invite.

The mentoring programmes are as follows:

Years 12 & 13 (or equivalent S5/S6, Year 13/14 NI) start on the 4th April for 10 weeks.

Please select the mentoring session you'd like and are eligible for in the questions below.

By providing the information below, you are consenting to STEM Learning and our partner organisation - Brightside - using your information in the following ways:

- To create your account on the Brightside Mentoring Platform.

- To enable us to match you to a mentor on the Brightside Mentoring Platform.
- For anonymous evaluation, research and reporting purposes of the mentoring programme.

Your information will remain confidential and securely stored and will be used only by Brightside and STEM Learning for these purposes listed above. We'll only keep your personal data in line with our retention period; any data kept after this period will be anonymised.

To find out more you can read the full privacy policies for both STEM Learning and Brightside via the links below:

<https://www.stem.org.uk/privacy-policy>

<https://brightside.org.uk/privacy-policy/>

Dr Len

Covid update

Below are the latest positive cases of covid. Please do not send your child to school if they have any Covid symptoms or if they test positive.

	No. of cases
Year 7	2
Year 8	2
Year 9	2
Year 10	2
Year 11	3
Year 12	1
Year 13	1
Staff	5



Lost property

We have a large amount of lost property this term - this photo shows the coats that we have currently in lost property. If your child has lost their coat please ask them to come and check with the main office.

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.

Helpful numbers and websites

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC help line: 0808 800 5000

The police: (if you are in danger): 999

LGBT switchboard: 0300 330 0630

Kooth: (www.kooth.com) support service for students wellbeing

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0300 500 80 90

Barnardos: 0800 008 7005

Talk to someone:

- if you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it is not important)
- if you feel sad, anxious or unable to cope
- if someone has hurt you physically, emotionally or mentally
- if you feel worried about someone at home
- if you are being threatened or forced to do things
- if someone has done something to you without your consent
- if you feel unsafe in school, at home or on the streets
- about anything else worrying you