

Highlands School Newsletter

22 March 2024



Dear parents and carers,

This week we must start by congratulating our under-15 girls' football team. For the third year running this group of girls have won the Middlesex Cup for their age group, beating teams from across north London. Girls' football at Highlands has long been a strength and this is one of our best ever teams. Well done to the girls and to the PE staff who coach them.

Our assemblies this week were live music performances from students across all key stages. We have introduced these assemblies this year so that our students who perform get to showcase their abilities in front of larger audiences and to encourage more students to get involved with our music department.

We also announced the winners of the academic excellence and DARE awards for years 7 and 12 this week. These awards are given to the students with the highest scores in the mid year assessments and to students who best display our DARE application attitudes to learning (as seen on the back of our exercise books). Well done to all the students involved.

Last week is the final week of term and students will be dismissed on Thursday at midday.

A reminder of important dates for your diaries:

- Thursday 28th March: last day of spring term, students dismissed at midday
- Monday 15th April: start of summer term

Have a great weekend, Mr McInerney, Headteacher



Middlesex Cup champions!

On Tuesday Highlands U15 girls football team played Hayden school in the final of the Rachel Yankey Middlesex cup.

We started strong straight from the kick off with Lily scoring a half volley to settle any nerves. Not long after Shekinah followed up with 2 great goals and further goals from Millie and Eliz gave us a 5-0 lead at the break.

We didn't become complacent in the second half but pushed on with Lily, Millie, Shekihah scoring to take the title 8-0.

This is the third year in a row that this team together have been crowned Middlesex champions. We look forward to the next challenge which will be the nationals next year.

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

Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Walters





London Cup final winner!

Congratulations to Elisia Huetson-Varnava in 10WDD who won the London U16 Girls Cup final for Haringey.

Her team thrashed Barking at Bromley football ground 7 - 0 to win the title.

Well done Elisia, a true football superstar!



Year 8 netball tournament

On Monday, the year 8 netball team travelled to Latymer for the annual Enfield Borough tournament.

The squad started strongly with a combination of great defence and sharp shooting resulting in 4 tied games against Enfield County, St Annes, St Johns and PGHS.

The team came up against Winchmore next and beat them 4-0 in a convincing win where the centre court players dominated.

Unfortunately, the team lost their final games against Latymer and Southgate (who went on to place first and second in the tournament) meaning that they finished a very respectable 5th overall.

The team played some fantastic netball, the best that they have played all season, but player of the tournament was awarded to Rosie.





Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Last week Dr Tsoni along with students Ahura Sedaghat 12RSL, Amaya Edwards-Nassa 11WCG and Baran Byndor 11WTH presented to our students what neurodiversity is, the various neurological conditions such as autism, ADHD and dyslexia and how we, as a school community can understand, accept and respect people's differences.

It is important that we foster a culture where every individual is valued for who they are, regardless of their neurological makeup. Read this week's special feature newsletter on Neurodiversity Celebration Week for more information.





Headteacher award

It is with immense pride and joy that we celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students as we honour the recipients of this week's prestigious headteacher award. An award that is presented to nominated students who exemplify dedication, hard work and excellence.

This week, the headteacher award is proudly presented to the following students.

- Brij Mahtani 10RNC: Awarded for demonstrating kindness by assisting a student who dropped their phone.
- Ahura Sedaghat 12RSL, Amaya Edwards-Nassa 11WCG and Baran Byndor 11WTH: Awarded for their excellent participation and contribution to the Neurodiversity Celebration Week assembly.
- Ahura Sedaghat 12RSL: Awarded for being supportive and for helping a year 11 student with their BTEC Media coursework, the student in question was very happy for the support.





North Middlesex University charity visit

On Friday, March 15th, Oak house hosted staff from North Middlesex University Hospital, including Sekayi Tangayi, who was recently recognised as one of the 'Top 80 Most Influential People and Advocates in Sickle Cell'. During the meeting, Sekayi, along with Stephen Boyd and Tanyaradzwa Nyatsambo from North Mid, received a cheque for £341.91, which was raised during Oak's last bake sale.

Following the presentation of the cheque, students were briefed on sickle cell disease, covering various topics such as:

- Different types of sickle cell
- Transmission and risk factors associated with the disease
- Ways to support individuals affected by sickle cell
- Opportunities for volunteering

Additionally, information was provided about the George Marsh Centre and other charitable organisations operating within North Middlesex University Hospital. The session proved to be an invaluable learning experience, particularly for sixth form students aspiring to pursue careers in the medical field, who had the opportunity to gain insights and understanding from the experts present.

Overall, the meeting served as a fantastic platform for raising awareness about sickle cell disease and fostering dialogue between students and healthcare professionals.





GCSE Recital Evening

On Thursday 14th March, the music, drama, and dance departments at Highlands hosted an electrifying GCSE Recital Evening. This event served as a platform to highlight the outstanding work produced by our talented pupils throughout the academic year.

The evening was a celebration of remarkable skill, talent, and dedication demonstrated by our students across the GCSE departments. From captivating musical performances to compelling theatrical displays, the event showcased the incredible creativity and hard work of our aspiring artists.

Ms Maple





Live Music in Assembly Week

We are thrilled to share highlights from our recent Live Music in Assembly Week from March 18th to the 22nd.

Throughout the week, our stage lit up with an array of captivating performances. Showcasing the dedication and talent of our GCSE students, Enfield Music Service collaborators, and supported Highlands groups, each act brought a unique flavour to the stage. From electrifying rock bands to soulful solo violin and piano pieces, the diversity of talent was truly remarkable.

A standout moment was a special performance by Victoria Salamanca, known for her role as Ms. Honey in our upcoming production of Matilda at The Millfield.

The event served as a testament to the incredible skill, dedication, and hard work of our students. Not only did it captivate our audience, but it also inspired many to explore and join music groups within our school community.

Thank you to all involved for making this week a celebration of talent and creativity, leaving a lasting impact on our school culture.





Taylor Wessing mentoring programme

We are delighted to announce that five of our year 12 students completed the Taylor Wessing global law firm mentoring programme, after having been selected from their outstanding contribution on a previous insight day.



This unique opportunity is designed to enhance students' knowledge, develop key professional skills, and confidence

needed to succeed at a law firm, consisting of 4 mentoring sessions with a Taylor Wessing mentor at the offices in the city of London.

Students were paired with experienced legal professionals, offering practical advice, sharing their own experiences, and providing valuable insights into the nuances of legal practice, helping students to bridge the gap between theory and application as well as supporting them to apply for the Taylor Wessing's Tomorrow's Talent work experience programme.











Well done to Macy McGhan, Firat Ozbek, Nilsu Cosgun, Nehemie Mbidi and Theo Mills (pictured above). We would also like to thank Taylor Wessing for providing this rewarding opportunity for our students.

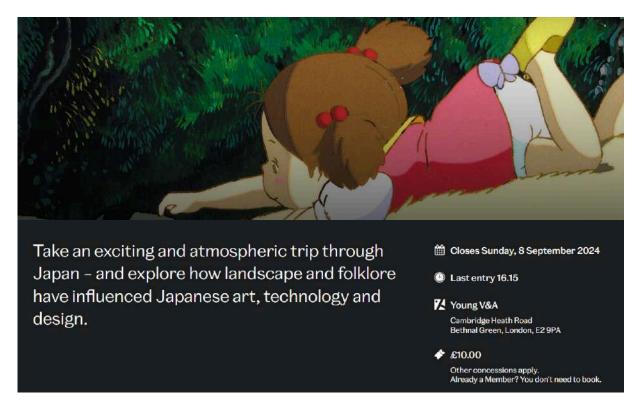
PE Clubs Programme 2024 (15th April - 24th May)

Mrs Laurenzi

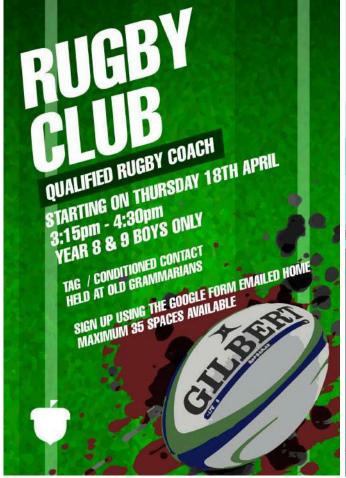
Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Tennis Y7-11 (Boys and Girls) Mr Robson Sports Hall 3:15 - 4:30	Rounders Y7-10 Girls Ms Walters/Ms Hutchinson Field 3:15 - 4:30	Rugby Y8-9 Boys Mr Robson + Rugby Coach Old Grammarians 3:15 - 4:30 *Google Form required*	Athletics Y7-13 Ms Berrill/Mr Joseph Field 3:15 - 4:15
Cricket Y7-11 (Boys and Girls) Mr Avann Astroturf 3:15 - 4:30	Badminton Y7-9 (Boys and Girls) Mr Robson Sports Hall 3:15 - 4:30	GCSE 2nd Year Intervention 10P/Pg1 + 11Q/Pg1 only Mr Joseph 3:15 - 4:15	
	A Level Intervention Y13 (13E/Pe1 only) Mr Avann SL6 3:15 - 4:00		



Japan: Myths to Manga



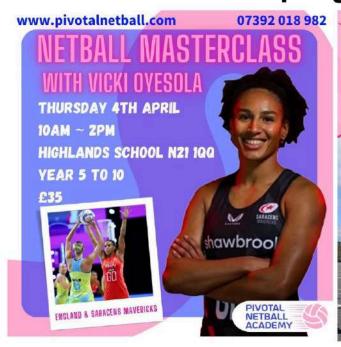
Myths to Manga exhibition available at the Young V&A, click here to book now.







Exciting Netball Opportunities in Enfield Spring 2024





A BIG thank you from Worldwide Cancer research

Highlands School has received a wonderful thank you from Worldwide Cancer Research for the money that was raised through our house competitions.

Just £37 can pay for an hour of research.

On average, every £1 they are able to invest in a project allows scientists to secure a further £4.43 in funding





Academic excellence - Year 7 top students

At the end of last year in our student surveys, Highlands students asked us to recognise academic achievement in the house system. So, this year, after each year group's mid-year assessments / mock exams we will recognise:

The top achieving student in each subject. They will receive the academic excellence trophy for that subject, 1,000 points for their house, and a certificate.

Here are the year 7 top students.



Subject	Student	Form	House
Art	Sita Maitland-Walker	7BLR	Beech
Citizenship	Farida Nooreldeen	7WMT	Willow
Computer science	Laura Alla	7BEF	Beech
Dance	Elma Stena	70JT	Oak
Drama	Sibel Angelova	70DM	Oak
	Aistis Mankevicius	70DM	Oak
English language	Acton Ivio		Rowan
	Katrina Awatar	7WSW	Willow
English literature	Farida Nooreldeen	7WMT	Willow
	Marianne Smith	7WSW	Willow
French	Farida Nooreldeen	7WMT	Willow

Subject	Student	Form	House
0.0	Ashley Awatar	7BLR	Beech
Geography	Sita Maitland-Walker	7BLR	Beech
	Michael Angeli	7RAS	Rowan
	Jack Clitherow	70DM	Oak
	Orla Dimery	70DM	Oak
	Farida Nooreldeen	7WMT	Willow
History	Evani Page-Jayaraman	7WSW	Willow
	Asya Sagiroglu	7WSW	Willow
	Marianne Smith	7WSW	Willow
	Florence White	70DM	Oak
N/	Niam Kataria	7RJG	Rowan
Maths	Louis Marsh	7BLR	Beech



Academic excellence - Year 12 top students

Here are the year 12 top students.

Subject	Student	Form	House
	Hannah Bernasconi	12BJT	Beech
Art	Rachel Lok	12KGU	Willow
	Mia Pusztai	12WTA	Willow
Biology	Kaia Jugurnauth	12OSB	Oak
Chemistry	Rhea Mehta	12RSL	Rowan
Computer Science	Maksymilian Lewandowski	12OSB	Oak
D&T	Beyza Artis	12WBS	Willow
Economics	Alex Attaliotis	12RCW	Rowan
Engl <mark>i</mark> sh literature	Deniz Cekin	12RCW	Rowan
Further maths	Ranhael Richter		Willow
Geography Lottie Price		12WBS	Willow

Subject	Student	Form	House	
History	Alex Attaliotis	12RCW	Rowan	
Maths	Raphael Richter	12WTA	Willow	
PE	Szymon Pasierowski	12RCW	Rowan	
Photography	Nancy Ansell	12ODS	Oak	
Physics	Raphael Richter	12WTA	Willow	
Politics	Alex Attaliotis	12RCW	Rowan	
Psychology	L'Jeeta Thompson	12OSB	Oak	
Religious studies	Kristian Kousoulou	12RCW	Rowan	
Sociology	Salma Mohamed	12KGU	Oak	
Spanish	Maksymilian Lewandowski	12OSB	Oak	





DARE award winners - Year 7

Congratulations to the following students, who were ranked the top students in year 7. 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.

1st:

Betsy Coneywood 7OJT (Oak) (£50 voucher)

2nd:

- Louis Marsh 7BLR (Beech) (£30 voucher)
- Eirene Palamaras 7BLR (Beech) (£30 voucher)

Joint 3rd:

- Jake Appleby 7BLR (Beech)(£10 voucher)
- Edgar Freimanis 7BEF (Beech) (£10 voucher)
- Elma Stena 70JT (Oak) (£10 voucher)



DARE award winners - Year 12

Joint 1st:

- Joshua Bagulay 12RSL (Rowan) (£10 voucher)
- Kledis Gashi 12RCW (Rowan) (£10 voucher)
- Stefan Kozinos 12ODS (Oak) (£10 voucher)
- Ellie Kyprianou 12BJT (Beech) (£10 voucher)
- Joshua Lincoln 12WBS (Willow) (£10 voucher)
- Macy McGhan 12RSL (Rowan) (£10 voucher)
- Ahura Sedaghat 12RSL (Rowan) (£10 voucher)





School uniform request

If you have any uniform no longer required in the following sizes. Please could you donate them to the school office. Any sizes not listed can be placed in our recycle bins, located near the bicycle lockers next to the car park. These can be found outside the sports hall, near the bike lockers.

- PE skort 32", 34", 36", 38", 40"
- PE shorts 32", 34", 36", 38", 40", 42"
- PE polo 34"/36", 38"/40", 42"/44", 46"/48"
- PE jogger 36"/38", 38"/40", 42", 44"
- PE legging 30"/32", 32"/34", 36"/38", 40"/42", 42 ", 44"
- School trousers Black 13 -14 years and older, 28", 30", 32", 34", 36", 38", 40", 42"
- Blazer 42", 44", 46"



House competition weekly results

This week's overall house winner: highest number of achievement points minus concern codes, plus year 7 academic excellence. Well done Rowan!

This Week	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive Points	4,911	4,800	4,143	4,470
Negative points	-514	-509	-436	-539
Points overall	4,397	4,291	3,707	3,931
Y7 academic excellence	4000	3375	5458	4166
Total	8,397	7,666	9,165	8,097

Overall leader after two half terms

Well done to Willow who are this term's current leaders. There are many competitions coming up next term:

- Thursday lunchtime netball competition (boys and girls)
- Bake sales
- Another round of quizzes in assemblies
- Staff quiz and staff inter house football
- Sports Day

It's all to play for with less than 6,000 points between 1st and 4th....

Totals	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Achievement pts	105,911	101,702	93,176	98,077
Sports	30,000	27,000	34,000	26,000
Charity	9,962	17,211	14,288	14,299
Quizzes	20,000	19,000	21,000	20,000
Department competitions	7,000	7,000	10,000	9,000
Academic excellence	16,219	15,374	13,663	24527
Total	189,092 (2nd)	187,287 (3rd)	186,127 (4th)	191,903 (1st)



Here are the top students this week.

Top students in year 7:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Marianne	Smith	7WSW	W	53
Ciara	Moore-McGowan	7WSW	W	47
Shaan	Seetul	7WSW	W	41
Florence	Holyomes	7WSW	W	40
Klea	Kambo	7WSW	W	40
David	Kwarciak	7WSW	W	39
Evani	Page-Jayaraman	7WSW	W	36
Syerah	Islam	7WSW	W	36
Aariah	Udahemuka	7WSW	W	35
Inaya-Amor	Peart-Heron	7WSW	W	34

Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Leo	Albrecht	8RCX	R	37
Abel	Kalaj	8WMP	W	37
Giles	Obeng	8BAM	В	32
Warren	Kelly	8OSQ	0	31
Tyanna	Ferreira	8OSQ	0	31
Marianna	Pallikaros	8WMP	W	29
Jason	Elvin	8WNK	W	29
James	Lindsey	8BAM	В	28
Marika	Daley	8BAM	В	28
Molly	McGrath	8RCX	R	28
Sophie	Rooke	8WNK	W	28

Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Melisa	Spahia	9BYC	В	48
George	Baker	9BYC	В	46
Georgia	Gkiontsari	9BYC	В	46
Angelo	Symeou	9ODC	0	45
Julia	Roszkowska	9BYC	В	44
Duru	Ozkaya	9ODC	0	44
Skye	Russell	9RTC	R	44
Yunus	Coskun	9ODC	0	43
Luke	Shearman	9ODC	0	43
Gabrielle	Russell	9BYC	В	42
Arabella	Mumba	9ODC	0	42



Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Imogen	Ganvir	10BJC	В	59
Charles	Elliott-Smith	10BJC	В	51
Ender	Guccuk	10BNI	В	48
Sofia	Betancur Mesa	10BJC	В	45
Kasmin	Williams	10BNI	В	42
Veronika	Tsoma	10BJC	В	41
Daniel	Malaj	10BJC	В	41
Ethan	Baxter	10BJC	В	40
Carey	Kirton	10BJC	В	40
Paula	Shehu	10BJC	В	39
Sam	Tremaine	10BJC	В	39
Ava	Koker	10BJC	В	39

Top students in year 11:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Elena	Giudice	11BPL	В	44
William	Campbell	110GA	0	30
Elaine	Но	11WCG	W	19
Benjamin	Gormley	11BPL	В	18
Shelley	Gulem	11RKM	R	18
Katie	Bucknor	11RTS	R	18
Theodoros-Ansel	Prifti	11BRD	В	17
Ella	Mohan	110GA	0	16
Beckham	Tahsen	11RTS	R	16
Wunfai Alex	Lo	11BRD	В	15



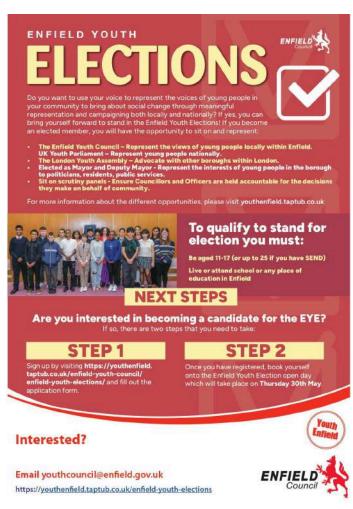
Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Ledia	Xhetani	12WTA	W	29
Alexia	Chrysostomou	12BHK	В	28
Katie	Brookman	120DS	0	28
Charlie	Mills	12RSL	R	23
Ahura	Sedaghat	12RSL	R	19
Maria	Salamanca	12WTA	W	12
Firat	Ozbek	12BJT	В	8
Mia	Pusztai	12WTA	W	8
Mar-Valisha	McGhan	12RSL	R	7
Alexia	Vrousai	12WBS	W	7
Zack	Williams	12WTA	W	7
Raphael	Richter	12WTA	W	7

Top students in year 13:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Alexia	Kyriakou	12KGU	W	4
Hollie	Burkett	13ATH	0	2
Eleanor	Rogers	13ATH	R	2
Imogen	Spiers	13ESM	W	2
Timur	Raif	13ESM	R	2
Michael	Agbugba	13JBA	W	2
Antonia	Owusu-Ansah	13TDU	W	2











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Click here to view the Enfield Easter 2024 Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) brochure



Help us fund raise for our school

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.



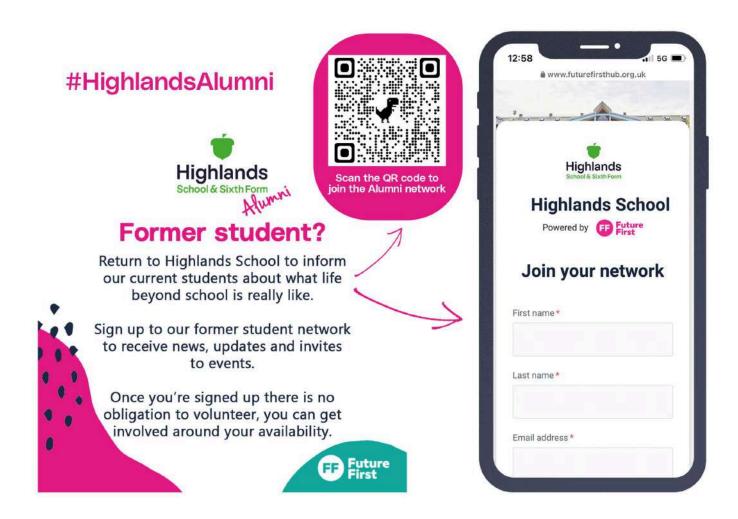




As a school, we want to reconnect with our former students so that we can keep in touch and let them know about volunteering opportunities that will benefit our current students. We want to show them the variety of pathways available to them after leaving Highlands School, and who better to showcase 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

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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