



Highlands School Newsletter

15 December 2023



Dear parents and carers,

This is the final newsletter of the term and of 2023. I hope you have been able to read the newsletters we have been sending home this year, they have been more full than ever of the achievements of our students. Hundreds and hundreds of Highlands students have been featured at some point; we are proud of them all and we hope you are too. This week at school we had a range of festive events including Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day and our staff Christmas quiz (won by Beech). Next week we have special Christmas celebration assemblies led by our head students.

We have two and a half more days at school next week, with normal teaching days on Monday and Tuesday and then an early finish for the whole school on Wednesday. All students will be dismissed on Wednesday at midday. We all return to school on Monday 8th January.

A reminder of important dates for your diaries:

- Monday 18th December: Highlands Winter Wonderland event
- Wednesday 20th December: end of term (half day)
- Monday 8th January: start of spring term

I hope you all have a restful break, a Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Mr McInerney, Headteacher



House half term winner

The winner this week is the house with the **highest total points** for the whole year this far.

Achievement points overall this year:

Points	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive points	65,680	62,039	57,595	59,198
Negative points	-4,243	-3,738	-3,988	-4,287
Points overall	61,437	58,301	53,607	54,911
	1st	2nd	4th	3rd

Football points overall this year:

Football	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Total	26000	19000	31000	24000
	2nd	4th	1st	3rd

Rowan won four of the football competitions, **Beech** also four and **Oak** two. **Willow** did not win any but had lots of second place finishes. **Oak** came last six times which meant they came bottom overall.

Quiz points overall this year:

Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
20000	19000	21000	20000
2nd	3rd	1st	2nd

Bake sales so far this year:

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

Oak have raised the most money for charity so far this year.

Departmental competitions:

Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
2nd	2nd	1st	1st



Year 9 mid year assessments:

Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
3199	3564	1665	6566
3rd	2nd	4th	1st

Willow did much better than the other houses in the year 9 mid year academic excellence assessments.

So the overall half term winners are....ROWAN****

Totals	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Achievement pts	61,437	58,301	53,607	54,911
Other pts	60,162	57,411	70,288	63,299
Total	121,599	115,712	123,895	118,210
	2nd	4th	1st	3rd

There are only 8,183 points separating **Rowan** in first place and **Oak** in fourth. Although Rowan has the fewest overall achievement points, they have won the most in the other competitions.

See pages 23-25 for the list of top students in each year group for this week.



Christmas festivities at Highlands!

In the spirit of the season our staff and students donned their cosiest Christmas jumpers this week, transforming our school into a winter wonderland of holiday cheer! All money raised will go to this year's joint house charity [Cooking Champions](#). At lunch, everyone gathered for a delicious festive Christmas meal cooked by our fabulous caterers Chartwells. Here's to the Christmas season!





Year 7 Christmas card competition

Our year 7 Christmas card competition entries are now on display. They have truly captured the magic of the season and have transformed the art corridor into a mini winter wonderland. Check out our gallery of creativity and let these festive designs warm your heart.



Staff house quiz

Congratulations to Beech house for winning the staff Christmas quiz for a second year in a row!





House Christmas quizzes

What a great way to celebrate festive cheer with our house Christmas quizzes. A huge well done to the brilliant minds who 'sleighted' the competition and emerged as the victorious winners. Your holiday spirit and quiz prowess truly made this season merrier. Here are the winners.

Year 10 - 1st: Willow, **2nd:** Rowan, **3rd:** Oak, **4th:** Beech



Year 12 - 1st: Rowan, **joint 2nd:** Beech and Oak, **3rd:** Willow



Year 13 - 1st: Willow, **2nd:** Beech, **3rd:** Rowan, **4th:** Oak





Art in Action trip

Our A level art and photography students were invited to an amazing live lecture facilitated by Art in Action at the Emmanuel Centre in London.

The running day programme based on 'The Creative Process' introduced our students to the world of art and design. Artist and presenter Sir Grayson Perry and Magnum photographer Martin Parr presented their unique creative journeys, what inspires them and how they turn an idea into a work of art. Students were also left mesmerised by the dramatic live light installation displayed by visual artist Hugo Dalton.

The trip left our students inspired and brimming with creative ideas for their own work. Here are some of their thoughts.

'It was really interesting listening to the presenters' back stories of how they started out and how they got into the course/ job they do now.' - Marissa Antoniou

'Grayson perry was very entertaining and funny. He was so enthusiastic about his work, he also showcased his amazing singing!'
- Hollie Burkett

'I found Martin Parr really interesting. The progressive, historical shift to digital photography and his story implemented into his work was fascinating.' - Mia Pusztai

'Martin Parr's photography made me really interested and engaged. His work with Vogue captivated me. Overall, the best part of the day was the atmosphere. It was great to indulge in other creators' artwork.' - Ledia Xhetani





HPFA festive raffle

The HPFA's festive raffle is open! There are some fantastic top prizes to be won. Tickets are £2 each or 3 for £5 and can be purchased [here](https://app.galabid.com/hpfafestiveraffle23). All funds raised will support Highlands School children. The HPFA hopes that this year's raffle will be a big success! For more information, please see below.

HPFA Charity no 1160888

Festive Raffle

AMAZING TOP PRIZES

First Prize: £150 CASH

Second Prize: £100 CASH

Third Prize: £50 CASH

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£2 per ticket or

3 tickets for £5

Raffles closes at 12 pm
18th December

Small society lottery no: LN/202200525
Contact us: HPFAeventtickets@gmail.com





The Highlands Winter Wonderland 2023

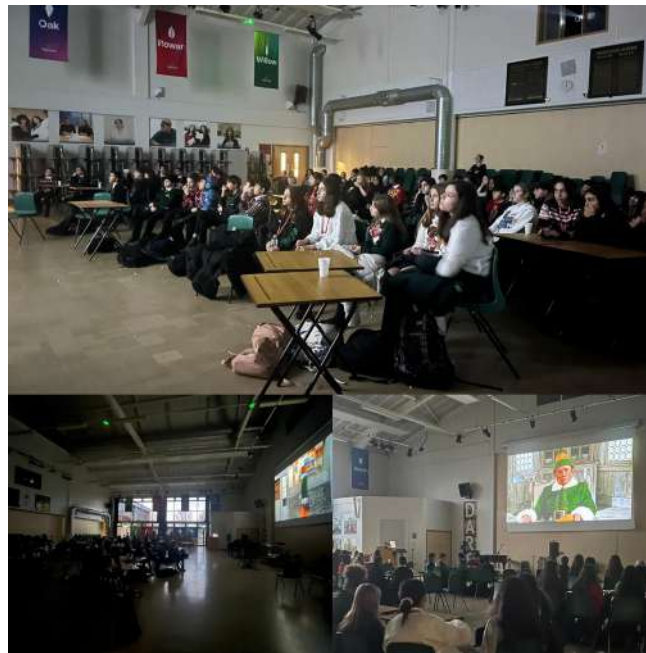
We are thrilled to announce the exciting initiative undertaken by our year 12 BTEC Business students as part of their Unit 4 Event management module. They are gearing up for the much-anticipated Highlands Winter Wonderland event, which promises to be a spectacular affair! What makes this event even more special, is that all proceeds will go to our school's chosen charity, "Cooking Champions."





Year 7 Christmas cinema event

On Thursday after school, our year 7 students enjoyed a cinematic experience watching the fun, Christmas classic Elf. It was a wonderful way for all of our year 7s to get into the Christmas spirit.



PE Extracurricular timetable 2023-24

PE Clubs programme 2023-24 (8th January - Friday 9th February)			
Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Netball Year 7 Mrs Walters, Miss Berrill 3:15 - 4:30	Boys Basketball Years 8,9 Mr Robson Sports Hall 3:15 - 4:30	Girls Basketball Years 8,9,10 Mr Robson Sports Hall 3:15 - 4:30	Handball (GCSE) Years 10,11 Mr Avann/ Mr Joseph Sports Hall 3:15 - 4:30
A Level PE Club Year 13 SL6 Mr Avann 3:15 - 4:00			

Please visit our [website](#) for more information.



Headteacher award

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.

- **Alex Attaliotis 12RCW:** Awarded for making an exceptional start to his history A level and illustrating exceptional academic attainment since the start of the course.
- **Maxim Volkov 10OKK:** Awarded for illustrating high levels of determination in history. Maxim has illustrated during his time on the course that when you are committed, you can achieve great success!
- **Eirini Palamaras 7BLR:** Awarded for her consistent enthusiasm and excellent contributions to learning in history lessons.
- **Emin Hamamci 9RTC:** Awarded for for his exceptional attainment in his most recent essay on 'Was Germany to blame for the outbreak of WW1?'
- **Abel Kalaj 8WMP:** Awarded for enthusiastically and consistently contributing to the school's wider life and illustrating excellent leadership skills.
- **Victoria Salamanca 12WTA** and **Lucy Lord 10RNC:** Awarded for compering at the Winter Showcase all evening and doing a fantastic job of it.
- **Joshua Jackson 13MTU:** Awarded for overcoming adversity. Joshua continuously strives to be successful. He is polite, kind and a caring member of the sixth form community. He continues to show amazing resilience to ongoing challenges.
- **Eirene Palamaras 7BLR** and **Ciara Moore-McGowan 7WSW:** Awarded for their outstanding written response to the enquiry question "Are humans more important than animals?" in religious studies this term.
- **Bibiana Edwards 8BJF** and **Andreas Hambi 8BAM:** Awarded for their outstanding written response to the enquiry question "Was Jesus a rebel?" in religious studies this term.
- **Elis Cristovao 9WCM** and **Keira Cheek 9RNB:** Awarded for their consistently outstanding attitude to learning and recent written response to the enquiry question "Is there one truth or many?" in religious studies this term.
- **Eva Chrysostomou 10BNI** and **Beth Crutchley 10RCB:** Awarded for their consistent hard work and high quality of work in religious studies and for always demonstrating the school's values of determination, aspiration, respect and equality.
- **Parla Ghanipour 10OAB:** Awarded for her consistent hard work, high quality of work in religious studies and for always striving to think outside the box and completing wider reading to challenge and stretch her knowledge.
- **Jessica Griggs 12BHK:** Awarded for her consistently excellent practice and thoughtful writing in A level religious studies.
- **Kristian Kousoulou 12RCW:** Awarded for his consistently outstanding effort, high quality of work and responding to feedback from teachers in A level religious studies.



- **Eleanor Rogers 13ATH:** Awarded for her recent outstanding effort on a presentation to the class on different philosophical views on the conscience in A level religious studies.
- **Imogen Spiers 13ESM:** Awarded for her consistently outstanding effort and demonstration of the DARE values in A level religious studies.
- **Edgar Freimanis 7BEF:** Awarded for his outstanding work and attitude towards learning.



Music department house competition

Well done to all of the students who performed in the inter house music singing competition. The teams were ranked by Mr McInerney based on their harmonies, dancing and overall performance.

- **1st place - Beech:** 'Shine' - great harmonies.
- **2nd place - Willow:** 'Moving on Up' - great dancing from the boys on the front right.
- **3rd place - Oak:** 'Call me maybe'
- **4th place - Rowan:** 'Viva la Vida'.

Well done to you all, especially Beech who have won those vital points and a trophy for their cabinet.



Year 10/11 basketball victory

Well done to the Highlands year 10/11 basketball team who won their first game this season!

In an exhilarating showdown, Highlands emerged victorious against Laurel Park School with a nail-biting final score of 65-63. The match showcased an outstanding display of skill and determination from both teams, making it a truly competitive encounter. Harry B and Louis N demonstrated exceptional prowess, each contributing over 20 points to the team's success. The standout performance earned Harry B the well-deserved title of player of the match. Well done boys, victory truly deserved!



Year 11 inter house football

Well done to Oak house for winning the girls and boys year 11 inter house football competition. The girls team beat Rowan 3-0 in the final, and after a goalless draw against Rowan, the boys team won on penalties to secure a double victory for Oak.

Final positions - Girls: **1st:** Oak **2nd:** Rowan **3rd:** Willow **4th:** Beech

Final positions - Boys: **1st:** Oak **2nd:** Rowan **3rd:** Willow **4th:** Beech





Highlands' honour boards

This week we celebrated a proud tradition at Highlands School as the honour boards were graced with the names of our newly appointed captains and Oak as the 2023 house champions. It was exciting to witness history in the making. Watch [here](#), as all of the names are unveiled.



Spanish research presentation

This week our Spanish students were tasked with creating and presenting a Spanish presentation about a person they admired, which included a short biography. They had to present the entire piece in Spanish to their class, their fluency and presentations were just incredible! Well done to you all.





Sea life art in Ed-Extra

Our Ed-Extra students have been diving into creativity this term as they translated their sea life drawings into stunning clay masterpieces.



Mock interview success!

As part of the previously run mock interview days, when one student was absent, rather than leaving an employer without a candidate to interview, we randomly selected a year 12 student and without any notice got them to sit an interview with Garry Kousoulou, local author, entrepreneur and optician. Despite no preparation, the interview was so successful, Ali Topal was offered a two-week work placement, during the October half-term. Ali, who is studying A levels in maths, government and politics and economics, was also invited to the Houses of Parliament for a special event on Wednesday 13th December and met with Feryal Clark, Labour - Enfield North Shadow Minister for Health and other MPs.



Thank you to Garry Kousoulou for his ongoing support and who commented how "Ali did so well in representing Highlands School and himself so perfectly and professionally."

Well done Ali for being a great role model.

Mrs Laurenzi





Highlands cookbook

The official Highlands cookbook is now on sale. The book has been created by students, staff and Highlands local community in order to be sold to raise money for a charity close to Highlands' heart - Simmons House Adolescent Unit, the joint Highlands house charity for 2023.

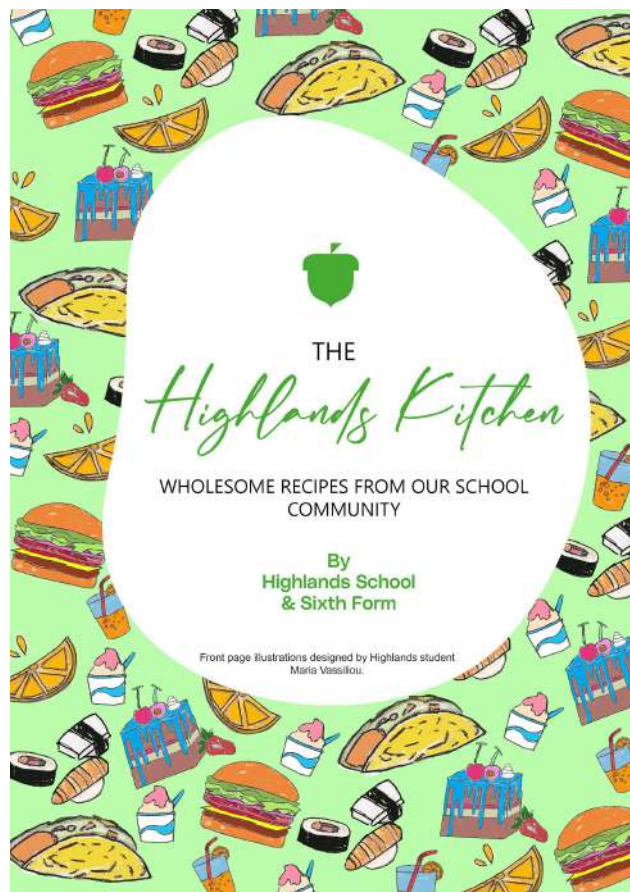
What is Simmons House Adolescent Unit?

Simmons House Adolescent Unit is an in-patient psychiatric unit for young people between 13 to 17 years of age. Young people who are admitted for outcome-focussed treatment will usually be admitted to Simmons House for between six and nine months.

Adolescents and their families/carers receive an individually planned and structured treatment package combining as appropriate: family therapy (which is often filmed), individual therapy, occupational therapy, group work and education.

Well done to Maria Vassiliou whose illustrations have been used on the front cover of the book.

The cost per book is £5 and can be purchased via ParentPay.



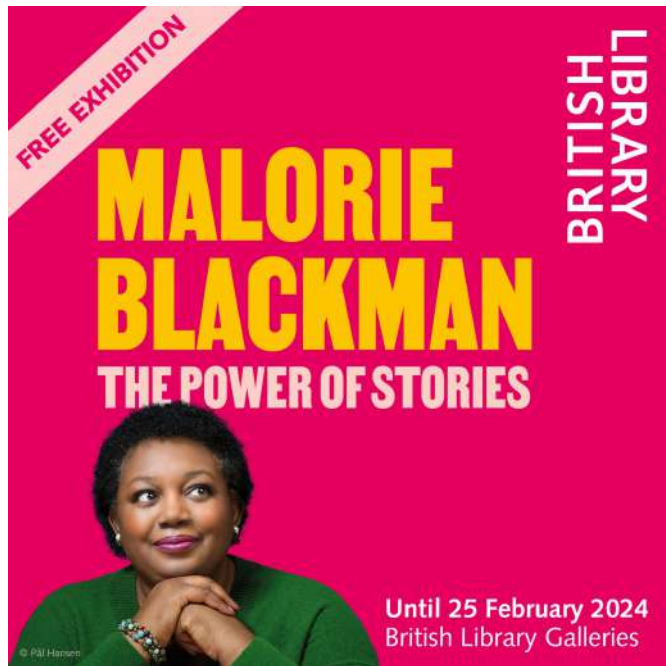


Calling year 7 English students!

The last text you will be studying in English is 'Noughts and Crosses' by Malorie Blackman. There is currently a free exhibition at the British Library that explores her inspiration behind the text and artwork that has been produced based on the book itself! Don't forget to take photos to share with us!

The exhibition is free, so you don't need to book and the visit will take approximately 30 minutes.

Mrs Selim



Academic excellence

At the end of last year in our student surveys, students asked us to recognise academic achievement in the house system. So, this year, after each year groups' mid year assessments / mock exams we will recognise:

- The top achieving student in each subject. They will receive the academic excellence trophy for that subject, 1,000 points for their house, and a certificate.
- The most improved student from the previous set of assessments (end of the previous year). They will also receive a certificate.

The following page will reveal the winners of each subject award for academic excellence and most improved students.



Subject	Student	Form class	House
ART	Lilah Chibah	9WCM	WILLOW
CITIZENSHIP	Madiha Yahya	9OSM	OAK
	Zara Petkova	9ODC	OAK
	Hayden Hadley	9WJQ	WILLOW
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Lois Anosike	9WCM	WILLOW
DANCE	Melisa Angelova	9BLM	BEECH
	Izzy Minguez	9BLM	BEECH
DRAMA	Sophia Klovak	9RTC	ROWAN
	Louie Lynch	9RTC	ROWAN
	Viola Howard	9ODC	OAK
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Ava Theodorou	9BYC	BEECH
	Penny Jones	9BYC	BEECH
	Francesca Georgiou	9WCM	WILLOW
	Elis Cristovao	9WCM	WILLOW
ENGLISH LITERATURE	Sadie Baker	9BYC	BEECH
	Madiha Yahya	9OSM	OAK
	Constantinos Socratous	9ODC	OAK
FRENCH	Estelle Shopova	9BLM	BEECH
GEOGRAPHY	Ermioni Tsantikou	9OSM	OAK
HISTORY	Hayden Hadley	9WJQ	WILLOW
MATHS	Claudia Poyiadzis	9ODC	OAK
	Isabella Cruden	9OSM	OAK
MUSIC	Estelle Shopova	9BLM	BEECH
	Angelo Symeou	9ODC	OAK
	George Robinson	9WCM	WILLOW
	James Butcher	9OSM	OAK
	Elis Cristovao	9WCM	WILLOW
PE	Dane Adon	9RTC	ROWAN
RS	Nicole Kozinos	9RTC	ROWAN
	Elis Cristovao	9WCM	WILLOW



	Estelle Shopova	9BLM	BEECH
	Madiha Yahya	9OSM	OAK
	Keira Cheek	9RNB	ROWAN
	Cora Drysdale	9WJQ	WILLOW
SCIENCE	Cora Drysdale	9WJQ	WILLOW
SPANISH	Ermioni Tsantikou	9OSM	OAK
	Ola Muca	9RTC	ROWAN
	Jorja Hodge	9RTC	ROWAN
	Constantinos Socratous	9ODC	OAK

Year 9 most improved students

Subject	Student	Form class	House
ART	Sakina Putwa	9WJQ	WILLOW
CITIZENSHIP	Viola Howard	9ODC	OAK
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Hannah-Joy Driver	9OSM	OAK
DANCE	Chloe Sancho	9ODC	OAK
DRAMA	Zainab Ali	9RNB	ROWAN
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Franceska Koci	9RTC	ROWAN
ENGLISH LITERATURE	Albert Shore	9WCM	WILLOW
FRENCH	Joseph Tsangari	9BYC	BEECH
GEOGRAPHY	Amelie Manning	9OSM	OAK
HISTORY	William Obodoechina	9WCM	WILLOW
MATHS	Cooper Ireland	9BLM	BEECH
MUSIC	Max Taylor	9BYC	BEECH
PE	Yunus Coskun	9ODC	OAK
R.E.	Nelin Ahmet	9BLM	BEECH
SCIENCE	Alesja Rama	9RNB	ROWAN
SPANISH	Riyann Hassan	9OSM	OAK



Year 10 STEM Potential Programme 2023/24

The year 10 STEM Potential Programme allows students to experience different fields of science, technology, engineering and maths to gain a better understanding of which subjects they may want to study at A level.

During the on-campus events, students will gain a feel for university life, working closely with Imperial academics and students. Students stay on the programme for two years. After year 11, students who meet eligibility criteria will progress to years 12 and 13.

Applications will close on 10 January 2024 and you can find out more information and how to apply by visiting the [STEM Potential webpage](#).

For any queries please email stempotential@imperial.ac.uk.

Year 12 Levelling Up Programme 2023/24

Levelling Up supports students with their chemistry and physics A levels and university applications during years 12 and 13.

Students will take part in a range of online academic tutorials, sessions to support students in their transition to higher education, and additional activities hosted by Imperial and other participating universities and partners.

All tutorials and sessions will take place online throughout the twelve-month programme, with an in-person launch event taking place on a Saturday at Imperial's South Kensington Campus.

To find out more, including eligibility criteria and how to apply please [visit the Levelling Up webpage](#).
Applications close on Thursday 11 January 2024.

For any queries please email levellingup@imperial.ac.uk.

Dr Len

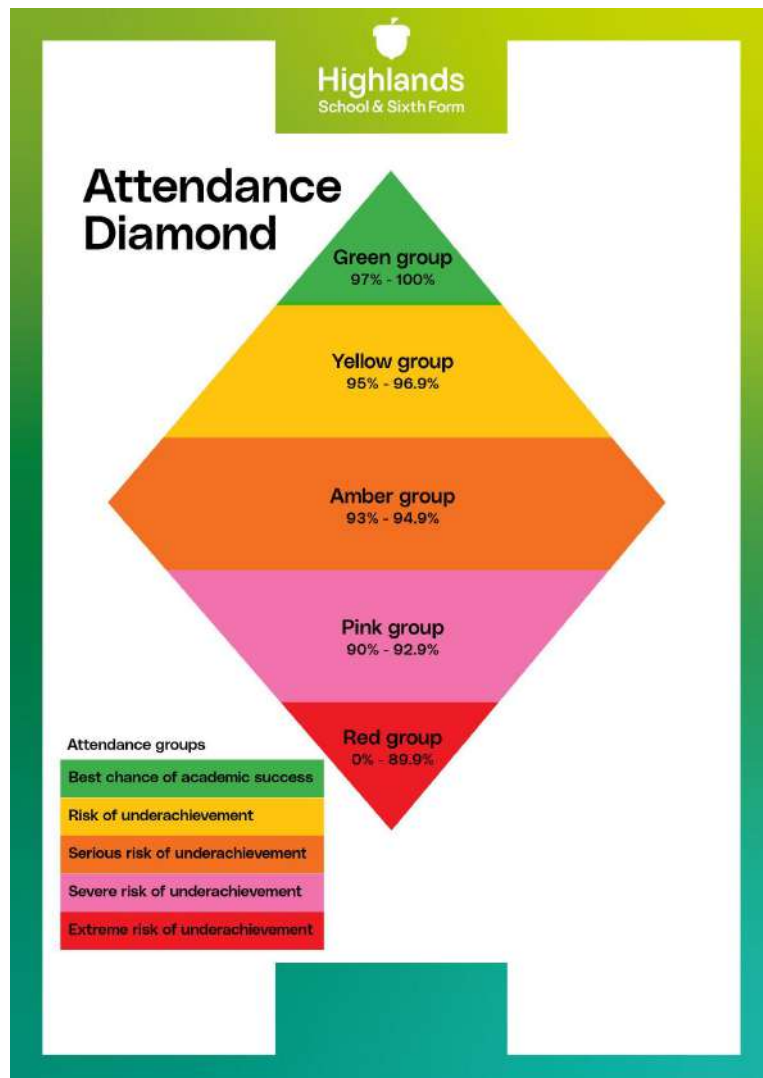




Attendance and punctuality update

Earlier in the term we shared some information with parents and carers about the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality to school, as well as some guidance on our systems and processes around attendance.

Below is our attendance diamond, which was previously shared with parents and carers. This diamond categorises attendance into colour groups to identify where a student's attendance may be of concern.



Next week you will receive a letter to inform you of the colour category for your child's current attendance percentage. This takes into account their attendance since the start of the school year. We appreciate that many students have had absences due to illness, or other unavoidable circumstances. However, absences, including authorised absences, do still have an impact on overall attendance



figures. It is an important part of our process to regularly communicate this information to you, as well as a legal duty to keep you updated on your child’s attendance.

How parents and carers can help

You can support us with securing excellent levels of attendance by:

- Not booking holidays in term time - written requests must be submitted before any travel arrangements are made using our ‘leave of absence’ request form. This can be found on our website.
- Not taking your child out of school unless in exceptional circumstances.
- Ensuring any medical appointments are booked outside of school hours where possible, and ensuring your child attends school before/after their appointment.
- Contacting the school on each day of absence to inform us of your child’s absence, including a specific reason for absence - stating ‘ill’ or ‘unwell’ may result in an unauthorised absence.
- Encouraging your child to attend school every day.
- Encouraging excellent punctuality and setting good routines, as persistent lateness will affect their attendance.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are a time for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like ping-pong notifications, the lure of games consoles and online selling day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season... You're glad you did! Merry Christmas!

- CHRISTMAS CRAFTING**
Get out the glue, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.
- NATURE QUEST**
Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural Christmas-themed items. Examples of this kind of year – like bolly or pinecones, say.
- CAROL KARAOKE**
Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick up your favourite tunes and enjoy an holiday celebration with family and friends.
- WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE**
Have fun making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmas past. It's a lovely way to relive your favourite holiday moments while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.
- TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALING**
Get down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.
- WRAP IT UP**
Take time to get inventive with some instructions on wrapping. Use old newspapers, paper, ribbons and bows to make parceling up those presents into a creative adventure.
- WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND**
Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The weather can be lovely, so you could do you could to your step could and avoid the crisp winter air together.
- BE A SEASONAL CHEF**
Put the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and bring up creative ideas for all of you can enjoy.
- ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY**
Christmas is a perfect time for spending special time together and loss yourself in a festive book. From Dickens to Dr Seuss or more modern favourites by Chris Van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.
- SNOWY SCULPTURES**
If you're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!
- GAMES NIGHT GALA**
Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Board games, card games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!
- GOODWILL TO ALL**
You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert
The National Online Safety (NOS) team is a team of experts who work together to help children and young people stay safe online. They also provide support and advice to parents and carers. For more information, visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com or call 0800 111 111.

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House competition weekly results

Top students in year 7:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Harriette	Paterson	7ODM	O	29
Betsy	Coneywood	7OJT	O	28
Inaya-Amor	Peart-Heron	7WSW	W	28
Olivia	Zimaras	7ODM	O	27
Finn	Mcgrath	7ODM	O	27
Andreas	Panteli	7ODM	O	27
Floriana	Macdonald	7OJT	O	27
Chloe	Tsiamas	7ODM	O	26
Archer	Nudds	7ODM	O	26
Daniel	Forechi	7ODM	O	26

Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Maria	Csaki	8WNK	W	36
Lucian	Hayden	8WNK	W	36
Chloe	Shi	8WMP	W	35
Aisha	Gambo	8BJF	B	34
Mert	Ozdengiz	8WMP	W	34
Meliz	Hassan	8WMP	W	34
Jayden	Mankoto	8BJF	B	33
Kerim	Francis	8WMP	W	33
Cecily	Harriman-Dickinson	8BJF	B	32
Hayrullah	Ozdemir	8WMP	W	31



Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Arabella	Mumba	9ODC	O	48
Luke	Shearman	9ODC	O	46
Radhika	Parmar	9ODC	O	40
Samuel	Taheny	9ODC	O	40
Joseph	Tsangari	9BYC	B	40
Georgia	Gkiontsari	9BYC	B	39
Joseph	Smyth	9BYC	B	38
Ayse	Carmanbar	9BLM	B	37
Nathan	Mortimer	9ODC	O	37
Angelo	Symeou	9ODC	O	36

Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Ender	Guccuk	10BNI	B	36
Eren	Ozdengiz	10BJC	B	35
Shekhinah	Gitu	10BJC	B	35
Mikael	Chaudhry	10OAB	O	32
Agatha	Kyprianides	10OAB	O	32
Parla	Ghanipour	10OAB	O	32
Kenzie	Wejszko	10OAB	O	31
Anastasia	Katz	10OAB	O	31
George	Demetri	10OAB	O	31
Tyrae	Best-Daley	10BJC	B	29
Sofia	Betancur Mesa	10BJC	B	29

Top students in year 11:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Benjamin	Gormley	11BPL	B	28
Katie	Bucknor	11RTS	R	21
Jack	Mussell	11WER	W	21
Sophie	Bernasconi	11BPL	B	20
Rakibe	Halili	11BRD	B	18
Athanasias	Aristidou	11WCG	W	18
Yashraj	Singh	11BRD	B	17
Natasha	Monteiro Inqui	11BRD	B	17
Spyros	Yiallourous	11BRD	B	16
Nidha	Raja	11WER	W	16



Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Alexia	Chrysostomou	12BHK	B	16
Katie	Brookman	12ODS	O	16
Charlie	Mills	12RSL	R	16
Ledia	Xhetani	12WTA	W	12
Hana	Fahmy	12WBS	W	10
Ahura	Sedaghat	12RSL	R	8
Meryem	Yelmer	12RCW	R	6
Kristian	Kousoulou	12RCW	R	6
Alexandria	Macgregor	12WTA	W	6
Athanasia	Petrou	12ODS	O	5

Help us fund raise for our school

Are you busy buying gifts for the festive season?
 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.

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£3,565.00 raised
96 supporters

Sign up and support this cause

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GET STARTED
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.



Support us through easyfundraising



FESTIVE RAFFLE

DONATIONS NEEDED

CAN YOU HELP?

The HPFA is looking for business owners to help support the HPFA's festive raffle this year.

Are you a business owner that can donate or sponsor a prize? If so, please email: hpfaeventtickets@gmail.com

We are looking for a variety of prizes such as vouchers for restaurants or shops, beauty treatments, gift cards, etc. Alternatively, a cash donation would be appreciated and put towards a prize.

We will thank all business owners who donate or sponsor a prize in our HPFA newsletter and on Instagram.

We hope to make this years raffle a great success!

HAF Enfield Winter 2023

19th December - 5th January

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

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

Ages Reception to Year 11

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

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ENFIELD YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

GET ACTIVE & TUCK IN

CRAIG PARK, PONDER'S END, ALAN PULLINGER & CROYLAND YOUTH CENTRE

WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

Enfield Council Youth Development Service working in partnership with Exodus & Creative Corner are providing fantastic free activities and hot meals during the winter break. There are 4 holiday camps running at:

Craig Park, 2 Lawrence Rd, Baxter Rd, Edmonton, N18 2HN
Ponders End Youth Centre, 141 South St, Enfield, EN3 4PX
Croyland Youth Centre, 1 Croyland Road, Edmonton, N9 7BA
Alan Pullinger, 1 John Bradshaw Road, New Southgate N14 6BN

The winter camps will be packed with a range of activities to choose from such as Drama, Music, Art & Craft, Sport and many more.

CRAIG PARK 11am-3pm (Thu 21 Dec & Fri 22 Dec)
PONDER'S END 3.30pm-7.30pm (Thu 21 Dec & Fri 22 Dec)
CROYLAND 3.30pm-7.30pm (Wed 27 Dec), 11am-3pm (Thu 28 Dec), 11am-3pm (Wed 3 Jan & Thu 4 Jan)
ALAN PULLINGER 11am-3pm (Wed 27 Dec, Thu 28 Dec, Fri 29 Dec)

HOW TO ACCESS

If you are aged between 11-16 and you are currently receiving free school meals, a unique booking code will be sent by email to eligible parents on Fri 17 Nov. If you do not receive your voucher, please firstly contact your child's school or visit Enfield Council HAF webpage for more information about how the vouchers work.

<https://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/holiday-activity-and-food-programmes>



Community Advice Hub

The Community Advice Hub provides support to North Mid patients, visitors and staff who might need some help with:

- Money, debt and benefits
- Managing energy bills
- Housing advice
- English lessons and adult learning
- Support for carers
- Community groups
- Council tax
- Childcare, and more!

The Community Advice Hub combines services from Haringey and Enfield. If you contact the Hub you will be signposted to the best service to support you.

For info in other languages:

Get in touch:

07971 353607 (leave a message)

ConnectedCommunities@haringey.gov.uk



Or come and see us in person **Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm** in the Community Advice Hub room next to the restaurant.

Interested?




148 Worlds End Lane, London N21 1QQ

020 8370 1100

postbox@highlearn.uk

highlands.enfield.sch.uk

UNIFORM4KIDS

Uniform4Kids wish you,
your colleagues and your families

**Kindness, peace and
happiness at this time**

Our festive donation continues
to support **The Felix Project**,
a London-based food redistribution
waste charity that helps children
and families by providing
free weekly food deliveries.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,
**Ruth, Dee and
Paul Beresford and all our team**



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
EDUCATION OFFICE
GREEK EMBASSY IN LONDON

INVITATION

We invite you to the Christmas Concert of the Students' Choir of the
Greek Primary and Secondary School in London, under the direction
of the Conductor and Professor of Music, Mr. Fillippou Sotiris

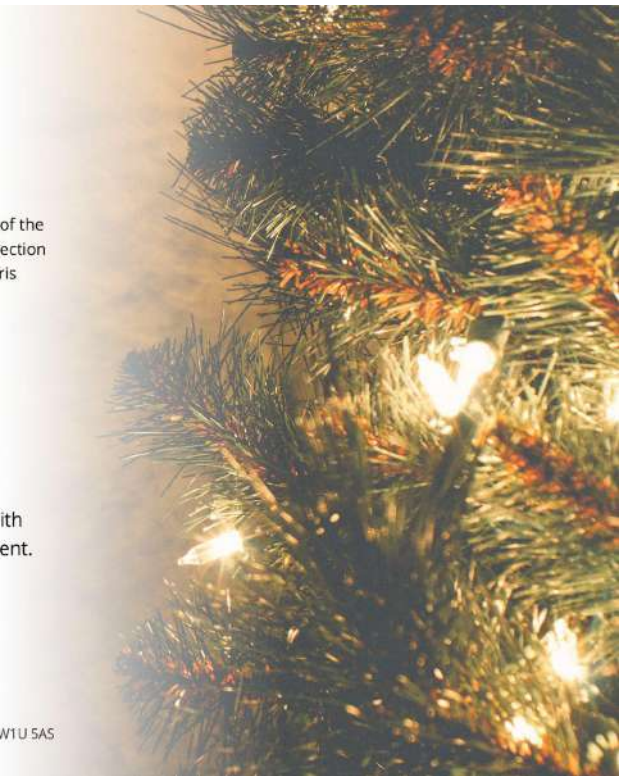
**«Christmas Melodies -
Christmas Carols»**

on **Sunday 17th of December 2023**
at **15:30 p.m.** at the **Hellenic Centre**

We are looking forward to seeing you and sharing with
all of you the magic of Christmas in this wonderful event.

Your presence will be a great honour to us

The event is under
THE AUSPICES OF THE GREEK EMBASSY IN LONDON
Free entry, Hellenic Centre: 16-18 Paddington Street, Marylebone, London, W1U 5AS





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

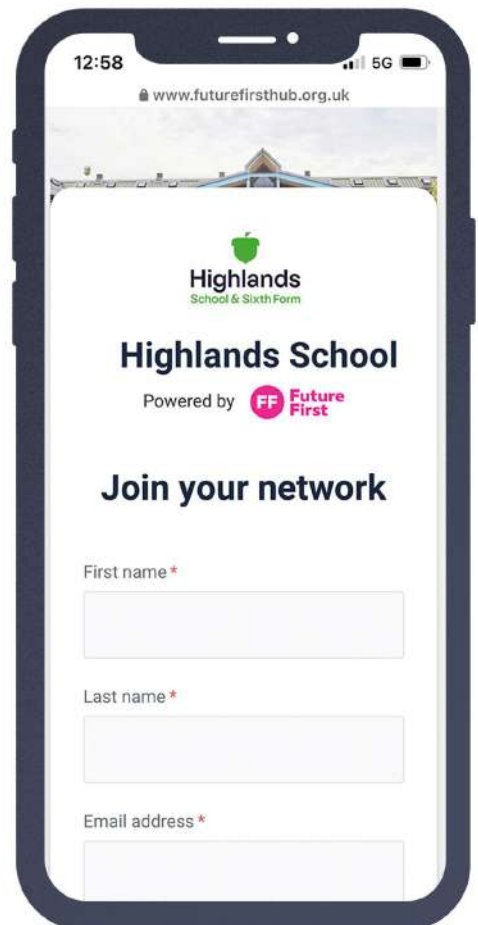


Former student?

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.

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](#)) 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
	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

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
GIVE US, ON THE PHONE, ANYTHING

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

Beat

Beat provide support to help young people who may be struggling with an eating problem or an eating disorder

koeth

Koeth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community including live chat with the team.



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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