



Highlands School Newsletter

24 May 2024



Dear parents and carers,

This week we are proud to celebrate the Highlands students and staff who won Jack Petchey awards. These awards are given to students who demonstrate commitment to academic excellence but, also, to personal growth. Alongside our students, we are delighted that Mr Minton was awarded a Jack Petchey leader award; his commitment to our students is an example to us all. Well done to all of them.

This week the funeral mass and burial of Mrs Rossi took place, both were deeply moving events. After the burial we presented Mrs Rossi's family with over 300 cards of condolence that our students had written and a remembrance book signed by staff and governors. You can read some of the cards later in the newsletter this week. Although there are over 1,700 students and staff at Highlands, we are a community, and have joined together in offering our support to Mrs Rossi's family. Her family asked us to share this message:

To all the students and staff at Highlands school.

We want to thank each and every one of you who took the time to write us a message and who have kept us in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Please know, we have read every single one and it has bought us so much comfort. Your words have made us even more proud of our mother/wife.

We hope you all do Mrs Rossi proud and achieve all your goals like she had hoped for you all. Believe in yourselves like she believed in you.

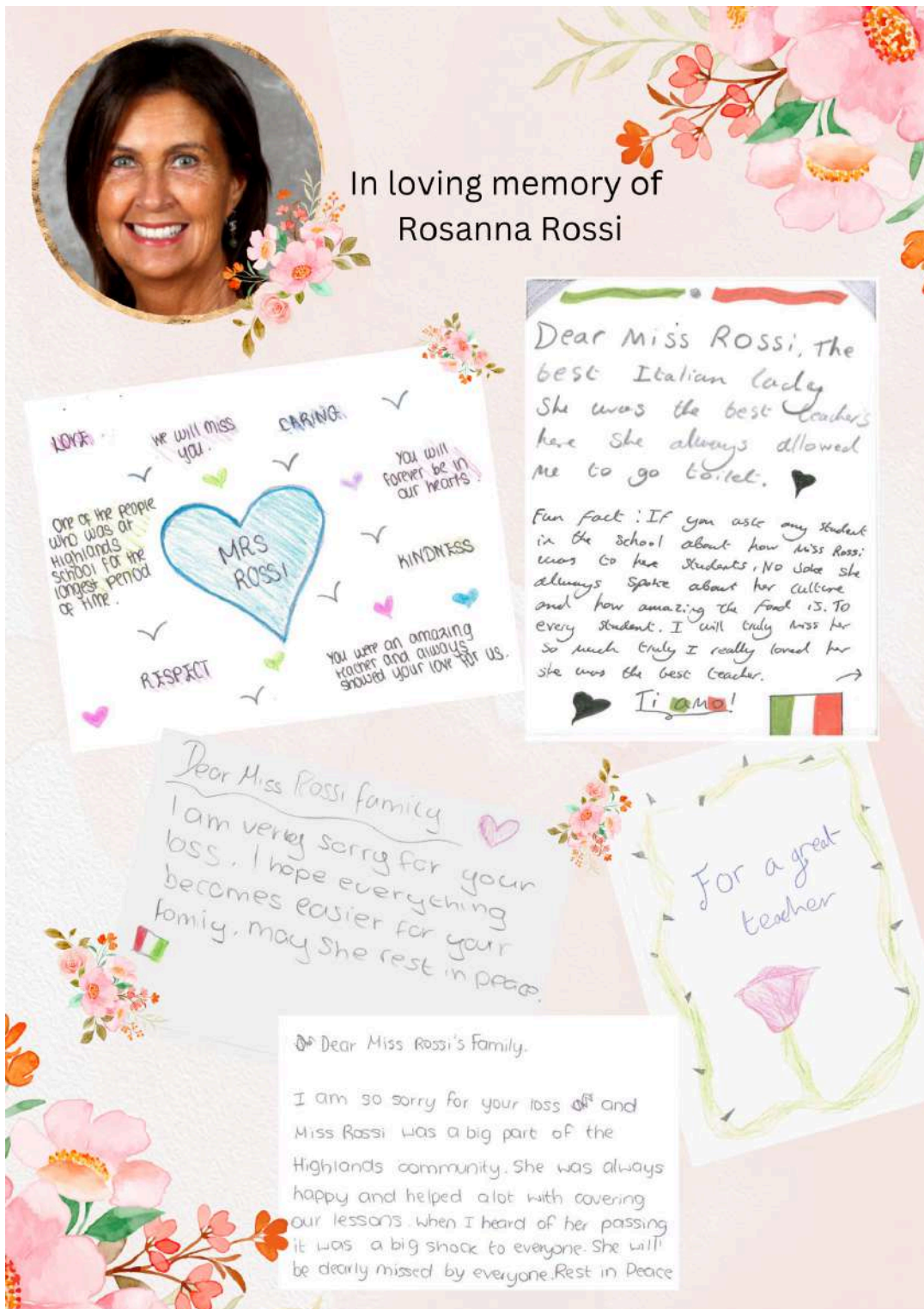


Best wishes,

The family of Mrs Rossi.

Our next half term starts on Monday 3rd June. Have restful break,

Mr McInerney,
Headteacher





Celebrating our Jack Petchey Award winners!

We are thrilled to announce that several of our outstanding students and staff member Mr Minton have been honoured with the prestigious Jack Petchey Award! This remarkable achievement highlights their exceptional dedication, hard work, and contributions to our school community.



Our students have consistently demonstrated excellence, not just academically, but also in their commitment to personal growth and community service. The Jack Petchey Award recognises young people who have gone above and beyond, showing leadership, resilience, and compassion.

We are equally proud of Mr Minton, our Learning support assistant and physical needs coordinator, whose unwavering dedication to our school has made a significant impact. Mr Minton's commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive environment has not gone unnoticed and was presented with the 'Outstanding Leader' award. A huge congratulations to you all, we are very proud of your achievements.

Here are the winners.

Mr Minton, Betsy Coneywood, Amelie Manning, Estelle Shopova, Gracie Mae Ticehurst, Joshua Jackson, Sakura Daley, Ivan Markovets and Luke Tyrimos.



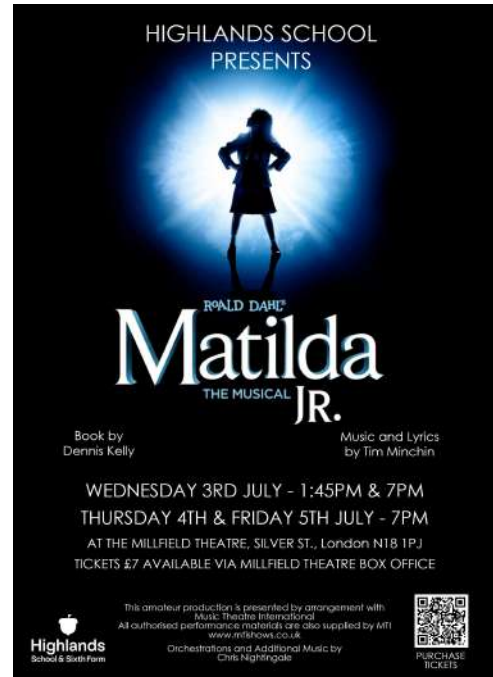




Matilda Jr.

Join us for this year's school production of Matilda Jr, the beloved tale of courage, magic, and triumph! Don't miss out on the chance to see our talented students bring this enchanting story to life on stage.

Purchase your tickets now and support our young performers via the [Millfield Theatre Box Office](#) or via the QR code below.



Raising money for Alzheimer's UK

We are immensely proud to share that Ms Rattan has recently completed a challenging 13-mile trek in support of Alzheimer's UK. This incredible effort not only showcases her physical endurance and commitment but also highlights her dedication to supporting a cause that affects so many families.

Congratulations to Ms Rattan on raising £575 for such a worthy cause. We are very proud of your achievement.





Headteacher awards

It is with immense pride and joy that we celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students as we honour the recipients of this week's prestigious headteacher award. An award that is presented to nominated students who exemplify dedication, hard work and excellence.

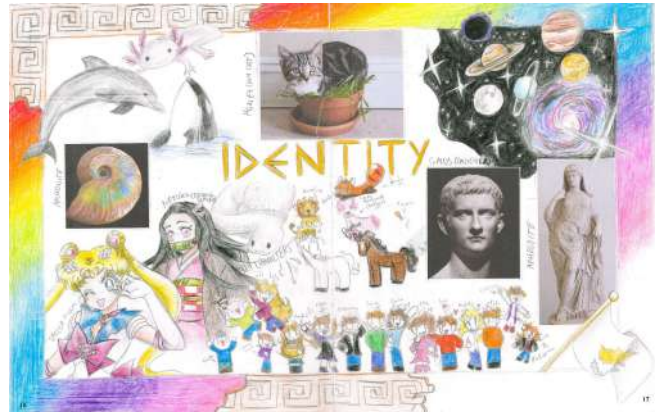
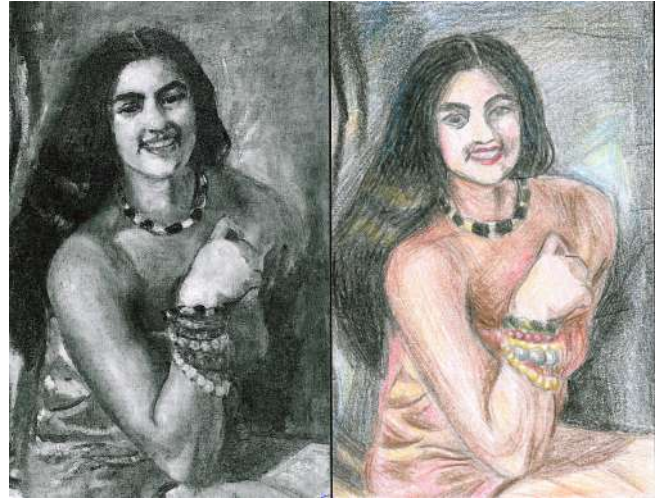
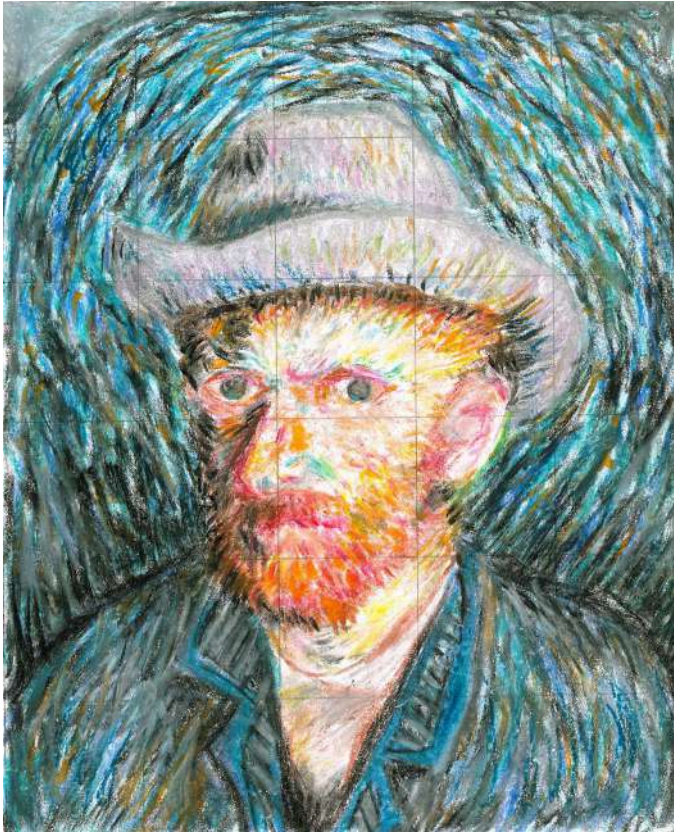
This week, the headteacher award is proudly presented to the following students.

- **Liliana Jonczyk 7OJT:** Awarded for demonstrating exceptional dedication by participating in a 5km run and walk around Grovelands Park to raise funds for the Bright Horizons Foundation.
- **Yashraj Singh 11BRD:** Awarded for demonstrating resilience after experiencing difficult events. Your determination to revise whilst in hospital is amazing and to come in to do the exam is extraordinary.
- **Christina Hajilambi 9WCM:** Awarded for continuously producing outstanding art work. *(You can see examples of Christina's work on the next page)*
- **Adar Abdi Mahamed 7WSW:** Awarded for making the most progress in Bedrock Learning in April.
- **Jessica Lincoln 9RNB:** Awarded for her remarkable art work for her 'Identity' title page. *(Can be seen on the next page)*
- **Tahlia Teoni Boyele 8RCX:** Awarded for her remarkable art work for her 'Design inspired by nature' title page. *(Can be seen on the next page)*
- **Amelia Marrison-Claffey 9BLM:** Awarded for her consistent attendance at Pride Club
- **Sindi Shaban 8WNK, Meliz Hassan 8WMP, Charlie Gill 8OSQ, Samuel Malaj 8OFD, Stephanie Berko 8BAM, Leyla Suleyman 8RBW and Yuxi Chen 8BJF:** Awarded for their fantastic entries for the history department's pamphlet competition.
- **Evie Rees 7BLR:** Awarded for outstanding effort on their Bedrock Learning homework.
- **Ada Simsek 7BLR:** Awarded for outstanding effort on their Bedrock Learning homework.





The fantastic work by Christina Hajilambi:



Tahlia Teoni Boyele's Design inspired by nature title page and Jessica Lincoln's Identity title page.



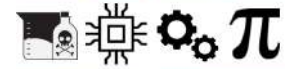


A level biology B.U.G challenge!

Congratulations to year 12 biology students Ilana, L'Jeeta and Amadora for taking up the Biology B.U.G challenge and doing a fantastic job.

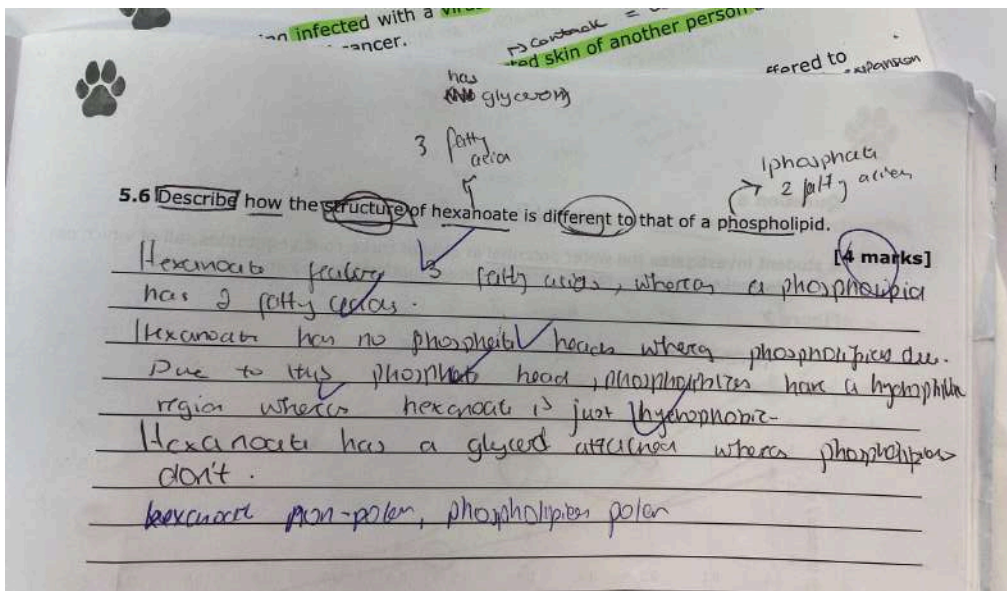
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The challenge was to B.U.G (**B**ox, **U**nderline keywords and **G**o back reread the question) AS biology papers as a group and answer the questions to the best of their ability. The students were also chosen based on correctly choosing topics and the quality of annotation.



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Dr Len

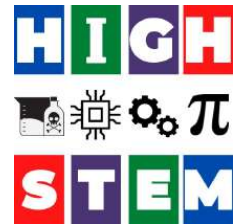




STEMazing - International Women in Engineering Day (INWED)

10th July 2024 TRIP OPPORTUNITY for year 8 and year 9 students ONLY

STEMAZING, an award-winning not-for-profit social enterprise, is dedicated to fostering inspiration, inclusion, and diversity within STEM. The organisation serves as a rallying cry to collectively amplify the voices of women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths, with the aim of forging a more diverse and inclusive future in these fields. Employing hands-on activities, STEMAZING connects learning to real-life situations, empowering women in STEM to shine as visible role models.



This collaborative event will serve as a tangible example of a real-life STEM workplace, providing young women with the opportunity to explore, interact with employees, and engage in discussions about their careers and the real-world challenges they encounter within STEM. Aligned with the Gatsby Benchmarking framework, specifically focusing on Encounters with employers and employees and Experiences of workplaces, this event aims to provide invaluable insights and experiences for its participants.

Benefits of the trip:

- **Inspiration and Role Models:** The trip exposes students to successful women in STEM, offering them inspiring role models and showcasing achievable career paths into engineering and other STEM roles.
- **Career Exploration:** Students get firsthand insights into engineering and other STEM careers, enabling them to explore various options and understand the daily tasks and challenges of professionals in these fields.
- **Real-World Application:** By engaging in hands-on activities and seeing real-world applications of their studies, students can connect classroom learning to practical uses in professional settings.
- **Networking:** Interacting with STEM professionals helps students build networks and gain confidence, fostering a sense of belonging and potential future opportunities in these fields.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** The trip highlights the importance of diversity in STEM, encouraging students from all backgrounds to pursue their interests and envision themselves as future contributors to the industry.
- **Educational Alignment:** The experience aligns with educational benchmarks such as the Gatsby Benchmarking, enhancing learning through meaningful workplace encounters.

Overall, the trip offers female students motivational, educational, and practical experiences that can influence their future educational and career choices in STEM.

If your child is interested in coming on this trip please fill out this [form](#) ASAP as this will be a first come first serve basis. Closing date will be **Monday 10th June 2024**.
Happy STEMing!

Dr Len



STEM Achievement Awards

Congratulations to all of the students who took part in the STEM challenge of designing a new Highlands water bottle, and to the students who also presented the idea to a Dragon's Den panel of judges.

Each student received a well-deserved certificate and voucher for their efforts!

Well done to you all.





House bake sales

I am delighted to let you know that on **Thursday 6th June** there will be a Willow house bake sale and on **Tuesday 11th June** there will be a Rowan house bake sale where students will have the opportunity to host another charity fundraising bake sale during break time.

All students who contribute to the bake sale will receive 5 achievement points and additional house points will be awarded to their house for the money raised.

It would be great if parents and carers can encourage and support their children to contribute to the bake sale. We are asking students to bring in baked foods and sweet treats such as cakes, biscuits, cookies or savoury items. These can be homemade or shop bought, but must be free from nuts, sesame and gelatine. We would also welcome contributions of cakes and biscuits that are gluten free and/or vegan/plant based. Please label your cakes with what they are, including your child's name and tutor group, to enable us to give them their house points.

All items should be brought to the drop-off point in reception by 8.30am on the day of the bake sale. If you wish to have your containers back please ask your child to come to reception at the end of the day to collect them.

Please can all students who wish to participate in the bake sales complete the forms below. We will randomly choose volunteers from different year groups to help on the morning of the sale, with setting up and selling (unfortunately we cannot accommodate everyone who volunteers). Those chosen will be contacted with further information on the day, so they can be released from their lesson earlier.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing all the wonderful baking and contributions.

Mrs Jeynes

Willow bake sale - Thursday 6th June [participation form](#)

Rowan bake sale - Tuesday 11th June [participation form](#)





We don't talk anymore

The 'We Don't Talk Anymore' project will be a 7-week spoken-word poetry programme led by Tyler and Yossi from the company Write2Speak for four weeks and then handed over to Mrs Maple for a further three weeks.

The spoken-word workshops will focus on creative writing, engaging in discussion and practising performance techniques, all of which are tools for openness and self expression.



Sessions will run once a week for between 1 hour and 1 hour and a half during the school day. Students that sign up to the project will agree to the performance date of the evening of **15th July**.

If you are interested in signing up, please fill out the following [application form](#).

Deadline for applications will be Monday 3rd June to the first 30 applicants.

Sixth form inter house netball competition

Congratulations to team Beech for winning the sixth form inter house competition. It was a tight final but Beech managed to beat Willow in a nail-biting game earning their house 4,000. Go team Beech!

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



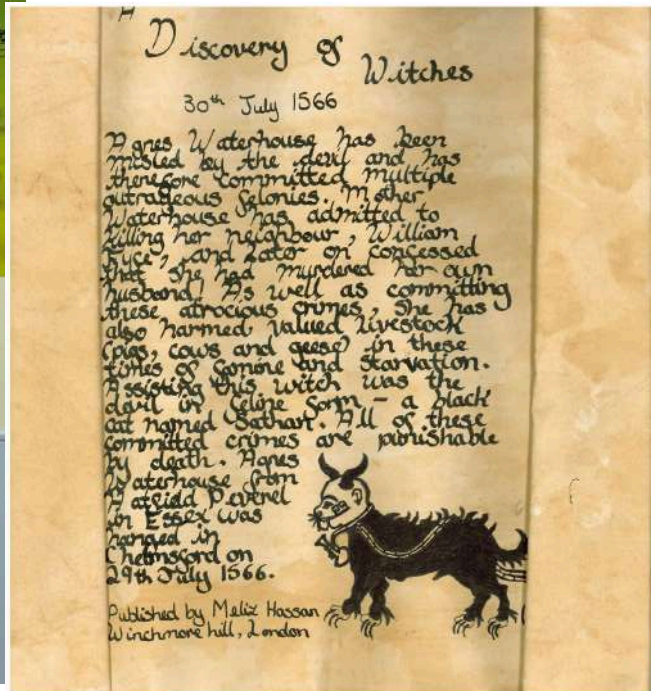


Inter house history competition

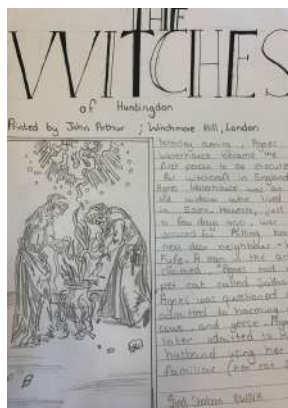
Congratulations to Meliz Hassan in year 8 who won the inter house history competition for Willow house.

The competition was to create a pamphlet - a type of primary source that students worked with in their unit of work titled *Why were women scapegoated as witches during the 16th and 17th centuries?* The pamphlet was to be created using similar characteristics of pamphlets created in the 16th and 17th centuries and had to report on the Witches of Huntington case.

Well done Meliz!



Here are the top entries from the other form groups.





Middlesex County U16 cup final winners

We are thrilled to announce that two of our talented students - Elisia Huetson-Varnava and Connie Wakeford have led their team to victory in the cup final with an impressive 4-2 win against Sussex!

A fantastic game played by both girls with Elisia scoring a goal and gaining an assist. This outstanding achievement highlights their hard work, teamwork, and dedication to the sport. Well done girls - go champions!



Dancers of the week

Congratulations to 7ODM who had a fantastic dance lesson this week doing a choreography task and instead of Dance students of the week, you are our Dance class of the week!

Well done!

Miss Brown





Year 10 futsal tournament

On Wednesday 22nd May, a team of seven year 10 students took part in an annual futsal tournament held at Latymer School. During the initial round-robin style tournament, Highlands played three games, winning two and losing one. This resulted in a 2nd place finish and a final against the top placed team, Winchmore. In a cagey final, Highlands lost 0-2 to Winchmore. All the boys should be proud of their efforts considering this was the first time that they had played futsal. I am proud of all of you.

Player of the tournament: Mathis Eboue

Mr Avann



England Schools Athletics qualifying event

Congratulations to Faye Etuazin, George Robinson, Millie Huetson-Varnava, Ella Mohan, Mia Rosen and Selma Tivnann who as a result of their performances in the borough athletics championships last year, have been selected to represent Enfield in an event against some of the best athletes in Middlesex on Saturday 8th June.

The best athletes in this competition will be selected to compete in an England Schools Athletics event. We wish you all the best and look forward to hearing how you get on.

Mrs Walters



Road safety poster competition

We've had so many wonderful entries for the Road Safety poster competition so far. Thank you to all of the students who have created wonderful posters to help raise awareness. We will be extending the deadline to **Wednesday 5th June** to allow more students to enter and design something over the half term break.

Looking forward to seeing all of your wonderful designs.



September 2024 new year 7 intake and current year 7 BBQ


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Highlands Parents & Friends Association

SAVE THE DATE

NEW YEAR 7
(SEPTEMBER 2024)
& CURRENT YEAR 7
BBQ

An evening of fun, games and getting to know each other.
Free entry ticket
Food and drinks on sale

11TH JULY 2024
6PM - 8PM
More details to follow soon.



Year 13 Prom

The year 13 prom will take place on **Thursday 4th July**.

The cost of the prom is £50 which includes a buffet, photo booth, and soft drinks.

Please confirm your booking via Parentpay as soon as possible for the few remaining spaces.

Sixth form team

Year 11 Prom

The year 11 prom will take place on **Monday 24th June 2024**.

The cost of the prom is £45 which includes a snack buffet, photo booth, sweet stall and soft drinks.

Please confirm your booking via ParentPay **by 7th June** in order to reserve a space.

Mr Joseph

PE Clubs programme

PE Clubs Programme 2024 (3rd June - 24th July)

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Tennis Y7-11 (Boys and Girls) Mr Robson Sports Hall 3:15 - 4:30	Rounders Y7-10 Girls Ms Walters/Ms Hutchinson Field 3:15 - 4:30	Rugby (Boys and Girls) Y8-9 Boys, Y8-10 Girls Mr Robson + Rugby Coach Old Grammarians 3:15 - 4:30 *Google Form required*	Athletics Y7-13 Ms Berrill/Mr Joseph Field 3:15 - 4:15
Cricket Y7-11 (Boys and Girls) Mr Avann Astroturf 3:15 - 4:30			



House competition half term winners

This week's overall house winner: **highest number of achievement points minus concern codes, plus the inter house netball competition.** Well done **Beech!**

This Week	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive Points	3,554	3,706	3,349	3,780
Negative points	-576	-345	-318	-637
Points overall	2,978	3,361	3,031	3,143
Sixth form netball	4,000	1,000	2,000	3,000
Total points	6,978	4,361	5,031	6,143

Here are the top students this week.

Top students in year 7:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Erin	Eastwood	7ODM	O	33
Aariah	Udahemuka	7WSW	W	32
Evani	Page-Jayaraman	7WSW	W	31
Marianne	Smith	7WSW	W	29
Ciara	Moore-Mcgowan	7WSW	W	28
Florence	Holyomes	7WSW	W	28
Asya	Sagiroglu	7WSW	W	26
Hannah	Gibbons	7WSW	W	26
Katrina	Awatar	7WSW	W	25
Klea	Kambo	7WSW	W	25

Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Samuel	Malaj	8OFD	O	30
Thomas	West	8RBW	R	29
Eren	Yener	8RBW	R	29
Bibiana	Edwards	8BJF	B	28
Ruby	Knight	8RCX	R	28
Maria	Csaki	8WNK	W	28
Mehmet	Hassan	8OFD	O	27
Warren	Kelly	8OSQ	O	27
Dennis	Erdogan	8OSQ	O	27
April	Clydesdale	8RBW	R	27



Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Sakina	Putwa	9WJQ	W	50
Yunus	Coskun	9ODC	O	47
Constantinos	Socratous	9ODC	O	46
Erkan	Varlik	9WJQ	W	43
Cora	Drysdale	9WJQ	W	43
Zehra	Besler	9WJQ	W	42
Diana	Tangestani	9ODC	O	41
Estelle	Shopova	9BLM	B	40
Kristina	Elia	9WJQ	W	40
Lily	Theodorou	9BLM	B	39
George	Baker	9BYC	B	39
Rafael	Almeida	9WJQ	W	39

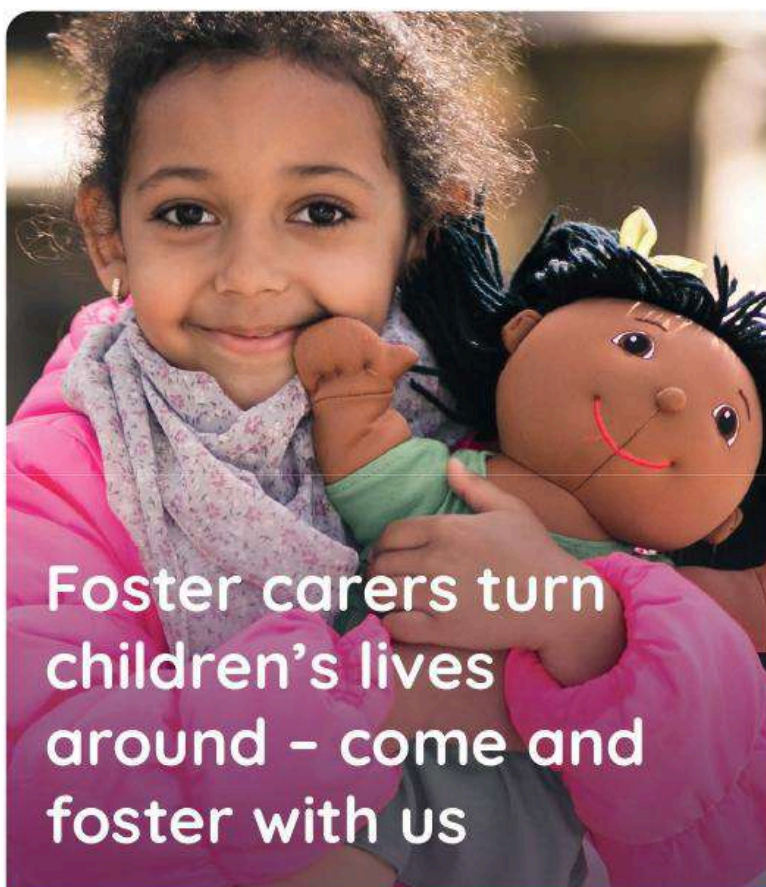
Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Shekhinah	Gitu	10BJC	B	41
Christian	Valassis	10RCB	R	40
Evie	Whitbread	10WDD	W	39
Jack	Trautner	10WDD	W	39
Evie	Ferguson	10WTH	W	37
Darcy	Dundridge	10RCB	R	35
Henry	Hanlon	10WDD	W	33
Carey	Kirton	10BJC	B	32
Harrison	Sykes	10RCB	R	31
Sienna	Manning	10RCB	R	31
Aleksander	Ivanov	10WDD	W	31



Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Katie	Brookman	12ODS	O	24
Alexia	Chrysostomou	12BHK	B	22
Ledia	Xhetani	12WTA	W	19
Charlie	Mills	12RSL	R	16
Eimaan	Abbas	12WTA	W	13
Chizara	Okonkwo	12WTA	W	7
Luca	Kaye	12BHK	B	6
Jessica	Griggs	12BHK	B	6
Ethan	Oldroyd	12OSB	O	6
Sophia	Holness	12OSB	O	6
Maksymilian	Lewandowski	12OSB	O	6
Nico	Manning	12WBS	W	6



Foster carers turn children's lives around - come and foster with us



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Your local office: Unit 28 Basepoint Business Centre, Isidore Road, Bromsgrove, B60 3ET

Short term and long term fosters carers needed. Highly competitive fostering allowance of up to £28,000 a year, tax-free. 24/7 support and specialist training. Potential to combine with full or part-time work.



Help us fund raise for our school

Did you know when you sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk and purchase goods from shops on the **website** or **app**, **Highlands School will earn a commission from the sale?**

All you have to do is search for **Highlands School Enfield** and select us as your chosen charity and shop as usual.

Highlands School Enfield

Winchmore Hill, London

£3,565.00 raised

96 supporters

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How to support Highlands School Enfield

- 1** Sign up
Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.
- 2** Download our browser extension
Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.
- 3** Track your donations
You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when Highlands School Enfield gets paid.

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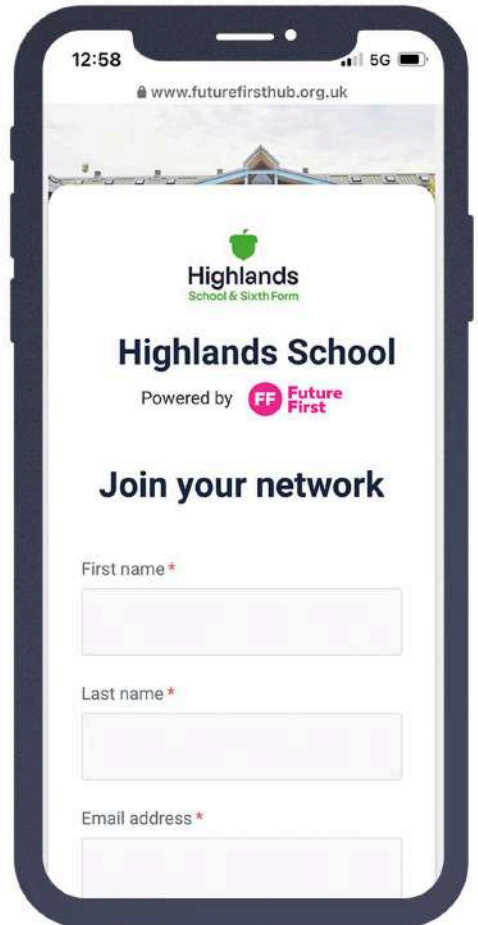
Highlands School Alumni

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.





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. We recently sent out a [medical and allergy survey](#) to all parents - thank you to all those who have completed this - if you haven't already done so, please can this be completed as soon as possible so we can update our records.

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

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

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
South West London	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0300 555 1000
	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

Urgent and other support available

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

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

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

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

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)

Kooth 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

Sign Health: <https://signhealth.org.uk/contact/>

Deaf young people: <https://signhealth.org.uk/with-deaf-people/supporting-young-people/>

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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