



Highlands School Newsletter

8th May 2026



Dear parents and carers,

Today at Highlands we held two really special events, our year 11 celebration assembly and our year 13 pizza party. The assembly was a celebration of the five years our year 11 students have spent with us and included a performance from the year 11 band and a slide show of images of those students from their time at Highlands. At the end of the day we held the year 13 pizza party, when students who are leaving this summer came together with staff in the main hall to celebrate their time at Highlands. It is tradition that the year 13s wear their old school uniforms to this event and, because of the increase in external students applying to join Highlands in recent years, we had uniforms from schools across the borough represented! We are so proud of the students and the incredible journeys they have been on with us, and we know they will fulfil their potential in the upcoming exams.

Mr McInerney,
Headteacher

Key dates for this half term:

- Friday 22nd May: end of half term



Highlands' first computer science scholars

We are thrilled to announce that six of our talented year 12 students have successfully completed the Computer Science Scholars programme! Congratulations to Belkisa Cota, Parla Ghanipour, Ozgenaz Ozsoy, Amelie Soon, Ereni Zaki and Nicole Zeka who all achieved either class 1 (high distinction) or 2:1 (distinction) grades on their assignments.

This exciting new online initiative, launched in partnership with The Hg Foundation, is specifically designed to empower female and non-binary sixth form students to bridge the gap between school and high-level university Computer Science degrees.

A deep dive into higher education

Over the course of seven intensive tutorials, our students stepped out of the traditional classroom and into the world of academic research. Working in small groups, they collaborated directly with a PhD tutor - a university researcher who shared not only their technical expertise but also their passion for the frontiers of the field.

The programme was designed to be a rigorous "stretch and challenge" experience, pushing students well beyond the standard curriculum. It focused on three key pillars:

- **Academic excellence:** Developing the high-level research and analytical skills required at the undergraduate level.
- **Subject mastery:** Exploring complex topics that spark curiosity and innovation.
- **Confidence building:** Giving students a tangible sense of what it feels like to thrive in a university environment.

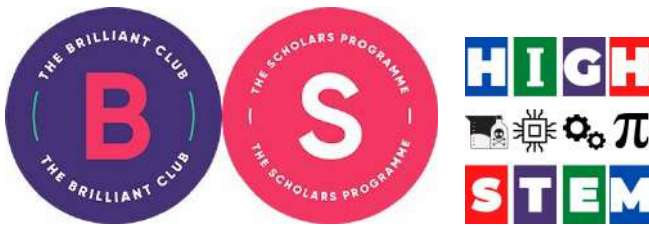




The final milestone

The programme culminated in a formidable final assignment: a 2,500-word research paper. These assignments were held to the highest standards, marked using the official university grading system to give students a realistic reflection of their progress and academic potential.

Completing this course is a significant achievement that demonstrates incredible dedication and intellectual curiosity. Please join us in congratulating these six scholars as they continue their journey toward becoming the future leaders of the tech industry!



Dr Len

Employers, we need you!

Want to inspire the next generation? Our year 12 students are eager to gain a taste of the real workplace, whether through a day of shadowing or a week of hands-on experience.

We are looking for businesses in finance, engineering, media, healthcare, education, legal, real estate and many other sectors willing to support our students with work experience opportunities.

If you can help, please get in touch at careers@highlearn.uk.

Thank you for supporting our students' futures!

Mrs Laurenzi





Highlands student selected for Cyprus Women's national rugby team

We are delighted to share some exciting news about one of our students, Georgia, who has been selected to join the newly formed Cyprus Women's National Rugby Team - a fantastic and historic achievement.

Georgia has played rugby for local club Old Grammarians for several years and has also been part of the Middlesex County Girls Development Team for the past two years. Her dedication, hard work and passion for the sport have now earned her a place on the national stage.

We are incredibly proud of Georgia and look forward to following her journey with the Cyprus Women's Rugby Team. Congratulations, Georgia!





Year 8 boys football

On Tuesday 5th May, the Highlands year 8 boys' football team played in the Enfield League final at home against a strong Winchmore team. An early goal from Pav gave Highlands a brilliant start. As the game went on Winchmore managed to score a few more goals than Highlands despite some excellent link up play and defending.

Overall, the boys finished second in the entire borough, which is a fantastic achievement in itself.

The PE department and school are extremely proud of you all.

Mr Avann



Annie - tickets on sale now!

Tickets for our upcoming production of *Annie* this June are now on sale. Don't miss what promises to be a fantastic show, brought to life by our talented students. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) and full event details can be found below.

- **Tuesday 23rd June at 7.30pm**
- **Wednesday 24th June at 1pm and 7.30pm**
- **Thursday 25th June 2026 at 7.30pm**





Neurodiversity assemblies

This week in assemblies, students took part in celebrations recognising Neurodiversity Week. Dr Tsoni delivered an insightful presentation exploring what neurodiversity is and highlighting that no two human brains are exactly alike.

The assemblies aimed to raise awareness, challenge perceptions and promote greater understanding and support for neurodivergent individuals across our school community.



Highlands' promotional photoshoot

A huge thank you to all of the year 7, year 12 and year 13 students who took part in this year's promotional photoshoot for our marketing materials. The students were absolutely fantastic throughout the day, showing confidence, enthusiasm and professionalism at every stage. Our professional photographer was incredibly impressed and commended the students for how well they represented Highlands School.





DARE Days - Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July

A reminder that the deadline for DARE days payments have passed, if you have not yet made payment, please do ASAP.

If payments are not made, then students will be invited to attend the alternative provision onsite, rather than going out with their year group and taking part in the fantastic opportunities and activities that we have planned.

If there is financial difficulties or support is needed then parents/carers need to email daredays@highlearn.uk

Below is a list of planned activities.

Wednesday 15th July is Highlands Activity Day. It is also the day the winning house for 2025/26 attends the Thorpe Park trip. The winner will be announced on Sports Day on **7th July**.

Year 7				
External activity			Internal activity	
London Zoo	Beech / Oak: Wednesday		MFL	Rowan / Willow: Wednesday
	Rowan / Willow: Thursday			Beech / Oak: Thursday
Year 8				
External activity			Internal activity	
V&A Museum	Beech / Oak: Wednesday		STE(A)M	Rowan / Willow: Wednesday
	Rowan / Willow: Thursday			Beech / Oak: Thursday
Year 9				
External activity			Internal activity	
Battlefields	Beech / Oak: Wednesday		D&T workshop	Rowan / Willow: Wednesday
	Rowan / Willow: Thursday			Beech / Oak: Thursday
Year 10				
External activity			Internal activity	
Go Ape	Beech / Oak: Wednesday		Employability workshop	Rowan / Willow: Wednesday
	Rowan / Willow: Thursday			Beech / Oak: Thursday



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:

- **Lucas Photi 9ORD** and **Selim Ozturk 9ORD**: Awarded for delivering an excellent maths presentation.
- **James Nicolaou 11RJC**: Awarded for volunteering to help a member of staff.
- **Israel Nortey 9RGA**: Despite facing challenges, Israel consistently demonstrates a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- **Kate Cevir 10BBK**, **Jayden Mankoto 10BBK**, **Giles Obeng 10BAM**, **Sienna Margolis 10WMP** and **Navid Mohammadaghaei 10BAM**: Awarded for consistent excellent work during maths.
- **Gaby Russell 11BSQ** and **James Butcher 11OSM**: Awarded for their outstanding dedication and effort throughout their time at Highlands School. Their commitment to success, attendance at intervention sessions and determination to achieve their very best in their GCSEs has been truly commendable.
- **Sienna Morgan-Jones 8BHV**, **Alex Piatkowska 8WEF**, **Niamh Synnott 8BAS**, **Beth Rognaldsen 8RAC**, **Dearbhla Higgins 8BAS**, **Alexia Symeou 8WEL**, **Ozlem Osman 8BAS**, **Lucja Drozd 8BAS** and **Jemimah Cherotich 8BHV**: Awarded for having a fantastic netball season winning both the Enfield League and tournament.
- **Sahara Cakir 12BJT** and **Baran Byndor 12WTA**: Awarded for their help with the LGBT assembly.
- **Belkisa Cota 12BCR**, **Parla Ghanipour 12OMA**, **Ozgenaz Ozsoy 12ODS**, **Amelie Soon 12BJT**, **Ereni Zaki 12WBS** and **Nicole Zeka 12BJT**: Awarded for successfully completing the Computer Science Scholars programme.
- **Alara Ali 7OFD**, **Casper Floyer 7BNI**, **Dilara Mehmet 7WTH**, **Floyd Smith 7BJC**, **Jaiden Daley 7OPH**, **James Bell 7RHG**, **Maximos Drikos 7WDD**, **Noah Sonubi 7WDD**, **Regan Arun 7RNC**, **Rheo Ahmet 7BJC**, **Savvas Georgiou 7WDD**, **Sefa Tekneci 7WTH**, **Skyler Weafer 7RHG**, **Tess Rowswell 7RNC**, **Yasemin Suleyman 7OPH** and **Alara Yilmaz 7RNC**: Awarded for their enthusiastic participation and excellent contribution to the year 7 promotional photoshoot, representing Highlands School with confidence and pride.





Highlands BHM badge winners

Congratulations to Nathan (7BJC) and Maya (8BHV), whose designs won the Highlands School Black History Month 2025 badge competition!

Their creative pin designs stood out among many fantastic entries submitted by students across the school. The winning badges will soon become part of a special collection of student-designed pins celebrating Black History Month at Highlands School.

Every October, Highlands School will continue this tradition by holding a new design competition for the following year's BHM pin - so keep an eye out for the 2026 competition!

Take a look at their amazing winning pin designs and celebrate the creativity and talent of our students.

Ms Maple





School announcements

Nut allergies

It has come to our attention that some students may on occasion be bringing in snacks which could contain nuts. As we have several people in school with nut allergies, we ask that parents check their child's packed lunch contents and speak to their child about not buying snacks on the way to school that may contain nuts. The school has an allergen/anaphylaxis policy, a copy of which is on the school website.

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 for years 7-11 and 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.

Lunch money

The school is getting an increasing number of students whose lunch accounts are not topped up regularly and they end up owing Chartwells, our canteen food provider, money for food they have taken. Please can parents ensure that their child's lunch account is checked daily if they want them to buy food in the canteen. We will be contacting home for any students who owe money to Chartwells.



Book donations wanted!

We would be very grateful for donations of books appropriate for 11 year olds that could be added to our library collection or shared with other students and schools.

Please can students bring their book donations to the library or leave them at reception.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Highlands Library

ENFIELD IGNATIANS RFC

GIRLS RUGBY OPEN EVENING

COME & GIVE RUGBY A TRY!
FUN. FRIENDLY. FOR EVERYONE.

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!

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20TH MAY**
6:00PM - 7:30PM

- GIRLS ONLY
- BRING A FRIEND
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DONKEY LANE, ENFIELD, EN1 3PL

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:
CHARLIE BAXTER
07930 336 210

ALL GIRLS WELCOME
YEAR 4 & UP!

JOIN US & GIVE RUGBY A TRY! ♥



House weekly winners

The winner is the house with the most positive points, minus negative points. Well done **Rowan**!

	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive points	3,976	4,170	4,606	5,801
Negative points	-276	-303	-240	-269
Points overall	3,700	3,867	4,366	5,532

Top students in year 7

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Krishiv	Pithia	7OPH	O	52
Emma	Varbanova	7RNC	R	50
Dilay	Yuksel	7OPH	O	49
Ayla	Dawson-Powell	7WDD	W	49
Dylan	Ebberson	7RNC	R	48
Elif	Bayram	7BJC	B	46
Jialin	Wei	7OPH	O	46
Hermione	Smith	7RNC	R	46
Jasmine	Mustafa	7RNC	R	46
Boris	Pinalev	7RNC	R	46
Grace	Eldred	7RNC	R	46
Melodi	Erbil	7WDD	W	46

Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Helin	Kekec	8WEL	W	47
Paul	Lambrou	8WEL	W	46
Isadora	Da Silva	8WEL	W	45
Joseph	Taylor	8WEL	W	44
Eliz	Sekmen	8WEL	W	43
Cameron	Brodie	8WEL	W	42
Eren	Mistiki	8RAC	R	40
Andrew	Stavrinou	8WEL	W	40
Lilah	Zekayi	8WEL	W	40
Berat	Karakurt	8WEL	W	39



Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Klea	Kambo	9WSW	W	40
Isabelle	Cooper-Fitzgerald	9WSW	W	40
Chloe	Williams	9ORD	O	39
Levi	Howard	9RJG	R	38
Aria	Arashvand	9WSW	W	37
Ava	Quinn	9WSW	W	37
Hazal	Mehmet	9ORD	O	33
Ciara	Moore-McGowan	9WSW	W	32
Florence	Holyomes	9WSW	W	32
Hannah	Gibbons	9WSW	W	32

Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Marianna	Pallikaros	10WMP	W	27
Abel	Kalaj	10WMP	W	22
Zulaikha	Chaudhry	10RAB	R	20
Nathan	Lemonious	10RCX	R	20
Amalia	LaMarca	10WMP	W	20
Nnaemeka	Onukaogu	10WNK	W	20
Mert	Aydemir	10BAM	B	19
Theo	Crow	10OAC	O	19
Chloe	Shi	10WMP	W	19

Top students in year 11:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Erkan	Varlik	11WJQ	W	22
Cora	Drysdale	11WJQ	W	21
Megi	Vreto	11WJQ	W	18
Alessandro	Miltiadous	11ODC	O	17
Lorin	Varli	11ODC	O	14
Amelia	Khan	11WCM	W	14
Asli	Cetin	11WJQ	W	14
Elias	Marinos	11WJQ	W	14
William	Thatcher	11WJQ	W	14
Kristina	Elia	11WJQ	W	14
Ryan	Emami	11WJQ	W	14



Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Evie	Ferguson	12WTA	W	12
Zaynab	Baig	12RSL	R	9
Isaac	Mooney	12ODS	O	8
Sakura	Daley	12ODS	O	8
Shaniyah	Areh	12OMA	O	8
Anastasia	Katz	12OMA	O	8
Eren	Nalbantoglu	12RCW	R	8
Junaid	Ejaz	12RCW	R	8
Grace	Gakhar	12RCW	R	8

Top students in year 13:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Rhea	Mehta	13RJB	R	8
Maria	Salamanca	13WAD	W	4

School lettings

School Hire and Functions Ltd manage all our bookings for hiring of the astro, sports hall, field, main hall, dance and drama rooms and general classroom hire. We have had new floodlights installed on the astro meaning we can now take bookings in the evenings during the winter months.

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

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- ✓ Classrooms
- ✓ Outside spaces



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](#) 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

#HighlandsAlumni



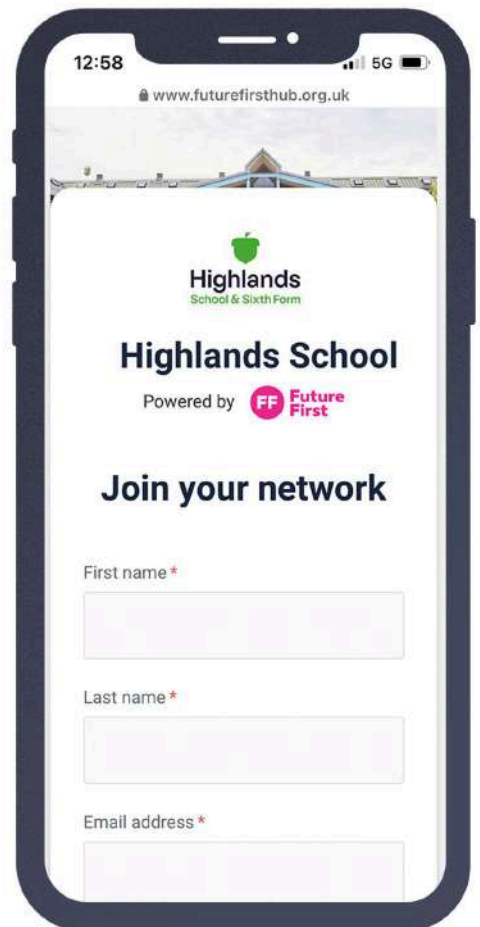
Scan the QR code to join the Alumni network

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](https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline)) 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
SOMEONE 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 call 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 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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