Highlands Newsletter

March 2024

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM

Dear all,

I hope you've had a fantastic term so far. Over the past few weeks we've spent a lot of time talking about student pathways and the exciting next steps. With our internal year 11s we've been hosting 1:1 meetings to provide tailored advice in picking the right course combinations for sixth form, and we've been amazed by the record number of external applications we've already had to join our next year 12 cohort - we can't wait for you to join us!

Meanwhile, in year 12, we launched our destinations programme to support preparations for university and apprenticeship applications.

A group of students got to experience life at Cambridge University through our trip to Newnham College, we had the first meetings of Head Start, our group for students aiming to apply for early-entry university courses such as Medicine or courses at Oxbridge, plus we took the entire year group for an action-packed day at Tottenham Football stadium for the Spring UK University Fair.

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Trips to Oxbridge Trip to Madrid Insight days Alumni success stories Destinations programmes NHS work experience Green Schools Project Charity fundraising

Back in school, the new sixth form basketball sessions have kicked off, plus we've been hosting focus groups with students to think about ways we can improve the student experience at Highlands even further.

Our year 13s have been hard at work preparing for their final exams and we're so proud with all of the efforts they've put into the additional subject-specific interventions on Friday mornings.

A big well done to all of our students for such a brilliant term and hope you enjoy the last few weeks leading up to the Easter holidays.

Happy Easter



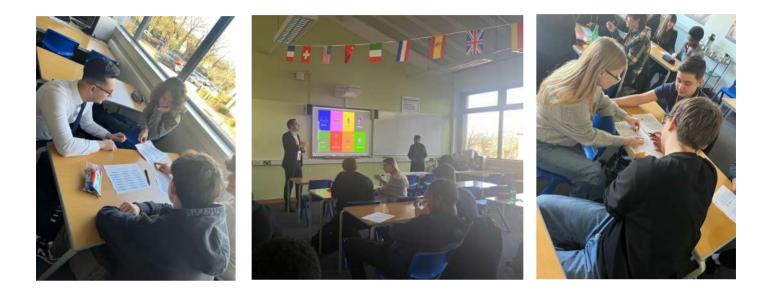
Ms Youlden Director of sixth form From everyone at Highlands

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THE POLITICS PROJECT



The Politics Project conducted a workshop with our A level politics students this term. As we approach a general election very soon, this was really insightful for them to get an understanding of how to register to vote, and develop knowledge about the purpose and point of elections. Students now feel equipped to make informed political decisions for the future.



SIXTH FORM INTER HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Well done to team Oak for a double victory in the sixth form inter house football competition.

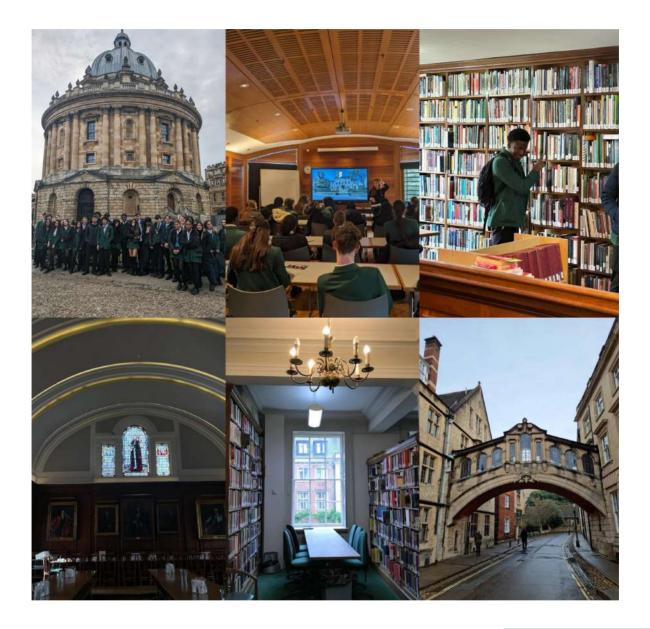
The girls Oak team won by default as they were the only house to turn up with a team. The boys Oak team drew 1-1 with Beech in the final, then went on to win the trophy after a 3-2 victory in a penalty shoot-out. Rowan finished 3rd in the playoffs against Willow after a 2-0 victory.





INSPIRATIONAL VISIT TO ST PETER'S COLLEGE - OXFORD UNIVERSITY

A group of 28 high attaining year 11 students had the privilege to attend a campus visit to St Peter's College at Oxford University for a taste of what it would be like to study there.



Students were introduced to university by exploring what it's like to study at Oxford, and what Oxford are looking for in a prospective student. This was followed by a question and answer session with current undergraduate students, a tour of the campus, including the notorious library, Masters common room and lunch in the prestigious dining hall. The day ended with students taking part in academic taster sessions on 'Neuroscience' and an introduction to 'Medieval English literature' where students got to learn how to read and speak in old English.



The students said that the day had broadened their horizons and saw the opportunities which are available to them.

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Here is feedback from the students that visited.

"I gained a real insight into life at Oxford and feel motivated to consider this as a real possibility for my future study."

"I was given the opportunity to visit Oxford University, an unforgettable experience. We toured the campus and were told about student life by a current student. The experience was inspiring and allowed me to believe that Oxford University is a dream that is now attainable. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity."

"The experience was well worth it. We walked around St Peter's College and a short walk around Oxford which I was blown away by how it looked, it seemed to be a very welcome, inclusive environment. Talking to our tour guides and academic tutor really helped me gain a better understanding of what it's like to be a student, and how if I worked hard enough and really tried, I could maybe get there too."

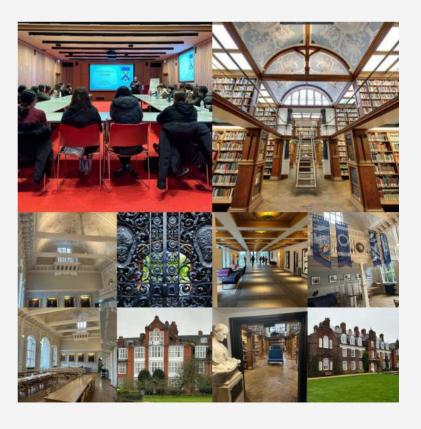
NEWNHAM COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY TRIP

This term, a small group of 12 year students visited **Newnham College, Cambridge University**, following their application to attend.

Newnham College was founded 150 years ago with the belief that education is for everyone, and they remain committed to increasing access to higher education in general, and to the University of Cambridge in particular.

The day consisted of a range of interactive sessions, a question and answer session with current students, a tour of college, and the opportunity for students to ask questions.







¡HOLA MADRID!

From Thursday 7th March to Sunday 10th March, a group of enthusiastic year 12 and 13 students doing art, photography and Spanish went on a thrilling and culturally enriching journey to the vibrant city of **Madrid**.

They visited the iconic Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, home to the legendary Real Madrid Football Club, the world renowned El Prado Museum, Royal Palace, the Reina Sofia Museum, El Rastro Market and they even enjoyed a soul-stirring Flamenco show! You can read all about their trip in our <u>special feature newsletter</u>







BEING BLACK IN BRITAIN EVENT

In conjunction with Write2Speak and Nexus, Highlands hosted a spoken word event entitled 'Being Black in Britain'. During the evening, students performed powerful spoken word pieces centred around the Black experience.



Our students spoke eloquently and passionately about profound issues. They performed evocative pieces that brought the audience together in agreement with the powerful messages of equality that were being shared.

The success of the event was the culmination of the hard work our students had put into the series of workshops that Write2Speak, a spoken word company, had delivered during Black History Month. During these sessions, students poured their hearts and souls into creating moving and thought-provoking pieces. This hard work continued after the sessions as students continued to work on their pieces with Ms Maple, polishing and developing their performances.

This term they showcased the results of these workshops. They exemplified the school values of determination and equality as they bravely gave us an insight into their thoughts, feelings and experiences as young people in Britain. Congratulations and many thanks to Ms Maple, Write2Speak, Nexus and to our students for creating a truly unforgettable evening.



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BEING BLACK IN BRITAIN EVENT

Thank you to our students...

A heartfelt thank you to each of the students who courageously participated in the 'Being Black in Britain' project in collaboration with **NEXUS** and **Write2Speak** on Thursday 11th January. Their eloquent and brave performances spanning years 7 to year 13 were nothing short of astounding, leaving the audience in awe.

In addressing the challenging topic, students exemplified the values of Highlands School - determination, aspiration, respect, and equality (DARE). Their ability to voice poignant questions, evoke tears, and prompt profound contemplation showcased not only their talent but also their potential as future leaders.

All of the students significantly contributed to fostering a more inclusive and equal society, aligning perfectly with the mission of the project, in collaboration with Nexus Enfield and Write2Speak.

The journey of the spoken word story continues, and we as a school are excited about the prospect of holding more impactful nights on various topics. Keep being brave, stepping up, and sharing your voices.

Thank you for being a vital part of this transformative experience. This chapter is not over; instead, it marks the beginning of a whole new narrative.

Ms Maple





INSIGHT DAY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM REEDSMITH

Year 12 students Firat Ozbek and Nehemie Mbidi successfully gained the opportunity to spend the day at a top law firm **Reed Smith LLP**. The day consisted of a series of sessions, including an introduction to law and information on the firm, panel discussions with experienced lawyers and business staff and practical careers advice for young people who want to kick start their career in the industry. Reed Smith commented on Firat and Nehemie as being enthusiastic and open minded individuals.



"My experience at Reed Smith was transformative and enlightening. I gained a lot of information in progressing to my next steps and the pathway I will proceed with for my future career.

Engaging in a professional environment with industry professionals of the legal sector through the use of interactive sessions deepened my understanding on certain subjects I was previously unsure of within this field.

This will help me with the choices I will make for the foreseeable future."

- Firat Ozbek

A LEVEL POLITICS CONFERENCE

Our students embarked on an enriching journey to Westminster's Methodist Central Hall for an **A level politics conference**, joining 2,000 students from schools across the country.

During this educational excursion, they had the privilege of hearing from influential political speakers, including Wes Streeting (Shadow Health Secretary), Richard Tice (Leader of the Reform UK party), Jacob Rees-Mogg (Conservative MP), and the dynamic duo Rory Stewart and Alistair Campbell, hosts of the insightful politics podcast, 'The Rest Is Politics'. They also had the opportunity to ask lots of questions to these speakers.

Engaging with these prominent figures not only provided our students with invaluable insights into the political landscape but also ignited a passion for exploring diverse perspectives and actively participating in civic discourse.

Mr Islam





YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BLACK LEADERS OF THE FUTURE



We were informed that places were limited for this in-person event, but luckily year 12 student Macy Mcghan made a great application in time to successfully secure a spot to attend the Vue Cinema Leicester Square London, following her already successful work insight for a global law firm on the same day!

The evening celebrated diversity and young black talent with an impressive line of employees from 'Big 4' constituent Accounting and Professional Services firm PwC, American media company Bloomberg, Legal & General, a British multinational financial services and asset management company as well as Law giants Linklaters, World Wide Technology and airline company TUI. Those attending got to hear a series of panel discussions, keynote presentations from senior black leaders and lots of networking opportunities.

A huge well done to Macy who has also applied to be an ambassador for **Young Professionals** following this event.

"The event provided valuable insights into the various apprenticeship programmes, and I gained a deeper understanding of the multiple routes that can be taken to become successful in the business and finance sectors. Additionally, the event emphasised the importance of being proactive to ensure professional development."

- Macy Mcghan





FELICIA PINTO VISIT - HEAD OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS, SANOFI

We are thrilled to share with you the highlights of a recent presentation by Felicia Pinto (Highlands Governor and parent), the Head of Regulatory Affairs for Sanofi, one of the leading global pharmaceutical companies. Felicia's engaging talk provided valuable insights into the dynamic world of pharmaceutical innovation and regulatory affairs.

As the Head of Regulatory Affairs, Felicia plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety, efficacy, and adherence to regulations for Sanofi's innovative medicines.

During the presentation, Felicia shared her remarkable career journey, providing a behind-the-scenes look at the challenges and triumphs



encountered along the way. Year 11 and 12 pupils gained valuable insights into her passion for development and the pivotal role played by regulatory affairs in delivering innovative healthcare solutions to patients worldwide.

The interactive session allowed attendees to delve deeper into Felicia's experiences, offering a unique opportunity to learn from a seasoned professional in the pharmaceutical industry. The event showcased Felicia's commitment to transforming scientific innovation into tangible healthcare solutions and highlighted the collaborative efforts required to bring groundbreaking medicines to patients.

We extend our gratitude to Felicia for sharing her expertise and experiences, and we look forward to future opportunities to engage with parents within our school who work or have experience in the STEM sector to come in and share their experiences with our eager pupils! If this is something you would like to do please email Dr Len (STEM leader - lena@highlearn.uk) or Ms Laurenzi (Careers leader laurenzis@highlearn.uk).





INSIGHT DAY WITH INTERNATIONAL FIRM REEDSMITH

Year 12 student Jessica Griggs successfully gained the opportunity to spend the day at Reed Smith LLP global law firm with its largest office in London. The workshop on Law in the City was developed to introduce young people to the legal sector and provide a balanced and realistic insight into careers in the sector and the wider world of work.

"The insight event at Reed Smith was informative in the steps and various pathways that someone could take to become a solicitor. Being given the opportunity to engage with and question industry professionals from various backgrounds allowed a deeper understanding of what it would be like to work in the legal field and solidified the pathway I hope to take in the future."

- Jessica Griggs



GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS, HERE WE COME!

We are thrilled to announce that Highlands student Isobelle Codling in year 12 has been chosen to represent Enfield Golf Club and England in the upcoming Junior Team Home Nations Championships.

Isobelle and the Enfield team qualified for the final in October by winning the All England event and will now represent England in the Home Nations Final against Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The Home Nations Championships is one of the most prestigious events endorsed by all four home golf unions, recognised by the R&A and is the only one of its kind in Western Europe.

This opportunity is a true testament to Isobelle's hard work, dedication and exceptional skills on the green. Wishing you the best of luck Isobelle, we are all rooting for your success!





UNIQ 2024





Congratulations to Elsie Berko in year 12 who has received a place on the **UNIQ residential academic courses programme** following her application. UNIQ is the **University of Oxford's** access programme for UK state school students, who prioritise places for students with good grades from backgrounds that are under-represented at Oxford and other universities.

Elsie will attend a four-day residential in Oxford during the summer which will have an intensive academic focus on Human Sciences, including application support to Oxford, super-curricular activities, pick the brains of student ambassadors, as well as hear from academics about the admissions tests and interview and the chance to see what living in a college will be like.

INSIGHT DAY AT SANTANDER UK

Embarking on the journey of professional development often requires a blend of academic learning and practical experience. For many students, securing an opportunity to gain real-world insight into their field of interest is invaluable. **Santander UK**, offers such opportunities, providing students with a platform to enhance their skills and knowledge.

Rohat Gok, year 12 student, aspiring to enter the world of finance, attended the Santander insight day after his successful application. He had the chance to engage in diverse tasks that contribute to the company's objectives, where he was able to apply theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom, and network with professionals in their field, potentially opening doors to future career opportunities.





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V&A A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

Our year 12 and 13 photography students embarked on a focused exploration at the **V&A Museum's DIVA installation**. This exhibition delved into the evolution of the 'diva' persona, spanning opera, stage, music, and film. Students gained valuable insights for their A level coursework, as the visual narratives offered a unique perspective on performance art, enriching their cultural capital and deepening their understanding of photography within the context of diverse artistic expressions.

Here is a little collage of our time.

Miss Brandon



DARE DAYS

This summer's DARE Days are on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th June. The following educational and exciting trips have been planned for each year group.

Year Group	Trips			
Year 7	 London Zoo Workshop by Platinum Academy of Performing Arts (on site) 			
Year 8	 Art trip to the V&A museum Wise Up - Hub challenge (on site) 			
Year 9	 Trip to the Centre for Experimental Military Archaeology Design and technology workshop (on site) 			
Year 10	 Go Ape team building (Alexandra Palace) Employability masterclass (on site) 			
Year 11	Exams			
Year 12	 Post 19 workshops (on site) Wise-Up, apprentice themed activity day (on site) 			
Year 13	Exams			

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THE BRILLIANT CLUB GRADUATION CEREMONY



Thursday 8th February, marked an important graduation event at King's College London. This graduation, however, was not held for those finishing their undergraduate courses, but instead was a celebration of a group of year 10 students reaching the end of the Scholars programme, run by the charity The Brilliant Club in a bid to raise the aspirations in young people and awareness of the opportunities available to them at the UK's top universities

After a ten-week programme attending after school sessions led by Rishan Patel, PhD student and Highlands Alumni, all students learned to develop the confidence and skills to apply to these top institutions in the future and completed a final essay on the topic of *STEM - Exploring Minds and Machines: Unleashing the Power of Brain Computer Interfaces* – pitched at one Key Stage above their current level – which was marked and given a university grade.

This group of students demonstrated excellence, determination and independence to achieve this success and we are enormously proud of them.

Well done to: Kamilah Abib, Nick Agyeman-duah, Baran Byndor, Daniel Derakhshan, Renardo Dervishaj, Megan Faulkner, Parla Ghanipour, Roni Koer, Ava Koker, Ivan Markovets, Sumiya Mohamed, Eva Pangratiou and Clayton Stephenson.

Mrs Laurenzi and Dr Len







HIGHLANDS SCHOOL ALUMNI

We are thrilled to share the success story of our incredible **alumni** Rishan Patel, who has been working with our students on a ten-week scholars programme with The Brilliant Club.

Rishan is a successful PhD researcher at University College London, working on software and hardware development and experimentation. We are so grateful for the work he has done with our students and are beyond proud of his amazing achievements.

Read more about Rishan below.

Rishan Patel

PhD researcher at University College London

Qualification: Doctor of Philosophy

Subject of study: Electronic Engineering and Biomedical Engineering

Educational /career journey so far.

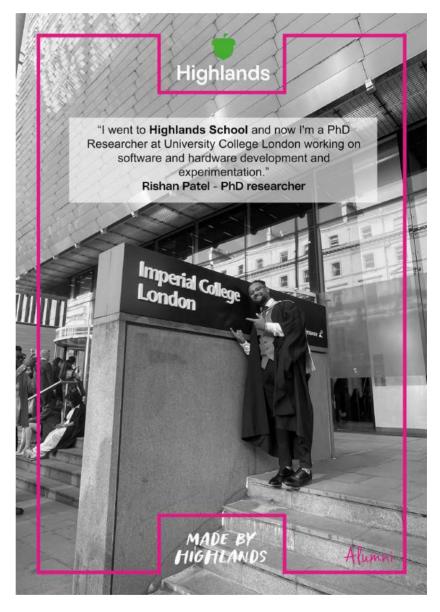
Undergraduate: Electronic Engineering, Masters: Biomedical Engineering and PhD: Neural Engineering - Brain Computer Interfacing

What has been the highlight of your career journey so far?

IET Prize - recognition from an Engineering Institution.

How would you say your Highlands experience has helped you to get to where you are today?

Highlands allowed me to study interesting A-Levels which supported me to enter higher education.



If you could give one piece of advice to current Highlands students, what would that be?

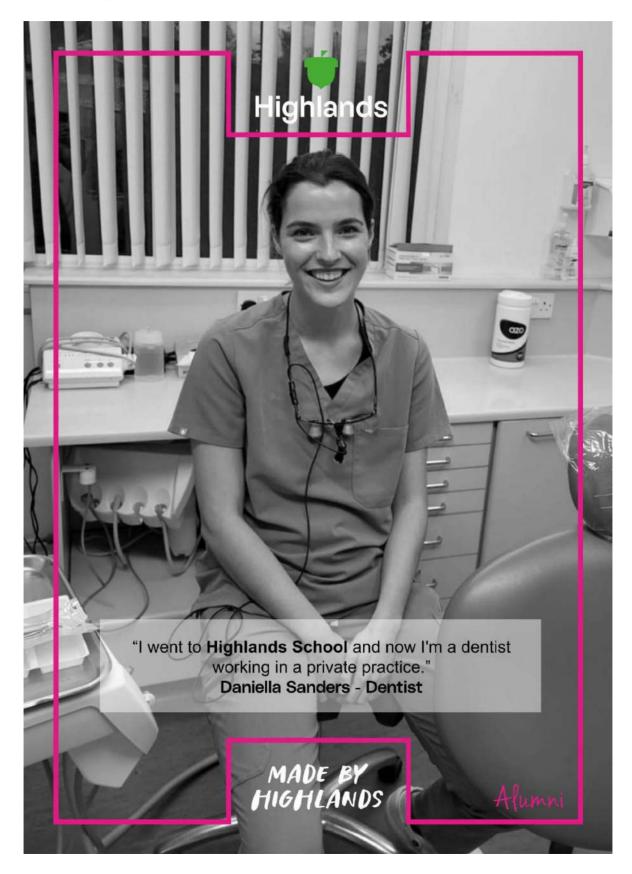
Your life is your own, with so many paths that you may enjoy, should you choose to entertain them. Don't get so focused on one thing, diversify and enjoy as many things as you can. There's too much opportunity for an intelligent mind, to not do what makes you happy.

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HIGHLANDS SCHOOL ALUMNI

We are thrilled to share the success story of our incredible **alumni** Daniella Sanders, who is now working as a successful dentist in a private practice. We are all very proud of your achievements and the positive impact you are making on oral health. Well done Daniella.



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UNIVERSITY AND APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH FAIR AT TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM

All of our year 12 students visited the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium for the London **Spring 2024 University** and **Apprenticeship Search Fair** on Friday 1st March.

The event was the perfect way for students to speak to representatives of all the UK universities and give them a clearer insight into which university or apprenticeship is right for them. Students also had the opportunity to attend different seminars throughout the day run by the universities including Russell Group, Red Brick, Specialist and Modern Universities. Students were also offered the chance to talk to the various UK's best apprenticeship providers, HE colleges, specialist institutions, and student-related organisations. The fair catered for students of all abilities.

"It was a valuable experience for us to have the opportunity to explore different universities and learn about the variety of options they have to offer."



"It was good to meet university representatives and speak to them directly and gather information. I feel more prepared now and have a better understanding of which universities and course I will apply for."

"The university and apprenticeship fair was useful as it allowed me to meet various universities in one location. It also allowed me to ask questions to student ambassadors to get an insight of university life."



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TAYLOR WESSING MENTORING PROGRAMME

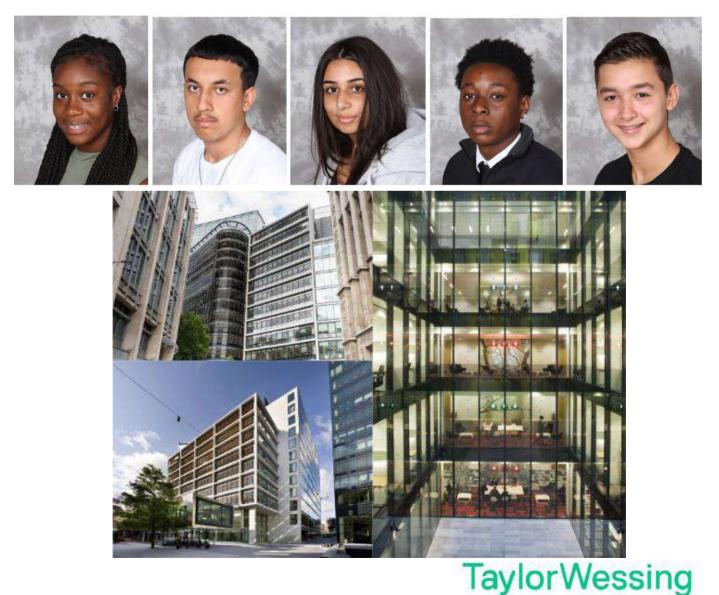
We are delighted to announce that five of our year 12 students completed the Taylor Wessing global law firm mentoring programme, after having been selected from their outstanding contribution on a previous insight day.

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.

Mrs Laurenzi





INSIGHT DAY AT SANOFI

Thirty-five aspiring medical and healthcare students across years 10 - 12, were given the opportunity to spend an insight day at **Sanofi** global healthcare and pharmaceutical company at their head office in Reading.

The day consisted of organised activities, learning about the lifecycle of a medicine from research and development to commercialisation, an insight into the multitude of different roles within the industry, hearing from key speakers, learning how to pursue a career in pharma/bio and the opportunity to speak to current industrial placement graduates.

Thank you to Felicia Pinto, Head of Regulatory Affairs UK & Ireland, Sanofi and to all the employees for giving up their valuable time to inspire our students, by sharing their career journeys and speaking about their current roles and to our students who were a real credit to Highlands.

Mrs Laurenzi





NHS WORK EXPERIENCE

Healthcare work experience is crucial if you'd like to work in medicine or healthcare. However, getting GP clinic or hospital work placement is also in high demand. As a school we have been extremely fortunate to partner with Chase Farm Hospital who have offered us a number of placements for students to apply for.

In the upcoming months, twenty aspiring medics in year 12 will be taking part in a week's work experience in the Theatre Department at Chase Farm Hospital following their successful applications.

The first two students took part in this during February half-term, where they had a chance to see what the job is really like under full supervision and guidance of a supervisor.

They got to observe and participate in different aspects of intra-operative patient care: including the Day Surgery Unit, Anaesthetics & Theatres and Recovery. They met with the surgical teams, nurses and radiographers.

Congratulations to Isabella Raigosa and Szymon Pasierowski in leading the way for the next set of students that will take part during the Easter break and thank you to the staff of Chase Farm Hospital for this amazing opportunity.



Isabella Raigosa



"I enjoyed my work experience very much as there were a lot of things to do, and a variety of areas to shadow. The professionals are very passionate about their jobs and always willing to talk to us students and show us around the ward, and explain the procedure of how a patient's care plan is decided. We even got to wear the scrubs!"



APPRENTICESHIPS ASSEMBLY

We were delighted to welcome Georgina Anyadike from **Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge (ASK)**, the leading organisation in the education sector working with schools to ensure that more individuals can access the benefits of apprenticeships.

Year 11 students had an awareness assembly as an introduction to apprenticeships and to help them discover the different pathways they could take and learn about the different levels and requirements, whereas year 12 students had a separate assembly learning about modern apprenticeships, focusing on those at Level 5 where the apprentice gains a degree level qualification without the need to pay fees as is the case with a traditional university-based degree. Students who take this route also gain invaluable experience of the role over the 4-5 years apprenticeship whilst also earning a salary.





BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHER

In the world of photography, each lens tells a story, but few stories are as exhilarating as that of a student photographer capturing the essence of fast cars. Jack Mussell, year 11 is a budding photographer whose passion for speed and aesthetics intertwines in the mesmerising frames he captures.

Whether it's capturing the blur of a Formula One car or the sleek elegance of a luxury sports car, Jack's dedication in balancing academic ambition and creative pursuit is nothing short of inspiring. He already has a wealth of experience, including attending the British GP, Ferrari track day at Silverstone, and the Concours of elegance at Hampton Court Palace showcasing a selection of 60 of the rarests cars from around the world.

Jack continues to build his portfolio and is hoping to travel to Maranello - headquarters of the Ferrari automobile factory and to Monaco to visit the mythical race track. Here are some photos taken by Jack.

Mrs Laurenzi



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EASTER TOY APPEAL SUCCESS



In a world where consumption often seems to be the prevailing norm, it's refreshing to witness the growing trend of generosity and sustainability through initiatives like collecting second-hand toys and books for charitable distribution. This act not only benefits those in need but also fosters a sense of community and environmental consciousness, building a more sustainable future for generations to come.

We are very grateful to all those who dropped off their donations which have now found their way to new homes where they can be cherished once again. These were distributed to non-profit organisations, charities, community centres, schools both locally and all the way in Northampton.

Thank you also to the amazing year 9 Social Enterprise students with unwavering determination, enthusiastically re-organised the generous collection of donations into categories to support the distribution process.





HIGHLANDS' PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GREEN SCHOOL PROJECT SPARKS INNOVATION IN CLIMATE CHANGE

We are thrilled to announce a partnership between Highlands and the **Green Schools Project** as part of the Building Brighter Futures Programme. This collaboration marks a significant stride in empowering our students to take the lead in combating climate change and fostering innovation within our school community.

A prestigious opportunity for Highlands

Highlands has proudly been chosen as one of the four fortunate schools in the Edmonton area to participate in this esteemed programme. The Green Schools Project, operating nationwide, collaborates with schools to empower students in responding to the climate crisis. Our involvement in this initiative underscores our commitment to sustainability and education for a brighter future. GREEN SCH©℃LS PR☆JECŤ

What to expect from the programme?

This partnership provides an exciting opportunity for 36 of our year 8 students who excelled in presenting their eco challenge project in class to cultivate crucial skills while spearheading innovative projects within our school community. Through engaging sessions, participants will delve into the intricacies of the climate crisis, scrutinise Highland's carbon footprint, and collaborate as a team to formulate unique school projects.





National impact, local connection

This year, the Green Schools Project actively engages with over 130 schools, guiding students in designing projects aimed at reducing their school's carbon footprint. Inspired by success stories from other schools, our students will actively contribute to initiatives such as reducing food waste, monitoring classroom temperatures, and organising low-energy days.

Collaboration and showcase event

The collaborative effort involves students working closely with school staff, with some sessions being led by Green Schools Project staff. As a culmination of their efforts, a special event in the summer awaits, providing an opportunity for students to showcase and exchange ideas about their projects with other participating schools in the local area.

Skill development at the core

Beyond the environmental impact, these planned sessions are designed to foster the development of various skills among our students. From teamwork and communication to problem-solving, leadership, and speaking and listening abilities, our students will gain invaluable experiences that extend far beyond the classroom.

For more information about the Green Schools Project, please visit their website: Green Schools Project

We are immensely proud of this partnership and look forward to seeing the innovative projects that our students will lead in response to the climate crisis. **Dr Len**





RAISING FUNDS FOR SOUTHGATE MOSQUE FOOD BANK

This term, Beech house and our Social action captains met Farrah from **Southgate Mosque Food Bank**. Farrah spoke with our students about how Southgate Mosque serves as a vital hub for community outreach and support, including running a food bank initiative aimed at combating hunger and supporting the local community. We are so grateful that our school representatives from Beech and the Social action captains had the privilege of meeting with Farrah of Southgate Mosque to learn about their incredible efforts.



Beech house is proud to announce that they have raised **£807.74** in support of the food bank initiative. This generous contribution reflects the commitment of both parents and the wider community to making a positive difference in the lives of others. Moreover, the opportunity for continued donations and volunteerism remains open to all who wish to contribute further.





The food bank operates every Monday, including holidays, from 10:30am to 12:30pm at Southgate House, located at High Street, Southgate, N14 6BS. The location's entrance is conveniently situated next to Durants School, directly opposite Barnet and Southgate College. Residents from specific postcodes within the area (N9, N10, N11, N12, N13, N14, N18, N20, N21, N22, EN2, EN4) are eligible for support, and registration requires proof of address and photo ID.

One of the remarkable aspects of Southgate Mosque's Food Bank is its inclusive and accessible nature; no vouchers or formal approval processes are necessary to receive assistance. This community-driven initiative prioritises the needs of individuals and families, ensuring that support is readily available to those in need.

For those interested in supporting the Food Bank, there are various avenues available:

- **Donating items:** Food, toiletries, and cleaning items are gratefully accepted. Donations can be dropped off every Friday from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm and every Monday from 9 am to 12:30 pm.
- Monetary donations: Financial contributions are utilised to purchase essential items and sustain the food bank's operations. Every pound donated goes directly towards aiding individuals and families facing food insecurity.

Supporting the food bank at Southgate Mosque is a tangible way to make a meaningful impact within the local community. For any enquiries or further information, individuals are encouraged to reach out via phone at 07709 032811.

In conclusion, Beech extends heartfelt gratitude to Southgate Mosque for their unwavering dedication to serving others. Together, through collaborative efforts and ongoing support, we can continue to address food insecurity, foster community resilience, and create a brighter future for all. Thank you for your commitment to making a difference. Read about their full year progress <u>here</u>.





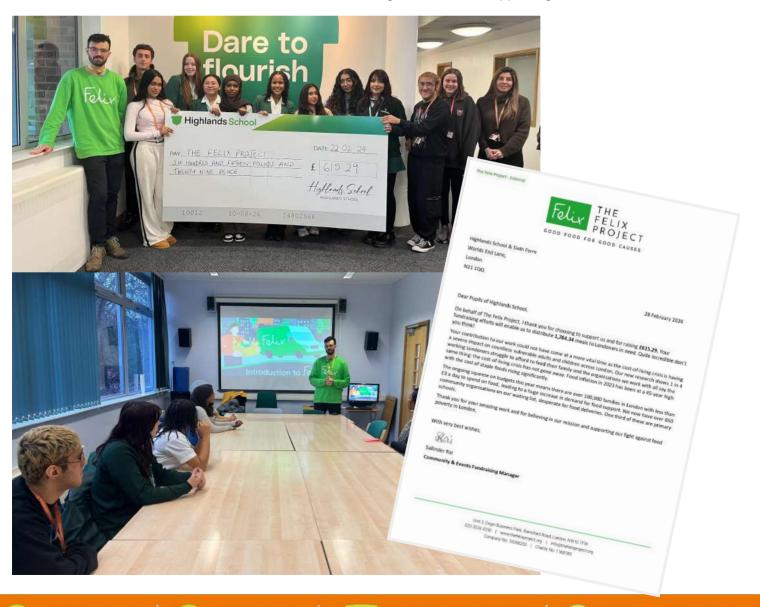
RAISING FUNDS FOR THE FELIX PROJECT

Highlands School social action team and Rowan house council recently had the privilege of meeting Dan Shaw from **The Felix Project**, an organisation dedicated to rescuing surplus food from the food industry to combat both hunger and food waste.

The Felix Project collects high-quality and nutritious food, including fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, salads, meat, and fish, from over 539 suppliers, ranging from supermarkets to farms. This food would otherwise go to waste but instead is sorted and delivered to nearly 1,000 frontline charities, primary schools, and holiday programmes in London. Read more about The Felix Project <u>here</u>.

The impact of The Felix Project's work is profound, ensuring that food reaches vulnerable populations, including the homeless, individuals with mental health challenges, and those who struggle financially to access regular, healthy meals. The commitment of Rowan House to support The Felix Project and raise necessary funds reflects a commendable dedication to addressing both food insecurity and environmental sustainability. Through their partnership, they are making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need while also contributing to the reduction of food waste.

Kudos to Rowan House for their admirable efforts in raising **£615.29** and supporting such a vital cause.



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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.

'Thank you so much for donating £815 from Highlands School in London. We have been informed that the donations are from fundraising that the children raised as part of their bake sale. This is an incredible amount to raise and we are so grateful for this.

Please pass on a massive thank you to all the children. With their support we can continue to start new cancer cures - by backing the brightest minds around the world on their quests to develop better, more effective treatments for cancer. In these uncertain times life-saving research remains at risk and your generosity will bring hope to those in need of vital cancer research.'



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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.







IMPERIAL SCIENCES SUMMER SCHOOL

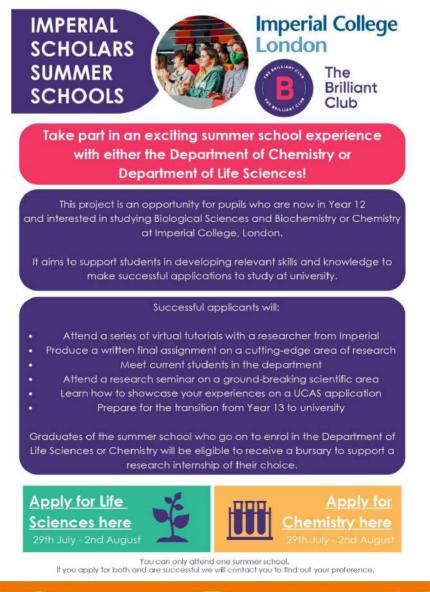
There is a fully funded STEM opportunity for year 12 students to attend an **Imperial Sciences summer school.**

There are two different summer school opportunities:

- Imperial Life Sciences Scholars for students interested in studying in biology or biochemistry at university. It will take place online from 29th July to 2nd August. Further eligibility criteria can be found on <u>the application form here</u>.
- **Imperial Chemistry Scholars** for students interested in studying Chemistry at university. It will take place online from 29th July to 2nd August, with a funded trip to Imperial's South Kensington campus on 14th August. Further eligibility criteria can be found on <u>the application form here</u>.

These summer schools focus on academic enrichment and university preparedness, and support the supra-curricular engagement that highly selective universities such as Imperial College London look for in student applications.

To apply, students should complete the application form as soon as possible and before the final deadline at 12pm on Thursday 2nd May. Good luck!







YEAR 12 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WINNERS

At Highlands, we recognise **academic achievement** in the house system. 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 12 top achieving students, well done to you all.

Subject	Student	Form	House	Subject	Student	Form	House
	Hannah Bernasconi	12BJT	Beech	History	Alex Attaliotis	12RCW	Rowan
Art	Rachel Lok	12KGU	Willow	Maths	Raphael Richter	12WTA	Willow
	Mia Pusztai	12WTA	Willow	PE	Szymon Pasierowski	12RCW	Rowan
Biology	Kaia Jugurnauth	12OSB	Oak	Photography	Nancy Ansell	12ODS	Oak
Chemistry	Rhea Mehta	12RSL	Rowan	Physics	Raphael Richter	12WTA	Willow
Computer	Maksymilian	12000	Oak	Oak	Alex Attaliotis	12RCW	Rowan
Science	Lewandowski	12OSB	Uak		L'Jeeta Thompson	12OSB	Oak
D&T	Beyza Artis	12WBS	Willow	Religious	Walter Watterstati		a second a second
Economics	Alex Attaliotis	12RCW	Rowan	studies	Kristian Kousoulou	12RCW	Rowan
	Alex Attalious	IZACVV		Sociology	Salma Mohamed	12KGU	Oak
English literature	Deniz Cekin	12RCW	Rowan	Spanish	Maksymilian	12OSB	Oak
Further maths	Raphael Richter	12WTA	Willow		Lewandowski		and the
Geography	Lottie Price	12WBS	Willow				





YEAR 12 DARE AWARD WINNERS

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**.

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)



FUTURESUP INTERACTIVE CAREERS EVENT

FuturesUP run by Uptree, brings together students and employers for networking and insights into different career paths. Spaces are limited and students must make an application in order to attend. Hasan Kiymaz (below), year 12 was successful in gaining a place and spent the day at the KPMG offices in Canary Wharf.

The day consisted of interactive sessions, including how to make an application stand out, interview, what company culture means and the chance to speak to professionals, recruiters and current apprentices and graduates from several employers including Channel 4, Deutsche Bank, Elavon, GCHQ, GSK, KPMG, Ogilvy, Publicis, Schroders.

"Being able to speak to the people behind the apprenticeships, getting to know the different opportunities offered by the companies and talking with professionals were all great parts of the day for me".

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Our incredible student leadership have been busy this term making substantial changes to the sixth form.

Here are their updates.

The key areas that we have achieved are:

1) Weekly meetings with Mr McInerney and Ms Youlden where we raise issues and improve the school.

- 2) Sixth formers now have private access to the library during period 4 in order to study.
- 3) Separating year 12 and year 13 lunches to make extra space.
- 4) Replacing the legs of tables in the common room so they are not wobbly.
- 5) Replacement of broken computers in the study room.
- 6) Food in the common room being refilled at lunch times.

7) We presented achievement assemblies for all year groups acknowledging students' rewards and achievements.

Rayaan Kaderia, Isabella Gormley (head students), Maria Shikunta and Joshua Jackson (deputy head students).

Your hard work and commitment does not go unnoticed, well done to you all.





Meet our incredible **house captains**, **vice captains** and **strand leads** for 2023-2024. Our leaders were presented with their prestigious house badges this week, marking their leadership journey this year. From supporting their houses to organising fundraising events, these leaders are the driving force behind our school spirit.

House captains						
Lorena Kransniqi Zende Gachette Sila Usta Chizara Okonkwo						
House vice captains						
Grace Caddle Ilana Tanwie Rohat gok Naa-shida Quartey						



Sports captains and sports vice captains						
Vedat Djemal Peter Pieretti Isobel Kennedy Ann Siby						
Sports vi		e captains				
	Jermain Rendle Shaquel Kizito					





Social action captains						
Hannah Bernasconi	Grace Umenyiora Hala Glasgow Hana Fahm					
	Social action vice captains					
	Inaayah Wahr	Narin Kalkan	Isaac Mooney			
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Performance captains					
Elena Giudice Lydia Wright Lucy Lord Victoria Salamanca					
		Performance vice captain			
		Kitty Coleman			





Environment captains						
Daniel Malaj	Kimberley George	Theo-Jay Coleman	Lottie Price			
		Environment	vice captains			
		Candice Grossmann	Ayaan Ali			
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Wellbeing captains						
Sheryce Crow Eleanor Smith Rain Kurt Eimaan Abbas						
	Wellbeing vice captains					
	L'Jeeta Thompson Rhea Mehta Isabelle Williams					





Equalities captains						
Danny Kruja Neriah Muhele Sophia Galczynska Amaya Edwards-Nassa						
Equalities vice captains						
Isaiah Gachette Floriana Macarthur Ahura Sedaghat Baran Byndor						



All of our house captains, vice captains, strand leads and house form reps will have the privilege of not having to queue for both break and lunch as part of their house privileges. This is only if they are wearing their pin badge. If there are any students who are yet to collect their badges, please see Ms Maple.

WORK EXPERIENCE AT EQUITIX

Well done to Mohamed Osman in year 12 who attended a work experience day at Equitix, London after his successful application. Equitix is a leading international investor, developer and fund manager, focused on the core infrastructure market. The day consisted of an inspiring speaker talk plus a Q&A, networking with professionals, an industry talk and a panel discussion.



APPLYING TO OUR SIXTH FORM

External applicants

On-time application to Highlands sixth form for September 2024 closed on the 26th February 2024. Late applications can still be made via our online enrolment system. These will only be considered on External Enrolment Day, on Friday 23rd August, and after candidates with conditional offers have had the opportunity to enrol.

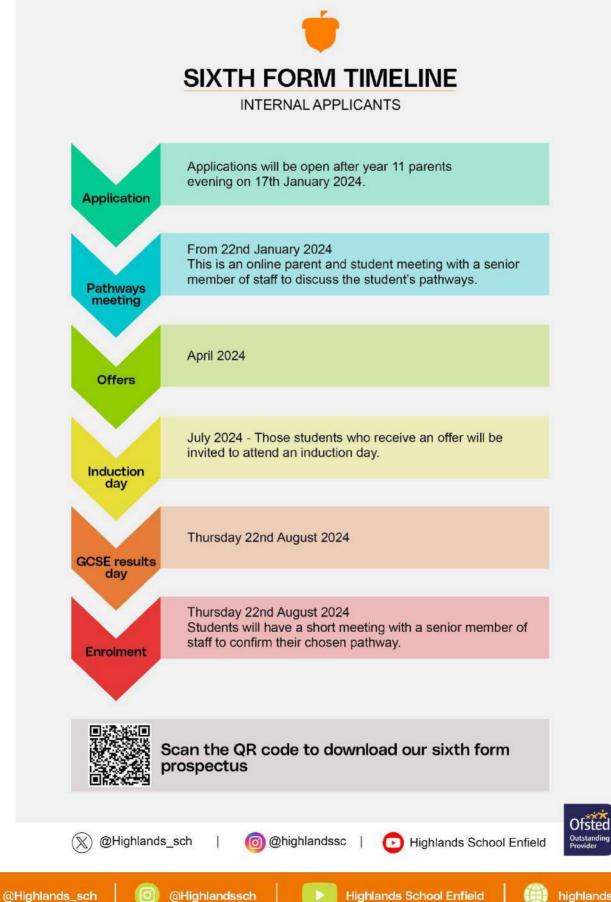
For any further enquiries, please email sixthform@highlearn.uk



APPLYING TO OUR SIXTH FORM

Internal applicants

Internal applicants can apply after the year 11 parents evening that will take place on 17th January 2024.

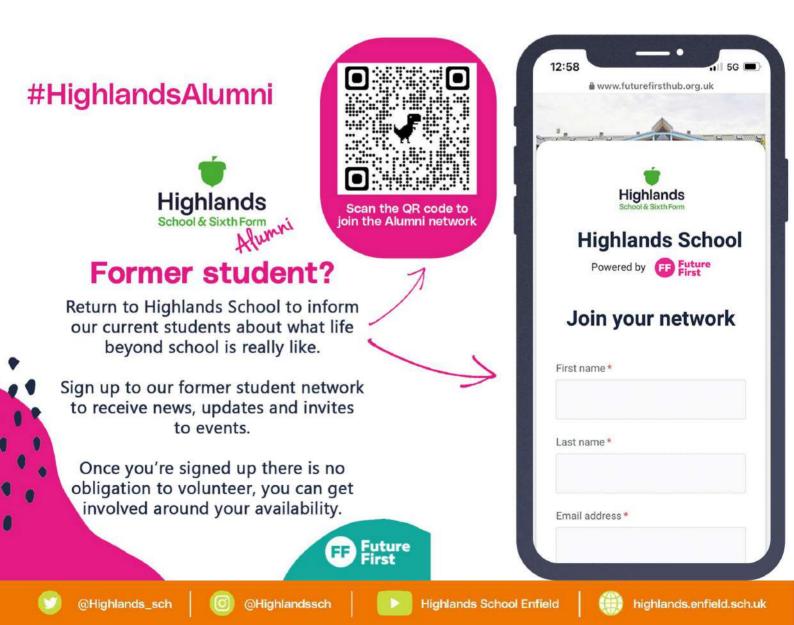




As a school, we want to reconnect with our former students so that we can keep in touch and let them know about volunteering opportunities that will benefit our current students. We want to show them the variety of pathways available to them after leaving Highlands School, and who better to showcase 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: <u>Highlands School Alumni</u> or alternatively scan the QR code below.

More information is on our <u>website</u> and if you have any questions please contact our Alumni Programme Manager at Future First: Tara Human – <u>tara.human@futurefirst.org.uk</u>



NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget

If you take part in any of the opportunities posted onto Google Classroom including virtual events, and any other career related emailed to you, you must inform Mrs Laurenzi to complete the relevant form.

Work Experience Reminder

Date of work experience: Monday 17th - Friday 21st June 2024

To do: Continue contacting potential employers email CV - cover letter - visit in person. Register with Changing Education either with the app or browser Username received from <u>workexperience@changingeducation.co.uk</u> create your own password.

Create your own password. Once you have found a private placement upload the details in Placement Summary and submit a self placement application. Employer will be notified to complete the liability insurance details.



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