

Highlands School Newsletter

31 January 2025



Dear parents and carers,

This week marked Holocaust Memorial Day, with 27th January 2025 commemorating the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz. To mark this anniversary, special assemblies were held all week, presented by Lucy, Michael and Marcus. They delivered impactful and informative sessions about the Holocaust.

The sad truth of human history is that, too often, people have been discriminated against and dehumanised, sometimes leading to violence and then genocide. Education and schools in particular are crucial in helping students understand the past and making sure we show care and compassion towards others, regardless of our differences. We take this responsibility seriously at Highlands and we are proud of our diverse school community and proud of how our students treat each other. This week's assemblies were an example of this.

This week there is a special feature newsletter that provides further insights and reflections, encouraging us all to remember the past and stand against prejudice and hate.

Mr McInerney, Headteacher.

Key dates for this half term:

- Wednesday 5th February: year 8 and 9 options evening
- Thursday 6th February: late start following year 8 and 9 options evening (students at school by
- Friday 14th February: final day of half term
- Monday 24th February: students return to school



HPFA Quiz Night on Friday 14th March

The HPFA will be hosting a quiz night hosted by Mr McInerney! The evening will no doubt prove to be a fun, family-friendly and competitive event! Please put the date in your diary now and start asking around friends and family to join your table.

Tickets are £5.00 and will be on sale via ParentPay. Food, nibbles and drinks will be on sale by the HPFA, You are welcome to bring your own nibbles but any alcohol brought in will be subject to a corkage charge.

Please encourage your family and friends to come along for a fun evening, please note that tables are up to a maximum of 8 people and children need to be over the age of 5 to attend.

If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize, please let us know.

Highlands Parents and Friends Association (HPFA)



'Making Highlands Greener' year 8 science competition

All students in year 8 took part in our chemistry challenge; 'Making Highlands Greener'. The following students were selected by their teacher as they had the most innovative ways of making Highlands greener! Well done to you

all.

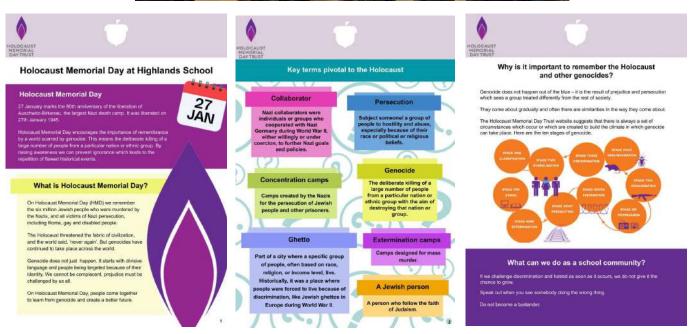
Sita Maitland Walker, Laura Alla, Ria Stylianides, Ava Quinn, Alex Laskowsky, Cassidy Whitter-Nelmes, Maisie Allan, Chloe Tsiamas, Lucy Pishiris and Summer Mullooly.





Holocaust Memorial Day







Join the Dots: university transition programme for STEM - Successful **Highlands sixth form applicants**

Congratulations to the below students who have been accepted onto the competitive university transition programme Join the Dots, which is run by the Brilliant Club.

Year 12:

Isaac Mooney

Year 13:

- Selina Ramadan
- Shakeel Muuse ibraahim
- Ellie Kyprianou
- Candice Grossmann
- Jessica Griggs
- Rhea Mehta
- Ethan Strickland
- Beyza Artis
- Hana Fahmy
- Eleanor McHale







Join the Dots is split into two parts:

Before university:

UniPrep gives pupils access to free live webinars and is open to any year 12 or 13 student applying to university. It offers free guidance and tips on things like personal statements and student finance, as well as study skills support and insight into what life is like at university.

Starting uni:

Successful pupils will be supported by a Join the Dots partner university, where a spot will be secured in the second part of the programme. University partners will be announced throughout the year.

In the second part of the programme, students have a personal coach who will give them 1-1 academic coaching for their first assignments and assessments, along with group sessions with other students in the network to share advice and support to help them settle in. All of this is for free!

If you would like to be a part of this amazing programme please look out for the announcement in your STEM Google Classroom.

Well done sixth formers!

Dr Len



Dancers of the week

Our dancers of the week are Evie Whitbread in year 11 for working hard on her choreography this week and Meliz Hassan in year 9 for her Indian dance performance.



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 award is proudly presented to the following students.

- Candice Grossmann 130MA: Awarded for her superb representation of the school.
- Ibrahim Karabekmez 7RAC and Abed Khalaily 7RAC: Awarded for winning the 'Science Sparks' glider competition in Ed-Extra.

School announcements

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.

Lunch Accounts

Please can you check your child's lunch account regularly to make sure they have enough funds to buy food for the week. Students must use their own lunch accounts, and not ask their friends to buy food for them, as this is not permitted.

Parking near the school

Please can we ask that you avoid parking on the roundabout area near school, as well as near the zebra crossing and on the zig zag lines, as this is causing traffic issues, and is also a health and safety concern for our students. Enfield parking team do regular patrols and will issue penalty notices to those parking where restrictions are in place.



Year 11 Boys Enfield Cup

In the semi finals of the Enfield cup, the year 11 boys travelled to Latymer to compete for a place in the final. A fantastic 25 yard strike from Jordan gave Highlands a quick lead however some needless mistakes meant Latymer were 2-1 up at half time. The second half saw an increase in intensity from Highlands leaving the score 4-2 to Latymer with 10 minutes remaining with Seb scoring a header. Then Highlands turned it on with two quick goals from Jordan and Jake making the score 4-4 with two minutes remaining. A last second shot by Kevin was inches wide.

This meant penalties! A fantastic save from Jayden kept Highlands in it all the way to the end however we narrowly lost out 4-3.

Despite the final score, all the boys should be proud of themselves.

Mr Avann









Academic excellence

As part of our commitment to celebrating excellence in the house competition, we introduced the academic excellence awards based on student feedback. After each year group's mid-year assessments and mock exams, we honour the top achiever in each subject with an academic excellence trophy for their house, 1,000 house points, and a certificate. Additionally, the most improved student in each subject will receive a certificate to acknowledge their hard work and progress.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

Year 11:

Student	Form	House	Subject
Veronika Tsoma	11BJC	Beech	Art
Luke Smith	11WDD	Willow	Biology
Ava Koker	11BJC	Beech	Ducinos
Evelina Litviniuc	11WDD	Willow	Business
Luke Smith	11WDD	Willow	Chemistry
Shayan Mirza	11RNC	Rowan	Citizenship
Maxim Volkov	110KK	Oak	Computing
Evie Ferguson	11WTH	Willow	Dance
Liam O'Connor	11WDD	Willow	Economics
Benjamin Gerrish	11RNC	Rowan	English language
Pani Anastasiou	110KK	Oak	English literature
Lucy Lord	11RNC	Rowan	Food and nutrition
Amelie Soon	11BNI	Beech	French
Benjamin Gerrish	11RNC	Rowan	Geography
Pani Anastasiou	110KK	Oak	History
Thanos Ioannou	110KK	Oak	Maths
Ella Kissos Boast	11RNC	Rowan	NA P.
Francisco Pinto	11WTH	Willow	Media
Naa Shidaa Quartey	11WTH	Willow	Music
Nicky Eastwood	11RGA	Rowan	0.5
Carl Etuazim	110KK	Oak	PE
Benjamin Gerrish	11RNC	Rowan	Dlessalan
Ava Pasha	110KK	Oak	Physics
Eva Chrysostomou	11BNI	Beech	DC
Parla Ghanipour	110AB	Oak	RS
Thanos Ioannou	110KK	Oak	Science
Daniel Cox Jaramillo	11BJC	Beech	Spanish



Year 8:

Student	Form	House	Subject	
Sita Maitland-Walker	8BLR	Beech	Art	
Orla Dimery	80DM	Oak		
Liliana Jonczyk	8OJT	Oak	Citizenship	
Elma Stena	8OJT	Oak		
Sita Maitland-Walker	8BLR	Beech	Computer science	
Amelie Mohan	8RAS	Rowan	Dance	
Ryan Arun	8RJG	Rowan	Duama	
Kerem Hassan	8WMT	Willow	Drama	
James Dervish	8RJG	Rowan		
Orla Dimery	80DM	Oak	e a Pala la como a	
Farida Nooreldeen	8WMT	Willow	English language	
Kastina Pashku	8RJG	Rowan		
Sibora Myftari	8WMT	Willow	English literature	
Marianne Smith	8WSW	Willow	French	
Farida Nooreldeen	8WMT	Willow	Geography	
Michael Angeli	8RAS	Rowan		
Finley Hadley	8WMT	Willow		
Alexandra Koneva	8RAS	Rowan	l linko m.	
Aston Lyle	8RAS	Rowan	History	
Chiara-Mia Poyiadzis	8RAS	Rowan		
Marianne Smith	8WSW	Willow		
Martha Dobinson	8RJG	Rowan		
Lucas Photi	8OJT	Oak	N A - + l	
Aarav Shah	8RJG	Rowan	Maths	
Elma Stena	8OJT	Oak		
Elma Stena	8OJT	Oak	Music	
Orla Dimery	80DM	Oak	חר	
Evie Rees	8BLR	Beech	PE	
Ashley Awatar	8BLR	Beech	pc	
Nathan Oladeji	8WMT	Willow	RS	
Drake Butler	8WMT	Willow	Science	
Aynara Gomez Rosales	8RAS	Rowan	Constitute	
Hasti Zare	80DM	Oak	Spanish	
Niam Kataria	8RJG	Rowan	Tables	
Sita Maitland-Walker	8BLR	Beech	Technology	



DARE award winners - Year 11

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.

Congratulations to the following students, who were ranked the top students in year 11. Their names are listed below. The top 100 achieving students will be receiving a letter home in recognition of their achievements in the DARE values.

Year 11

1st: Ender Guccuk (Beech) £50 voucher

2nd: Benjamin Gerrish (Rowan) £30 voucher

3rd: Nellie Eaves Baker (Oak) £10 voucher





House weekly winners

This week's winner is the house with the highest achievement points minus concerns points. Congratulations Beech!

	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive Points	8,702	6,885	7,898	7,134
Negative points	-485	-395	-494	-457
Points overall	8,217	6,490	7,404	6,677

Top students in year 7

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
James	Berris	7RKM	R	48
Ava	Bolger	7RKM	R	48
Adrian	Skrzypkowski	7RKM	R	48
Tobey	Harris	7RKM	R	48
Emily	Dent	7RAC	R	45
Рорру	Perkins	70MK	0	44
Vitaliia	Zakharchuk	7RAC	R	44
Helin	Aslaner	7RKM	R	44
Rowan	Vaughan-Williams	7RKM	R	44
Angelo	Georgiou	70MK	0	43
Orinthia	Goonan	7RKM	R	43

Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Akeesa Induvari	Gurubebila Vitharanage	8BEF	В	66
Laura	Alla	8BEF	В	60
Carmel-Marie	Asoegwu	8BEF	В	56
Edgar	Freimanis	8BEF	В	56
Natalia	Balla	8BEF	В	54
Isabella	Smith	8BEF	В	52
Raha	Hashemi	8BEF	В	52
Erkay	Guzel	8BEF	В	52
Florence	Holyomes	8WSW	W	51
Sidney	Spofforth	8BEF	В	49



Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Stefano	Keliris	9RCX	R	48
Leo	Albrecht	9RCX	R	45
Lexie	Cullen	9RCX	R	44
Nea	Petritaj	9WNK	W	44
Austin	Kavanagh	9RCX	R	43
Kalan	Bowry	9RCX	R	42
Naara Sade	Salom-Mason	90AC	0	39
Oscar	Cattarossi	9ORD	0	38
Amber	Walford	9RCX	R	38
Isobella	McNeil	9RCX	R	38

Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
James	Cooper-Dobson	10BYC	В	62
Arda	Surmez	100SM	0	58
Gabrielle	Russell	10BYC	В	57
Adem	Bimici	10BLM	В	53
Joshua	Mrozi	10BLM	В	51
Ruby	Magrun	10BYC	В	51
Nathan	Mazele	10BYC	В	51
Ikram	Mohamed	10BLM	В	50
Melisa	Angelova	10BLM	В	48
Evren	Okanay	100SM	0	48
James	Butcher	100SM	0	48

Top students in year 11:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Ender	Guccuk	11BNI	В	55
Evie	Whitbread	11WDD	W	47
Daniel	Cox Jaramillo	11BJC	В	46
Zacharias	Stavrou	11BJC	В	45
Imogen	Ganvir	11BJC	В	40
Junaid	Ejaz	11RGA	R	40
Dmytro	Yeremeiev	11BJC	В	39
Liam	O'Connor	11WDD	W	39
Aleksander	Ivanov	11WDD	W	39
Aaliyah	Udahemuka	11BJC	В	37
Oguz Kagan	Yalcinoz	11BJC	В	37
lasmina	lacobut	11WDD	W	37



Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Nathan	Fisher	120AT	0	33
Zac	Maclean	12WDS	W	27
Luke	Tyrimos	12WAD	W	21
Suleyman	Degirmenci	12RJB	R	19
Raya	Gotseva	120ES	0	16
Grace	Zelechowski	12RHK	R	16
Charlie	Skipp	12RHK	R	16
Elena	Giudice	12BAS	В	15
Spyros	Yiallouros	12BTD	В	15
Daisy	Desoer	12RHK	R	15
Rhea	Mehta	12RJB	R	15
Muhammad	Farooq	12WAD	W	15

Top students in year 13:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Ledia	Xhetani	13RSL	R	32
Katie	Brookman	13RSL	R	29
Alexia	Chrysostomou	130MA	0	28
Charlie	Mills	13WTA	W	28
Tyler	Macdonald	13BJT	В	20
Aleksander	Zogu	13BJT	В	16
Selam	Taye	13WTA	W	16
Elyaas	Uddin	13WTA	W	16
Zack	Williams	13WTA	W	16
Raphael	Richter	13WTA	W	16
James	Janczur	13WTA	W	16
Caden	O'Brien	13WTA	W	16







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

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



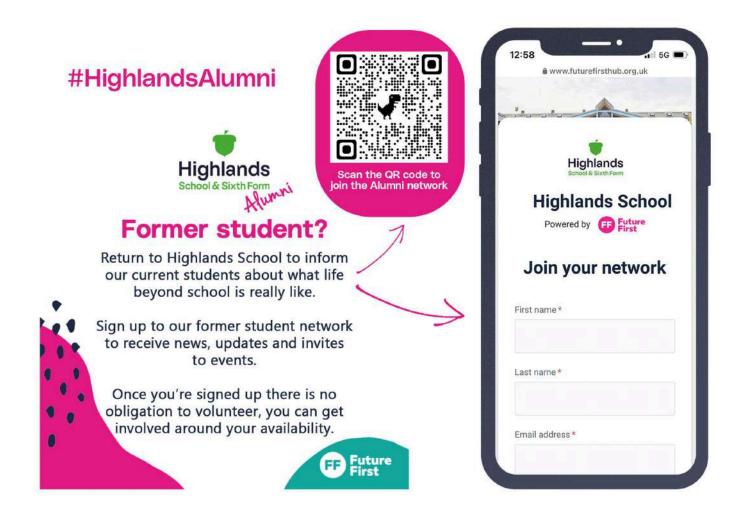


Highlands School Afunni

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: Tara Human - tara.human@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. 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.





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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