



# Highlands School Newsletter

05 December 2025



Dear parents and carers,

This week has been a busy one at Highlands with inter house competitions coming thick and fast. On Monday we had the year 9 football for boys and girls, throughout the week in assemblies we had Christmas quizzes for each year group and we had the Beech bake sale. I particularly hope the year 7s enjoyed their first ever quiz, and well done to those year 7 students for volunteering to take part without quite knowing what they were letting themselves in for! Congratulations to all the winning teams and a special mention should go to the year 10 Willow team who have now won a record four consecutive quizzes, some by very large margins.

Next week we have Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day on Tuesday and then, on Thursday, we have our Winter Music Concert. I hope lots of you will come along to see the wonderful musical and drama performances we have in store!

Have a great weekend,

Mr McInerney, Headteacher.

Key dates for this half term:

- Tuesday 9th December: Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
- Wednesday 10th December: year 9 parents' evening
- Thursday 11th December: Winter Music Concert
- Friday 19th December: end of term (half day)



## The HPFA Winter Raffle is coming soon

Our much-loved HPFA Winter Raffle is back! This year's prizes are bigger and better than ever, with a Samsung Full HD 40" TV (T5300) as the top prize. You'll also find free personal training sessions, beauty treatment vouchers, LEGO sets, games, craft sets, and plenty more still to come. [Here](#) is the link to buy your raffle tickets. Good luck!

**Tickets are £2 each**, and the winning tickets will be drawn on **16th December**.

We're also appealing for prize donations of gifts or services from our wonderful community to support our HPFA fundraising efforts. If you or your business can contribute - whether it's a voucher, experience, or product - we'd love to hear from you. Your generosity helps us raise vital funds and makes this event a highlight of the Highlands calendar!



## HPFA Music Bingo Night

Our wonderful HPFA hosted this year's Music Bingo Night, and what an incredible event it was - lively, fun, and full of brilliant energy from start to finish. With plenty of music, laughter, and community spirit, the evening brought everyone together for a fantastic cause. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the night, the school raised an amazing **£757.44**.





## Inter house quizzes

The first inter house quizzes of the year took place, bringing a fun and festive atmosphere to the competition. Students tackled a mix of general knowledge questions, with Mr McInerney proudly wearing his traditional Christmas hat to set the tone.

Well done to all the winning teams!



## Year 7



1st: **Beech**, joint 2nd: **Oak** and **Rowan** and 4th: **Willow**

## Year 8



1st: **Rowan**, joint 2nd: **Beech** and **Willow** and 4th: **Oak**



## Year 9



1st: Willow, 2nd: Oak 3rd: Rowan and 4th: Beech

## Year 10



1st: Willow, 2nd: Rowan, joint 3rd: Oak and Beech



## Year 11



1st: **Beech**, 2nd: **Oak**, 3rd: **Rowan** and 4th: **Willow**

## Year 12



1st: **Rowan**, 2nd: **Beech** and joint 3rd: **Willow** and **Oak**



## Year 13



**1st: Rowan, 2nd: Oak, 3rd: Willow and 4th: Beech**

## Year 7 geography house competition

For the year 7 geography competition, students had to name as many countries in the world as possible using the Sporcle website. It was out of 197 countries.

**1st place:** RP in 7BJC - scored full marks! 197 out of 197

**2nd place:** AA in 7OPH - scored 193 out of 197

**3rd place:** Josh Samarasekera in 7WTH - scored 119 out of 197

**1st: Beech, 2nd: Oak, 3rd: Willow and 4th: Rowan**



## Upcoming house events

### Inter house football

- **Year 8:** Monday 8th December (1:40pm - 2:10pm).

**Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch:** Tuesday 9th December

### Bake sale

- **Oak** bake sale: Wednesday 10th December.

### Cultural Cuisine Day

- **Mexican Cuisine Day - Oak:** Thursday 11th December.



## Year 9 inter house football

The year 9 inter house football competition took place this week, ending in an exciting final where Rowan secured a 1–0 win against Oak. Their victory earns them 4,000 points and the trophy - well done, Rowan!



Boys: 1st: **Rowan**, 2nd: **Oak**, 3rd: **Beech** and 4th: **Willow**

The girls' inter house football final saw Oak secure a fantastic 3 - 0 victory over Rowan. Their dominant performance earns them the house points and the trophy - a brilliant achievement. Well done, Oak!



Girls: 1st: **Oak**, 2nd: **Rowan**, 3rd: **Beech** and 4th: **Willow**



## Beech bake sale

Beech hosted its bake sale this week, offering everything from yummy cake pops to chocolate, Christmas cookies, and every treat looked absolutely delicious! Thank you to everyone who donated and contributed to the sale. Beech raised an amazing **£251.82**, which will go towards their chosen charity this year, The World Food Programme.



## Student artwork proudly showcased at the Saatchi Gallery

Stella Christodoulou in year 7 and her twin recently visited the Saatchi Gallery to see their artwork proudly exhibited as part of the *Disabled in Enfield* project.

Working with neurodivergent artists - including in recognition of Stella's autistic twin, they created a powerful piece combining spoken poetry with a digitally photographed image of the ear, symbolising voice and identity.

The work went on to win a competition and is now on display at the Saatchi Gallery until January 2026.

During their visit, the twins were also interviewed by the artists involved. A wonderful achievement - well done to them both!





## Year 12 Art in Action trip

Year 12 fine art and photography students visited *Art in Action* at the Emmanuel Centre in London, gaining insight and inspiration from an impressive line-up of guest speakers.

The day featured renowned photographer Martin Parr, award-winning artist and painter Fraser Scarfe, ceramic specialist Duncan Hooson, and celebrated sculptor Rachel Whiteread.

Students enjoyed hearing about each artist's creative journey and professional practice, making it a valuable and enriching trip for all.



## Year 10 boys football

### Highlands 3-3 Edmonton County

On Monday 1st December, the year 10 boys' football team played their penultimate league game of the season at home under our new floodlights against Edmonton County. In a clash of the top two teams, there were plenty of classy goals scored with Conrad scoring a fantastic hat-trick, including a last minute penalty.

The boys' last league game of the season is on 9th December at home against Laurel Park.

Players of the match: **Conrad Berndes** and **Tish Patel**.



*Players of the match: Conrad Berndes and Tish Patel.*

**Mr Avann**



## CyberFirst Girls 2025-26 update

Congratulations to our seven year 8 CyberFirst Girls on being chosen to *Step Up, Log In and Level Up* with Cyber challenges from the National Cyber Security Centre!

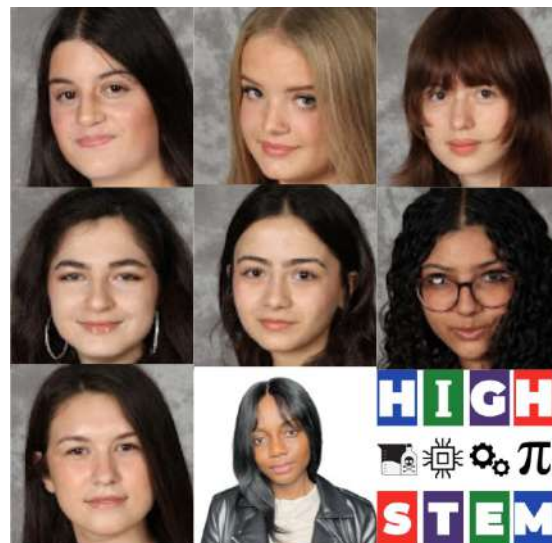
They will be working on the challenge over 10 days to crack codes, solve puzzles, decode riddles and more! If you see these pupils around school please cheer them on! Beth R, Na'Rae R, Katherine K, Sewal G, Zoe M, Maya M and Megan K.



## Computing science scholars

Congratulations to the following year 12 students who successfully gained a spot on the competitive 7-week Scholars Programme run by The Brilliant Club.

- Belkisa Cota
- Parla Ghanipour
- Ozgenaz Ozsoy
- Darcy Dundridge
- Nicole Zeka
- Amelie Soon
- Ereni Zaki



The programme will be run by Dr Lois Wakili who is a Data Scientist/AI Researcher and their project is 'Strength Training Reimagined with Artificial Intelligence (AI)'.



## Highlands Winter Concert

Our Winter Concert will be taking place on **Thursday 11th December at 6:00pm.**

Tickets to the event can be purchased on ParentPay, we hope to see you all there.



## Christmas lunch - Tuesday 9th December

Our Christmas lunch will be served on **Tuesday 9th December**, and you definitely won't want to miss it!

A delicious festive meal is planned, full of all your seasonal favourites.

Make sure you join us for a tasty celebration to get into the Christmas spirit.





## Christmas jumper day at Highlands

On Tuesday 9th December, we're inviting students and staff to wear a Christmas-themed jumper in place of their school jumper while still attending in full school uniform, including blazers.

A £1 donation can be made to support our whole-school charity, Highlands Green.

House points will also be awarded to everyone who gets involved.



## Dancers of the week

This week's dancers of the week are Chloe Hobley and Eliz Hamamci, a huge well done to you both!

**Miss Brown**



## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair took place this week, bringing plenty of excitement and enthusiasm to our school. It was wonderful to see so many students browsing, choosing new books, and enjoying the love of reading.

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased something and supported the event - together, we raised an amazing **£310.84.**





## Headteacher's 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.

- **Cristiano Keliris 7RNC, Anastasia Chrysanthou 7RNC and Emiliano Panayides 7RNC:** Awarded for exceptional performances of the Canterbury Tales poetry in the Chaucer unit in front of the whole class.
- **Nida Demirkaya 13RJB:** Awarded for helping her peers and teachers by showing them different techniques on the sewing machines.
- **Tejasvini Yogarajah 10RAB:** Awarded for showing determination in PE.
- **Aarav Shah 9RJG:** Awarded for his excellent practical skills in design and technology.
- **Anaiya Dhaliwal 10WNK, Aston Lyle 9RGA, Betsy Coneywood 9ORD, Blake Cunningham 7RHG, Chizzy Oguchienti 9WMT, Dylan Olaogun 9WSW, Filip Zinga 9WMT, Idris Osman 12WBS, Maya Muller 8BHV, Micah Codrington 10WMP, Morayo Olaogun 10ORF, Neriah Muhelele 13OAL, Nevaeh Watson Wright 10ORF, Niamh Synnott 8BAS, Noah Chavda 8BAS, Raphael Asoegwu 12BJT, Reuben Maple 8BAS, Rosie-Mae Lyle 7WTH, Sienna Brown 8BAS and Tristan Lewis 9BEF:** Awarded for their outstanding contribution to the 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride' presentation evening.
- **Fatmanas Kutlubay 7WDD:** Awarded for her continuous effort and hard work.





## 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.

### Notifying the school of student appointments

If your child has an appointment scheduled during school hours, please ensure you notify us promptly by emailing [postbox@highlearn.uk](mailto:postbox@highlearn.uk) for years 7-11 and [sixthform@highlearn.uk](mailto:sixthform@highlearn.uk) for years 12-13 or by phoning us on the day of the appointment.

Your notification must include the date of the appointment and the exact time the student needs to leave school. Where possible, please also attach or provide proof of the appointment to the email.

To ensure your child is released smoothly from their lesson, please write a clear note on the appropriate day of your child's student planner, indicating the time they need to leave class. Students must show this planner note to their teacher to be excused from the lesson. They will then proceed to the school reception to officially sign out before being released to meet you at your pre-arranged location. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

### 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](mailto:school.hire@yahoo.co.uk). You can also find more details at [www.school-hire.com](http://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 inter house competitions. Congratulations to **Rowan**.

	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive points	4157	4752	6820	4610
Negative points	-436	-400	-271	-375
<b>Points overall</b>	3,721	4,352	6,549	4,235
Year 9 inter house football	4,000	7,000	7,000	2,000
Inter house quizzes	18,000	17,000	22,000	17,000
Year 7 geography competition	4,000	3,000	1,000	2,000
<b>Total Points</b>	33,442	35,704	<b>43,098</b>	29,470

### Top students in year 7

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Lovelle	Taylor	7RNC	R	68
Kendyl Abena	Fordjour	7RNC	R	60
Ibrahim	Gokpinar	7RNC	R	59
Khin	Zin	7RNC	R	58
Sapphire	Savva-Palmer	7RNC	R	57
Dane	Buhaescu	7RNC	R	56
Onesimus	Zakarias	7RHG	R	55
Cassandra	Norman	7RHG	R	55
Nicole	Panayi	7RHG	R	54
Javaeh	July-Clarke	7RHG	R	54

### Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Lilah	Zekayi	8WEL	W	45
Selin	Ozturk	8WEL	W	45
Vitaliia	Zakharchuk	8RAC	R	43
Arya	Arablou	8WEL	W	41
Iyla	Shah	8WEL	W	41
Eliz	Sekmen	8WEL	W	40
Selin	Erdogan	8RAC	R	39
Lucy	Smyth	8RAC	R	38
Jack	Mallyon	8RKM	R	38



**Top students in year 9:**

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Katie	Redmond	9RJG	R	35
Holly	Ireland	9ODM	O	31
Ali	Varli	9RGA	R	31
Summer	Mullooly	9RJG	R	31
Evie	Howlett	9WSW	W	30
Christine	Mawutor	9ODM	O	29
Ciara	Moore-McGowan	9WSW	W	29
Hannah	Gibbons	9WSW	W	28
Alexandra	Koneva	9RGA	R	27
Kunal	Das	9WSW	W	27

**Top students in year 10:**

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Theo	Crow	10OAC	O	32
Anaiya	Dhaliwal	10WNK	W	32
Siena	Jugurnauth	10WMP	W	28
Bibiana	Edwards	10BBK	B	26
Simra	Hassan	10OAC	O	24
Sophie	Rooke	10WNK	W	24
Annika	Trivedi	10WNK	W	23
Ria	Patil	10OAC	O	22
Kaelyn	Beisty	10WNK	W	22
Nurullah	Ozdemir	10WNK	W	22

**Top students in year 11:**

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Lorin	Varli	11ODC	O	20
Lucy	Kyriacou	11RCG	R	18
Nicole	Kozinos	11RJC	R	17
Jorja	Hodge	11RJC	R	17
Joseph	Casali	11RJC	R	16
Daniel	Horea	11RCG	R	14
Melisa	Angelova	11BLM	B	13
Sophie	Jones	11BLM	B	13
Louie	Lynch	11RJC	R	13



**Top students in year 12:**

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Daniel	Lam	12RSL	R	14
Paula	Shehu	12BCR	B	12
Sahara	Cakir	12BJT	B	12
Ethan	Samson	12BJT	B	12
Isaac	Mooney	12ODS	O	12
Isla	Kirkland	12RSL	R	12
Emma	Simon	12BCR	B	10
Eva	Chrysostomou	12BJT	B	10
Rafal	Kruczek	12ODS	O	10
Lily Mae	Beisty	12WBS	W	10
Idris	Osman	12WBS	W	10
Evie	Ferguson	12WTA	W	10

**Top students in year 13:**

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Neriah	Muhelele	13OAL	O	18
Jack	Dicker	13WAD	W	12
Aaron	Kiakoulanda	13RHK	R	10
Maria	Salamanca	13WAD	W	10



# 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](mailto:faithia.garffus@futurefirst.org.uk)

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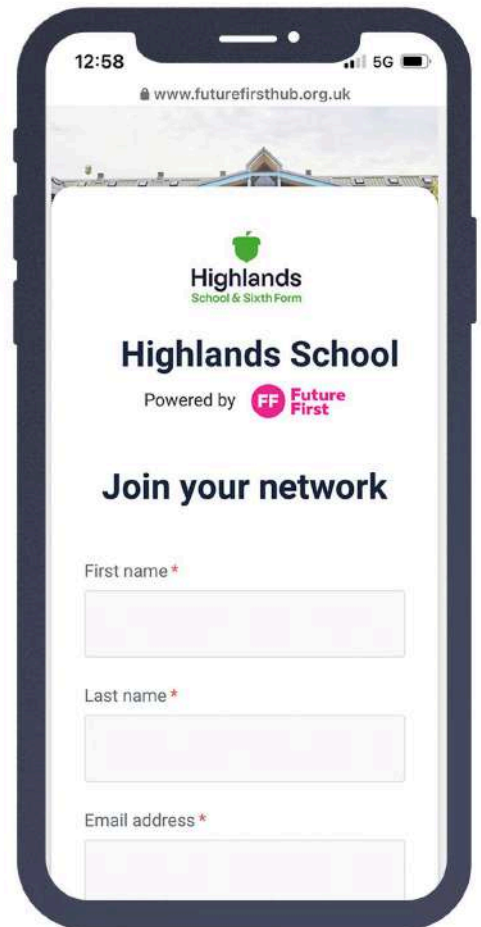


## Former student?

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

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

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

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>

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

**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](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

**Crisis Tools**

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

**PAPYRUS**

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

### Urgent and other support available

**childline**  
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](mailto: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](http://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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