



Highlands School Newsletter

17 October 2025



Dear parents and carers,

On Monday this week we held our open evening. Hundreds of your children came to school to give prospective year 7 students and their families tours, or to help in departments. I watched hearts being dissected in science, bands performing in music and artwork and food being produced in front of our guests. It was a great evening, you should be very proud of the students who supported us. At the evening we shared this year's promotional video, you can see it [here](#), should you wish to watch it.

The first of the six half terms of the academic year ends today. Overall term has started well; our no smartphone policy for year 7 students has been excellently observed; attendance overall is up on this time last year; our focus on trouser and skirts has seen a significant improvement in uniform standards; and the sixth form has made a great start to the year, even with record number of students choosing to study with us this year. All of these things are only possible with your support, thank you.

Have a good two week break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 3rd November.

Mr McInerney, Headteacher.

Key dates for next half term:

- Monday 3rd November: first day of new half term (students return to school)
- Wednesday 12th November: sixth form open evening
- Thursday 13th November: late start following sixth form open evening
- Friday 14th November: HPFA musical bingo night
- Wednesday 19th November: year 13 parents' evening
- Wednesday 10th December: year 9 parents' evening
- Thursday 11th December: winter music concert
- Friday 19th December: end of term (half day)



Year 7 Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our school's open evening this week! It was wonderful to see so many families and students visiting our classrooms, meeting our staff, and experiencing the vibrant atmosphere of our school.

We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did and look forward to welcoming you in September 2026! Watch our Open Evening highlights on [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).



Year 7 form time champions

A huge congratulations to 7RHG who have been crowned the year 7 form time champions for this term. They are the top form group with the best attendance, highest achievement points and lowest concern points.

Well done to you all.





Highlands Sixth Form Open Evening - 12th November

We're excited to announce that our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on **Wednesday 12th November from 5.30 - 8.30pm**. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore what makes our sixth form so successful - currently ranked 47th among state school sixth forms in England and 106th out of 4,352 sixth forms nationwide. Please make sure to register in advance to secure your place.

For more information please visit our [website](#) or click [here](#) to register for the event.

[Highlands School and Sixth Form prospectus](#)



A level Gold Award

We're delighted to share that our 2025 sixth form exam results place us in the top 25% of schools and colleges nationally for value-added progress!

This is an incredible achievement that reflects the dedication and hard work of our students and staff. Well done to everyone!





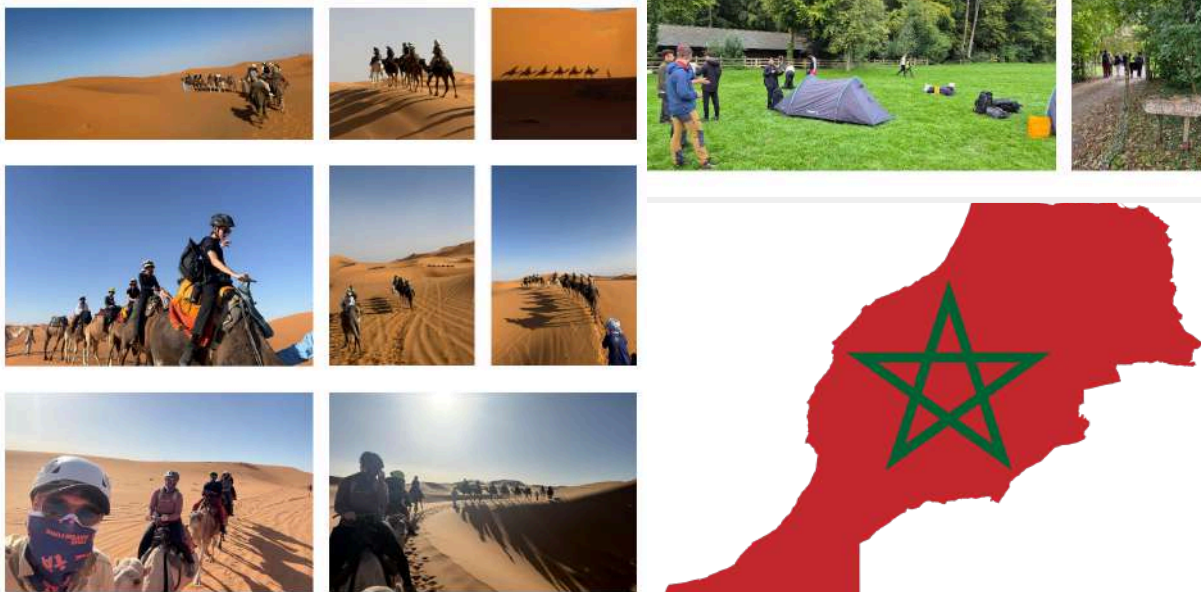
Black History Month special feature newsletter

To round up all the amazing ways we've celebrated Black History Month this year at Highlands, please read our [special feature newsletter!](#) It highlights this year's inspiring theme, "Standing Firm in Power and Pride," and celebrates the remarkable individuals who have helped change the world and shape its perceptions through courage, creativity, and leadership.



Morocco 2025

A group of our students have been in Morocco this week, taking part in exciting project work while fully embracing the country's vibrant culture, delicious food, and unforgettable experiences. From community projects to cultural discoveries, they've been making the most of every moment. You can follow their journey and see what they've been getting up to on our Morocco [website](#).





U13 Middlesex Cup

On Thursday the U13 girls' football team played their first game of the season in the Middlesex cup away at Mulberry Academy Woodside. For the year 7s in the team, this was their first game for Highlands.

We began strongly with Nicole scoring in the first minute of the game, goals from Poppy, Bella B and Natalie put us 4-0 up within 5 minutes. From there we continued to dominate until the end, winning the game 11-0.

Goal scorers: Nicole (3), Poppy (3), Natalie (2), Molly, Bella & Persie.

Player of the match chosen by Mulberry Academy: Natalie.

What a brilliant start to the season girls, we are very proud of you all. We hope this is the first win of many.

Due to a kit clash we played this game in 'Rowan' red. If anyone would like to sponsor an alternative kit for our girls' team please email in and let us know.

Mrs Walters



Year 8 boys football league

On Thursday 15th October, the Highlands year 8 boys' football team entertained Southgate in their third league game of the season. After a previous loss to Winchmore, the boys were eager to get back to winning ways and started brightly with a first half hat-trick by Pav P. Three further goals in the second half saw Highlands win 6-1 at full time.

Players of the match: Pav P, Thomas S and Alex B

Highlands 6-1 Southgate

Mr Avann



Highland student races to world success!

Neo Loizou in year 10 has been competing nationally in the DRS (Daniel Ricciardo Series) for several years and achieved an impressive 4th place in this season's championship. His success earned him an invitation to the Easy Kart World Finals in Italy, where he raced for a week, qualified for the A final, and finished an outstanding 22nd in the world out of 64 drivers. Go Neo!



Crowned 2025 WKO National K1 Champion!

We're delighted to share that Priya Jangra in year 9 has achieved 1st place and been crowned the 2025 WKO National K1 Champion in kickboxing! This incredible accomplishment reflects Priya's dedication, strength, and hard work.

We're so proud of her outstanding success and the example she sets for others.

Go Priya!





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's Award is proudly presented to the following students.



- **Marianna Palikaros 10WMP:** Awarded for demonstrating exceptional dedication in her preparation for the history GCSE, consistently going above and beyond by undertaking additional work, even at this early stage of the course.
- **Samara Walker 11WJQ, Sofia Karaolis 11OSM, James Tyrimos 11RCG, Moisis Paraskeva 10BAM, Zehra Besler 11WJQ and Marcus Marfici 10WMP:** Awarded for consistently approaching their GCSE History studies with enthusiasm, diligence, and a commendable attitude, both in the classroom and through their efforts at home.
- **Dylan Ebberson 7RNC:** Awarded for showing extreme acts of kindness to his peers and to the general public.
- **Isis Crawford 11RCG, Lois Anosike 11WCM and Sienna Morgan Jones 8BHV:** Awarded for presenting the Black History Month : Standing Firm in Power and Pride presentations in assemblies.
- **Matthew Lam 9RJG:** Awarded for bringing a lanyard that he found at a bus stop far away from school.
- **Elena Guidice 13BAS, Lois Anosike 11WCM, Bibiana Edwards 10BBK, Freddie Smith 9BEF, Micah Codrington 10WMP, Giles Obeng 10BAM, Ruby Walford 10RAB, James Butcher 11OSM, Amelia Marrison-Claffey 11BLM, Khloey Ferreira 7OPH and Tyanna Ferreira 10OAC:** Awarded for playing the piano throughout the evening for Open Evening.
- **Alea Kransniqi 8BHV:** Awarded for demonstrating remarkable resilience and approaching every situation with a positive attitude and exceptional determination. Unwavering commitment to kindness and respect while overcoming their own challenges.
- **Zehra Besier 11WJQ:** Awarded for assisting with the Ed-Extra class (Art Attack) every week and is a great help.



- **John Weafer 9RJG** and **Matthew Lam 9RJG**: Awarded for their exemplary behaviour on open evening representing English.
- **April Clydesdale 10RAB**: Awarded for showing exceptional kindness and helping out a fellow student.
- **Regan Arun 7RNC**, **Tess Rowswell 7RNC**, **Elena Guidice 13BAS** and **Joseph Brooks 13RHK**: Awarded for their outstanding presentation at this year's Open Evening event.
- **Maya Muller 8BHV**, **Mark Bates 8BHV**, **Zachary Boughton 8BHV**, **Ioanna Hoxha 8BHV**, **Miguel Inqui Dia 8BHV**, **Taylan Johnson-Nortey 8BHV**, **Hayal Karakas 8BHV**, **Sienna Morgan Jones 8BHV**, **Emilio Paphitis 8BHV**, **Melissa Pedder 8BHV**, **Arfah Shoaib 8BHV** and **Anya Trivedi 8BHV**: Awarded for their fantastic work walking around the museum and on public transport - showcasing our DARE values.
- **Archie Avery 7OPH**: Awarded for leading the group around Cheshunt for the DARE Days activity at Herts Young Mariners - Amazing map reading skills.
- **Matthew Morawski 7RNC** and **Victoria Terziyska 7RNC**: Awarded for having the best standing long jump at Herts Young Mariners on DARE Days.

Year 8 Italian Renaissance title pages

The year 8 students have created their *Italian Renaissance* title pages. Each piece showcases a wonderful blend of creativity, colour, and historical inspiration. It's fantastic to see how thoughtfully the students have captured the spirit of the Renaissance through their designs. Well done, year 8!





School announcements

Lost property

Please click [here](#) for a list of lost property received since the start of term. If your child has lost anything listed, or any other item, please ask them to check with the school office, as things arrive daily. All items being claimed will need to be identified by the student. Please can we also remind parents/carers to label all uniform and belongings so we can get items back to students as quickly as possible.

Flu immunisations - catch up session - Friday 7th November

The Immunisation Team were at Highlands today to carry out Flu vaccinations for students in Years 7-11. They will be returning to Highlands on Friday 7th November for a catch up session. To give consent for your child to have this vaccine, please click on the [link](#).

If your child is having the vaccination please ensure they have eaten breakfast and that they bring a drink of water to school.

School lettings

We're excited to announce that a new lettings company, **School Hire and Functions Ltd**, is now managing all our venue bookings - including the astro, courts, field, main hall, and various rooms within the school. They've already received a high volume of bookings for the next three months, so be sure to get in touch soon if you're interested. We will also be installing floodlights on the astro during half term.

For all booking enquiries, please contact **Jo Bukin, Director**, at **07855 042027** or email: school.hire@yahoo.co.uk. You can also find more details at www.school-hire.com

Highlands School
148 Worlds End Lane, London, N21 1QQ
Modern and spacious facilities to hire for community events, sports groups, dance and drama classes, language school, tutoring services...and more!

4G Astro pitch
Drama studios
Sports hall
Mirrored dance studio
Classrooms
Outside spaces

CONTACT TODAY
07855042027



House weekly winners

This week's winner is the house with the highest achievement points minus concern points plus the points from the department competitions. Congratulations to **Willow**.

	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive points	9,877	9,929	12,105	11,110
Negative points	-406	-356	-338	-360
Points overall	9,471	9,573	11,767	10,750
English bookmark competition				1,000
Year 7 art flashcard competition		1,000		
Year 7 MFL competition				1,000
D&T food: pasta salad		1,000		
Overall points	9,471	11,573	11,767	12,750

House half term winners

Congratulations to **Rowan** on being crowned this half term's winning house.

	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Points overall	52,524	54,434	62,719	55,789
Attendance	7,860	7,860	8,050	7,900
Points for applying for student leadership roles	5,600	6,000	5,900	5,900
Y7 bookmark comp				1,000
Y7 art flashcards		1,000		
Y7 MFL competition				1,000
Y8 D&T food competition		1,000		
	65,984	70,294	76,669	71,589



Top students in year 7

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
James	Saat	7BJC	B	96
Rudy	Sadiq	7BJC	B	95
Zahra	Hazzan	7BJC	B	91
Nicole	Panayi	7RHG	R	90
Abigail	Hobley	7BJC	B	89
Hermione	Smith	7RNC	R	88
Rheo	Ahmet	7BJC	B	87
Inaaya	Miah	7RHG	R	87
Tess	Rowswell	7RNC	R	85
Haru	Mclune Henry	7BJC	B	84
Alya	Dirik	7BJC	B	84

Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Nieve	Pratt	8WEF	W	85
Gwilym	Jenkins-Green	8BAS	B	80
Selin	Ozturk	8WEL	W	76
Joseph	Demetriou-Williams	8WEF	W	75
Lilah	Zekayi	8WEL	W	74
Orhan	Ekiz	8WEL	W	74
Iyla	Shah	8WEL	W	71
Helin	Kekec	8WEL	W	67
Zoe	Mathews	8BHV	B	63
Isabella	Kasamias	8RAC	R	63

Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Alexa	Nicolau	9RGA	R	64
Sibora	Myftari	9WMT	W	62
Hannah	Gibbons	9WSW	W	62
Alexandra	Koneva	9RGA	R	61
Holly	Ireland	9ODM	O	60
Yashar	Ismailoglu	9RGA	R	60
Kristina	Suli	9BLR	B	58
Elektra	Taylor	9RGA	R	58
Syerah	Islam	9WSW	W	58
Seren	Carlisle	9WMT	W	57



Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
India	Barron	10BBK	B	69
Alexandra	Roszkowska	10WNK	W	65
Sena	Oguz	10WNK	W	63
Maria	David	10BAM	B	54
Sophie	Rooke	10WNK	W	52
Faye	Etuazim	10WNK	W	51
Kaelyn	Beisty	10WNK	W	50
Emily	Newton	10RAB	R	48
Ethan	Martindale	10RAB	R	48
Tajjah	Green-Barban	10WNK	W	48

Top students in year 11:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Amelia	Marrison-Claffey	11BLM	B	51
Cooper	Ireland	11BLM	B	49
Betul	Cardak	11RJC	R	49
Zehra	Besler	11WJQ	W	49
Megi	Vreto	11WJQ	W	49
Duru	Ozkaya	11ODC	O	47
Valentino	Macdonald	11RJC	R	47
Lucia	Manescu	11RJC	R	47
Chinyere Lois	Anosike	11WCM	W	45
Nisa	Tekic	11WCM	W	45

Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Lucy	Lord	12RSL	R	47
Sofia	Betancur Mesa	12BCR	B	39
Evie	Lockwood	12WTA	W	37
Daniel	Lam	12RSL	R	33
Melek Deniz	Ural	12BJT	B	31
Ellia	Saat	12BJT	B	29
Grace	Linnane	12BJT	B	27
Lily Mae	Beisty	12WBS	W	27
Mason	Newton	12WBS	W	27
Haris	Rahman	12WTA	W	27



Top students in year 13:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Sophie	Gerrish	13RJB	R	36
Ryan	Rhatigan	13WAD	W	34
Alicia	Seewooruttun	13BTD	B	28
Jessica	Reidy	13BAS	B	22
Nathan	Fisher	13OAL	O	21
Daisy	Warner	13RHK	R	21

CROSS COUNTRY LONDON YOUTH GAMES 2025
Represent Team Enfield!

WHERE?
Saturday 8th November
Parliament Hill, Hampstead Heath

WHO?
Boys and girls
Under 11 (Year 5 & 6)
Under 13 (Year 7 & 8)
Under 13 (Year 9 & 10)
Under 17 (Year 11 & 12)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER
Monday 20th October

HOW TO SIGN UP?
Scan the QR code and submit your best park run time or another established run time which can be verified

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
All athletes need to live or go to school in London Borough of Enfield

0204 534 2661 | www.activeenfield.uk | sport@enfield.gov.uk

CODING CLUB

EVERY MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL
ALL YEAR GROUPS
IN UC3
STARTING 3RD NOVEMBER



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](#) and if you have any questions please contact our Alumni Programme Manager at Future First: Faithia Garffus – faithia.garffus@futurefirst.org.uk

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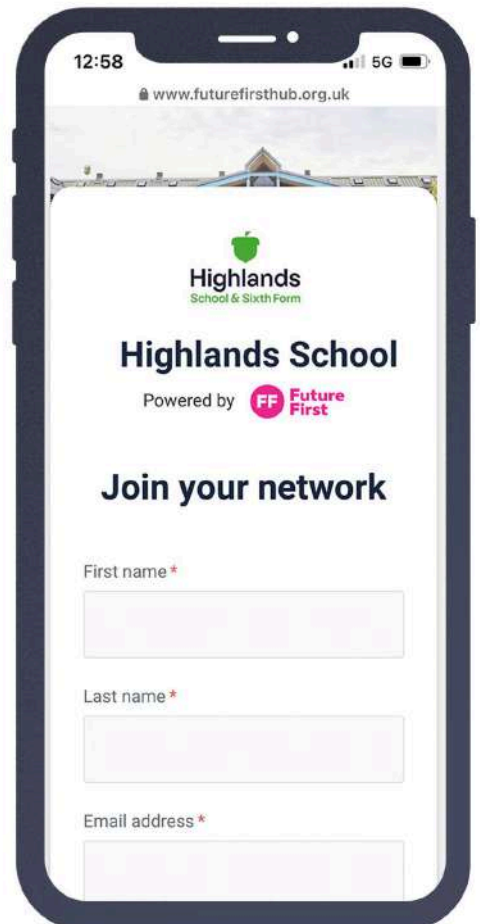
Scan the QR code to join the Alumni network

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.

Once you're signed up there is no obligation to volunteer, you can get involved around your availability.





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
South West London	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0300 555 1000
	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
ONLINE 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

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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