

Highlands School Newsletter

11 March 2022

From the Headteacher

Today the MP for Enfield Southgate, Bambos Charalambous, came to Highlands to meet with our students. He spent period one with nearly 200 year 10 citizenship students in the hall doing a question and answer session. He then met with our A level politics students. His final meeting was with our student council and the sixth form executive leadership committee. I would like to thank Mr Charalambous for taking the time to spend a whole morning with our students, they thoroughly enjoyed the visit and got a lot out of it.

Tuesday 8th March was International Women's Day. We held assemblies on this theme all week. I was pleased that we had a group of girls from years 9, 11 and 13 who volunteered to plan and lead the assemblies. It takes real courage to stand up in front of hundreds of students and lead whole school assemblies, many thanks to the students involved.



I was lucky enough to be able to watch part of the year 7 and 8 girls' football team on the school astroturf on Thursday afternoon this week. The girls were playing against Alexandra Park in the semi final of the Middlesex Cup. The game was a tight one and went to extra time before Highlands came out on top, winning 6-4 in extra time. Well done to the team and to the PE staff that coach them. Girls' football has been a strength at Highlands for years and we are glad it remains so. We look forward to the final.

Last week in the newsletter I explained that we would be raising money for those affected by the war in Ukraine. The first way we will do this is by holding a non uniform day next Friday, 18th March. It is Comic Relief on the same day so we will be raising money for both causes at the same time. Students will pay £2 to wear non uniform. We will send more details at the start of next week in a separate email to families.

Next week on Tuesday is the GCSE music recital evening - tickets are available on Parentpay or on the door - see poster below (page 7).

Finally I would like to thank families and students for working with us this week on making sure jewellery is worn in line with the school expectations. We had to confiscate very few items of jewellery this week. As we always say, prevention is much better than sanction!

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mr McInerney.

Message from Ms Laurenzi, Careers Leader



My Career, My Vision - Design your dream career and raise money for UNICEF

"If you can dream it, you can do it" (Walt Disney)

In honour of National Careers Week, InvestIN (a UK-based organisation that provides students aged 12-18 with an immersive experience of their dream career) are asking students to think creatively about their futures.

We invite all students aged 12-18 to submit an image depicting their dream career with an accompanying caption. The image can take any form - a photograph, drawing, graphic design, or anything else - as long as it has been created by the student and clearly depicts the career of their dreams. Hoping to become a doctor? Take a photo of yourself in a lab coat and stethoscope! Want to become a fashion designer? Why not stitch the words 'fashion designer' with your favourite fabrics? You can interpret the brief in any way you choose - Creativity is highly encouraged!

Furthermore:

- The school with the most entries will receive a careers presentation led by an inspirational speaker!
- For each submission, a donation will be made to UNICEF.
- Every student who enters will be invited to a live online CV writing masterclass.
- And finally, the winner will be given 12 months' membership of the AmbitionX platform, which includes access to hundreds of hours of live online career experiences.

The deadline is **Friday 8th April** and students can enter now by emailing careers@highlearn.uk for more information.

Good luck,
Mrs Laurenzi
Careers Leader



We would like to wish the following A level biologist the best of luck with the British Biology Olympiad (BBO) which is a 1.5 hour task consisting of 2 x 45 min papers that took place on Wednesday the 9th of March 2022.

Dino	Achillea
Umayyah	Ali
Emily	Bauluck
Saira	Dias Weerasinha
Cemal	Egemen
Vanshi	Gunesh
Zunara	Kaisar
Dulashi	Perera
Naomi	Rawding
Tommy	Tomanov
Daisy	Heath
Luke	Adamou
Adam	Antoniou
Ines	Britton
Amirah	Chowdhury
Orhan	Djemal
Yagmur	Durgac
Nagham	Hassan
Simon	Kowalski
Troy	Mansour
Maryam	Mohamed
Aashni	Nana
Sanjana	Persand
Claudia	Sanjurjo Pfitzmann
Daniel	Yu
Joe	Overton

The BBO challenges and stimulates students with an interest in biology to expand and extend their talents. It enables students to demonstrate their talent and to be suitably rewarded with publicly recognised certificates. Students will be presented with topics and ideas which they are not familiar with, so will compete with their problem solving skills and understanding of core principles.

The BBO is the first stage in selecting a team to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad (IBO). The IBO seeks to challenge by both theory and practical tests some of the top pre-university biology students in the world, with over sixty countries taking part.

The top-scoring students in the BBO will be invited to complete further practical and theoretical training and assessments in order to select a team to represent the UK at the IBO.

Best of luck once again!

Dr Len - STEM leader

British science week

Next week is British science week - below are some webinars students may like to attend.

Dr Len - STEM leader

Monday 14th March 16.00 to 17.00	KS3 – The Neuron Show	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/british-science-week-the-neuron-show-ages-14-tickets-271984090737?aff=odcleoeventsincollection
Tuesday 15th March 16.30 to 17.30	16+ What is Artificial Intelligence?	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/british-science-week-what-is-artificial-intelligence-ages-16-tickets-271985896137?aff=odcleoeventsincollection
Wednesday 16th March 16.00 to 17.00	16+ Quantum Computing	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/british-science-week-quantum-computing-ages-16-tickets-274649482997?aff=odcleoeventsincollection
Thursday 17th March 16.00 - 16.45 (16 - 19 yrs)	KS4/5 Journey of Sound	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/british-science-week-journey-of-a-sound-webinar-ks4-and-16-students-tickets-271118431527?aff=odcleoeventsincollection

Football results

Last week's results:

Year 11 friendly match result was Highlands 2-1 Winchmore. Well done to all, particularly goal scorers; Alex S, Alex P

Year 8 Football result (Enfield Cup - semi final): Highlands 2-3 Winchmore. Well done to all of the pupils who represented the year 8 boys' football team.

We will try to go one step further next year.

Mr Avann

Ed Extra - Summer Term

A Google form was sent out on Monday 7th March to give all parents/carers the opportunity to sign their child up to an ed-extra club for the summer term. The deadline to complete this sign up form is **Wednesday 16th March, 4pm**.

If you have not signed your child up to a club then there may be a chance that they do not receive a space at the club of their choice.

There are two new clubs for the summer term that your child may wish to try out;

Tennis club - learn how to play tennis and develop your skills.

Music Technology club - using instruments to mix, compose and edit your own music using Apple Mac software/computers.

Message from Dr Len, STEM leader

If your child is interested in a career in Medicine and they are in year 10-13 the 'Medicine in Action' Programme which is being held Thursday 30th June would be an invaluable experience. If your child is interested in attending please follow the link below to register and pay for the ticket.

https://thetrainingpartnership.org.uk/study-days/subjects/medicine/?utm_source=Master+List&utm_campaign=37dc9d94d8-Medicine+March+807%2F3%2F22+12%3A54+PM&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_22c5fbcac-37dc9d94d8-284866654

[Attached](#) is the leaflet with more information.

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 14th March 2022

Year 7	Managing online relationships
Year 8	Online peer on peer abuse and cancel culture
Year 9	Why do relationships end?
Year 10	Same sex marriage
Year 11	Readiness for parenting
Year 12	The science relating to blood donation
Year 13	Parenting

Design and Technology Department

As part of our curriculum students need to be able to analyse products as a group and independently.

How can you help?

We would appreciate any old lamps you longer need or use (they don't have to work) - the more unusual the better

- bedside lamps
- children's lamp units
- head torch

Also we are in need of any old wooden toys.



International Women's Day

Students are encouraged to enter this competition for International Women's Day.

 International Women's Day

*What will your
#BreakTheBias
illustration be like?*



**ARE YOU KEEN TO HELP SPREAD A POSITIVE MESSAGE
FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND BEYOND?**

Here's a call out to all the amazingly talented
illustrators across the school!

Simply make an Illustration exploring and incorporating the
theme **#BreakingtheBias**

Think about strong females throughout history, celebrating
difference and other communities, whilst showcasing your
brilliant talent and creative design skills.

**ALL ENTRIES NEED GO TO MAPLED@HIGHLEARN.UK OR HAND DELIVERED
TO MM01 MUSIC/DANCE AND DANCE OFFICE
WITH NAME AND FORM ON THE BACK**

KS4 music and dance recital evening



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.

	w/c 28 Feb	w/c 7 March
Year 7	0	1
Year 8	1	0
Year 9	2	1
Year 10	2	0
Year 11	1	2
Year 13	1	0
Staff	0	2

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