



# Highlands School Newsletter

09 February 2024



Dear parents and carers,

This week I would like to start by asking for your support for a good cause. Pinnacle, our site management team, have launched an Easter appeal to provide toys and children's books to disadvantaged families. Please send in any items you might be able to contribute. Last time we ran this appeal we collected hundreds of items for children and their families. There is a box to collect items in reception.

We have been developing our alumni network at Highlands this year, one of our former students is Rishan Patel (photo above), now a PhD researcher at UCL. He was involved in celebrating the success of our students with The Brilliant Club. We are proud of his achievements and the achievements of our students, you can read more about them on pages 19 and 20.

Today we announced the current leader of the overall inter house competition. Having been in third place at Christmas, Willow managed to overtake Rown and Beech and move into the lead of the overall inter house competition. Well done to Willow. There are only a few points between the teams so it's all to play for as we move into the second half of the year!

A reminder of important dates for your diaries:

- Monday 19th February: start of spring 2 half term
- Wednesday 28th February: year 7 parents' evening
- Friday 8th March: HPFA quiz night
- Wednesday 13th March: year 10 parents' evening
- Wednesday 20th March: year 12 parents' evening
- Thursday 28th March: last day of spring term, student dismissed at midday
- Monday 15th April: start of summer term

Mr McInerney, Headteacher



## House half term winners

After three half terms of exhilarating competitions, filled with dance performances, science initiatives, and academic recognition, Willow have emerged as the leaders after the first half of the academic year. Well done to Willow house for their relentless hard work and team spirit. There's still lots to play for as we move into the second half of the year.

Totals	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Achievement pts	86,602 (1st)	80,485 (2nd)	73,015 (4th)	79,153 (3rd)
Sports	30,000 (2nd)	27,000 (3rd)	34,000 (1st)	26,000 (4th)
Charity	8,162 (4th)	13,411 (1st)	10,288 (3rd)	11,299 (2nd)
Quizzes	20,000 (2nd)	19,000 (3rd)	21,000 (1st)	20,000 (2nd)
House competitions	7,000 (3rd)	7,000 (3rd)	10,000 (1st)	9,000 (2nd)
Academic excellence	12,219 (2nd)	11,999 (3rd)	8,205 (4th)	20,361 (1st)
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,983 (2nd)</b>	<b>158,895 (3rd)</b>	<b>156,508 (4th)</b>	<b>165,813 (1st)</b>

**Easter**  
TOY APPEAL

Highlands School and Pinnacle Group are joining together this Easter to make a difference to the lives of children in need.

If you can donate any toys or books, old and new, please drop them off in the toy box located in the main reception at Highlands School.

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Pinnacle Group

LAST DAY TO DONATE  
28TH MARCH



## 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.

- **Ada Simsek 7BLR** and **Eda Cetin 7BLR**: Awarded for her consistent help within the lunch room and assisting staff with maintaining the lunch area in a clean and tidy manner.
- **Elif Coskun 7BLR**: Awarded for her consistent help within the lunch room and helping students.
- **Hasan Kasmani 8OFD**, **Maria Vassiliou 8OFD**, **Alicia Pegado Dias, 8OFD**, **Isabella O'Neill, 8RBW**, and **Leyla Suleyman 8RBW**: Awarded for producing consistently high quality art work in class and at home. Well done!
- **Cooper Ireland 9BLM**, **Samuel Gonzales 9BLM**, **Ava Theodorou 9BYC**, **Darcy Smethurst 9BYC**, **Hugh Murphy 9BYC**, **Sadie Baker 9BYC**, **Zara Petkova 9ODC**, **Evita Dib 9ODC**, **Owen White 9OSM**, **Daniel Horea 9RNB**, **Harrison Willer 9RTC**, **Franceska Koci 9RTC**, **Jorja Hodge 9RTC**, **Darius Nlewedim 9WCM**, and **Ela Turk 9WJQ**: Awarded for winning a class monarchy debating competition.
- **Max Taylor 9BYC**: Awarded for being really helpful in his English cover lesson making the cover teacher Deaf aware and making sure our Deaf students were included.







- **Henry Wakeford 11BPL:** Awarded for his trampolining success at the London Youth Games competition.
- **Sami Osmanli 11BRD** and **Kamuran Kaygisiz 11RTS:** Awarded for their hard work and excellent progress made in GCSE art.
- **Natasha Nicolaou 12WBS** and **Josef Demetriou 12ODS:** Awarded for their dedication and commitment in supporting the Social Enterprise group by planning and delivering a lesson.
- **Katie Bucknor 11RTS, Elisabeth Castelis 11RKM, Mikey Constantinou 11RTS, Alejandro Cueta 11RTS, Ariella Duodu 11RTS, Yasmin Farhadi 11OMK, Ibrahim Miah 11RTS, Chijindu Onukagu 11RTS, Zehra Turan 11OGA, Prue Musah 11RTS** and **Sara Hussain 11OGA:** Awarded for outstanding effort in class and at home to improve maths grade.
- **Iustina Pasargic 11BRD:** Awarded for acknowledging and rewarding their commendable transformation in work ethic and approach, demonstrating a genuine commitment to their assessments.
- **Hannah Bernasconi 12BJ:** Awarded for helping in the Ed-Extra art club every week. Reliable, enthusiastic and supportive with the students and a pleasure to have around.





## DARE Rewards

There are many students who turn up every day, who always bring equipment, complete work to the best of their ability and generally embody the values of our school: determination, aspiration, respect and equality. The DARE rewards are a way of celebrating these students.

DARE scores are entered by a range of teachers and reflect what students do day-in, day-out so the students who are being recognised and rewarded are those who are consistently doing the right thing.

The average DARE application score for each student has allowed us to rank the students in the year group from those with the best average DARE application score to the lowest.

### Year 8 winners:

**1st:** Emily Newton 8RBW (**Rowan**) (£50 voucher)

**2nd:** Meliz Hassan 8WMP (**Willow**) (£30 voucher)

**Joint 3rd:** April Clydesdale 8RBW (**Rowan**) (£10 voucher)

Nea Petritaj 8WNK (**Willow**) (£10 voucher)

Sindi Shaban 8WNK (**Willow**) (£10 voucher)

Annika Trivedi 8WNK (**Willow**) (£10 voucher)



### Year 11 winners:

**1st:** Isabella West 11RTS (**Rowan**) (£50 voucher)

**Joint 2nd:** Wunfai Alex Lo 11BRD (**Beech**) (£30 voucher)

Yagmur Olcay 11OGA (**Oak**) (£30 voucher)

Raafay Siddiqi 11BPL (**Beech**) (£30 voucher)



## Academic excellence - top achieving students

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

- The top achieving student in each subject. They will receive the academic excellence trophy for that subject, 1000 points for their house, and a certificate.
- The most improved student from the previous set of assessments (end of the previous year).

### Top achieving students for year 8:

Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House
Art	Meliz	Hassan	8WMP	WILLOW
	Naara Sade	Salom-Mason	8OSQ	OAK
Citizenship	Warren	Kelly	8OSQ	OAK
	Austin	Kavanagh	8RCX	ROWAN
Computer science	Marianna	Pallikaros	8WMP	WILLOW
Dance	Meliz	Hassan	8WMP	WILLOW
Drama	Ned	Campbell	8BJF	BEECH
English language	Naara Sade	Salom-Mason	8OSQ	OAK

Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House
English literature	Shania	Anyemedu	8OSQ	OAK
	Meliz	Hassan	8WMP	WILLOW
	Christian	Demetriou	8BJF	BEECH
	Abel	Kalaj	8WMP	WILLOW
French	James	Fryer	8OSQ	OAK
	Nikeel	Sookharry	8BAM	BEECH
Geography	Sindi	Shaban	8WNK	WILLOW

Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House
History	Bibiana	Edwards	8BJF	BEECH
	Aalycia	Udahemuka	8WNK	WILLOW
	Lara	Almeida	8BJF	BEECH
	Austin	Kavanagh	8RCX	ROWAN
Maths	Tish	Patel	8WMP	WILLOW
	Marcus	Marfici	8WMP	WILLOW
Music	Tish	Patel	8WMP	WILLOW
	Sindi	Shaban	8WNK	WILLOW
PE	Owen	Smith	8WNK	WILLOW

Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House
Science	Marika	Daley	8BAM	BEECH
	Meliz	Hassan	8WMP	WILLOW
	Yani	Tziovas	8OFD	OAK
Spanish	Ben	Kissos Boast	8OSQ	OAK
Technology	Bibiana	Edwards	8BJF	BEECH
	Emily	Newton	8RBW	ROWAN





Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House	Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House
Religious studies	Samuel	Malaj	8OFD	OAK	Religious studies	Jackson	Benbow	8OFD	OAK
	April	Clydesdale	8RBW	ROWAN		Maria	Vassiliou	8OFD	OAK
	Michail	Katsoulis	8WNK	WILLOW		Charlie	Gill	8OSQ	OAK
	Owen	Smith	8WNK	WILLOW		Ruby	Wakeford	8OFD	OAK
	Nurullah	Ozdemir	8WNK	WILLOW		Anais	Edwards-Anyanwu	8OSQ	OAK
	Nea	Petritaj	8WNK	WILLOW		Naara Sade	Salom-Mason	8OSQ	OAK
	Annika	Trivedi	8WNK	WILLOW		Anaiya	Dhaliwal	8WNK	WILLOW
	Bibiana	Edwards	8BJF	BEECH		Harry	Stylianou	8WNK	WILLOW
	Mehmet	Hassan	8OFD	OAK		Hasan	Kasmani	8OFD	BEECH

Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House
Religious studies	Sophie	Rooke	8WNK	WILLOW
	Emily	Newton	8RBW	ROWAN
	Lucie	Sadler	8BJF	BEECH
	Mia	Ioannou	8OSQ	OAK





### Most improved students for year 8:

Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House
Art	Sienna	Margolis	8WMP	WILLOW
Citizenship	Ralph	Bishop	8RBW	ROWAN
Computer science	Hayrullah	Ozdemir	8WMP	WILLOW
Dance	Nicholas	Andrews	8WNK	WILLOW
Drama	Christopher-Cruz	Mazo	8RCX	ROWAN
English language	Ralph	Bishop	8RBW	ROWAN
English literature	Krystal	Wright	8RCX	ROWAN
French	Jayden	Mankoto	8BJF	BEECH
Geography	Amili	Blana	8RCX	ROWAN
History	Amalia	Lamarca	8WMP	WILLOW

Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House
Maths	Lara	Ergul	8RBW	ROWAN
Music	Lamprini	Sotiri	8OFD	OAK
PE	Harry	Stylianou	8WNK	WILLOW
R.E	Anaiya	Dhaliwal	8WNK	WILLOW
Science	Christopher-Cruz	Mazo	8RCX	ROWAN
Spanish	Hayssa	De Araujo Spinelli	8OFD	OAK
Technology	Kavish	Amuwitagama	8OFD	OAK

### Top achieving students for year 11:

Subject	Surname	First name	Form	House
Art	Coleman	Theo-Jay	11RKM	ROWAN
	Akdam	Saira	11BPL	BEECH
Biology	Lausch	Josh	11RKM	ROWAN
Chemistry	Lo	Wunfai Alex	11BRD	BEECH
Child development	Burt	Isabella	11WCG	WILLOW
	Warner	Daisy	11RKM	ROWAN
Computing	Lausch	Josh	11RKM	ROWAN
Dance	Mohan	Ella	11OGA	OAK
Economics	Lausch	Josh	11RKM	ROWAN
English language	Webb	Daisy	11WER	WILLOW
English literature	Jones	Josie	11BRD	BEECH
Enterprise	Muncaster	Sophie	11BRD	BEECH

Subject	Surname	First name	Form	House
Food and nutrition	Smith	Eleanor	11OMK	OAK
French	Giudice	Elena	11BPL	BEECH
Geography	Anastasiou	Christopher	11WCG	WILLOW
History	Tyrimos	Luke	11WER	WILLOW
Maths	Ho	Elaine	11WCG	WILLOW
Media BTEC	Fisher	Nathan	11OMK	OAK
	Joannou	Andrew	11RKM	ROWAN
Music	Tumanya	Adrian	11WER	WILLOW





Subject	Surname	First name	Form	House
PE GCSE	Branco	Mea	11OGA	OAK
Physics	Anastasiou	Christopher	11WCG	WILLOW
	Guven	Nihan	11WCG	WILLOW
	Lausch	Josh	11RKM	ROWAN
	Olcay	Yagmur	11OGA	OAK
Science	Giudice	Elena	11BPL	BEECH
Spanish	Cueto	Alejandro	11RTS	ROWAN
	Branco	Mea	11OGA	OAK



### Most improved students for year 11:

Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House	Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House
Art	Amaris	Watt	11OGA	OAK	English language	Athanas	Topoviti	11WCG	WILLOW
Biology	Charlie	Dowle	11BRD	BEECH	English literature	Athanas	Topoviti	11WCG	WILLOW
Chemistry	Aryan	Vojdani	11OGA	OAK	Enterprise	Iustina	Pasargic	11BRD	BEECH
Child development	Elaine	Ho	11WCG	WILLOW	Food and nutrition	Sophia	Demetri	11OGA	OAK
Computing	Tiana	Martindale	11BRD	BEECH	French	Adrian	Tumanya	11WER	WILLOW
Dance	Stephanie	Anastasiades	11WER	WILLOW	Geography	Sami	Osmanli	11BRD	BEECH
	Darcey	Farnes	11RKM	ROWAN	History	Yagmur	Olcay	11OGA	OAK
Economics	Taylan	Ucar	11OMK	OAK					
	Danny	Warren	11RTS	ROWAN					



Subject	First name	Surname	Form	House
Maths	Isabelle	Williams	11WER	WILLOW
Music	Andrew	Pishiris	11RKM	ROWAN
PE GCSE	Edwyn	Baynes	11BRD	BEECH
Physics	Azad	Unek	11WCG	WILLOW
Science	Iris	Williams	11WER	WILLOW
Spanish	Millie	Kataria	11RKM	ROWAN

## London Youth Games indoor athletics finals

The year 7 girls qualified to represent Enfield at the London Youth Games for indoor athletics after beating all the Enfield schools in the qualifying round. From start to finish the girls showed determination and skill. It was a tough day with some of the best athletes in London. All the girls performed outstanding from start to finish and they finished a respectable 6th place in London. Well done girls we are all so proud of you.





## Middlesex Schools cross country

On Tuesday several Highlands athletes along with students from Latymer, Winchmore, Southgate, Enfield Grammar, St Ignatius and Bishop Stopford's school made up the Enfield Cross country team that participated in the Middlesex schools cross country championships at the Harrow school.

A huge well done to Mari Smith, Jamie Atkinson, Aston Lyle, Lily Howard, Millie Huetson Varnava, Niamh McDonnell, Mia Rosen, Selma Tivnann, Oscar Tivnann and Izzy Codling who battled some very cold and windy conditions to compete for Enfield. We are hugely proud of them all.

A special mention to Mia Rosen who finished 5th in the Intermediate girls race and Selma Tivnann who finished 10th. Izzy Codling also finished 15th in the senior girls race. These athletes will now be considered for selection to represent Middlesex at the English Schools championships in Pontefract.

**Mrs Walters & Mr Avann**



## Middlesex football selection

A huge congratulations to Connie Wakeford in year 11 who has been called up to represent Middlesex against Sussex on Saturday 10th February.

Wishing you the best of luck, we look forward to hearing how you get on.







## Extra curricular timetable - after half term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Club: Debating Club</b> Venue: H6 Time: 3:15 - 4:15 Years: 7-11 Teacher: Mr Islam, Ms Farr, Ms McDonald and Ms Frohlich	<b>Club: History Club</b> Venue: H9 Time: 3:15 - 4:15 Years: 7-13 Teacher: Ms Duffmasters	Year 7 & 8 Ed Extra Program  Period 5  2:10 - 3:15  (Year 7 & 8 only)	<b>Club: Pride Club (Week A)</b> Venue: A4 Time: 3:15 - 4:15 Years: 7-9 Only Teacher: Ms Brandon	<b>Club: Career Cafe</b> Venue: SF02 Time: 12:40 - 1:10 Year: 11 Teacher: Mrs Laurenzi
<b>Club: Homework Club</b> Venue: Library Time: 3:15 - 4pm Year: SEN pupils only Teacher: Miss Rattan, Mrs Warren, Miss Patel	<b>Club: GCSE Art &amp; A Level Art &amp; Photography Catch Up</b> Venue: Art Rooms Time: 3:15 - 5:00 Year: 10-13 Teacher: Ms McCalmont, Ms Brandon, Mrs Chrysostomou		<b>Club: Pride Club (Week B)</b> Venue: A4 Time: 3:15 - 4:15 Years: 10-13 Only Teacher: Ms Brandon	<b>Club: Homework Club</b> Venue: Library Time: 3:15 - 4pm Year: SEN pupils only Teacher: Miss Rattan, Mrs Warren, Miss Patel
<b>Club: GCSE Textiles Catch Up Club</b> Venue: T4 Time: 3:15 - 4:00 Year: 10-11 Teacher: Mrs Trela	<b>Club: D&amp;D Club</b> Venue: A5 Time: 3:15 - 4:30 Years: 7-13 Teacher: Mr Godwin		<b>Club: GCSE Textiles Catch Up Club</b> Venue: T4 Time: 3:15 - 4:00 Year: 10-11 Teacher: Mrs Trela	
<b>Club: BTEC Media Studies Catch Up Club</b> Venue: MM6 Time: 3:15 - 4:00 Year: 10-13 Teacher: Mr Groves, Mr Qureshi	<b>Club: GCSE Textiles Catch Up Club</b> Venue: T4 Time: 3:15 - 4:00 Year: 10-11 Teacher: Mrs Trela		<b>Club: Homework Club</b> Venue: Library Time: 3:15 - 4pm Year: SEN pupils only Teacher: Miss Rattan, Mrs Warren, Miss Patel	
	<b>Club: Homework Club</b> Venue: Library Time: 3:15 - 4pm Year: SEN pupils only Teacher: Miss Rattan, Mrs Warren, Miss Patel		<b>Club: Economics Club</b> Venue: E1 Time: 3:15-4:00 Year: 7-8 Teacher: Miss Ryoo	
	<b>Club: GCSE Turkish Club</b> Venue: L1 Time: 3:30 - 4:30pm Year: 7-11 Teacher: Ms. Fatma SAG		<b>Club: GCSE Art &amp; A Level Art Catch Up</b> Venue: Art Rooms Time: 3:15 - 5:00 Year: 10-13 Teacher: Ms McCalmont, Mrs Chrysostomou	

## PE Extracurricular timetable - after half term

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Netball</b> Year 7 Mrs Walters, Miss Berrill 3:15 - 4:30	<b>Boys Basketball (full)</b> Years 8,9 Mr Robson Sports Hall 3:15 - 4:30	<b>Girls Basketball (full)</b> Years 8,9,10 Mr Robson Sports Hall 3:15 - 4:30	<b>Handball+Badminton (GCSE)</b> Years 10,11 Mr Avann/ Mr Joseph Sports Hall 3:15 - 4:30
<b>A Level PE Club</b> Year 13 SL6 Mr Avann 3:15 - 4:00			



## How to join a club

- Meet after school at the PE changing rooms.
- You must wear your Highlands PE kit to take part.
- If you do not have a PE, dance or drama lesson on the day of your club then you must wear your school uniform to school and then get changed after school in the changing rooms.
- Bring any medical devices e.g. asthma pump with you.
- All clubs are for all students in the year groups stated. Year groups and clubs will change each half term.
- Inform your parents/carers that you are attending a club and your finishing time at school will be later (4:00 or 4:30 depending on the club).
- Basketball club with Mr Robson is limited to 30 spaces. The list of students who are on the registers for this half term are on the PE noticeboard and Google Classroom pages.
- If you would like to sign up to the **girls and boys year 7 basketball club on Mondays**, please fill out this [form](#).

## Highlands School is a Sparx Maths superstar!

Our school was one of the top-performing schools on Sparx Maths from the beginning of September 2023 to the end of December 2023 and we have been awarded the Greatest Progress award. Go Highlands!





## Scholastic Book Fair

This week our school hosted the Scholastic book fair that had everyone buzzing with literary excitement. Students eagerly browsed through the colourful book displays, selecting captivating stories for their next read. Thank you to everyone for their support, we raised £339.51 and our library earned £84.88 to spend on books for our school.



## Year 8 half term form champions

Congratulations to 8WNK who were crowned the year 8 half term form champions! They received the most achievement points this term, well done to you all!





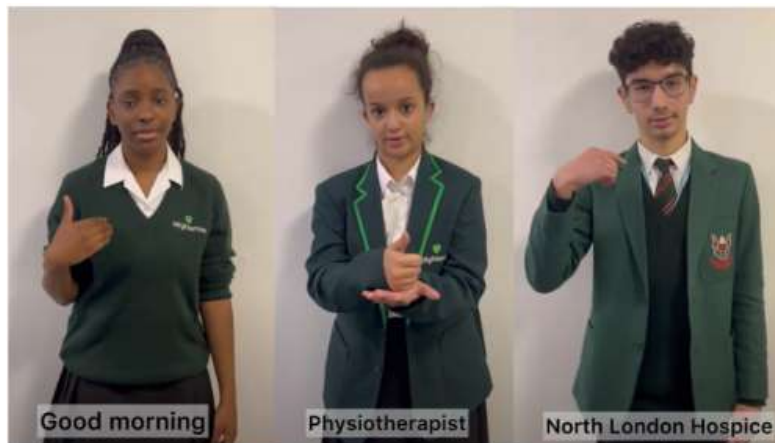


## Deaf Base Provision - BSL training videos

Our Deaf Base Provision has been recording (British Sign Language) BSL training videos for North London Hospice. Students confidently signed words and phrases to help staff at North London Hospice to learn general, every-day used words using BSL.



A huge well done to all of the students who took part, they were truly amazing and are making a huge impact on raising awareness of deafness and BSL.



## History collage masterpiece!

Year 9 were asked to create a collage portraying the history of WW1 and 1920s America. Darcy Smethurst and Raine Rodhe have demonstrated their creative skills and ambition in creating an original, accurate collage presenting both sides of American history clearly. A true collage masterpiece!





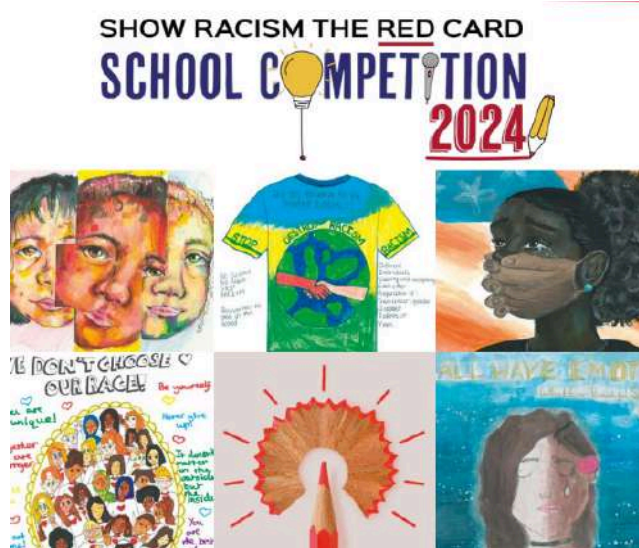
## Show Racism the Red Card

### What is the competition?

The **Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC)** school competition is free to enter and open to young people of all ages and abilities.

We want to encourage participants to think about racism and produce their own work about this serious issue.

This is a unique opportunity for schools to proactively demonstrate their commitment to equality and tackling racism by taking part in the UK's largest equalities themed school competition.



### How is it judged?

An independent panel of judges select the winning entries and winners are invited to a special Awards Ceremony at a **Premier League stadium**. Prizes are presented by special guests including current and former professional footballers.

### The categories

Young people are welcome to produce work in any medium: **artwork, creative writing, song, film, music, t-shirt or football boot designs**.

- If you want to design the outstep and instep of the boot you must use [this template](#)
- For the front and back t-shirt design you must use [this template](#).

Alternatively, paper templates of the boot and t-shirt can be found in the DT office.

**All entries to be handed in or sent to Mrs Jeynes by 26th February 2024.**

Please write the following information on the back of each entry:

- Name of entrant
- Year group
- Name of school
- Number of participants in school

Mrs Jeynes



## House competition winners

Well done to Christopher Chrysostomou 9RN, for winning the Clay vessel house competition for Rowan. His clay vessel blew the judges away! Go Christopher and go Rowan!



## Dance house competition

Congratulations to 8RCX for winning the year 8 house dance competition. Well done to you all, another well-deserved victory for **Rowan** house. Keep those victories coming!



## Chemistry challenge house competition

The challenge consisted of two lessons where students had to think of innovative methods to make Highlands greener. Well done to the following students who were the most innovative:

- Jahan Jacques
- Anthony Angeli
- Lamprini Sotiri
- Lucian Hayden

A particular shoutout to Jahan Jacques in 8WNL who was the competition winner, winning a trophy for **Willow**! Well done Jahan!







## St Albans Cathedral - Peace Doves

During the October DARE days, year 8 students visited St Albans cathedral to learn about Christian beliefs and how the cathedral is used as a place of Christian worship. Whilst we were there we were invited to write messages of peace, hope and love for our world on paper doves. These doves are now part of an art installation at the Cathedral and you can go and visit them, it is open to the public until Tuesday 13th February. Find out more [here](#).

Mrs Shah



## Year 7 and 8 dance news

In their dance lessons this half term, year 7 have been learning some basic ballet positions. Feel free to ask your child to show you these at home so they can practise them.

In year 8 dance lessons we have been learning dances to two songs from musicals, *Consider Yourself* from *Oliver* (1968) and *Arabian Nights* from *Aladdin* (2011 - Broadway version). It would be a nice half term activity to watch the movies. *Aladdin* will be on Disneyplus and *Oliver* can be found on YouTube. This is an optional half term homework activity. Thank you, Miss Brown.



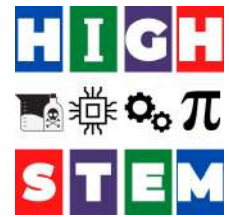
## The Brilliant Club graduation ceremony - Scholars Programme

Thursday 8th February, marked an important graduation event at King's College London. This graduation, however, was not held for those finishing their undergraduate courses, but instead was a celebration of a group of year 10 students reaching the end of the Scholars programme, run by the charity The Brilliant Club in a bid to raise the aspirations in young people and awareness of the opportunities available to them at the UK's top universities.



The Brilliant Club

After a ten-week programme attending after school sessions led by Rishan Patel, PhD student and Highlands Alumni, all students learned to develop the confidence and skills to apply to these top institutions in the future and completed a final essay on the topic of *STEM - Exploring Minds and Machines: Unleashing the Power of Brain Computer Interfaces* – pitched at one Key Stage above their current level – which was marked and given a university grade.



This group of students demonstrated excellence, determination and independence to achieve this success and we are enormously proud of them.

Well done to: Kamilah Abib, Nick Agyeman-duah, Baran Byndor, Daniel Derakhshan, Renardo Dervishaj, Megan Faulkner, Parla Ghanipour, Roni Koer, Ava Koker, Ivan Markovets, Sumiya Mohamed, Eva Pangratiou and Clayton Stephenson.

**Mrs Laurenzi and Dr Len**







## Alumni success story

We are thrilled to share the success story of our incredible alumni Rishan Patel, who has been working with our students on a ten-week scholars programme with The Brilliant Club.

Rishan is a successful PhD researcher at University College London, working on software and hardware development and experimentation. We are so grateful for the work he has done with our students and are beyond proud of his amazing achievements.

Read more about Rishan below.

### Rishan Patel

**PhD researcher at University College London**

**Qualification:** Doctor of Philosophy

**Subject of study:** Electronic Engineering and Biomedical Engineering

### Educational /career journey so far.

Undergraduate: Electronic Engineering,  
Masters: Biomedical Engineering and PhD:  
Neural Engineering - Brain Computer  
Interfacing

### What has been the highlight of your career journey so far?

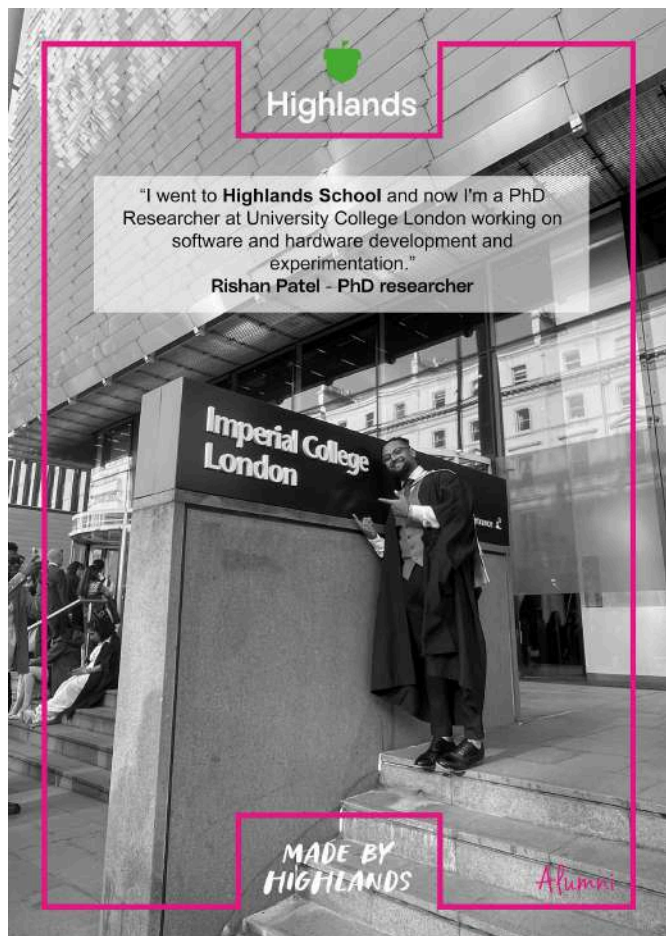
IET Prize - recognition from an Engineering Institution.

### How would you say your Highlands experience has helped you to get to where you are today?

Highlands allowed me to study interesting A-Levels which supported me to enter higher education.

### If you could give one piece of advice to current Highlands students, what would that be?

Your life is your own, with so many paths that you may enjoy, should you choose to entertain them. Don't get so focused on one thing, diversify and enjoy as many things as you can. There's too much opportunity for an intelligent mind, to not do what makes you happy.







## Taylor Wessing insight day

Taylor Wessing LLP is an international law firm with 28 offices internationally. The firm has over 300 partners and over 1,000 lawyers worldwide.

Eight year 12 students interested in a career in law were given the opportunity to apply for an insight day, where they were able to develop their transferable skills by engaging in a range of practical activities with professionals from across the organisation including the talent team, lawyers, paralegals and legal secretaries, marketing and communication team and the business services team.

Well done to the following students for their successful application and thank you to the National Education Charity Future First for nominating students from Highlands and to Taylor Wessing for the opportunity, highlighting that there is no 'right' background and that anyone can pursue their ambition with some guidance and encouragement.

Well done to: Macy Mcghan, Jermaine Rendle, Nehemie Mbidi, Theo Mills, Wealth Kayembe-Tshibangu, Ally Griffith, Firat Ozbek and Nilsu Cosgun.

**Mrs Laurenzi**

# TaylorWessing





## National Apprenticeship Week

This week is National Apprenticeship Week, an annual, week-long celebration of apprenticeships and anyone involved with them. The theme for this year is 'Skills for Life', reflecting on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career.

As a parent/carer, you're more likely to know about the university route to careers rather than the apprenticeship route. This could sway you towards dismissing apprenticeships as a second-rate option rather than a first-choice career plan. Don't rule out the fact that an apprenticeship could be the right choice for your child. They offer the opportunity to combine study with paid employment resulting in a professional qualification. There are no tuition fees (these are covered by the employer and the government) and the salary can cover living expenses.

Apprenticeships used to be associated with trade industries (such as electricians, mechanics or plumbers). Nowadays, apprenticeships can be taken in a wide range of industry sectors and provide entry to all types of careers, including accounting, banking, IT, law, management and television. Relatively new to the apprenticeship suite are "degree apprenticeships", offering an "earn while you learn" route to BSc or BA status. There are also options to take short term apprenticeships. If your child is not comfortable with committing to several years of further study, they can take one or two year options and still gain recognized, valuable qualifications.

Taking an apprenticeship is not an easy option and competition can be fierce. It takes organization and dedication to balance work, where your child will be expected to contribute to the same standards as everyone else, and study.

Many of our year 13 students took part in a series of live webinars to receive an overview on how to apply, hear from current apprentices and learn what a 'typical' day might look like, followed by live Q&A sessions from employers including: Deloitte, Mott MacDonald, RAF, Spectris, TfL, National Grid, CBRE, NAO, JLR, PWC, BT and many more.

Thank you to ASK apprenticeships and Success at School for organising these events and we also look forward to welcoming ASK apprenticeships in school next term to speak to year 11 and year 12 students.

For further information on Apprenticeships, please visit: [Amazing apprenticeships](#)  
Guide to Apprenticeships can be found here: [Success at School Apprenticeship Guide 2024](#)





## World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on March 7th, all students have been given a £1 token. Children can swap their £1 token for any of the £1 books or get £1 off a full price title, any full price book or audiobook as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99 at participating booksellers.

Mrs Mehmet

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
7 MARCH 2024

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## Year 9 immunisations

The Enfield School Age Immunisation Team will be coming into Highlands School on Friday 8 th March 2024 to administer the Diphtheria Tetanus & Polio (DTP) & Meningitis ACWY vaccinations.

[A guide to immunisation for young people](#)

[Year 9 - Diphtheria Tetanus & Polio \(DTP\), Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations - parent letter](#)





## Nut allergy

Highlands is a nut free school, but have noticed recently students are bringing into school items with nuts in, such as Snickers, peanut butter Kit Kat, etc. Please can we ask that these are not brought into school due to allergies.

## Early entry university applications

If there are any year 12 students that are interested in attending a workshop for an introduction to early entry university applications, please get in touch with Ms Youlden.

## Get Into conferences

Here are the array of programmes available to our widening participation students once they attend a Get Into conference, designed to provide them with the tailored support they need to pursue their dreams of entering medicine or dentistry.

Find out more about our Free virtual 'Get Into' conferences here:

- [Medicine](#)
- [Dentistry](#)

Aligned with their mission, they offer the following programmes completely free of charge:

- Virtual Work Experience Programmes
- Virtual Medical & Dental Society
- Virtual Wider Reading Society
- Medical Leadership Programme
- Virtual Study Skill E-Learning

Find out more about their Widening Access [here](#).

For aspiring doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

- Saturday 10th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Sunday 25th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm

For aspiring dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference dates:

- Saturday 24th February, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Students and parents/carers can register for free using the links below.

[Medical registration link](#)

[Dental registration link](#)

**Dr Len**



## Year GCSE Recital evening

Get ready to witness the musical talents of our incredible GCSE students at the upcoming GCSE Recital evening! Mark your calendars and save the date!

**Date: Thursday 14th march 2024**

**Time: 6.30pm**

**Location: Highlands School, main hall**

Prepare to be amazed as our talented students showcase their hard work and dedication in an unforgettable evening of music and performance.

Tickets will be available for purchase on ParentPay soon, so be sure to keep an eye out for further details. Don't miss out on this opportunity to support our students and enjoy an evening of musical brilliance. Stay tuned for more information, and we look forward to seeing you there!

**Ms Maple**

2024  
Highlands School Presents  
**GCSE RECITAL EVENING**

Main Hall  
14.03.2024 - 6:30pm

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## HPFA Quiz night

**Friday 8th March - Quizmaster Mr McInerney !**

The HPFA is excited to host a quiz night on Friday 8th March. Our very own headteacher, Mr McInerney will be the quizmaster for the evening!

The evening will no doubt prove to be a fun, family-friendly, competitive event! Tickets are now available on ParentPay, see below for details. Please encourage your friends and families to come along for a fun evening, please note that tables are up to a maximum of 8 people. The HPFA would also be very grateful if you have any donations for the raffle.

**HPFA**

HIGHLANDS PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

# QUIZ NIGHT

**8 MARCH**

**6:30PM - 9PM**

**£12 ADULTS**  
**£10 CHILDREN**  
**£40 FAMILY OF 4**

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A PLOUGHMAN BUFFET  
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW ON PARENTPAY

**QUIZMASTER MR MCINERNEY**



## House competition weekly results

Here are the top students this week.

### Top students in year 7:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Harriette	Paterson	7ODM	O	24
Elektra	Taylor	7RAS	R	22
Alexa	Nicolau	7RAS	R	22
Tiah	Patel	7RJG	R	21
Florence	Holyomes	7WSW	W	21
Orla	Dimery	7ODM	O	20
Charlotte	Fisher	7ODM	O	20
Asya	Sagiroglu	7WSW	W	20

### Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Chloe	Shi	8WMP	W	37
Warren	Kelly	8OSQ	O	33
Diana	Derakhshan	8WMP	W	31
Zara	Kazim	8WMP	W	31
Aiden	Adeoye	8WMP	W	30
Mert	Ozdengiz	8WMP	W	30
Gabriella	Michaelides	8WMP	W	30
Zubaid	Mohamud	8OSQ	O	29
Maria	Csaki	8WNK	W	29

### Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Georgia	Gkiontsari	9BYC	B	50
Julia	Roszkowska	9BYC	B	46
Melisa	Spahia	9BYC	B	42
George	Baker	9BYC	B	39
Joseph	Smyth	9BYC	B	38
Ina	Varbanova	9BYC	B	38
Evita	Dib	9ODC	O	38
Ruby	Magrun	9BYC	B	37
Thomas	Constantinou	9BYC	B	36
Yunus	Coskun	9ODC	O	36



**Top students in year 10:**

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Harrison	Sykes	10RCB	R	43
Evie	Whitbread	10WDD	W	40
iasmina	iacobut	10WDD	W	36
Elaina	Fitzgerald	10WDD	W	36
Ender	Guccuk	10BNI	B	34
Kamilah	Abib	10RCB	R	33
Wolfram	Butler	10WDD	W	33
Laina	Constantinou	10RCB	R	32
Raphael	Ponnou	10WDD	W	32
Kai	Seon	10WDD	W	32

**Top students in year 11:**

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Benjamin	Gormley	11BPL	B	44
Sophie	Bernasconi	11BPL	B	32
Yashraj	Singh	11BRD	B	28
Rakibe	Halili	11BRD	B	28
Athanasios	Aristidou	11WCG	W	26
Grace	Caddle	11BRD	B	24
William	Jones	11BRD	B	24
Christopher	Anastasiou	11WCG	W	22
Edwyn	Baynes	11BRD	B	21
Dexter	Berndes	11BRD	B	21
Natasha	Monteiro Inqui	11BRD	B	21
Nicholas	Kosta	11WER	W	21





**Top students in year 12:**

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Alexia	Chrysostomou	12BHK	B	22
Charlie	Mills	12RSL	R	22
Ledia	Xhetani	12WTA	W	22
Katie	Brookman	12ODS	O	20
Maria	Socratous	12WTA	W	12
Maksymilian	Lewandowski	12OSB	O	10
Isabel	Paine	12BHK	B	8
Isabella	Raigosa Pareja	12BHK	B	8
Eleanor	McHale	12BHK	B	8
Christy	Michael	12BJT	B	8
Danielle	Montes Lopez	12ODS	O	8
Yessenia	Merchan	12OSB	O	8
Nina	Szymecka	12RCW	R	8
Alexander	Griffith	12WTA	W	8

**Top students in year 13:**

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Nikki	Setoudeh	13MTU	W	14
Hollie	Burkett	13ATH	O	10
Timur	Raif	13ESM	R	10
Alisiya	Djemal	13MTU	R	10
Isabella	Pieretti	13TDU	W	10
Michael	Agbugba	13JBA	W	8
Kristiana	Alexandrou	13MTU	R	8
Simrit	Swatch	13MTU	O	8
Zeren	Secgin	13MTU	B	8



# Help us fund raise for our school

Did you know when you sign up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.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

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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  
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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](mailto:tara.human@futurefirst.org.uk)

#HighlandsAlumni

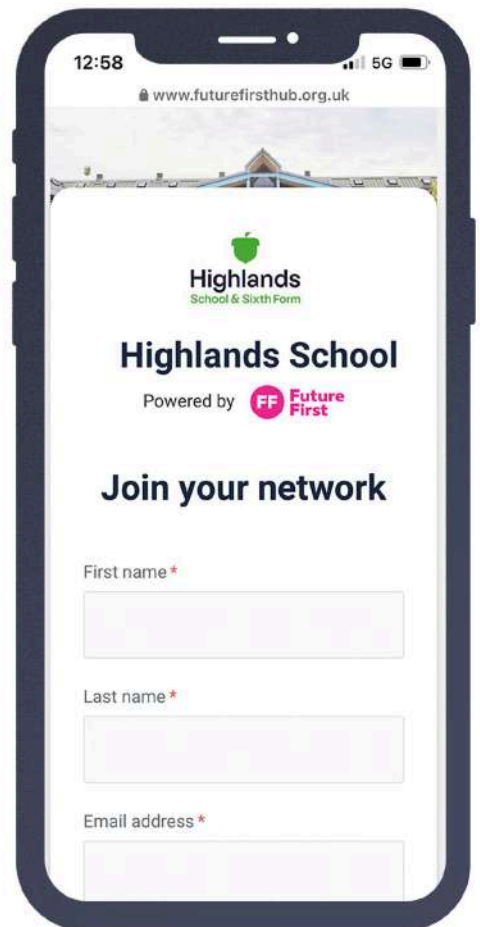


## Former student?

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



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](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.

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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](mailto: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**  
GROUP 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**  
Supports young people 16-25

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)

**koath**

Koath 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](mailto: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](http://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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