



Highlands School Newsletter

13 January 2023



This week on Wednesday year 11 students were presented with their mock GCSE results. These grades are based on the mock exams students took before Christmas and are important as they give students, staff and families a clear idea of where to focus revision and intervention between now and the GCSE exams, which start in about 12 school weeks. Year 10 students taking GCSEs this year will get their mock grades on Thursday.

After we gave students their mock grades on Wednesday we held our online parent and carer information evening, so subject teachers could discuss the progress of students with families. On Monday we will meet with students and their families to discuss their plans for year 12. Most of our year 11 students remain at Highlands each year to join our sixth form and we expect that to be the case again this year. Our sixth form results this summer were the best in our history and we are confident that Highlands School Sixth Form has the best teachers and offers the best support, which is what makes our students so successful. There is more information about applying to the sixth form on page 10 of this newsletter.

Dates for your diary:

- Year 8 parent and carer evening: Wednesday 18th January
- Year 8 and 9 options evening: Wednesday 1st February
- Final day of this half term: Friday 10th February
- Start of next half term: Monday 20th February

Have a great weekend,

Mr McInerney, Headteacher



House competition weekly results

This week's overall house leader:

	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive points this week	4098	4345	4166	4187
Negative points	-394	-300	-201	-270
Points overall	3704	4045	3965	3917

Top students in year 7:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Oliver	Dhillon	7OAC	O	326
Aiden	Adeoye	7WMP	W	321
Chloe	Shi	7WMP	W	293
Samaah	Abbas	7WMP	W	276
Danish	Farooq	7WMP	W	273
Annika	Trivedi	7WSS	W	271
Marianna	Pallikaros	7WMP	W	267
Meliz	Hassan	7WMP	W	265
Beatrice	Findlay	7BAM	B	265
Nnaemeka	Onukaogu	7WSS	W	263

Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Arabella	Mumba	8ODC	O	423
Ruby	Magrun	8BYC	B	403
Gabrielle	Russell	8BYC	B	399
Melisa	Spahia	8BYC	B	396
Taraneh	Kheradmandi	8BYC	B	373
Sadie	Baker	8BYC	B	372
Joseph	Smyth	8BYC	B	370
Kalia	Sibomana	8BYC	B	363
Radhika	Parmar	8ODC	O	357
Kaitlyn-Marie	Ewan	8OSM	O	356



Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Kamilah	Abib	9RRS	R	453
Skye	Creary	9WDD	W	437
Tailizandra	Blana	9RRS	R	424
Evie	Whitbread	9WDD	W	418
Daniel	Malaj	9BJC	B	415
Georgia	Georgiou	9WDD	W	411
Alfie	Horn	9WDD	W	408
Luke	Smith	9WDD	W	404
Tyrae	Best-Daley	9BJC	B	403
Aaliyah	Udahemuka	9BJC	B	403

Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Elaine	Ho	10WKM	W	300
Prue	Musah	10RTS	R	293
Arda	Aslan	10OMK	O	281
Benjamin	Gormley	10BJT	B	269
Yagmur	Olcay	10OEF	O	261
Alkeo	Xhamxhiu	10OMK	O	260
Gracie Mae	Ticehurst	10OEF	O	258
Athanasios	Aristidou	10WKM	W	255
Beckham	Tahsen	10RTS	R	255
Wunfai Alex	Lo	10BRD	B	250

Top students in year 11:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Eneida	Luganskyte	11OPR	O	369
Raphael	Richter	11BSP	B	350
Beirhan	Guyen	11WLM	W	343
Daniel	Drysdale	11WLM	W	315
Ellie-May	Bailey	11RGA	R	300
Alessandro	Georgiou	11WTA	W	295
Andy	Dishnica	11WLM	W	293
Ethan	Strickland	11WLM	W	292
Joshua	Mensah	11WLM	W	281
Alexandros	Savva	11OPR	O	280



Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Rachel	Lok	12BLR	B	78
Emily	Muncaster	12OKA	O	73
Deniz	Yamansef	12WBS	W	72
Alexia	Kyriakou	12WBS	W	72
Iona	Garrard	12RSL	R	66
Freddie	Trathen	12RSL	R	64
Aristotelis	Balla	12BLR	B	61
Rayaan	Kaderia	12BAG	B	61
Hollie	Burkett	12OSQ	O	58
Maria	Shikunta	12BAG	B	56

Top students in year 13:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Paolo	Saturnino	13WMA	W	83
Ilayda	Duzgun	13OAL	O	72
Robert	Timis	13OAL	O	70
Oliver	Cook	13WMA	W	66
Laveen	Omar	13OES	O	62
Mihaela	Grosu	13BTD	B	58
Musaddiqur	Ali	13OAL	O	56
Serena	Pia	13OAL	O	56
Clara	Eboue	13RJB	R	55
Marco	Chrysostomou	13OAL	O	55



Trip to Tate Britain

Last week the art department took year 11 GCSE art and year 12 fine art and photography students to Tate Britain.

Students were able to view a wide range of artwork from the 1600s right through until the present day. Exhibitions seen included work by the photographer Bill Brandt, paintings by the Pre-Raphaelite artists, sculptures by Henry Moore and the spectacular installation *The Procession*, by Hew Locke.

All students behaved impeccably during the trip and were an absolute credit to Highlands!





BRITAIN TATE

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It was worth going to the Tate Britain, just to see the amazing architecture and interior of the building.

Year 11 GCSE student

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Here are some quotes from the students who visited Tate Britain.

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It gave me an understanding that artists didn't have cameras to take photos of scenes and the only way to capture what they were seeing is by painting or drawing it.

Year 11 GCSE student

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I loved viewing the artwork and found some new art pieces that are now my favorites!

Year 12 art student

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The Bill Brandt exhibition was fantastic, especially after working in the darkroom myself, I could really appreciate the skill he had.

Year 12 photography student

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Year 8 girls cluster football competition - semi final



Congratulations to the year 8 girls football team who beat Latymer 4-0 in the semi finals of the borough 7-a-side league on Monday. They played some excellent football against a very good Latymer team. We now wait to find out who we will play in the final. Well done girls!

Goal scorers - Naomi (2), Millie and Lily

Player of the match - Amelie



Year 9 inter house football competition - semi finals

This week the year 9 boys inter house football competitions took place. Oak faced Willow and Rowan faced Beech. All students played exceptionally well. Oak beat Willow 1-0 making them inter house football finalists. After a 0-0 draw between Rowan and Beech, a penalty shootout was needed to determine who would face Oak in the final. After a nerve-racking, sudden-death shootout, Rowan will now face Oak in the final to see which house will be crowned as champions. Will it be team Rowan or team Oak?





Spring term 2023 Enfield music service lessons

Tutors have outlined days and times for the spring term lessons and all schedules have been sent out to parents. Timetables can be viewed on the school music board along the music corridor opposite MM5 - but please note, they may change. If that does happen, emails will be sent out and/or a message will be posted on the music board to notify students of any changes.

Please can students be advised to check the music board to keep abreast of any time changes and cancellations.

Passes:

Music passes have been sent out this week for students to keep track of their timed lessons. These passes will also grant students access to leave lessons, therefore, they will not be collected. Parents are advised to remind students to walk with their pass to and from their music lesson.

Please inform Ms Maple and teachers in advance of any student absences or delays to lessons beforehand, so that tutors are made aware before the lesson, especially if tutors are only coming in for that student.

Any passes lost/ damaged need to be reissued by Ms Maple in the music office (MM01).

We hope your child continues to practise their instrument and music pieces outside of lessons to enhance what they have learnt with their tutor.

Ms Maple





Youth Theatre performance - Jack!

Highlands student Beth Crutchley has been performing as part of the Youth Theatre in Jack! at the Chickenshed. Jack! has been the main Christmas show taking place from 23 November to 7 January.

Beth was exceptional in her part and has also performed in the Children of Monsters ensemble and took part in fifteen performances! Well done Beth, we are all looking forward to more performances at the Chickenshed this year.





Sixth form applications

Internal applications

On 16th January, students will meet with a member of senior staff where they can discuss their pathways. Staff will then submit students' internal application forms. Students' pathways will be discussed with reference to their predicted grades and in conjunction with the information that students provided in the internal survey.

Please note the following dates below:

- Year 11 sixth form progression meetings, via the school cloud, with the senior leadership team. This will include the completion of your sixth form application: **Monday 16 January 2023**
- Conditional offers are made: **April 2023**
- Induction day: **July 2023 (Date TBC)**
- GCSE results day and sixth form enrolment: **Thursday 24 August 2023**

External applications

For all external applications, please visit our [website](#) for more information and apply using the following link: [Highlands Sixth Form External Applications](#).

Wheelers eBook platform

We are pleased to announce our continuing support for the Wheelers eBook platform!

This gives every student at Highlands School free access to hundreds of books, which they can access from any electronic device at home. Whilst nothing replaces traditional reading, we have found that reading from an electronic device assists reluctant readers and those with reading difficulties. It is also great for those who keep losing their books!

Access to the eBook platform is available via a web browser (e.g. Internet Explorer or Chrome). Students can also access the eBook platform via an app (please refer to the leaflet at the bottom of the Library page on the school website). When your child wants to borrow a book they should log in with their Highlands School username (not email address) and use the password "reading" (all in lowercase).

Further information and the link to the eBook can be found on the [library page](#) on our school website. Click [HERE](#) for further information on how to download the app to a mobile device.

If you have any queries, please contact the Library directly: library@highlands.enfield.sch.uk

LRC Assistant (Highlands School)



PSHE

PSHE at Highlands School

Year	Core theme	Lesson title
7	Relationships	Diversity
8	Living in the wider world: Careers	Unit 3: Working with others
9	Living in the wider world: Careers	Unit 2: Marketing yourself and personal branding
10	Relationships	Unit 3: Extremist groups
11	RSE	Fertility and pregnancy
12	Living in the wider world: Careers	Unit 3: Educational pathways and career pathways

HPFA Wine tasting evening

Following the recent success and most enjoyable Music Bingo Night last term, the HPFA will be organising a wine tasting evening event with our very own wine sommelier, Rob Swanton. This will take place on Friday 3rd March 2023, start time approximately 7pm (tbc), cost is £20 per person and there will be some food provided. ParentPay is now live for tickets.

Ticket sales will close on Monday 27th February at 3.30pm to allow for the final wine order to be placed.

We are looking for help with catering, if you are able to assist in any way, please contact us on Hpfaveventtickets@gmail.com. More information on the event will follow soon.

We also have an upcoming Easter Raffle. Any prizes or monetary donations are most welcome. Please contact us if you would like to support this event.

HPFA



Help fundraise money for our school

If you are shopping on Amazon for the festive season, please consider switching to Amazon Smile to raise money for the School.

It's easy, just log on and search for your chosen charity - Highlands Parents and Friends Association and shop as usual!

Can you shop on Amazon Smile to help fundraise for your school?



- It's **simple to shop** on Amazon Smile and it **raises money for the HPFA**.
- Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the HPFA.
- It's **the same products and prices** and experience as shopping on the main Amazon site.
- To **sign up for Amazon Smile**, visit **www.smile.amazon.co.uk**.
- To **shop at Amazon Smile**, simply visit www.smile.amazon.co.uk on your **computer, mobile or tablet**.
- Search for **'Highlands Parents and Friends Association'** in the **'pick your own charity'** search bar on the right-hand side of the screen.
- **Click to accept us as your chosen charity** and you're ready to start shopping!
- If you have **any questions or need further help** in accessing Amazon smile, **please get in touch with the HPFA**.

The Highlands Parents and Friends Association is a registered charity and aims to raise funds to benefit Highlands School pupils.



You shop. Amazon gives.

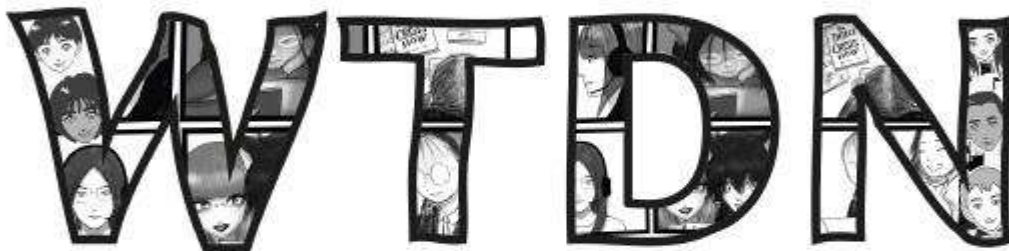


WTDN - What To Do Now

What To Do Now is a new platform for young people to help find opportunities. It's an Enfield based project set up by Love Your Doorstep Community CIC and it is free for students, schools, parents/carers to register.

The website hosts jobs, education/training, volunteering, work experience, events, and a knowledge base that is updated weekly.

Visit www.whattodownow.co.uk for more information.



WHAT TO DO NOW

Opportunities - Jobs - Events - Training
Apprenticeships - Volunteering
Education - Work Experience
Information

www.whattodownow.co.uk

School catering

Chartwells, our catering provider has notified us they are having to increase the prices in the canteen, as per [this price list](#).



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

Area	Boroughs covered	24/7 crisis line number
North West London	Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	0800 0234 650
	Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham	0800 328 4444
North Central London	Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington	0800 151 0023
North East London	City & Hackney	0800 073 0006
	Newham	0800 073 0066
	Tower Hamlets	0800 073 0003
	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0300 555 1000
South West London	Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth	0800 028 8000
South East London	Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark	0800 731 2864
	Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich	0800 330 8590

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

You can find the 24/7 crisis line numbers using the NHS Service Finder ([link below](#)) 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>

Urgent and other support available

shout
85258

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

SAMARITANS

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

Crisis Tools

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

PAPYRUS

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

childline
CHILDLINE ON THE PHONE ANYTIME

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

Good Thinking

Good Thinking is London's digital wellbeing service and provides a range of resources for young people to help improve mental wellbeing including free NHS-approved apps

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

Beat

Beat provide support to help young people who may be struggling with an eating problem or an eating disorder
Call the Youthline (under 18's) 0808 801 0711 or Studentline 0808 801 0811 (9am - 8pm during the week and 4pm - 8pm on weekends and bank holidays)

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

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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