



Highlands School Newsletter

28 April 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a week of inter house quizzes this week, for all year groups (apart from year 10) and for our staff. We had some exciting finishes with the year 9 and 13 quizzes going down to the last question with all the teams able to win. Students participated with enthusiasm and I want to thank them all for their contributions.

The staff quiz was won by Beech, with Mr Friend captaining them to victory - well done! You can see a picture of the winning staff team on page 7.

We are at the end of the second week of the half term and we have not had a single suspension from school. This is a fantastic indication of the positive start students have made to this term. Our suspension figures are already historically low this year and we should all be proud that students are not getting caught up in serious behaviour incidents.

We were also able to analyse our attendance figures at the end of last term, again the story is very positive with student attendance being better than national averages and the average in Enfield. We want to give your children the best educational experience of any school anywhere, so we set our sights high, and we are proud that our attendance is so good, and improving. Thank you for working with us to get your children into school.

Last week I was also able to share with governors the total number of applications to join Highlands in September 2023. We had over 1500 applications for our 240 places in year 7, an increase on last year. Student numbers are falling across London so it is important that schools can fill their places. With over five times as many applications as places we have done that and we remain one of the most popular schools in north London. It is our students and you, our parents and carers, who promote our school in the wider community; thank you for helping keep our reputation so positive.



Dates for your diary

- Monday 1st May: bank holiday
- Tuesday 2nd May: planned strike day, NEU: details will be sent home
- Monday 8th May: Coronation of King Charles III - bank holiday
- 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 week:

	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive points this week	3212	3118	2423	3336
Negative points	-401	-363	-302	-362
Points overall	2811	2755	2121	2974

Top students in year 7:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Oliver	Dhillon	7OAC	O	562
Aiden	Adeoye	7WMP	W	546
Tyanna	Ferreira	7OAC	O	521
Warren	Kelly	7OAC	O	500
Adalane	Angate	7OAC	O	498
Ceren	Turkkorur	7OAC	O	494
Max	Rich	7OAC	O	489
Chloe	Shi	7WMP	W	481
Taylor	Berndes	7OAC	O	477
Samaah	Abbas	7WMP	W	475



Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Arabella	Mumba	8ODC	O	891
Radhika	Parmar	8ODC	O	736
Ruby	Magrun	8BYC	B	703
Gabrielle	Russell	8BYC	B	697
Melisa	Spahia	8BYC	B	695
Luke	Shearman	8ODC	O	680
Taraneh	Kheradmandi	8BYC	B	664
Joseph	Smyth	8BYC	B	652
Kaitlyn-Marie	Ewan	8OSM	O	649
Kalia	Sibomana	8BYC	B	648

Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Tyrae	Best-Daley	9BJC	B	815
Aaliyah	Udahemuka	9BJC	B	789
Luke	Smith	9WDD	W	767
Evie	Whitbread	9WDD	W	755
Daniel	Malaj	9BJC	B	754
Skye	Creary	9WDD	W	747
Emma	Simon	9BJC	B	745
Alfie	Horn	9WDD	W	724
Kamilah	Abib	9RRS	R	721
Laetitia	Leonidou	9OAB	O	706

Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Arda	Aslan	10OMK	O	524
Benjamin	Gormley	10BJT	B	480
Sophie	Bernasconi	10BJT	B	465
Prue	Musah	10RTS	R	456
Elaine	Ho	10WKM	W	435
Rakibe	Halili	10BRD	B	432
Yagmur	Olcay	10OEF	O	428
Alkeo	Xhamxhiu	10OMK	O	417
Tamer	Tarik	10WKM	W	411
Joshua	Lausch	10RKM	R	395



Top students in year 11:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Beirhan	Guven	11WLM	W	548
Eneida	Luganskyte	11OPR	O	532
Jack	Young	11OPR	O	484
Daniel	Drysdale	11WLM	W	459
Raphael	Richter	11BSP	B	456
Andy	Dishnica	11WLM	W	434
Alexandros	Savva	11OPR	O	430
Ellie-May	Bailey	11RGA	R	427
Alessandro	Georgiou	11WTA	W	425
Demi	Charalambous	11OPR	O	425

Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Rayaan	Kaderia	12BAG	B	146
Emily	Muncaster	12OKA	O	142
Rachel	Lok	12BLR	B	136
Hollie	Burkett	12OSQ	O	131
Alexia	Kyriakou	12WBS	W	127
Iona	Garrard	12RSL	R	124
Deniz	Yamanséf	12WBS	W	119
Kristiana	Alexandrou	12RDS	R	111
Louise	Georgiou	12OSQ	O	109
Aisling	Brennan	12WBS	W	107

Top students in year 13:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Paolo	Saturnino	13WMA	W	118
Robert	Timis	13OAL	O	95
Oliver	Cook	13WMA	W	93
Ilayda	Duzgun	13OAL	O	93
Laveen	Omar	13OES	O	87
Mihaela	Grosu	13BTD	B	78
Clara	Eboue	13RJB	R	76
Ayse	Altinay	13OES	O	73
Ethan	Rees	13OES	O	71
Serena	Pia	13OAL	O	70



House quizzes

This week, our school's house teams took part in an exciting and challenging house quiz competition. The competition was held to promote healthy competition and foster teamwork among the students, as well as provide an opportunity for them to showcase their knowledge in various subjects.

The quiz competition was intense, with each house team showing impressive knowledge in a range of topics, from politics to science, literature to general knowledge. It was great to see the students working together and supporting each other, even when they faced tough questions.

After a closely contested competition, we are pleased to announce the winning houses for each year group.

Year 7

1st: Rowan, **2nd:** Willow **3rd:** Beech and **4th:** Oak





Year 8

1st: Oak, **2nd:** Beech **3rd:** Willow and **4th:** Rowan



Year 9

1st: Oak, **2nd:** Willow **3rd:** Beech and **4th:** Rowan



Year 11

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

Year 12

1st: Beech, **joint 2nd:** Oak and Rowan and **4th:** Willow



Year 13

1st: Willow, **2nd:** Beech **3rd:** Rowan and **4th:** Oak

In true Highlands spirit, our staff also took part in the house quiz competition, where our staff members participated with great spirit and enthusiasm to earn those vital house points for their teams. Each team consisted of members of staff from different departments and the quiz tested their knowledge across the board. A truly memorable event which saw team Beech crowned as staff house quiz champions.

Congratulations to the winning houses and well done to all the students and staff who took part.

Staff winning house and teams: **1st:** Beech, **2nd:** Oak **3rd:** Rowan and **4th:** Willow

Staff Beech team



Staff Oak team





Staff Rowan team



Staff Willow team





Girls football league final triumphs

On Tuesday this week our year 8 girls football team played Latymer in the final of the Enfield League. They went 1-0 down early on but came back with two quick goals to lead 2-1 at half time. We then dominated the second half to win the title 4-2. Hannah scored a hat trick with Xahrie scoring the other Highlands goal. What an amazing, well earned victory!

On Monday the year 9 girls football team were due to play Heron Hall in their rearranged league final. Unfortunately Heron Hall conceded on the day, meaning that our year 9 team are also league champions!

Girls' football continues to go from strength to strength at Highlands. This year we have won the Enfield 7-a-side leagues for year 7, year 8 and year 9. The senior team (years 10-13) have won the Enfield 11-a-side league and the U14 team have won the Middlesex Cup!

A huge congratulations to all those who have represented the school this year. We are hugely proud of you all.

Mrs Walters & Mrs Hutchinson





iHola Colombia!

Our Spanish students here at Highlands School had a fantastic opportunity to video call and connect with a school in Colombia as part of a language exchange lesson. Colegio Maria Inmaculada, is a school located in Armenia, Quindio Colombia (South America).

Our students were able to practise their Spanish language skills with native speakers from another part of the world. It was a great opportunity for students to learn more about the educational setting in Colombia, Colombian culture as well as improve their language proficiency by engaging with native speakers.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience to practise the language within an educational, cultural and safe environment and received many positive comments from the Colombian teacher and students on their Spanish speaking.

Well done to all of the students who were exemplary during the video exchange and a huge thank you to Colegio Maria Inmaculada for the incredible opportunity.





Schools Consent Project

This week, our school had the pleasure of hosting the Schools Consent Project, an organisation that works with lawyers to help teach students the legal definition of consent. They aim to normalise conversations about consent in order to safeguard young people.

During their visit, the Schools Consent Project conducted various workshops and discussions that were interactive and engaging. They used real-life scenarios and situations to teach our students about the importance of communication and consent and the different types of boundaries, how to recognise them and the importance of respecting them.

The Schools Consent Project team provided our students with practical tools and strategies that can be used to create a safe and respectful environment. Students were educated on the legal definition of consent, how to identify consent, the ages of consent, bystander intervention, the offences of rape, sexual assault and 'sexting', responding to disclosures and ways to obtain help.

Overall, the visit from the Schools Consent Project was informative and thought-provoking. Students learned that by speaking up and setting boundaries, they can help prevent situations where consent is not given or respected.



New uniform financial support requests - deadline has passed

The deadline to apply for financial support for the new school uniform has passed. We will only be reviewing cases where parents and carers are in receipt of financial grants or financial hardships.



Easter raffle - the winners

Our HPFA made a £350 profit with the Easter raffle last term. We would like to thank everyone who took part, here are the winners.

Highlands
School & Sixth Form

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Top prize: £100 cash
Anonymous winner
(generously donated by Havilands Estate Agent)

2nd prize: Easter hamper
Mary McCauley

3rd prize: Prosecco gift set
Steph H

4th prize: Luxury Easter egg
Bruce Strickland
(generously donated by Waitrose)



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.
- Please confirm your booking via parentpay in order to reserve a space.

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

Year 11 yearbook and hoodies

We are working with Fizz Yearbooks, to produce a year 11 yearbook and personalised hoodies. Both are wonderful keepsakes for the students to treasure throughout the rest of their lives.

We are currently in the process of collecting information, portraits, photographs, comments and memories that will fill the pages of the yearbook. All students in the year group will be included in the yearbook. The school photo on our system will be used in the yearbook if a photo has not been provided by your child. A generic comment will be used if a personalised comment is not provided, this is not a school decision but the publisher does not give us any alternative choice.

The hoodies will have a large '23' printed on the back, containing the names of all students in the year group, and will also feature an embroidered logo on the front. The full colour range is available on the online shop. You can personally design the hoodie and the purchases will be made directly through the [Fizz-Yearbook website](#) using our **school unique ID: 25718YR11**

Yearbook: £23

Personalised hoodie: £25

All of the students have the opportunity to purchase a hoodie and/or yearbook. It is essential that orders are placed **before 7th May 2023**. Please be aware that students can only place one order.

All orders will be delivered directly to school for you to collect. We will announce the collection date in due course.

We would like to ensure that all students have the chance to participate in our end of year events but understand that for some families funding an event of this kind can be difficult. Please contact [Mrs Hutchinson](#) to discuss financial support should you require it.

Please also contact Mrs Hutchinson if you wish for your child's name/photograph to be excluded from the hoodie/yearbook, or if you have any other questions.

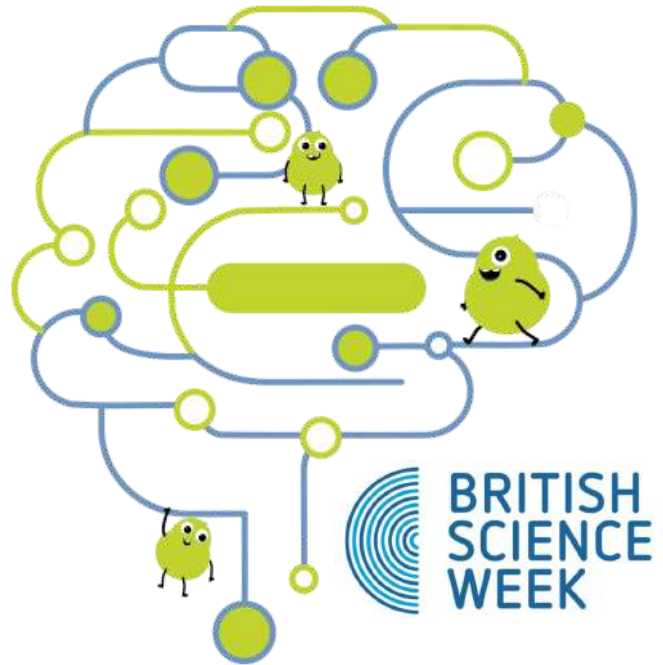


British Science Week Competition Winners

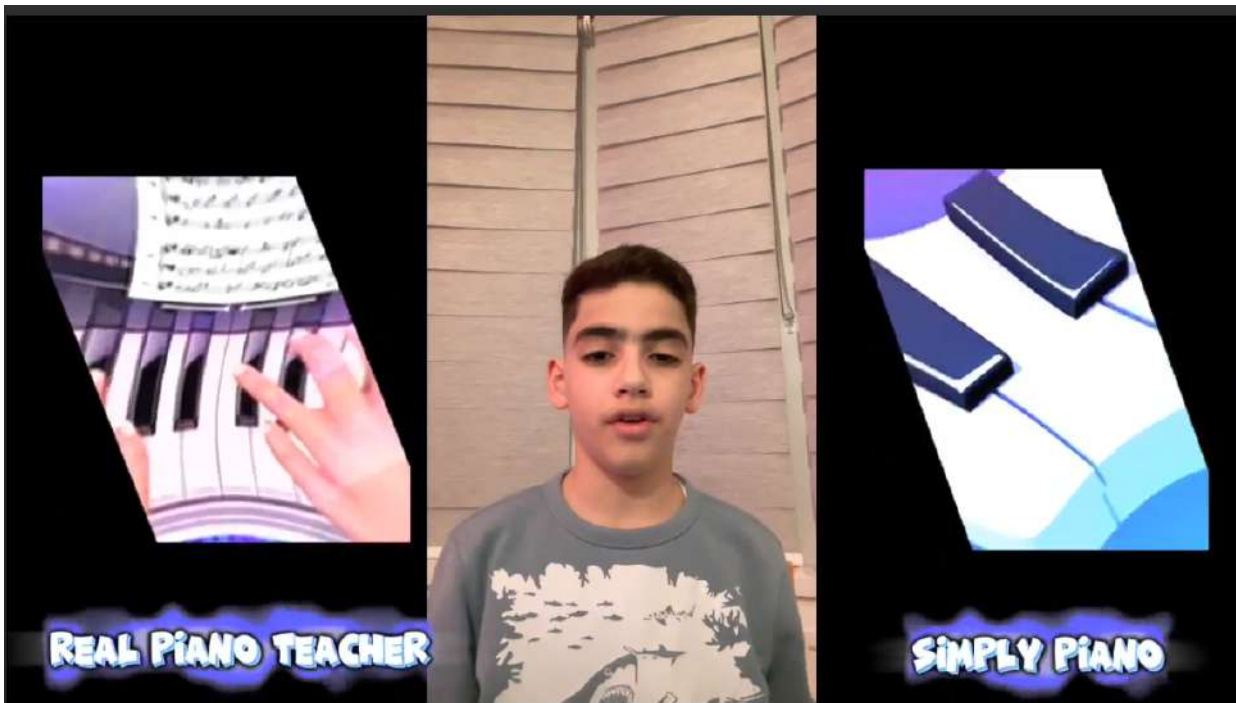
We are proud to announce the successful completion of the British Science Week Competition. The theme for this year's project "Connections" and students rose to the challenge with incredible creativity and imagination.

With so many outstanding entries, it was not an easy decision. However, after much reflection, we have chosen students that stood out for their originality and execution.

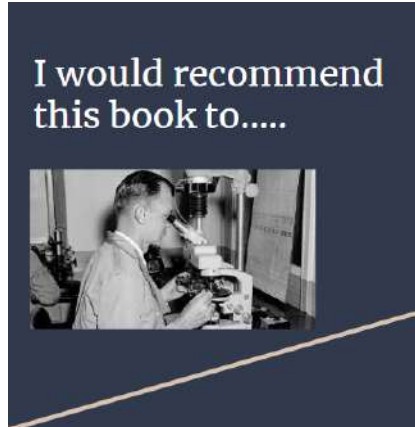
We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who participated. We hope that this project has sparked your curiosity and passion for science and innovation.



1st Prize Winners



Mehmet Hassan, 7OFD - video comparison of learning the piano technology versus physical learning



I recommend this type of book to people who want to go into science and/or law because of its fascinating facts. It highlights how people such as forensic investigators carry out their job - which is like a tutorial of how to do it if they want to have that job. It is convenient, riveting and beneficial. It is for people who like to contrast the modern forensics to old fashion forensics and how it has inspired and paved its way for modern forensics. It is just that book you want to have, the book you need.



Daniel Horea, 8RKH - presentation book review on forensics and the anatomy of crime.



Matilda Gant, 9OAB - video presentation learning to play the saxophone in just four days.

2nd Prize Winners

Sindi Shaban, 7WSS - science and connections case study.

Ermioni Tsantikou, 8OSM - designing a sustainable service on climate change to educate all.

Lucy Lord, 9RNC - Research project on climate change.

3rd Prize Winners

Isabel Antoniou, 7BAM - presentation on the connection between industries and the environment.

Mohammed Sheikh, 8RTC - Eco-educational project in support of reducing the current financial crisis.

Sumiya Mohamed, 9RRS - Animal cruelty research project.



DARE days - Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June - reminders

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. Last year's DARE day trips were such a great success that we are continuing with our programme this year. The trips and activities have been designed by staff to enhance and enrich the experiences our students have at Highlands.

DARE days payment reminders

Please note that the third instalment is due on the 28th April and the final payment is due on the 26th May 2023.

Reminder of what DARE days are?

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 the activities will allow our students to demonstrate the values that underpin all our work: determination, aspiration, respect and equality.

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 for those who are unable to, so all children can attend. 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.

The following educational and exciting trips have been planned this summer for each year group.

Year Group	Trips
Year 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. London Zoo 2. Drama day at Chicken Shed Southgate
Year 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Art / RE trip 2. Music day (on site)
Year 9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bletchley Park 2. Design and technology day (on site)
Year 10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go Ape team building (Alexandra Palace) 2. Post 16 pathways / employability workshop (on site)
Year 12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Futures Day workshops - 29th June 2. Wise-up, team challenge tasks - 30th June

Please email daredays@highlearn.uk if you have any questions regarding the DARE Days.



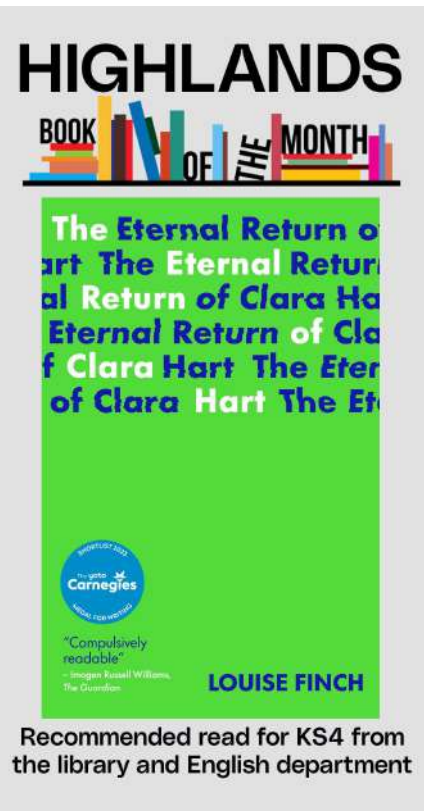
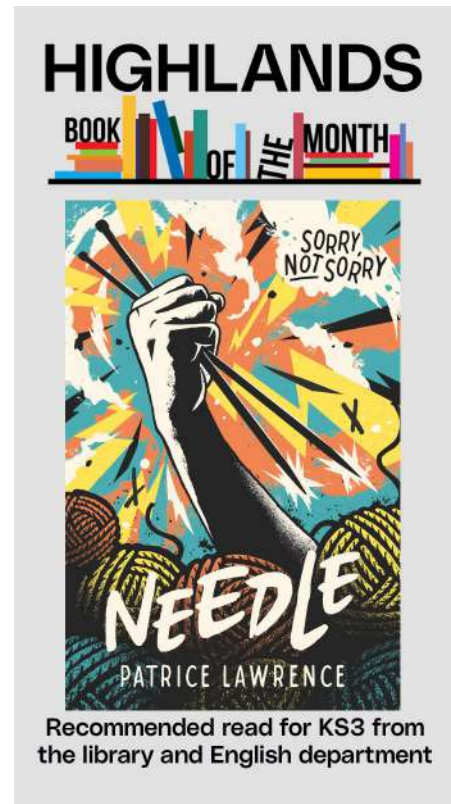
Highlands book of the month - May

KS3: Needle by Patrice Lawrence

When Charlene loses her temper over a blanket that she hand-knitted, and stabs her foster mum's son in the hand with the knitting needle, she has to deal with the consequences.

Charlene is a demon knitter. It's the only thing she enjoys and the only thing she believes she's really good at. So when her foster mum's son destroys her latest creation, Charlene loses it and stabs him in the hand with her knitting needle. It damages a nerve and she gets sucked into the criminal justice system for assault.

Charlene's not sorry and she's never apologised to anyone in her life. But people keep telling her that if she says sorry, they'll go easier on her. Can she bring herself to say it and not mean it when her freedom is at stake?



KS4: The Eternal Return of Clara Hart by Louise Finch

After witnessing an attempted sexual assault that leads to an accidental death at a party, a teenage boy is trapped in a time loop until he finds the courage to set the situation right.

Spencer hates Anthony's sexist jokes but he never says anything - he's a mate, and Spencer doesn't have many. Then Spencer finds Anthony assaulting a drugged girl at a party. Humiliated, Clara Hart flees the house and is killed by a car on the road.

The next day starts the same way as the last - Spencer wakes up in his car, in his school uniform, all over again. Then his car is clipped, again – by Clara Hart.

So Spencer is condemned to experience the same 24 hours over and over. Caught in a loop, he tries to protect Clara and prevent the terrible events of the party. To break the spell, Spencer has to join the dots between Anthony's everyday sexism and his assault on Clara. He must find the courage to call out the toxic masculinity of his friend.



THE HPFA PRESENT A FABULOUS

QUIZ NIGHT ?

THURSDAY 25TH MAY

7-9 PM



Hosted by Allie

TICKETS £6
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON
PARENT PAY NOW
OPEN TO ALL

REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD IF YOU WISH

SUPPORT THE HPFA,
SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!



Would you like to understand more about county lines in Enfield & Haringey?

Join our panel of experts for a live webinar



Lindsay Dalton
CEO, Pace



Metropolitan
Police



Sarah Pritchard
Advanced Practitioner and
Consultant

Free webinar for parents & carers

13th June, 7.00 - 8.30pm

Join our panel of experts and find out about county lines in your area, how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns. You will also hear about child exploitation from a lived experience perspective.

- ✓ Learn what county lines and child criminal exploitation is
- ✓ Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved
- ✓ Learn how offenders groom and exploit children
- ✓ Understand what is happening in your area

Register: [EnfieldHaringeyParentWebinar.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enfield-haringey-parent-webinar)



Pace
Parents against
child exploitation



Highlands School Alumni

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: [Highlands School Alumni](https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk) or alternatively scan the QR code below.

More information is on our [website](#) and if you have any questions please contact our Alumni Programme Manager at Future First: Tara Human – tara.human@futurefirst.org.uk

#HighlandsAlumni

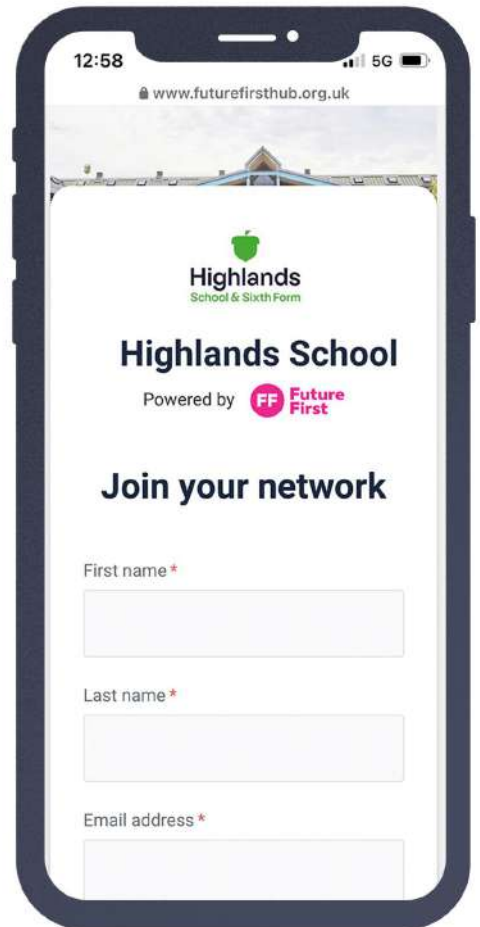


Former student?

Return to Highlands School to inform our current students about what life beyond school is really like.

Sign up to our former student network to receive news, updates and invites to events.

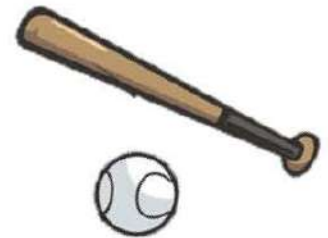
Once you're signed up there is no obligation to volunteer, you can get involved around your availability.





Year 9 Interhouse Rounders

Thursday 11th May



Up to 11 players- mixture of boys
and girls

4000

Points for the
winning house!!!

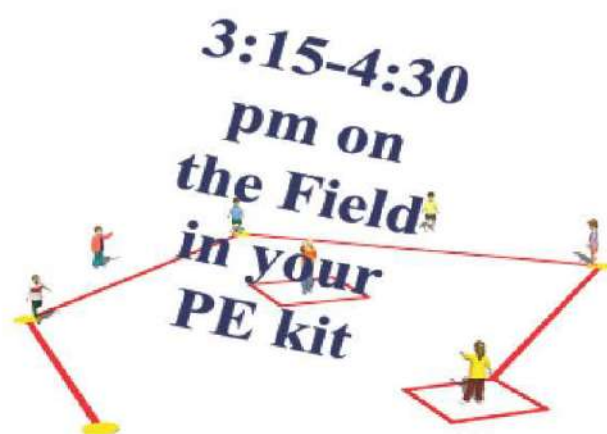
Give team sheets to Mr Avann or
Mrs Walters



Year 10/11

Interhouse Rounders

Thursday 11th May



**Up to 11 players- mixture of boys
and girls in year 10 and 11**

4000

**Points for the
winning house!!!**

**Give team sheets to Mr Avann or
Mrs Walters**



Student medical needs

If your child needs to take regular medication in school, please fill out the following [Medicines Consent 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.

Urgent mental health support - 24/7 crisis lines

Area	Boroughs covered	24/7 crisis line number
North West London	Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	0800 0234 650
	Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham	0800 328 4444
North Central London	Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington	0800 151 0023
North East London	City & Hackney	0800 073 0006
	Newham	0800 073 0066
	Tower Hamlets	0800 073 0003
	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0300 555 1000
South West London	Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth	0800 028 8000
South East London	Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark	0800 731 2864
	Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich	0800 330 8590

Every mental health trust in London has put in place a **24/7 crisis line** for people of all ages - children, young people and adults. The lines which are free to call can provide advice to those in a crisis. These crisis lines are supported by trained mental health advisors 365 days a year.

You can find the 24/7 crisis line numbers using the NHS Service Finder ([link below](#)) but the table provides all of the telephone numbers in London.

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline>

Urgent and other support available

shout
85258

Shout offers confidential 24/7 crisis text support for times when immediate assistance is required
Text "SHOUT" to 85258 or visit [Shout Crisis Text Line](#)

SAMARITANS

Samaritans 24/7 365 days a year - they are here to listen and provide support
Call: 116 123 or email: jo@samaritans.org

Crisis Tools

Crisis Tools helps professionals support young people in crisis - short accessible video guides and text resources
Sign up for free resources [here](#)

PAPYRUS

Papyrus provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person
Call: 0800 068 41 41 or Text: 07860 039967 (opening hours 9am to midnight - 365 days a year)

childline
SHINE ON THE PHONE ANYTIME

Childline confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem
Call: 0800 1111 anytime or [online chat with a counsellor](#)

Good Thinking

Good Thinking is London's digital wellbeing service and provides a range of resources for young people to help improve mental wellbeing including free NHS-approved apps

THE MIX
London Support for Young People

The Mix provides free, confidential support for young people under 25
Call: 0808 808 4994 (11am - 11pm every day) or [Email](#)

Beat

Beat provide support to help young people who may be struggling with an eating problem or an eating disorder
Call the Youthline (under 18's) 0808 801 0711 or Studentline 0808 801 0811 (9am - 8pm during the week and 4pm - 8pm on weekends and bank holidays)

koeth

Koeth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community including live chat with the team, discussion boards, magazine with helpful articles and a daily journal a magazine



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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