



Highlands School Newsletter

04 April 2025



Dear parents and carers,

Today is the end of the second full term of this academic year. As we move into the Easter holidays the focus builds more and more on students in years 10, 11 and 13 as they prepare for their GCSE, BTEC and A level exams. As always, we will run Easter school for students over the holidays. I will be in next Monday to oversee the day and I look forward to welcoming the students who are attending. I would like to remind GCSE students that they must wear full school uniform at Easter revision school.

This week we were delighted and proud to announce that, for the third year running, a Highlands student has won the national 'Show Racism the Red Card' creative writing competition. Neriah Muhelele in year 12 won the competition with an original poem that we have printed in full on pages 7-9 of this newsletter.

Today we announced the overall leader of the inter house competition for this year and the 'race to Thorpe Park'. Oak are narrowly ahead of Rowan, with Willow and Beech behind them. There are only ten school weeks left until sports day, when the competition ends and the winner is announced.

Finally this week, a reminder that from Tuesday 6th May, students are allowed to wear summer polo shirts instead of shirts and ties. This is an optional part of our school uniform, one that was brought in at the request of students. Our polo shirts can be bought from our usual uniform suppliers.

Summer term starts on Tuesday 22nd April, I look forward to welcoming all students back to school then.

Have a great Easter break,

Mr McInerney, Headteacher

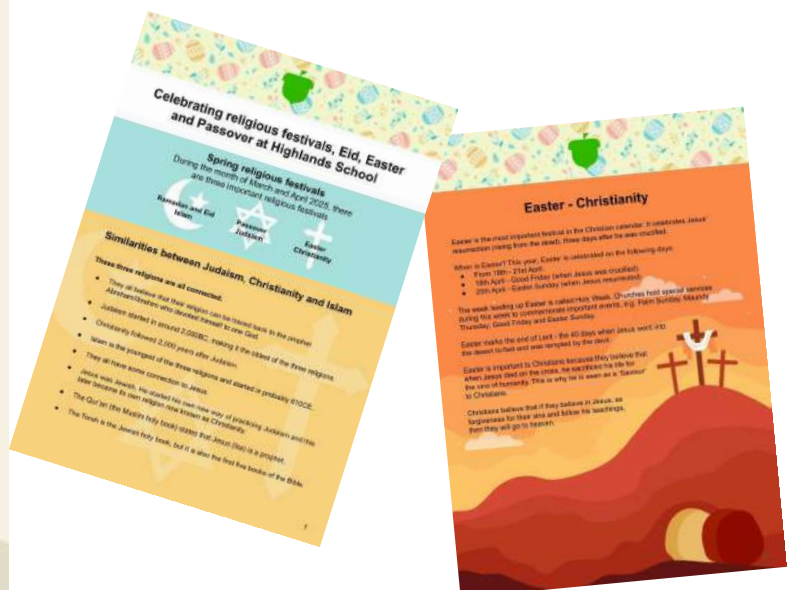
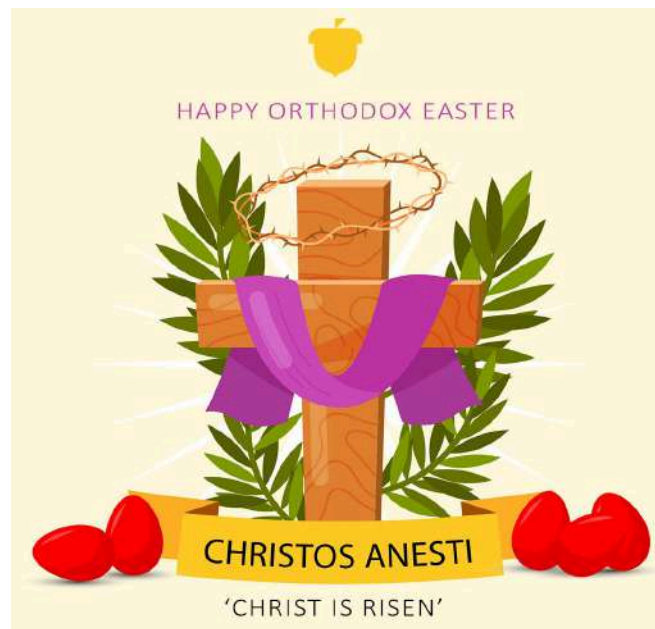


Key dates for next half term:

- Tuesday 22nd April: start of summer term, week A
- Monday 5th May: bank holiday
- Tuesday 6th May: students allowed to wear summer polo shirts
- Friday 23rd May: end of half term

Easter, Orthodox Easter and Passover

Happy Easter, Orthodox Easter, and Passover to everyone celebrating! May this special time bring you joy, peace, and togetherness. To our Orthodox community, Christos Anesti - Christ is risen! From everyone at Highlands, we wish you a wonderful celebration. You can read more about these celebrations in this week's [Religious festivals special feature newsletter](#).





Battle of the Bands

The Battle of the Bands event held last week at Highlands was one of the best events showcased at our school, with each year group competing in a thrilling musical contest. Students were judged on their musical ability and overall performance by a panel consisting of Ethan, our head student, Mrs. Chrysostomou, Mr. Hurst, and Mr. Savvides for sixth form. Mr. McNerney was in charge of crowd control and encouraged feedback from the judges, while Ceren, Joel, Lily, and Elena introduced each act.

A special thank you to Mr. Davies for capturing the event in photos.





Here are the winners!

- **Year 7: October Rain, All Too Well by Taylor Swift.**

Hus Gokpinar, Kosta Nicolaou, Tobey Harris, Jaden Garcia, Hollie Chambers and Skye Hawkins.

- **Year 8: Gravity, Everyday (original song).**

Wilfred Crutchley, Jasaiya Ollivierre, Archie De Souza, Marianne Smith and Kerem Hassan.

- **Year 9: Oak and Echo, When the World Falls Apart (original song) (joint winners).**

Ruby Wakeford, Tyanna Ferreira, Dennis Erdogan, Warren Kelly, Samuel Malaj, Mia Ioannou, Max Rich and Nicole Cisneiros-Martins.

- **Year 9: Rule, Love Like Fire by Rule (joint winners).**

Ruby Walford, Hayssa De Araujo Spinello, Matthew Nicolaou.

- **Senior students: The Plunge, Hotel California by Eagles.**

George Robinson, Daniella Ursache, Tarai Edgehill, Jorja Hodge, Darcy Smethurst and Cooper Ireland.

Spanish Cuisine Day

Rowan House hosted Spanish Cuisine Day this week, bringing a taste of Spain to our school community. Students and staff enjoyed a delicious selection of traditional Spanish dishes which included paella with chicken, sausage and bacon or mixed bean catalan with patatas bravas and mixed vegetables, while learning about the rich culinary heritage of Spain.





Religious studies trip to Bloomsbury Baptist Church

Year 12 religious studies students recently visited Bloomsbury Baptist Church for an A-level religious studies conference on *Evil and the God of Love*. The thought-provoking event explored theological perspectives on the problem of evil and divine love. It was a valuable opportunity for students to enhance their understanding of key philosophical and ethical debates, enriching their studies beyond the classroom.



Sixth form newsletter - April 2025

Read this term's [sixth form newsletter](#)! Packed with fantastic stories about trips, events, and student achievements, it's a great read that showcases all the exciting things happening in our outstanding sixth form.





Duke of Edinburgh

This week, the first year 13 students were presented with their Silver DofE awards, alongside the next group of year 11 students who completed their Bronze award. All of these students have contributed to the school and local community through volunteering, achieved a personal physical goal, and learned a new skill. Well done to everyone who has completed the DofE this year!

The year 10 and year 12 cohorts are currently working hard to complete their volunteering, physical, and skills sections and are looking forward to their training expeditions in July.

Mrs Walters



HPFA Easter raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought an Easter Raffle ticket! Your support has helped raise valuable funds for the school. Congratulations to our winners, listed below. From everyone at the HPFA, we wish you a fantastic Easter!

- Sarah Dickinson
- Steph H
- Vicki Tsamados
- Janet Oram
- Jo Hadley
- Ria Sykes





Show Racism the Red Card - WINNER!

We are incredibly proud to announce that our student, Neriah Muhelele in year 12, has won the **Year 10+ Art and Creative Writing** category in the Show Racism the Red Card competition. This marks the *third* consecutive year that our school has achieved a win in this prestigious competition, demonstrating our students' ongoing commitment to using creativity as a powerful tool for social change.

Neriah's outstanding work stood out among many entries, showcasing both linguistic talent and a strong message against racism. The awards ceremony will take place at Nottingham Forest FC's City Ground on 1st May, where Neriah will be officially recognised for this incredible achievement. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Neriah and look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion!



Neriah's entry:

*I used to hate being black,
I thought that it meant that I was destined to be bad,
All those black men on TV with guns and drugs,
I thought that that was gonna be my brother or my dad.*

*My mum's right there,
She raised me right,
She raised me to cherish my heritage and fight,
And that's all well and nice,
But I've heard words that contradict every teaching she's cemented
into me.*



*Eric Garner.
Died 17 July 2014.
He was the first black man I'd seen on my TV screen to be killed by the people who swore to 'protect
and serve'.
I remember it like yesterday where the world I perceived with colour turned literally black and white.*

*I used to think how are we still losing this fight?
How in 2024 are we still struggling to be treated right?
I'm a teenager, I've seen people win fights but somehow, this is simply a fight we cannot win.*

*I'm Congolese, it's part of who I am,
I remember being 6 and my teacher said "raise your hand to tell us where you're from",
I said Congo and she said "where's that?"*



The embarrassment I felt reflected straight into being black and ever since then I wondered, who would want that?

*I used to love braiding my white friends hair and feeling my hand run through and it was silky smooth,
Run your fingers through my hair and it's getting trapped between the tangles that come with 4C hair
and evidently, being black.*

What's there to like at this point?

*I've seen my male friends be stopped by police and I've been so frozen in time that I can't intervene
because all I ever seem to think is "don't cause a scene".*

I used to hate being black.

Yeah I did.

But now I know that I'm not destined to be bad.

*And despite those black men on TV with guns and drugs,
That's not my brother or my dad.*

With being black,

There's so much to love,

From music to food to community and more,

Being black is a constant war but one I would never give up.

My 4C hair used to make me sad but now I'm glad I was given such a blessing.

I get to style my hair 100 different ways and when I come into school, I receive all types of praise.

Black History Month content for a long time was at a lack.

It was like all there was to being black was MLK, Rosa Parks and Muhammed Ali.

And while those three are people to thank,

*I used to wanna scream like a banshee because I'll always disagree as that's not all there is to the
history of being black.*

There was a crack in the curriculum because as a matter of fact, we're not even american.

So I used to always wonder why haven't I ever learned about Mark Duggan.

4 August 2011.

The shot that was heard around the world.

20,000 people gathered,

Every road was a hazard,

Police feared, their reputations smeared

A killing stirred five days of rioting that blurred

All so we could be heard.

Finally, we've reached a point where we can share more than just those American tales of black history.

I'm filled with glee because our pleas have finally been heard,

Though I still think it's absurd it took this long.



*A lot of poems I have are unheard but I hope that with this one I've stirred something in everyone.
Whether the emotion be anger, happiness or sadness, my notion was to share my experience.
Trust me when I say I'm not always this serious.*

*Thank you for allowing me to share my art because it came straight from the heart.
Sadly this is the end and I have to depart.
Remember, being black has never been a curse, it makes the world more diverse.
This is me done and thank you for listening to my spoken word.*

PE clubs - Easter - summer

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Cricket All years Mr Avann/Mr Edwards Field 3:15- 4:30	Rounders Year 7,8,9,10 Mrs Walters/Ms Berrill Field 3:15 - 4:30	GCSE Theory Intervention 11S/Pg1 + 11R/Pg1 Mrs Walters/Mrs Hutchinson PE4 3:15 - 4	Athletics Mrs Hutchinson/Mr Avann/Mr Edwards 3:15 - 4:15 Field
	Rugby (tag/touch) Years 7-11 Mr Lockwood Astro 3:15 - 4:30	A Level PE Intervention Y13 Mr Avann SL6 3:15 - 4	
	GCSE Theory Intervention 10P/Pg1 Mr Avann PE4 3:15 - 4		

How to join a club

- Simply show up after school at the PE changing rooms at 3:20pm.
- You must wear your Highlands PE kit to take part.
- You must wear your school uniform to school and get changed after school in the changing rooms (unless you have a practical PE lesson on the day of your club).
- 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 (4:15pm or 4:30pm depending on the club).



Headteacher's award

The Headteacher award 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.

- **Liliana Jonczyk 8OJT:** Awarded for her forward-thinking mind-set, creativity, and dedication to planning for their future.
- **Cian Galvin 11OKK:** Awarded for his determination and hard work in completing his portfolio and securing a college place, emphasising the effort he has put in to overcome challenges.
- **Na'rae Rodney 7RKM:** Awarded for excellent effort and presentation of a challenge science homework.
- **Parla Ghanipour 11OAB:** Awarded for being incredibly understanding, patient and kind with all of those around her, for being tolerant and accepting of all of those who seek her support, for working hard to guarantee amazing GCSE grades and for always going above and beyond in her academic life to succeed in her studies.
- **Maxim Volkov 11OKK:** Awarded for consistent academic success and for being an incredible listener for those in times of need, for showcasing outstanding photography skills outside of the classroom and for working hard and arranging visits to places such as Imperial College to ensure his future after year eleven is successful.
- **Sakura Daley 11OKK:** Awarded for consistently demonstrating exceptional acts of kindness, providing tissues and comfort for other students in the wellbeing room when they are faced with challenging times, for always successfully providing support and good times to their friends and teachers, and for excelling academically
- **Nicholas Photi 7WEF, Fedor Nikolaitsev 7WEL, Niamh Castle 7WEF, Chloe Desimine 7WEF, Campbell Paraskeva 7WEF, Mae Elliott- Smith 7WEF, Qamil Neza 7OSB, Amelia Stevens 7OSB, Fyfe Kelly 7OSB, Theo Chrysanthou 7OSB, Amber Pierides 7OSB, Izzy Butcher 7BAS, Reuben Maple 7BAS, Joshua Afhim 7BAS, Niamh Synnott 7BAS, Noah Chavda 7BAS, Alea Kransniqi 7BMS, Hus Gokpinar 7RKM, Kosta Nicolaou 7RKM, Tobey Harris 7RKM, Jaden Garcia 7RKM, Hollie Chambers 7RAC, Skye Hawkins 7RAC, James Mehmet 8RJG, Leon Spalvec 8RJG, Alara Kilic 8RAS, Tiah Patel 8RJG, Aarav Shah 8RJG, James Dervish 8RJG, Evie Rees 8BLR, Oliwier Zyscko 8BLR, Sidney Spofforth 8BEF, Xavier Harris Vital 8BEF, Lucas Photi 8OJT, Sidar Bozdog 8ODM, Andrew Spitaliotis 8OJT, Selim Ozturk 8OJT, Isabella Mene 8OJT, Erin Eastwood 8ODM, Wilfred Crutchley 8WSW, Jasaiya Ollivierre 8WMT, Archie De Souza 8WMT, Marianne Smith 8WSW, Kerem Hassan 8WMT, Sena Oguz 9WNK, George Efstratiou 9WNK, Harry Stylianou 9WNK, Anthony Angeli 9WNK, Nicholas Andrews 9WNK, Molly McGrath 9RCX, Xhorxhia Kuvertaris 9RCX, Liam Redmond 9RCX, Thomas Chambers 9RCX, Leo Albrecht 9RCX, Ioanna Bello 9RBW, Ruby Wakeford 9ORD, Tyanna Ferreira 9OAC, Dennis Erdogan 9OAC, Warren Kelly 9OAC, Samuel Malaj 9ORD, Mia Ioannou 9OAC, Max Rich 9OAC, Nicole Cisneiros-Martins 9OAC, India Barron 9BBK, Lucie Sadler 9BBK, Isabel Antoniou 9BAM, Bibianna Edwards 9BBK, Ruby Walford 9RBW, Hayssa De Araujo Spinello 9ORD, Matthew Nicolau 9ORD, George Robinson 10WCM, Daniella Ursache 10ODC, Tarai Edgehill 10WCM, Jorja Hodge 10RTC, Darcy Smethurst 10BYC, Cooper Ireland 10BLM, Sam Tremaine 11BJC, Naa Shidaa Quartey 11WTH, Ozgenaz Ozsoy 11OKK, Zachary Ekkeshis 9RCX, Joel Biggs 12RHK, Andrew Joannou 12RHK, Elena Guidice 12BAS, Flori Macarthur 12OES, Ethan Morgan 13RCW and Ceren Duruel 12OES:** Awarded for their participation in the Battle of the Bands event.



The Scholastic Book Fair

We were delighted to host the Scholastic Book Fair at school, giving students the opportunity to explore and purchase a fantastic selection of books.

Thanks to everyone's support, we raised an impressive **£321.86**, which has earned us **£80.47** to spend on free books for our library.

A huge thank you to all who took part, your contributions will help inspire a love of reading across our school!



April's new eBook & audiobook additions are now available!

We're excited to announce that the [latest eBook and Audiobook additions](#) for April are now available on your ePlatform. Simply visit our School website, go to *Library > Wheelers eBook*. The titles are attached for your convenience.

Happy reading and listening!
Highlands Library



Highlands School proudly presents Chicago Teen Edition

Following on from the enormous success of Matilda last year, we can't wait to share the new school show with you.

Tickets are now on sale!

Tickets are priced at **£9** and can be purchased via the Millfield Box Office [here](#).

The show is **Wednesday 25th June at 1pm and 7pm** and **Thursday 26th and Friday 27th June at 7pm**. The show lasts approximately two hours including a 20 minute interval.

Come and experience a night in a Chicago speakeasy! Immerse yourselves in prohibition America, in a city caught up in the murderous tales of wannabe stars Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly.

Students from all year groups are in the cast, so come along and support them. It promises to be a night full of jazz but maybe not justice!

Miss Brown, Mrs Miller, Miss Cazeau, Mr Cross and Mr Herring went to the Millfield Theatre to check everything was running smoothly for the school show in June. As you can see from the photos we were very happy to be back!



A poster for the school show 'Chicago Teen Edition'. At the top is a small green apple logo. The text reads: 'HIGHLANDS SCHOOL presents CHICAGO TEEN EDITION'. Below this, it lists the creative team: 'MUSIC BY JOHN KANDER', 'BOOK BY BOB FOSSE & FRED EBB', and 'LYRICS BY FRED EBB'. The showtimes are 'WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE AT 1PM & 7PM', 'THURSDAY 26TH JUNE AT 7PM', and 'FRIDAY 27TH JUNE AT 7PM'. The venue is 'At the Millfield Theatre, Silver Street, N18 1PJ'. Ticket information states 'Tickets £9 available via Millfield Theatre Box Office'. At the bottom, there is a QR code with the text 'SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS' and a note 'BASED ON THE PLAY BY MAURINE DALLAS WATKINS SCRIPTED ADAPTATION BY DAVID THOMPSON'.





Dancers of the week

Ioanna Hoxha in year 7 for her great work in the jazz class and Sophia, Sophie and Lorin in year 10 for their hard work and positivity in recent weeks.

Well done!

Miss Brown



Year 9 form time champions

Congratulations to 9WNK for being crowned this term's form time champions.



End of term rewards assemblies

This week, we held our end of term rewards assemblies to celebrate student achievements. Years 7, 10, and 12 were presented with Academic Excellence and DARE Awards, while top students from all year groups were recognised for earning the most achievement points.

Well done to everyone for their hard work and dedication this term!





Year 7 and 8 girls football final

On Thursday afternoon the year 7 and 8 girls played in the football final against Wren. Unfortunately it wasn't our day and we lost 3-0. Well done girls for making the final.

We will go again next season. Player of the match chosen by Wren was Natalie.

Mrs Walters



Highlands chess tournament

This half term, the chess club has run a house chess tournament to find our best chess players. The quality of the matches has been high with many close games. 16 players competed over three weeks and on Thursday the final between Alex Lo (Y12) (Beech) and Fedor Nikolaitsev (Y7) (Willow) came to an end with Fedor ultimately taking the title as the school's chess champion. They played three matches starting with a draw and ending with two wins for Fedor.

We were very impressed with the quality of chess games and thank everyone who participated. We particularly wish to mention Pascal Kyprianides (Y7) who did not know how to play chess at the start of the year but through attending the chess club has learnt and managed to play competitively against much more experienced players in the competition.

Highlands chess club will return after Easter every Tuesday at breaktime in M1.

Mr Tuton





School announcements

Work experience opportunities, can you help?

The majority of our year 12 students have successfully secured work experience placements for the summer term, but we are still looking for additional opportunities. If you or someone in your network can offer a placement, we would love to hear from you! Providing real-world experience is invaluable in helping our students explore career pathways and develop essential skills.

If you can help, please contact careers@highlearn.uk - your support would be greatly appreciated!

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.

Summer polo shirts

From Tuesday 6th May until the last day of the summer term on **Tuesday 22nd July**, students can wear our Highlands School summer polo shirt.

- The summer polo shirt was added to our school uniform following feedback from students that they wanted a lighter and more comfortable summer shirt option.
- The summer polo shirt can only be worn from **6th May** to the end of the summer term.
- The summer polo shirt is optional.
- Only the Highlands School polo shirt, purchased from the school uniform shops, can be worn. No other types of polo shirts are permitted.
- Students who wear the summer polo shirt do not have to wear a school jumper or a blazer, but may do so if they wish.
- Students who choose not to wear the summer polo shirt must wear the usual school uniform (shirt, blazer, tie with collared shirts).



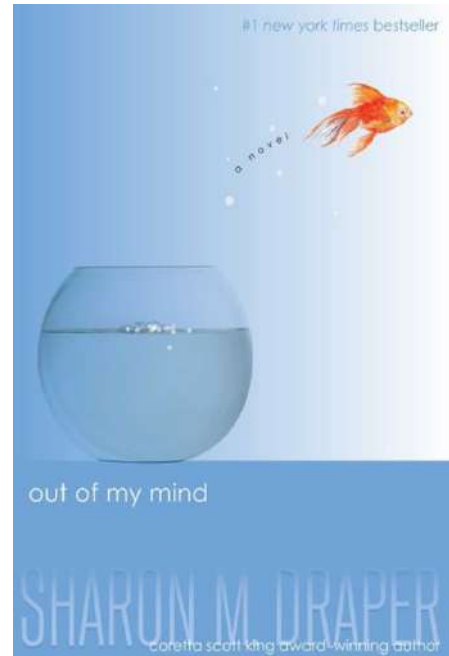


Highlands book of the month - April

Recommended read for KS3

Out of my Mind by Sharon M Draper

Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom - the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged, because she cannot tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow. In this breakthrough story, reminiscent of *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* from multiple Coretta Scott King Award winner, Sharon Draper, readers will come to know a brilliant mind and a brave spirit who will change forever how they look at anyone with a disability.

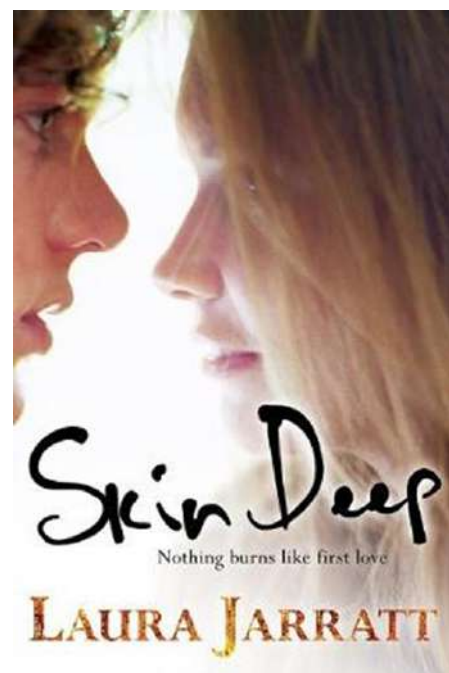


Recommended read for KS4

Skin Deep by Laura Jarratt

After the car crash that leaves her best friend dead, Jenna is permanently scarred. She struggles to rebuild her life, but every stare in the street, every time she looks in the mirror, makes her want to retreat further from the world. Until she meets Ryan, a traveller - who is unlike anyone Jenna's ever met.

Can he help put her world together, or will he just break her heart?





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 7:

Student	Form	House	subject
Orinthia Goonan	7RKM	Rowan	Art
Emilio Paphitis	7BMS	Beech	Citizenship
Sofia Brits Keye	7BMS	Beech	Computer Science
Jemimah Cherotich	7BMS	Beech	
Anaiya McDonald	7OSB	Oak	
Oli Morina	7BAS	Beech	Dance
Lucja Drozd	7BAS	Beech	Drama
Zoe Mathews	7BMS	Beech	English language
Ozlem Osman	7BAS	Beech	
Megi Shaban	7BMS	Beech	
Anna Maia Skliri	7BMS	Beech	English literature
Zoe Mathews	7BMS	Beech	French
Megi Shaban	7BMS	Beech	
Anna Maia Skliri	7BMS	Beech	
Thomas Severn	7RAC	Rowan	Geography
Megi Shaban	7BMS	Beech	
Sienna Calcutt	7RAC	Rowan	History
Ediz Kara	7RAC	Rowan	
Sienna Morgan Jones	7BMS	Beech	
Nicholas Photi	7WEF	Willow	
Izzy Shirtcliff	7WEF	Willow	Maths
Sofia Kolovos	7OSB	Oak	
Oscar Abrahams	7OMK	Oak	Music



Iyla Shah	7WEL	Willow	PE
Tom Turnbull	7BAS	Beech	
Taylan Johnson-Nortey	7BMS	Beech	
Ledion Kotarja	7BMS	Beech	
Ozlem Osman	7BAS	Beech	
Orinthia Goonan	7RKM	Rowan	Religious studies
Jake House	7OSB	Oak	
Preston Barrow	7WEF	Willow	Science
Daiana Aybar Ortega	7RAC	Rowan	Spanish
Kacey Cheek	7OSB	Oak	Technology
Holly Gemechu Dotie	7RAC	Rowan	
Jemimah Miah	7OMK	Oak	
Adi Skrzypkowski	7RKM	Rowan	
Anya Trivedi	7BMS	Beech	

Year 10:

Student	Form	House	Subject
Christina Hajilambi	10WCM	Willow	Art - Year 1
Francesca Georgiou	10WCM	Willow	Art - Year 2
Madiha Yahya	10OSM	Oak	Biology
Andreano Panayides	10ODC	Oak	Business studies
Yunus Coskun	10ODC	Oak	Chemistry
Harry Stylianou	10WCM	Willow	Citizenship - Year 1
Betul Cardak	10RTC	Rowan	Citizenship - Year 2
George Baker	10BYC	Beech	Computer science
Melisa Angelova	10BLM	Beech	Dance
Lily Theodorou	10BLM	Beech	Drama - Year 2
Ermioni Tsantikou	10OSM	Oak	Economics
Elis Cristovao	10WCM	Willow	English language
Elis Cristovao	10WCM	Willow	English literature
Lily Howard	10RTC	Rowan	Food and nutrition - Year 1



Radhika Parmar	10ODC	Oak	Food and nutrition - Year 2
Elis Cristovao	10WCM	Willow	Geography - Year 1
Ermioni Tsantikou	10OSM	Oak	Geography - Year 2
Cora Drysdale	10WJQ	Willow	History - Year 1
Yunus Coskun	10ODC	Oak	History - Year 2
Aaron Awatar	10BYC	Beech	Maths
Betul Cardak	10RTC	Rowan	
Hannah-Joy Driver	10OSM	Oak	
Cora Drysdale	10WJQ	Willow	
Samuel Gonzales	10BLM	Beech	
Christina Hajilambi	10WCM	Willow	
Gabriel Mansbridge	10RCG	Rowan	
Nathan Mortimer	10ODC	Oak	
James Butcher	10OSM	Oak	Music
Melisa Angelova	10BLM	Beech	PE - Year 1
Hayden Hadley	10WJQ	Willow	
Elis Cristovao	10WCM	Willow	Physics
Lucy Kyriacou	10RCG	Rowan	Religious studies
Christopher Chrysostomou	10RCG	Rowan	Resistant materials
Sophie Jones	10BLM	Beech	
Ermioni Tsantikou	10OSM	Oak	Spanish
Cora Drysdale	10WJQ	Willow	Textiles
Melisa Angelova	10BLM	Beech	French
Elis Cristovao	10WCM	Willow	



Year 12:

Student	Form	House	Subject
Sia Loomis	12OES	Oak	Art
Rukiye Coban	12OES	Oak	Biology
Rukiye Coban	12OES	Oak	Chemistry
Rhea Mehta	12RJB	Rowan	
Berat Bilmeç	12WAD	Willow	Computer science
Aryan Vojdani	12OES	Oak	Design technology
Abdikarim Mohamed	12WDS	Willow	Economics
Noah Statham	12OES	Oak	
Luke Tyrimos	12WAD	Willow	English literature
Elaine Ho	12WDS	Willow	Further maths
Sophie Gerrish	12RJB	Rowan	Geography
Luke Tyrimos	12WAD	Willow	History
Mercedes Acquaye	12RHK	Rowan	Maths
Mea Branco	12WAD	Willow	PE
Holly Thewlis	12OAT	Oak	
Elsie Berko	12RJB	Rowan	Photography
Flori Macarthur	12OES	Oak	Religious studies
Elena Giudice	12BAS	Beech	Sociology
Victoria Salamanca	12WAD	Willow	Spanish



DARE award winners - Year 7, 10 and 12

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 7, 10 and 12**. 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.

Year7 - Joint 1st:

- Izsy Butcher (**Beech**) £20 voucher
- Lucja Drozd (**Beech**) £20 voucher
- Ozlem Osman (**Beech**) £20 voucher

Joint 2nd:

- Orinthia Goonan (**Rowan**) £10 voucher
- Gwilym Jenkins-Green (**Beech**) £10 voucher
- Anya Trivedi (**Beech**) £10 voucher





Year 10 - 1st:

- Beatrice Afhim (**Oak**) £50 voucher

Joint 2nd:

- George Baker (**Beech**) £10 voucher
- James Butcher (**Oak**) £10 voucher
- Elis Cristovao (**Willow**) £10 voucher
- Amelia Hon (**Rowan**) £10 voucher
- Lucy Kyriacou (**Rowan**) £10 voucher



Year 12 - Joint 1st:

- Berkay Akis (**Willow**): £10 voucher
- Harry Angelides (**Oak**): £10 voucher
- Joseph Brooks (**Rowan**): £10 voucher
- Rukiye Coban (**Oak**) £10 voucher
- Yasmin Farhadi (**Oak**) £10 voucher
- Elena Giudice (**Beech**): £10 voucher
- Elaine Ho (**Willow**): £10 voucher
- Wunfai Alex Lo (**Beech**): £10 voucher
- Ayla Okanay (**Willow**): £10 voucher
- Luke Tyrimos (**Willow**): £10 voucher



House weekly winners

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

This Week	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive Points	7,035	5,847	5,029	4,409
Negative points	-422	-358	-380	-431
Points overall	6,613	5,489	4,649	3,978

House half term winners

This half term winner is the house with the highest points including the points from the academic excellence awards and other house department competitions this term. Congratulations **Oak**!

Half term totals	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Achievement pts	33,964	36,353	38,627	32,379
Academic excellence	14,649	17,316	11,175	17,858
Other pts	1,000	4,000	1,000	1,000
Total	49,613	57,669	50,802	51,237

Overall house leader... with 10 weeks to go - **Oak**!

Totals	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Achievement pts	176,899	177,864	177,924	149,213
Other pts	92,148	117,682	111,958	121,006
Total	269,047	295,546	289,882	270,219



Top students in year 7

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Charles	Webb	7OMK	O	48
Regan	Roberts	7OMK	O	47
Zakariyya	Ahmed	7OMK	O	46
Skye	Hawkins	7RAC	R	43
Angelina	Kousoulou	7RKM	R	39
Isobel	Butcher	7BAS	B	38
Sashvika	Sathiyaseelan	7OMK	O	38
Felicity	Fawcett	7BAS	B	37
Husniye	Gokpinar	7RKM	R	37

Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Marianne	Smith	8WSW	W	46
Evie	Howlett	8WSW	W	44
Sidney	Spofforth	8BEF	B	42
Nisa	Cicekli	8BEF	B	40
Akeesa Induvari	Gurubebila Vitharanage	8BEF	B	40
Aaliyah	Lascelles	8WSW	W	40
Raha	Hashemi	8BEF	B	38
Ciara	Moore-McGowan	8WSW	W	38
Hannah	Gibbons	8WSW	W	38

Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Xhorxhia	Kuvertaris	9RCX	R	60
April	Clydesdale	9RBW	R	48
Liam	Redmond	9RCX	R	45
Max	Rich	9OAC	O	42
Alexander	Savva-Faruk	9BAM	B	40
Nikeel	Sookharry	9BAM	B	40
Stefano	Keliris	9RCX	R	40
Samuel	Malaj	9ORD	O	39
Andriana	Yiallourous	9BAM	B	38
Austin	Kavanagh	9RCX	R	38
Chloe	Shi	9WMP	W	38
Sena	Oguz	9WNK	W	38



Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Ruby	Magrun	10BYC	B	67
Nathan	Mazele	10BYC	B	65
Sadie	Baker	10BYC	B	63
Darcy	Smethurst	10BYC	B	61
Penelope	Jones	10BYC	B	59
Georgia	Gkiontsari	10BYC	B	57
Hugh	Murphy	10BYC	B	55
Joseph	Smyth	10BYC	B	55
Ina	Varbanova	10BYC	B	54
Ava	Theodorou	10BYC	B	53
Gabrielle	Russell	10BYC	B	53

Top students in year 11:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Ender	Guccuk	11BNI	B	48
Dmytro	Yeremeiev	11BJC	B	26
Sukhmani	Kaur Gill	11OKK	O	26
Oliver	Skrzypkowski	11OAB	O	24
Joao	Do Nascimento	11BJC	B	22
Roshan	Awudu	11BNI	B	22
Sakura	Daley	11OKK	O	22
Paula	Shehu	11BJC	B	18
Ozgenaz	Ozsoy	11OKK	O	18
Jordan	Abagre	11RGA	R	18
Daniel	Lam	11RNC	R	18

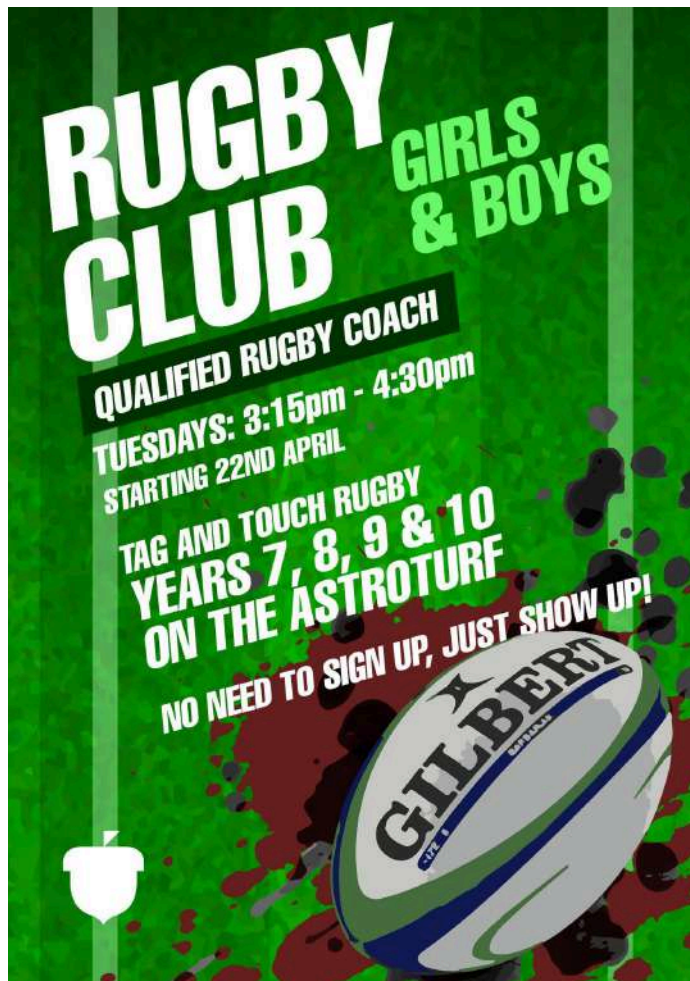


Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Elena	Giudice	12BAS	B	16
Nathan	Fisher	12OAT	O	16
Joel	Biggs	12RHK	R	16
Anastasia	Pappa	12OAT	O	14
Jasmine	Desai	12OAT	O	14
Sophia	Tofis	12BTD	B	13
Isabel	Paine	12OAT	O	12
Floriana	Macarthur	12OES	O	12
Ceren	Duruel	12OES	O	12
Joseph	Brooks	12RHK	R	12
Carolyn	Zelechowski	12RHK	R	12
Andrew	Joannou	12RHK	R	12
Nicholas	Kosta	12WAD	W	12

Top students in year 13:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Ethan	Morgan	13RCW	R	24
Eleanor	McHale	13RCW	R	12
Alexia	Chrysostomou	13OMA	O	10
Ilana	Tanwie	13OPL	O	10
Amadora	Teka	13OPL	O	10
Sophia	Galczyńska	13WBS	W	8
Anthony	Katz	13WBS	W	8
Rachel	Lok	13WBS	W	8
Nico	Manning	13WBS	W	8



Our Voice Enfield

Are you passionate about advocating for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities? Do you want to play a key role as we register as a charity? We'd love to hear from you!

Our Voice is the parent carer forum for the London Borough of Enfield, supporting families of children and young people (0-25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. We're looking for our first three trustees to help guide our organisation after registration and ensure strong governance.

Interested? Visit our website's news page for more details. To apply, complete the attached application form with a personal statement and email it to info@ourvoiceenfield.org.uk by **Tuesday, 22nd April**.



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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](https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk) and if you have any questions please contact our Alumni Programme Manager at Future First: Tara Human – tara.human@futurefirst.org.uk

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Former student?

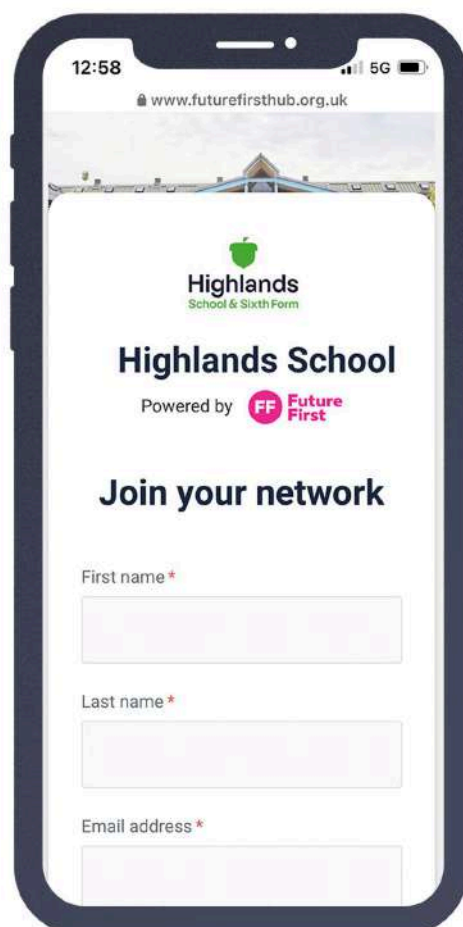
Return to Highlands School to inform our current students about what life beyond school is really like.

Sign up to our former student network to receive news, updates and invites to events.

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Student medical needs

If your child needs to take regular medication in school, please fill out the following [Medicines Consent Form](#) to give the school consent to administer medication to your child. All medications that are kept in school must be stored in the medical room.

Mental health

We are continuously working hard to improve our understanding as a community of mental health, to enable us to provide the best possible outcomes for the young people in our lives. If you are ever concerned that your child is at risk due to very poor mental health please inform the school. You can also contact one of these numbers to seek support from a specialist. The Crisis line is there to offer guidance if your child may be having suicidal thoughts and is possibly in immediate danger. If you do ever find yourself in a position where you need to use these resources for your child, please make the school aware so we can provide appropriate support within school for your child.

Urgent mental health support - 24/7 crisis lines

Every mental health trust in London has put in place a **24/7 crisis line** for people of all ages - children, young people and adults. The lines which are free to call can provide advice to those in a crisis. These crisis lines are supported by trained mental health advisors 365 days a year.

You can find the 24/7 crisis line numbers using the NHS Service Finder ([link below](https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline)) but the table provides all of the telephone numbers in London.

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

Area	Boroughs covered	24/7 crisis line number
North West London	Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	0800 0234 650
	Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham	0800 328 4444
North Central London	Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington	0800 151 0023
North East London	City & Hackney	0800 073 0006
	Newham	0800 073 0066
	Tower Hamlets	0800 073 0003
	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

shout 85258

Shout offers confidential 24/7 crisis text support for times when immediate assistance is required.
Text "SHOUT" to 85258 or visit [Shout Crisis Text Line](#)

SAMARITANS

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

Crisis Tools

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

PAPYRUS

Papyrus provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person
Call: 0800 068 41 41 or Text: 07860 039967 (opening hours 9am to midnight - 365 days a year)

Urgent and other support available

childline

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

THE MIX

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

Beet

Beet 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)

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

kooth

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community including live chat with the team, discussion boards, magazine with helpful articles and a daily journal a magazine



Safeguarding contacts

If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or the wellbeing of any other student at Highlands School, please contact the school on 020 8370 1100 or email the DSL at staysafe@highlearn.uk. This email address can also be used for students, parents and carers to share any safeguarding concerns or to request support. If you are concerned that a child has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed and school cannot be contacted, please contact Enfield Children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 020 8379 5555, and all the police on 999 straight away.

Helpful numbers and websites

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC helpline: 0808 800 5000

The police: (if you are in danger): 999

LGBT switchboard: 0300 330 0630

Kooth: www.kooth.com - support service for students wellbeing

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0300 500 80 90

Barnardos: 0800 008 7005

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

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

Talk to someone....

- if you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it is not important)
- if you feel anxious or unable to cope
- if someone has hurt you physically, emotionally or mentally
- if you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it is not important)
- if you feel worried about someone at home
- if you are being threatened or forced to do things
- if someone has done something to you without your consent
- if you feel unsafe in school, at home or on the streets
- about anything else worrying you

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