

Highlands School Newsletter

11 July 2025



Dear parents and carers,

This week has been packed with some of our most anticipated end-of-year events. On Tuesday we held sports day. It was the closest sports day that anyone here can remember with Oak, Willow and Rowan all within a few points of each other going into the final events. Willow were leading before the sixth form and then staff relay races but, by winning both, Rowan just pulled ahead of them and won sports day again. Following the announcement of the winner of sports day, we announced the winner of the overall house competition for this year. Again it went right down to the wire. Oak started the day with a narrow lead over Rowan but by finishing sports day behind them, the big question was whether they were still ahead....

They were.

So Oak are champions for the second time in three years! They will go to Thorpe Park next week and on the same day all other students will have a special activity day at school. Congratulations to Oak and well done to all the houses for their contributions to the competition this year. It all starts again on 1st September next academic year!

Mr McInerney, Headteacher.

Key dates for next term:

- Tuesday 15th July: USA Cuisine Day
- Thursday 17th July: Trip to Thorpe Park for winning house and activity day for other students
- Tuesday 22nd July: End of term, half day



Sports Day

Sports Day at Highlands this year was packed with energy, competition, and team spirit! It was an incredibly close contest between the top two houses, Willow and Rowan, but Rowan managed to hold onto their title and were crowned Sports Day Champions for 2025.

Students competed in a range of events including basketball, boccia, netball, football, table tennis, and various track and field races - with the relay race stealing the show as the day's most exciting



event. Even staff joined in the fun, making it a memorable day for everyone involved!

Well done to Rowan on their success.

You can read more about our sporting successes this year in our special feature newsletter.





House Champions 2024 - 2025

The final event that decided this year's House Champion was Sports Day, which took place this week. It was the tightest competition yet, with just 400 points separating the top teams. After an incredible year of effort, teamwork and determination, we're proud to announce that Oak House are the 2024–2025 House Champions! Congratulations to all Oak students, their hard work and dedication has truly paid off. They'll be celebrating their victory with a well-earned trip to Thorpe Park, and their name will be proudly written into Highlands' history.



House music competition

The results of the inter house band competition are listed below. This was judged by the GCSE music class.

Year 7: 1st: Rowan, 2nd: Beech, 3rd: Oak, 4th: Willow

Year 8: 1st: Rowan, 2nd: Willow, 3rd: Oak, 4th: Beech

Year 9: 1st: Beech, 2nd: Willow, 3rd: Oak, 4th: Rowan



Sports at Highlands special feature newsletter

This week, we're excited to share a special feature newsletter, dedicated to celebrating all the amazing sports success stories at Highlands! From championship wins to standout performances across football, netball, rounders, athletics, and more, this feature is packed with highlights.

You'll also find photos of our incredible sports stars, team achievements, and everything that makes sport at Highlands so special. Sports at Highlands special feature



Interfaith Day

As part of our Interfaith Day, year 10 students welcomed four inspiring speakers representing different world religions. Rev Poppy Hughes (Christianity - St Peter's Grange Park), Tariq Sediq (Islam - CEO and Religious Advisor at MCEC), Ratnaprabha (Buddhism - Bodhi Tree Buddhist School Visits), and Syd Braham (Judaism - Board of Deputies of British Jews) each shared personal reflections on the role of faith in their lives. They explored what their religion means to them, how it shapes their daily experiences, and how it helps them navigate life's challenges. Students gained valuable insights into different belief systems and the shared values of compassion, purpose, and resilience that unite people of faith.





Dance World Cup 2025

A huge congratulations to Chiara-Mia in year 8, who recently competed in the Dance World Cup 2025 finals in Burgos, Spain! Representing in five dance categories: lyrical, street dance, show dance, tap, musical theatre and jazz. Chiara-Mia performed exceptionally well, earning two bronze and two silver medals in one of the most competitive dance events in the world. We are incredibly proud of her outstanding achievement. Go Chiara-Mia!



Results: Lyrical (3rd), street dance (5th), show dance (4th), tap (2nd), musical theatre (3rd) and jazz (2nd). Group photo provided by Dance World Cup, 2025 finals.

Combo Cup bronze medalist

A big well done to Eirene Palamaras in year 8, who recently competed with her team Aquavision at the Combo Cup in Sheffield. Performing against 13 teams from across England, they delivered a fantastic routine and secured an impressive 3rd place finish. We're especially proud of Eirene for balancing her training with end-of-year tests - an excellent display of commitment and perseverance!





Chicago: Teen Edition video production for sale

We are happy to announce that the Chicago: Teen Edition video production is now available to purchase on ParentPay! Two performance dates are available - Thursday 26th June and Friday 27th June - with each video priced at £7.

The deadline to place your order is Friday 17th July. Students will be able to collect their orders on Tuesday 22nd July. Any orders not collected on the last day of term can be collected in September when school reopens.



The photos are also available to purchase via the following links:

Thursday 26th June 2025

Friday 27th June 2025

Highlands School presents...

Are you interested in being in the school show in June 2026?

If the answer is yes, or even maybe, please come to the main hall on Tuesday 15th July at 3.15pm to get more information and to meet the staff team as this will help us to gauge interest before auditions and casting and before we licence the show. Any questions? Email Miss Brown or pop in to see her.

Dance Showcase

Join us for an exciting Dance Showcase on Friday 18th July at 6pm in the main hall. The event will last no longer than an hour and promises a fantastic selection of performances.

Enjoy dynamic routines created by our GCSE dance students over the past 18 months, along with some unmissable musical theatre numbers.

Tickets will be available on the door for £5.

Miss Brown



HPFA Welcome Festival

On Wednesday this week on a very hot balmy night the HPFA kindly hosted a welcome festival and BBQ for our new year 7s due to join us in September, and also our current year 7s. We had over 400 families and students attending to enjoy the music, sporting activities, raffle, BBQ, and the wonderful fundraising stalls each house prepared. A great evening was had by all, and the HPFA raised an impressive £2,000 approx at this event. With huge thanks to the HPFA, staff, students and everyone involved in organising and supporting the event - it takes a huge team to bring such a



large event to life. We still have a couple of unclaimed raffle prizes as the winners did not write their name on the back of their tickets - they are numbers 317 and 406. Please contact the school office if this was yours. We're already looking forward to officially welcoming our new year 7s on 1st September!



History writing competition

Congratulations to Marika Daley in year 9, who won the house history writing competition! Her essay stood out for demonstrating a strong command of the historical events and offered some impressive analysis of these episodes.

Well done, Marika, on an outstanding piece of historical writing!





Year 9 and 10 Enfield Rounders League Champions!

After finishing the regular season unbeaten, the year 9/10 rounders team played Kingsmead in the league final on Wednesday afternoon.

The game started quite nervously and was very close after the first innings. We were winning, but only by 2½ rounders. The second innings started well, as we scored 3 rounders back to back, and from here we pushed on to set a total of 14, with Kingsmead needing 10 to win. In Kingsmead's second innings, we displayed some sharp yet calm fielding to restrict Kingsmead to 3 rounders and win 14 - 7!

It has been an absolute pleasure to take this team this season. They have played some excellent rounders to win the league, and their sportsmanship and encouragement of each other mean they are a real credit to our school. Well done girls, I am very proud of you all!

Mrs Walters





U15 girls cricket

Last Thursday, whilst the rest of the school enjoyed DARE Days, the U15 girls' cricket team set off early for a day at Sidcup Cricket Club. Having won the local tournament a couple of weeks ago, we had qualified to play soft ball cricket against 5 other schools in the south east regional finals organised by Chance to Shine.

For many of the team this was their second ever cricket tournament. It became apparent early on that the standard was high. Unfortunately we did not win any games but we improved from game to game and only lost a couple of games narrowly.

There were many highlights including Hannah, Sophie and Anaiya hitting sixes, Rosie bowling out two batters in an over, April's catch in the deep, Lexie's consistent bowling, Annika's stop on the boundary to prevent a four and Nea's proactive backing up at the bowling end. Each of the team made a valuable contribution to a lovely day of cricket and showed DARE values throughout.

Well done girls, we are very proud of you all.

Mrs Walters and Miss Antwi





Year 7 and 8 rounders final

The year 7 and 8 rounders team competed in the finals on Wednesday after winning their respective league. In a closely fought semi-final against Wren Academy, they narrowly lost 10.5–11, just missing out on a place in the final. However, they finished the season on a high, securing an impressive 3rd place overall. Well done to the whole team on a fantastic season!

Player of the season: Orla Dimery Most improved player: Sophia Kakouris



Alumni share university tips with year 12

On Monday 7th July, Highlands alumni Rayaan, Kristiana, and Louise visited to share their experiences of studying Economics at the University of Bath and Management Science at UCL with our year 12 students.

They gave an insightful overview of university life, including course modules, lecture formats, and student life on campus. The alumni also shared valuable tips on excelling in A-level Economics, exploring super curricular activities, and writing UCAS personal statements.

Students had the chance to ask questions about choosing a university, gaining work experience, transitioning from A-levels to university, and more. The session left our students better equipped to tackle the year ahead with confidence.





Sparx Maths success!

This year, Highlands students have made incredible strides with Sparx Maths, answering an outstanding 1,295,720 questions correctly! They completed 21,434 hours of personalised maths practice and addressed over 169,000 misconceptions through videos. Plus, 59% of students using times tables have either improved or are now confident in their skills.

A special well done to our star pupils: Chloe Tsiamas (Y8), DAnish Farooq (Y9), Kevin Alla (Y10) and Shane McDonnell (Y11) for their outstanding effort and consistency.

Fantastic work from everyone involved, what an achievement!





Year 7 Taster Day

Last Friday, we welcomed our new year 7 cohort for their Taster Day at Highlands. It was a brilliant day where students met their form tutors and classmates, took part in fun team-building activities, and began forming new friendships. One highlight was the challenge to build the tallest tower using newspapers there were some impressive creations!

We loved seeing everyone getting stuck in, and we can't wait to welcome them back in September as they begin their exciting secondary school adventure.





Deaf Awareness assembly

Students took part in inspiring Deaf Awareness assemblies led by Ms Jutila, our Teacher of the Deaf, alongside three of our amazing Deaf students, Aaliyah, Omyur and Liya. Omyur and Liya bravely shared their personal experiences of what it's like to be Deaf using British Sign Language, while Aaliyah interpreted and spoke their words aloud for the audience. Together, they offered powerful insights into how Deaf people communicate, the assistive devices that support them, and practical tips on how we can all be more Deaf aware. It was a valuable and eye-opening experience that encouraged empathy, inclusion, and greater understanding across our school community.







BSL Level 1 - completion

Well done to Christina Hajilambi, Giulia Dumitrescu, Lilah Jones, Evie Howlett and Aaliyah Lascelles for successfully completing their BSL (British Sign Language) Level 1 qualification, what a fantastic achievement! They've now received their official certificates and a number of them are working towards their Level 2. We're incredibly proud of their commitment to inclusive communication and continued learning.



Holocaust Educational Trust speaker

We were honoured to welcome Susie Kaufman from the Holocaust Educational Trust to Highlands School. Susie delivered a powerful and moving talk about her parents' experiences during the Holocaust.

Our students were deeply engaged throughout and asked thoughtful, respectful questions. It was a valuable opportunity to learn first-hand about this important history.

Thank you, Susie, for sharing your story with us.





Year 12 work experience

Organising and monitoring work experience for 244 year 12 students is far from easy, but when everything comes together, it is one of the most empowering feelings in my role. Last week, our students stepped out of their comfort zones, gained new skills, and represented our school in workplaces across the region with maturity and enthusiasm. The feedback we have received from employers has been truly inspiring, and I am so proud of every single student for the way they embraced this opportunity. Thank you to ALL the employers, students and families who made this possible.

Below, you will find a selection of reflections from our students and messages from employers that capture the spirit of this fantastic week.

We hope these reflections give you a glimpse into the impact that work experience can have on our young people's confidence and aspirations. It has been a privilege to see them grow through this experience, and we look forward to seeing how they build on these skills. Well done year 12, you have made us all incredibly proud.

Ms Laurenzi

"I had the amazing opportunity to visit RAF Waddington, exploring everything from the 31st Squadron's new Protector drones to the on-base fire station and even the Red Arrows' facilities. Meeting the people behind the scenes gave me real insight into the many exciting roles within the RAF, an unforgettable and inspiring experience!" - Zac Maclean









"During my work experience in a joinery workshop, I helped prepare materials for a salon and kitchen fit-out, cutting, sanding, assembling drawer units, and even spray-finishing panels. I gained hands-on experience with tools and materials, and a clear understanding of how a full project comes together from workshop to installation." - Nathan Fisher



"Huge well done to Sean Ketcher in year 12 for showing fantastic initiative during VWEX week. He shared daily updates on LinkedIn, reflecting on his experiences and engaging with his future career goals - impressing both Unifrog and likely other employers too. A huge well done to Sean " - Simon Warner, Unifrog



"I really enjoyed my work experience in property management. The team made me feel welcome and treated me like a colleague. I learned about property sales, legal requirements, and tenant rules. Highlights included deactivating compliance records and organising key tags both tasks were clearly explained and rewarding to complete. " - Arda Aslan



"During my week at YVA Solicitors, I gained first-hand insight into property, family, and employment law. I shadowed solicitors in leasehold enfranchisement and litigation, attending meetings and helping draft legal documents. The highlight was observing a family court hearing at the Royal Courts of Justice, which sparked a new interest in family law. This experience has strengthened my ambition to pursue a legal career." - Elena Giudice



"During my work experience at Highlands, I supported staff and students across various activities - from recording medical stock to assisting with Year 12 Transition Day and DARE Days. I helped run STEM workshops and theatre sessions, developing key skills in communication, leadership, and teamwork while gaining valuable insight into student support and enrichment," - Rhea Mehta



"During my work experience at a mental health care home, I worked with vulnerable adults facing conditions like schizophrenia, dementia, and substance dependencies. Each day focused on a specific issue, combining research, tasks, and conversations with residents. I learned about antipsychotic medications and even explored how conditions like HIV can lead to viral-induced schizophrenia. Connecting with residents was especially meaningful, highlighting the importance of compassion and reducing stigma in mental health care." - Jihan Barre





Ariella impressed staff and senior leaders during her placement with her confidence, positivity, and professionalism. Phil Howitt, Manufacturing Manager at Warburtons, described her as "a confident and capable young person" and "a great asset to any business."





Shay Patel took part in a major energy-from-waste construction project with Acciona and Wright Engineering, gaining hands-on experience in sustainable infrastructure. His professionalism and curiosity impressed the team so much that he was featured on their LinkedIn page and awarded a £50 voucher. A brilliant experience and well-deserved recognition! Well done Shay.





This year's year 12 work experience placements.



Amazing Apprenticeships

We're proud to announce that Highlands School has been featured as a case study on the new "Officially Amazing" platform launched by Amazing Apprenticeships to mark their 10-year anniversary.

Our sixth form has been recognised for its dedication to supporting students, and a photo from our prospectus has been shared nationally across Amazing Apprenticeships' social media channels. With their platform supporting over 4,500 schools and reaching millions each year, we're honoured to be part of this inspiring initiative.



Peer Mentoring Programme

This year, Highlands launched a Peer Mentoring Programme to support younger students with various aspects of school life. Sixth formers Isaac Mooney, Stephanie Anastasiades, Gracie Mae Ticehurst, Joseph Brooks, Michael Chacholiades, Charlotte Crowley, Suleyman Degirmenci, Du Xiaoxia Hardyman-Rice, Yagmur Olcay and year 10 student Francesca Georgiou successfully completed their training and have been providing valuable guidance and support to their younger peers. While staff are always available, this initiative recognises that students often connect more easily with older peers who understand their experiences. The programme, piloted through weekly sessions, has already had a positive impact across the school. Well done to you all.





Headteacher's 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's Award is proudly presented to the following students.

- Michael Angeli 8RAS: Awarded for winning the year 8 cheesecake competition.
- Ruby Thaichi 8RJG: Awarded for coming joint second in the year 8 cheesecake competition.
- Maya Paterson-Mckenzie 8RAS: Awarded for coming joint second in the year 8 cheesecake competition.
- Grace Zelechowski 12RHK: Awarded for independently planning and leading an entire hour-long session at the Christian Faith Club to other students.
- Isabella Mene 80JT: Awarded for being a great peer to a new student, helping them settle into school well, and demonstrating the DARE values of the school.
- Orinthia Goonan 7RKM, Hus Gokpinar 7RKM, James Berris 7RKM, Na'Rae Rodney 7RKM, Tryfonas Gkiontsari 7RKM, Nathaniella Gambo 7RKM, Aileen Erdogan 7RKM, Jack Mallyon **7RKM** and **Lian Spata 7RKM**: Awarded for always helping their form tutor during form time and PSHE.
- Christina Hajilambi 10WCM: Awarded for outstanding work in GCSE art.
- Lilah Chibah 10WCM, Ava Theodorou 10BYC and Sophia Kastanias 100DC: Awarded for making excellent progress in GCSE art.
- Ava Quinn 8BEF, Eva Ho 8BEF, Raha Hashemi 8BEF, Erin Eastwood 8ODM, Charlotte Fisher 80DM, Aistis Mankevicius 80DM, Harry Afhim 7BMS, Afifa Hakime 7BMS, Zoe Mathews 7BMS, Sienna Morgan Jones 7BMS, Maya Muller 7BMS, Megi Shaban 7BMS, Arfah Shoaib 7BMS and Anna Maia Skliri 7BMS: Awarded for excellent effort in art.
- Aras Akguc 12BAS, Aaron Kiakoulanda 12RHK, Ruby Thaichi 8RJG and Hasti Zare 80DM: Awarded for going above and beyond to help with the judo set up for Ed-Extra.
- Na'rae Rodney 7RKM, Niamh Synnott 7BAS, Skye Hawkins 7RAC, Shamaya Gitu 7OSB, Noah Chavda 7BAS, Nathaniella Gambo 7RKM, Megan Kabeja 7BMS, Hollie Chambers 7RAC, Ozlem Osman 7BAS, Adrianna Asade 7BAS and Ayman Mohamud 7BMS: Awarded for helping with year 7 transition - solo event helper.
- Arfah Shoaib 7BMS, Emilio Paphitis 7BMS, Gwilym Jenkins-Green 7BAS, Łucja Drozd 7BAS, Qamil Neza 7OSB, Sofia Thanasko 7OSB, Poppy Perkins 7OMK, Anoushka Bowry 7RKM, Lian Spata 7RKM, Beth Rognaldsen 7RAC, Morgan Nash 7RAC and Sofia Kolovos 7OSB: Awarded for helping with the Year 7 Transition Evening.





FemSoc - A year of action and empowerment

This year marked the launch of Highlands School's very first feminist society - FemSoc, and what a powerful debut it's been. Founded with the mission to promote gender equality without advocating for gender superiority, FemSoc quickly became a space for inclusive discussion, activism, and learning. From the very first meeting, members shared ideas, set goals, and created a welcoming, collaborative environment focused on dismantling gender-based barriers and empowering individuals of all identities.



FemSoc.



One of FemSoc's major highlights was their inspiring contribution to International Women's Day, where they ran a school-wide assembly exploring the day's theme, Accelerate Action, and organised a successful bake sale to raise funds for Women's Aid, a national charity working to end domestic violence against women and children. Throughout the week, FemSoc members also presented to assemblies across the school, sharing the importance of International Women's Day and raising awareness about ongoing gender inequalities. Their efforts not only raised awareness, but also supported a critical cause during a time when violence against women has been declared a national emergency.











FemSoc members also attended a seminar led by Dr. Sian Oram from King's College London, deepening their understanding of the complex mental health challenges women face. The group found this experience particularly impactful, learning about the historical exclusion of women in medical research and the ongoing societal challenges, such as stigma around menstruation and the mental health impact of gender inequality and domestic violence.

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Throughout the year, FemSoc members have worked on a range of projects and presentations, exploring topics like women in leadership, representation in media, and the role of education in gender equity. Their commitment to research and awareness-raising has laid strong foundations for continued impact.

Looking ahead, FemSoc is planning an exciting line-up of activities for next year, including a night hike, attending London-based events supporting women's rights, and possibly a non-uniform day to raise further funds for women-focused charities.

Starting from scratch, FemSoc has become a vital voice within Highlands School. Their dedication to advocacy, education, and equality is truly inspiring - and this is only the beginning.

Want to be part of FemSoc? Sign up here.



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School announcements

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

The immunisation team will be in school on Monday 14th July to deliver the HPV vaccination to year 8 students. Please ensure your child has eaten breakfast and they bring a drink to school.

Lost property

Please click here for a list of lost property received since the start of term. If your child has lost anything listed, or any other item, please ask them to check with the school office, as things arrive daily. All items being claimed will need to be identified by the student. Please can we also remind parents/carers to label all uniform and belongings so we can get items back to students as quickly as possible.

Thorpe Park trip for Oak students

As you will be aware, your child's house, Oak, as a group, won the house competition for the year, leading them to be the overall winners. As part of the Highlands tradition, on 17th July, in order to congratulate Oak House, we will be taking all students in the house to Thorpe Park (free of charge).

Location: Thorpe Park When: 17th July 2025

Time: 7:45am at school - please do not be late, or we may have to depart without you.

Dismissal: Between 4:30–5:00pm from school.

Ensure consent has been completed via ParentPay, or your child will not be able to go on the trip.

All students must wear Highlands PE kit. If students are not wearing the correct kit, they may not be allowed to attend.

If students take regular daily medication, they should bring it with them. Like any other trip, medication cannot be taken from the medical room for this trip.

Students should bring a packed lunch or, if preferred, can purchase food at the venue. If your child is entitled to free school meals, they will be provided with a packed lunch on the day.

Arrival back at school is expected at approximately 4:30pm - 5:00pm.

The weather forecast is due to be warm on Thursday - make sure your child brings sunscreen and a hat or cap to protect themselves while walking or queuing around the park. Please ensure they bring plenty of water.



Activity Day for students in Beech, Rowan and Willow houses

As you will be aware, Oak House won this year's House Council Competition. For your child's house, which did not win, they will be taking part in an Activity Day based on site.

• Location: Highlands School

• When: 17th July 2025

• Time: 8:30am - normal school time. When you arrive, please line up in your usual lines.

Dismissal: 3:15pm (Year 12 details will be shared separately).

Students will take part in three activities during the day:

1. Quiz

2. Design task challenge

3. Sporting activities

Students will need coloured pencils and scissors, if they have them.

There will be an opportunity for students to buy an ice cream at lunchtime, so please bring cash if you'd like to purchase one.

The weather forecast is due to be warm on Thursday, make sure you bring sunscreen and a hat or cap to protect yourself while outdoors.

Make sure you bring plenty of water.

Mrs Jeynes

School uniform donations

If you have spare uniform items to donate, please take them directly to Smiths Uniform Shop, as the school is no longer collecting donations.

School hire bookings - from 1st September 2025

If you are interested in hiring our school facilities from 1st September, please visit School Hire to view available spaces and pricing.

Whether you're planning a sports event, community activity, or private function, our facilities offer flexible options to suit a range of needs. Enquiries and bookings can be made directly through the School Hire website.



A Level and BTEC results day - Thursday 14th August 2025

On Thursday 14th August the school will be open from 8:30am for students to pick up their A Level & BTEC results. Results will also be available electronically at 8am on 'student portal' (bromcomvle.com) to give students an opportunity to view their results from home and to contact universities as soon as possible, should they need to.

Once students have collected their results from the hall, members of staff will be available to offer support in the canteen. This will include support with UCAS and clearing. If students do not need any support following the collection of their results they will be asked to leave the site.

UCAS Track will go live at 8:00am on results day. Here students will be able to see whether they have met the conditions of their university offer. More information can be found on our website.

GCSE results day - Thursday 21st August

Year 11 results will be available for collection at school on 21st August 2025. Students should arrive at the following times and line up on the concourse before entering the building to collect their results from the canteen.

9.00am: Oak and Rowan house 9.45am: Beech and Willow house

They will be given an envelope containing their results and a letter letting them know whether they have a confirmed place at Highlands school's sixth form. Pre-ordered year books and leavers' hoodies which have not already been collected will also be available for collection. Results will be available online later on in the day.

Year 10 students will be able to access their results via the My Child At School app from 10am. Students in year 10 should only come on site if they have accessed their result via MCAS and require the additional face-to-face support of a member of staff.

Highlands school's sixth form enrolment day will also take place on the 21st August from 9am. After students have collected their results they will have a progression interview with a member of SLT or the sixth form team about their next steps and enrolment. If your child is unable to enrol on that day then you will need to email the sixth form team before the 16th July on sixthformadmissions@highlearn.uk. Year 12 students will be returning to school on Tuesday 2nd September, but information will be provided about the first day and induction process in September during the enrolment process.

More information can be found on our website.



Book of the month - July

Recommended read for KS3.

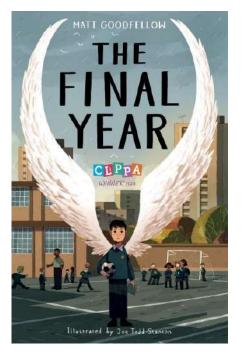
The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow

Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side - they've been inseparable since nursery. When they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down.

As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital.

His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough?

A powerful and lyrical story about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within it.

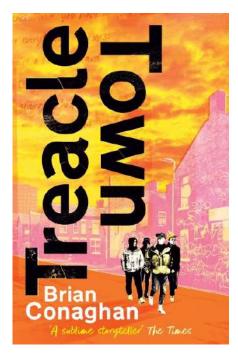


Recommended read for KS4.

Treacle Town by Brian Conaghan

Con O'Neill is stuck in a world of brutal gang violence, sectarian vendettas and personal tragedy, but when he stumbles upon the new world of slam poetry, Con senses a glimmer of hope. The lack of opportunities for him and the rest of his gang is all too apparent. No money. No prospects. A social design that entraps inhabitants of Treacle Towns up and down the country.

Connor is desperate to get away, to find another life where he can experience happiness and fulfilment, but it won't be easy.





House weekly winners

Here are this week's top students.

Top students in year 7

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Suryan	Mistry	7WEL	W	23
Mya	Pericleous	7WEL	W	19

Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Xavier Emerson	Harris Vital	8BEF	В	19
Alara	Aristidou	8BLR	В	17
Jacob	Tsangari	8BLR	В	17
Laura	Alla	8BEF	В	15
Raha	Hashemi	8BEF	В	15
Barbod	Khosravi	80DM	0	15
Aaliyah	Lascelles	8WSW	W	15
Adem	Payne	8BLR	В	15
Ava	Quinn	8BEF	В	15
Mili-Anna	Scrivens	8WMT	W	15

Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Nea	Petritaj	9WNK	W	28
Aalycia	Udahemuka	9WNK	W	28
Xhorxhia	Kuvertaris	9RCX	R	26
Owen	Smith	9WNK	W	24
Anthony	Angeli	9WNK	W	22
Nnaemeka	Onukaogu	9WNK	W	22
Tahlia Teoni	Boyele	9RCX	R	21
Anaiya	Dhaliwal	9WNK	W	20
Sophie	Rooke	9WNK	W	20
Alexandra	Roszkowska	9WNK	W	20
Sindi	Shaban	9WNK	W	20



Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Ermioni	Tsantikou	100SM	0	42
Beatrice	Afhim	100SM	0	34
Sofia	Karaolis	100SM	0	34
Owen	White	100SM	0	34
Alexander	Antoniou	100SM	0	30
Jayden	Kelly	10WJQ	W	26
Nicholas	King	10WJQ	W	26
Amelie	Manning	100SM	0	26
Emil	Skogen	100SM	0	26
Madiha	Yahya	100SM	0	26

















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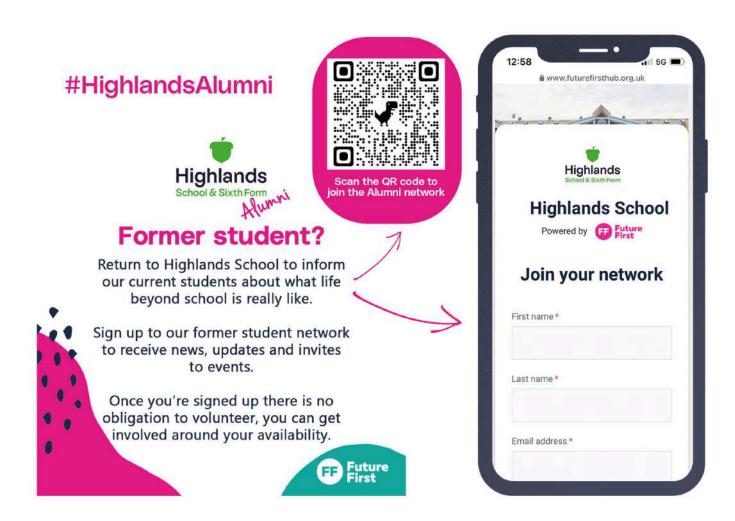


Highlands School Afumni

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 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: Faithia Garffus - faithia.garffus@futurefirst.org.uk





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.





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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