

Highlands School Newsletter

19 May 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we held our annual pizza party for the year 13 students as they entered the exam period. Year 13 has been a fantastic group of students to work with and we wish them all the best in their exams, and I look forward to seeing them again on A level results day. Our GCSE exams started this week, students have applied themselves excellently, and I want to thank families for their support in making sure students are in school, prepared and ready to be successful in their exams.

Surveys

We are carrying out our annual parent and carer survey, please click the link on page 10 of the newsletter and give us feedback to help us improve our school even more next year.

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 - Blazers and school jumpers can be worn over the polo shirt, other jumpers and hoodies cannot.



• Students who choose not to wear the summer polo shirt must wear the usual school uniform (shirt, blazer, tie with collared shirts).

Dates for your diary

- Friday 26th May: final day of half term
- Monday 5th June: first day of new half term

Have a great weekend,

Mr McInerney, Headteacher

House competition weekly results

Overall winning house this term:

A huge congratulations to Beech who are the winners of this half termly competition. You will enjoy an extended break time next Thursday.

Points	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
	12427	13537	11606	11483
Netball	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Year 7	3000	2000	1000	4000
Year 8	2000	1000	3000	4000
Year 9 / 10	2000	4000	2000	4000
Rounders	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Year 9	4000	1000	3000	2000
Multi use bottle	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
	1000	2000	3000	4000
Quiz	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Y7 quiz	2000	1000	4000	3000
Y8 quiz	3000	4000	1000	2000
Y9 quiz	2000	4000	1000	3000
Y11 quiz	3000	2000	4000	1000
Y12 quiz	4000	2500	2500	1000
Y13 quiz	3000	1000	2000	4000
Staff quiz	4000	3000	2000	1000
Total	45427	41037	40106	44483



The winner this week is the house of **the student with the most achievement** points. Well done to Wolfram from Willow, your hard work has meant Willow will be allowed to have lunch first this week.

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Wolfram	Butler	9WDD	W	47
Paula	Shehu	9BJC	В	46
Raphael	Ponnou	9WDD	W	44
Emiliano	Vizitiu	8BYC	В	44
Aaliyah	Udahemuka	9BJC	В	43

Top students in year 7:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Oliver	Dhillon	70AC	0	629
Aiden	Adeoye	7WMP	W	599
Tyanna	Ferreira	70AC	0	586
Warren	Kelly	70AC	0	561
Adalane	Angate	70AC	0	545
Taylor	Berndes	70AC	0	544
Ceren	Turkkorur	70AC	0	542
Max	Rich	70AC	0	536
Dennis	Erdogan	70AC	0	525
Samaah	Abbas	7WMP	W	517

Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Arabella	Mumba	80DC	0	968
Radhika	Parmar	80DC	0	792
Ruby	Magrun	8BYC	В	773
Gabrielle	Russell	8BYC	В	761
Melisa	Spahia	8BYC	В	753
Luke	Shearman	80DC	0	752
Taraneh	Kheradmandi	8BYC	В	727
Joseph	Smyth	8BYC	В	721
Kaitlyn-Marie	Ewan	80SM	0	713
Hugh	Murphy	8BYC	В	705



Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Tyrae	Best-Daley	9BJC	В	883
Aaliyah	Udahemuka	9BJC	В	863
Luke	Smith	9WDD	W	830
Daniel	Malaj	9BJC	В	819
Emma	Simon	9BJC	В	817
Evie	Whitbread	9WDD	W	815
Skye	Creary	9WDD	W	802
Alfie	Horn	9WDD	W	779
Kamilah	Abib	9RRS	R	774
Nataniel	De Almeida	9WDD	W	773

Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Arda	Aslan	100MK	0	538
Benjamin	Gormley	10BJT	В	515
Sophie	Bernasconi	10BJT	В	505
Rakibe	Halili	10BRD	В	498
Prue	Musah	10RTS	R	491
Elaine	Но	10WKM	W	460
Alkeo	Xhamxhiu	100MK	0	458
Yagmur	Olcay	100EF	0	447
Beckham	Tahsen	10RTS	R	443
Tamer	Tarik	10WKM	W	438

Top students in year 11:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Beirhan	Guven	11WLM	W	576
Eneida	Luganskyte	110PR	0	550
Jack	Young	11OPR	0	500
Raphael	Richter	11BSP	В	490
Daniel	Drysdale	11WLM	W	487
Andy	Dishnica	11WLM	W	460
Alexandros	Savva	11OPR	0	450
Alessandro	Georgiou	11WTA	W	443
Ethan	Strickland	11WLM	W	441
Ellie-May	Bailey	11RGA	R	435



Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Emily	Muncaster	120KA	0	156
Rayaan	Kaderia	12BAG	В	152
Rachel	Lok	12BLR	В	141
Alexia	Kyriakou	12WBS	W	137
Deniz	Yamansef	12WBS	W	133
Hollie	Burkett	120SQ	0	133
lona	Garrard	12RSL	R	130
Aisling	Brennan	12WBS	W	123
Kristiana	Alexandrou	12RDS	R	119
Louise	Georgiou	120SQ	0	109

Top students in year 13:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Paolo	Saturnino	13WMA	W	122
llayda	Duzgun	130AL	0	99
Oliver	Cook	13WMA	W	95
Robert	Timis	130AL	0	95
Laveen	Omar	130ES	0	89
Mihaela	Grosu	13BTD	В	80
Clara	Eboue	13RJB	R	76
Ayse	Altinay	130ES	0	73
Ethan	Rees	130ES	0	72
Athena	Luxton	13RJB	R	71

Inter house rounders winners

Well done to the year 9 Beech team for winning the inter house rounders competition. It was a close competition but Beech's teamwork, enthusiasm and skills meant they were crowned champions. Well done to all of the participants for their hard work, here are how the other teams ranked:

1st Beech, 2nd Rowan, 3rd Willow, 4th Oak.



Mental Health Awareness Week

Watch our <u>top tips video</u> to help with mental health issues from our Wellbeing Assistant and mentor - Ms Monk and our School Counsellor - Ms Charles.

Tips for Coping with Exams

1) **Breathe.** Counted Breaths - breathe in through your nose for four, hold for two, breathe out through your mouth for six. Or Square breathing - breathe in for four, hold for four, breathe out for four, hold for four.

2) **Sleep:** Difficulty sleeping? Here are some techniques that could help: have a bedtime routine - e.g. some light stretches, a warm bath or shower, a cup of herbal tea. You can listen to some soft music or a relaxing podcast. The CALM app has a selection of "sleep stories". Guided meditation is also an excellent way to relax.



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3) Acupressure points for sleep and relaxation: Acupressure points

4) Eat Well: Breakfast of champions is: Research shows that students who eat breakfast perform better in exams. For the best breakfast, include slow-release carbohydrates, such as whole rolled porridge oats, whole grain bread or low-sugar muesli, as they provide slow-release energy. Add protein food, such as milk, yoghurt or eggs, to keep you feeling full for longer. On exam day aim to include a portion of a food rich in long-chain Omega-3 fats, such as smoked mackerel, as they are believed to have brain-boosting properties.

5) Take a look at the BBC collection of <u>exam-day breakfast ideas</u> for some inspiration.

6) **Hydrate:** Have a bottle with very cold water on hand. Perhaps let it sit in the freezer for 20 minutes before setting off for school. A chilly zap from cold water signals to your brain to release endorphins, the feel-good hormone. Before you come to school you can splash very cold water on your face a few times.

7) Take breaks. Get up, walk around, get a drink.

8) **Treat:** Give yourself a treat when you finish an exam. Something to look forward to.

Ms Charles, School Counsellor





Celebrating autistic strengths and differences

Watch the following <u>education video</u> by the Autism Education Trust, which celebrates autistic strengths and differences.



Farewell and good luck to our remarkable year 13 students

As the academic year draws to a close, we find ourselves bidding farewell to our outstanding year 13 students. These remarkable individuals have left an indelible mark on our school community. To celebrate their achievements and bid them farewell, the sixth form team organised a memorable pizza party, filled with laughter, reminiscences, and heartfelt good wishes for their future endeavours.

The pizza party, held in the school hall last Friday, was an event of joyous camaraderie. The atmosphere was electric as students and staff gathered to honour the accomplishments of our extraordinary year 13 students. Students dressed in their former Highlands School uniform and enjoyed an ambiance of festivity and cheer. Students shared anecdotes, laughter, and memories of their time spent together in the sixth form.

Amidst the excitement, we took a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of our departing year 13 students. They have consistently exhibited dedication, perseverance, and a thirst for knowledge throughout their time at our school. Their commitment to academic excellence has set them apart as exemplary students.

Our year 13 students have not only excelled in their studies but have also actively contributed to our school community. They have been role models, inspiring their peers and younger students to aim for greatness. Their leadership skills, compassion, and enthusiasm have enriched our school in countless ways.

As we bid them farewell, we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their unwavering commitment to learning, their positive influence on others, and their invaluable contributions to our school community. Good luck year 13!





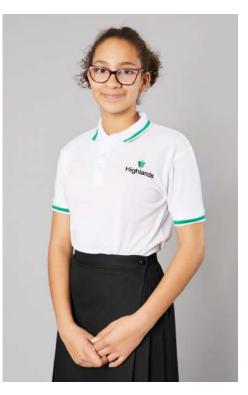




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Parent/carer feedback survey

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent and carer feedback is an important part of our commitment to excellence, high standards and continued improvement. This week we are releasing our parent and carer survey, alongside a student survey that years 7-10 will complete in school and years 11-13 will be able to complete via Google Classroom in their own time.

We would be very grateful if parents and carers would take some time to complete the survey by <u>clicking here</u>. The views of our school community matter to us so we look forward to receiving your feedback. If you experience any technical issues, please contact the school <u>postbox@highlearn.uk</u> The survey will close on **Monday 5th June.**

Please note that the survey is anonymous, if you would like a response, please add your contact details and child's name in the comments box.



Our Highlands cookbook competition

As you will be aware on Friday the 3rd March we came together as a community to celebrate the Culture and heritage we have here at Highlands. It was a fantastic event and something we want to make bigger and better next year.

Feedback we had from students was that they wanted to continue acknowledging and appreciating the diverse groups we have here. We have decided that a great way to celebrate the diversity would be to create a Highlands cookbook that would be filled with family tried and tested recipes.

A number of students and their families completed a Google form which asked them to tell us about a recipe they wanted to share with the school community.

These have been collated and we are now working on making it into the cookbook...... So what next?

We would like you to design a front cover for Highlands cookbook:

It must:

- Be eye catching
- It must include the following below title somewhere on the front cover:

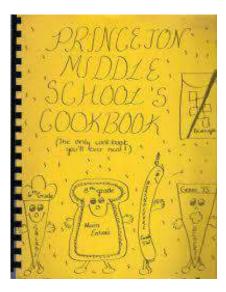
The Highlands Kitchen Wholesome recipes from our school community.

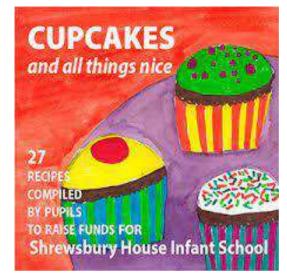
- It can be produced by free hand sketching and rendering /colouring in OR by using IT.
- It must be A4 size

All entries must be handed to Mrs Jeynes by Monday 5th June

All students that participate get achievement points which go towards the grand total and trip to the theme park for the winning house.

The book will be collated and sold in order to raise money for a charity close to Highlands heart - Simmons house- the joint Highlands house charity for 2023.







Design and technology needs you

For part of our DARE day activities we will be making a product that requires glass jars. We would really appreciate it if you could collect and send in jars that have metal lids that can be screwed on similar to the images below. Please drop to the main office where I will pick up.

Thanks Mrs Jeynes



DARE days - payment reminders

We would like to kindly remind you that full payment for the DARE trips in June is required by the <u>26th</u> <u>May.</u>

We expect all students to participate as DARE days are a great opportunity for students to flourish and try new and exciting activities.

Please email <u>daredays@highlearn.uk</u> if you have any questions or any payment concerns regarding the DARE day trips.

Year 11 prom

We are pleased to inform you that we have secured a booking at Forty Hall for the year 11 prom. We hope that this will be a joyous occasion for our year 11 students to celebrate the end of their assessments and their time at Highlands School.

- The year 11 prom will take place on Monday 3rd July 2023
- The prom will take place at Forty Hall and will begin at 19:00 and finish at 22:30.
- The cost of the prom is £42 which includes a snack buffet, photo booth, sweet stall and soft drinks.

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• Please confirm your booking via ParentPay in order to reserve a space.

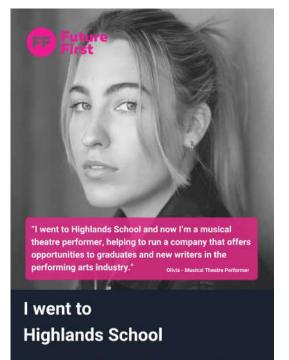
The deadline to buy a prom ticket is **Friday 30th June**.



Alumni

Since the launch of our Alumni network we have been inundated with former students signing up and informing us of their continued progress since leaving Highlands School. We cannot wait to invite them back to speak to current students about the variety of pathways available to them after leaving school and much more.

Here are just a few of our former students and their success stories.



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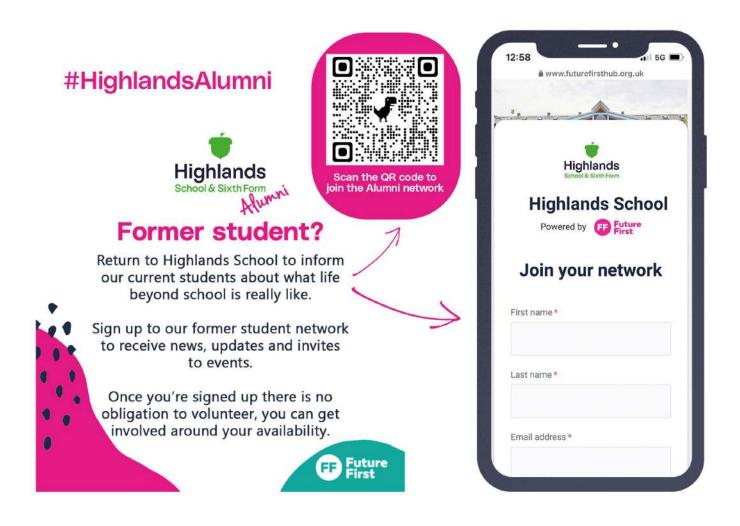


Highlands School is launching an alumni network!

As a school, we want to reconnect with our former students so that we can keep in touch and let them know about volunteering opportunities that will benefit our current students. We want to show them the variety of pathways available to them after leaving Highlands School, and who better to showcase this information, than former students!

We are working with education charity Future First to set this up, and all you need to do to get involved is sign up here: <u>Highlands School Alumni</u> or alternatively scan the QR code below.

More information is on our <u>website</u> and if you have any questions please contact our Alumni Programme Manager at Future First: Tara Human – <u>tara.human@futurefirst.org.uk</u>





HPFA Quiz night

The HPFA is hosting a quiz night on Thursday 25th May between 7-9 pm. After the success of the last Musical Bingo night, they are hoping for a good turnout! It will be a fun, general knowledge quiz (hopefully with a couple of prizes thrown in too!) hosted by our lovely staff member, Allie. The HPFA will be running a bar, where soft drinks, wine, beer, and gin, will be available to purchase (cash preferred). If you wish to bring your own food or snacks to sustain you, please feel free. Tables will be set up in the main hall, for smaller and larger groups. You can bring along family, friends or other class parents! Tickets are £6 each and are available to purchase now on ParentPay. All profits will benefit the school and the school community. Please show your support for the HPFA!







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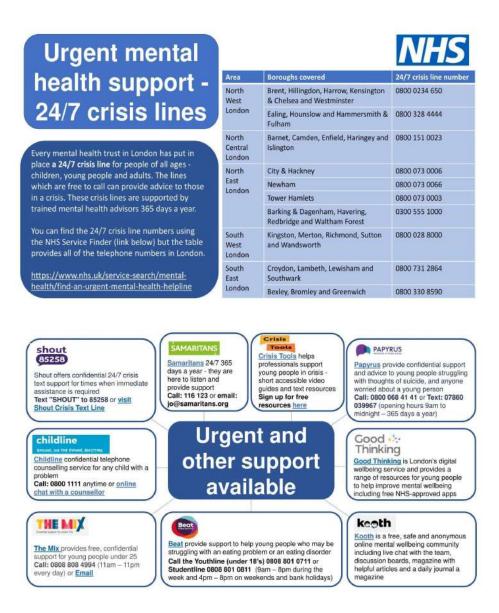


Student medical needs

If your child needs to take regular medication in school, please fill out the following <u>Medicines Consent</u> Form to give the school consent to administer medication to your child. All medications that are kept in school must be stored in the medical room.

Mental health

We are continuously working hard to improve our understanding as a community of mental health, to enable us to provide the best possible outcomes for the young people in our lives. If you are ever concerned that your child is at risk due to very poor mental health please inform the school. You can also contact one of these numbers to seek support from a specialist. The Crisis line is there to offer guidance if your child may be having suicidal thoughts and is possibly in immediate danger. If you do ever find yourself in a position where you need to use these resources for your child, please make the school aware so we can provide appropriate support within school for your child.





Safeguarding contacts

If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or the wellbeing of any other student at Highlands School, please contact the school on 020 8370 1100 or email the DSL at staysafe@highlearn.uk. This email address can also be used for students, parents and carers to share any safeguarding concerns or to request support.

If you are concerned that a child has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed and school cannot be contacted, please contact Enfield Children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 020 8379 5555, and all the police on 999 straight away.

Helpful numbers and websites

Childline: 0800 1111 NSPCC helpline: 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 anxious or unable to cope
- if someone has hurt you physically, emotionally or mentally
- if you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it is not important)
- 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

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