



Highlands School Newsletter

23 June 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated the wonderful memories and achievements of our year 11 students with a memorable leavers' assembly and BBQ. As you can see from the photos above and on pages 8 and 9, it was a thoroughly enjoyable event. We would like to wish all of our year 11 students the best of luck in their future endeavours and look forward to seeing our students on results day and at our sixth form in September.

On Wednesday and Thursday this week we invited year 11 students from Highlands and other schools in Enfield to school for their sixth form induction. The vast majority of Highlands students stay at our very successful sixth form and we have high performing students from other local schools join us each year. The day was a great success and I would like to thank the sixth form team for arranging the days.

The second round of bake sales for Willow and Oak took place this week. It was great to see so many wonderful treats personally made by our school community. All money from the sales go to charity and we also give points to the houses depending on how much they sell. There will be more bake sales next week for Rowan and Beech.

The National Education Union has announced two further days of strike action, on the 5th and 7th of July. We will inform families of our plans for these days next week but we can announce that we have moved Sports Day from Wednesday 5th to Monday 3rd July.

Please note the key events we have coming up in school over the next six weeks:



Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June: DARE Days 3 and 4
- Monday 3rd July: Sports Day (this has changed from Wednesday 5th July due to NEU strike day)
- Thursday 13th July: summer music concert
- Friday 21st July: end of term and end of the academic year

Have a great weekend,

Mr McInerney, Headteacher

House competition weekly results

The winner this week is the house of the student with the **most points over the past week**. Well done to Raphael and to Willow!

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Raphael	Ponnou	9WDD	W	65
Arabella	Mumba	8ODC	O	59
Aaliyah	Udahemuka	9BJC	B	55

This week's overall points:

	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive points this week	3502	3812	3423	3770
Negative points	-370	-271	-355	-295
Points overall	3132	3541	3068	3475

Top students in year 7:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Oliver	Dhillon	7OAC	O	703
Aiden	Adeoye	7WMP	W	678
Tyanna	Ferreira	7OAC	O	677
Warren	Kelly	7OAC	O	639
Taylor	Berndes	7OAC	O	617
Max	Rich	7OAC	O	615
Adalane	Angate	7OAC	O	610
Ceren	Turkkorur	7OAC	O	608
Lara	Pinar	7OAC	O	587
Dennis	Erdogan	7OAC	O	585



Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Arabella	Mumba	8ODC	O	1151
Radhika	Parmar	8ODC	O	942
Luke	Shearman	8ODC	O	906
Ruby	Magrun	8BYC	B	853
Gabrielle	Russell	8BYC	B	841
Kaitlyn-Marie	Ewan	8OSM	O	836
Melisa	Spahia	8BYC	B	824
Hugh	Murphy	8BYC	B	813
Taraneh	Kheradmandi	8BYC	B	807
Joseph	Smyth	8BYC	B	794

Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Tyrae	Best-Daley	9BJC	B	1044
Aaliyah	Udahemuka	9BJC	B	1044
Luke	Smith	9WDD	W	969
Emma	Simon	9BJC	B	961
Evie	Whitbread	9WDD	W	951
Daniel	Malaj	9BJC	B	949
Skye	Creary	9WDD	W	916
Nataniel	De Almeida	9WDD	W	912
Alfie	Horn	9WDD	W	909
Imogen	Ganvir	9BJC	B	891

Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Rakibe	Halili	10BRD	B	607
Arda	Aslan	10OMK	O	592
Benjamin	Gormley	10BJT	B	588
Sophie	Bernasconi	10BJT	B	577
Prue	Musah	10RTS	R	535
Beckham	Tahsen	10RTS	R	514
Elaine	Ho	10WKM	W	512
Alkeo	Xhamxhiu	10OMK	O	503
Tamer	Tarik	10WKM	W	500
Joshua	Lausch	10RKM	R	477



Top students in year 11:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Beirhan	Guven	11WLM	W	578
Eneida	Luganskyte	11OPR	O	550
Daniel	Drysdale	11WLM	W	509
Jack	Young	11OPR	O	502
Raphael	Richter	11BSP	B	496
Andy	Dishnica	11WLM	W	462
Alexandros	Savva	11OPR	O	454
Alessandro	Georgiou	11WTA	W	445
Ethan	Strickland	11WLM	W	441
Ellie-May	Bailey	11RGA	R	439

Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Emily	Muncaster	12OKA	O	173
Rayaan	Kaderia	12BAG	B	154
Rachel	Lok	12BLR	B	150
Alexia	Kyriakou	12WBS	W	147
Hollie	Burkett	12OSQ	O	141
Iona	Garrard	12RSL	R	140
Deniz	Yamanséf	12WBS	W	134
Aisling	Brennan	12WBS	W	133
Kristiana	Alexandrou	12RDS	R	128
Louise	Georgiou	12OSQ	O	117

Top students in year 13:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Paolo	Saturnino	13WMA	W	122
Ilayda	Duzgun	13OAL	O	99
Oliver	Cook	13WMA	W	95
Robert	Timis	13OAL	O	95
Laveen	Omar	13OES	O	89
Mihaela	Grosu	13BTD	B	80
Ethan	Rees	13OES	O	78
Clara	Eboue	13RJB	R	76
Athena	Luxton	13RJB	R	76
Ayse	Altinay	13OES	O	73



House bake sales

We held two of our bake sales this week for Willow and Oak house. From scrumptious biscuits to a jaw-dropping three tier cake by Matilda Gant, each house showcased their baking skills and creativity, offering a wide array of mouthwatering treats.

The money raised during these bake sales will be donated to each house's chosen charity.

Well done to Willow who raised £177.65 and to Oak who raised £246.30!



Upcoming bake sales:

- Rowan bake sale will be on Tuesday 27th June
- Beech bake sale will be on Wednesday 28th June

Please can all students who wish to participate in the Rowan and Beech bake sales complete the following forms: [Rowan bake sale](#) and [Beech bake sale](#).



Oxbridge workshop

A small group of year 12 students contemplating an application to Oxford or Cambridge University next year had the opportunity to take part in a superb workshop on Thursday 15th June at St Ignatius College.

Current and former Oxbridge students were on hand to talk about their experiences - to give potential applicants the benefit of their experiences. Students were able to start thinking about their skills and interests and how these relate to course choice. They were also informed about studying at these Universities and given an opportunity to practise admission test papers and interview questions.

Mrs Laurenzi





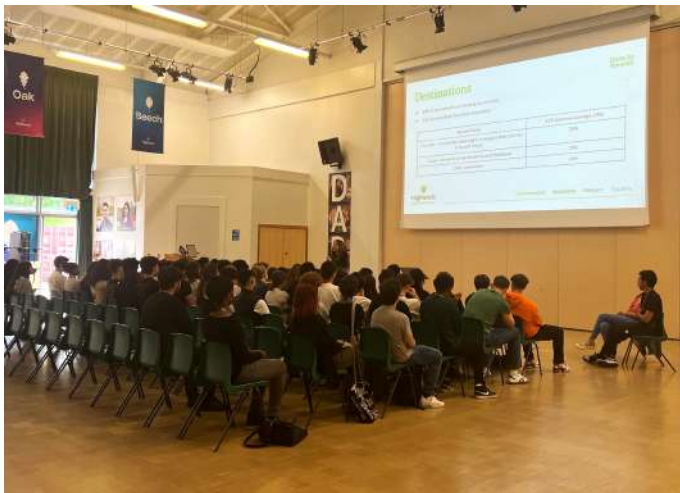
Sixth form induction

It's that time of year again when we welcome new students into our vibrant sixth form community. Induction took place this week for both our internal and external applicants. It is an incredible opportunity for all incoming sixth formers to meet our dedicated faculty who will guide them through their sixth form journey at Highlands Sixth.

Students enjoyed an informative presentation from our Director of sixth form, Miss Husseyin, and gained valuable insight into our supportive and nurturing community. Two of our current sixth formers - Vanshi and Tai, who were external applicants, also shared their journey at Highlands and how welcome they were made to feel since joining two years ago.

Students took part in taster sessions in the subjects they have applied to study in September, and gained a real understanding of student expectations.

We look forward to seeing all of our successful applicants in September.



Year 8 East Asian flower drawings

Our year 8 students embarked on a journey to capture the mesmerising beauty of East Asian flowers through their creative strokes.

With soft pencils in hand, some students delicately explored the realm of tonal range and intricate detailing while others used the pen and wash technique, merging the precision of pencil lines with the fluidity of water washes. Excellent work year 8!





Celebrating our year 11s with a memorable leavers BBQ

This week we had the opportunity to reflect on the remarkable journey of our year 11 students. To honour this occasion and bid farewell to our accomplished year 11s, students and staff enjoyed a memorable leavers' BBQ that will forever remain etched in their memories.

The leavers' BBQ was a thoroughly enjoyable event, filled with laughter, delicious food and heartfelt farewells. There was a mixture of emotions and students reminisced about their shared experiences, treasured friendships, and the wonderful memories created over the years. It was the perfect occasion for our year 11s to reflect on their personal growth and accomplishments, and to express gratitude to the staff that guided them along their educational journey.

As we bid farewell to our year 11s, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for their continued success in their future endeavours. May they carry the lessons they've learned and the friendships they've made at our school, as they embark on new challenges and experiences, here's to the 'Class of 2023!'





Ed Extra dates for your diary

Please see the list of remaining Wednesdays for Ed Extra, before the summer holiday.

- Wednesday 28th June - Ed Extra as normal
- Wednesday 5th July - **No Ed Extra due to strike**
- Wednesday 12th July - Ed Extra as normal
- Wednesday 19th July - **No Ed Extra**

Lunch accounts

Please can parents check their child's lunch account weekly to make sure they have enough funds to pay for their lunches to avoid them owing the catering company money. Students are not to buy food for their friends, everyone must use their own lunch accounts.



Newspapers wanted!

As a part of a creative team building activity, we need as many newspapers as possible. Can you please send them in with your child to be dropped off at the design and technology department to Mrs Jeynes or handed into reception. Thanks in advance.

Mrs Jeynes

HPFA survey

The HPFA are a small group of committed parents working to raise funds for the school. We have created this survey to get a better understanding of the events that parents would like to take part in so that we can focus our resources better. Please [click here](#) to fill out the survey.

SEN Sixth Form Open day - FreshSteps Independent School

FreshSteps Independent School in Island Village will be holding their SEN Sixth Form open day on Wednesday 5th July. Open to all year 10 and 11 SEN students to attend.



FreshSteps
Independent School

Sixth Form
OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY
2023

10:00AM UNTIL 17:00PM
36-38 Island Centre Way,
Enfield EN3 6GS
02088035827

COURSES AQA AWARDS SCHEME

- Fashion and Design
- Catering and Hospitality
- Performing Arts
- Nail Care
- Music Technology
- Sports Studies
- Hair and Beauty
- Maths
- English
- Construction

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MORE CONTACT INFO: www.freshstepsindependentschool.org.uk



HAF Enfield Summer 2023

24th July – 1st September

FREE* places available on Enfield's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme this summer. For more information visit www.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/holiday-activity-and-food-programmes

Ages Reception to Year 11

*Free for those in receipt of benefits related free school meals

- Arts & Crafts
- Get Active
- Free nutritious meals
- Music
- Day Trips
- Plus much much more!

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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

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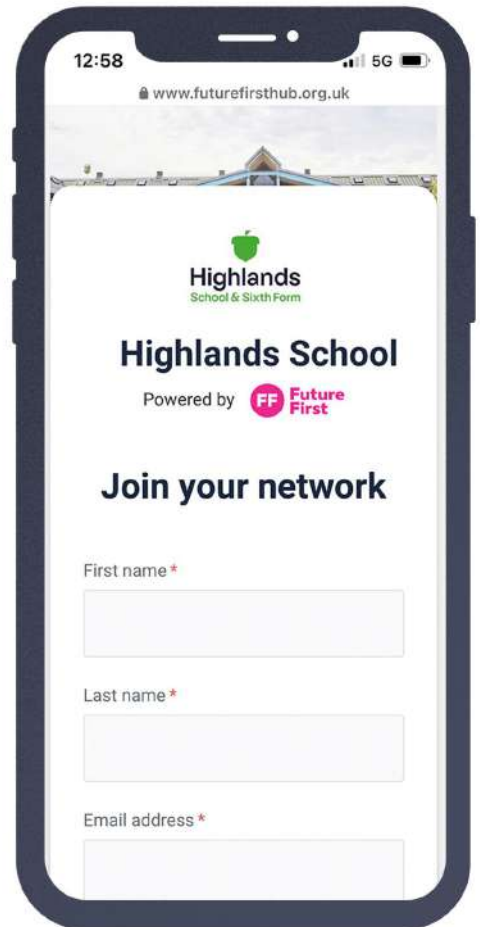


Former student?

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.





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

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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