



Highlands School Newsletter

10th July 2026



Dear parents and carers,

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we had two enormously memorable days at Highlands. On Tuesday we held our annual sports day, which brings to a close the inter house competition. For the first time ever, sports day was drawn, with Rowan and Oak houses tying for first place. This meant that, in the overall inter-house competition, Rowan managed to pip Willow to the title and win the competition for the first time in four years. Congratulations to Rowan and I hope you have a good time at Thorpe Park.

Then, on Wednesday, the Highlands community came together to celebrate 25 years since the opening of our school. It was a truly memorable occasion, bringing together current and former students, staff, governors, as well as families and members of the local community to reflect on the school's journey and celebrate all that has been achieved since we opened our doors in 2000.

We enjoyed inspiring speeches from Councillor Chris Dey, former Highlands student, Paralympian and world record holder Anthony Bryan and Chair of Governors Matt Miller MBE. The celebration featured wonderful performances from Lily Theodorou and Mrs Miller, while Abel and Elena did an outstanding job as compères. Raphael in year 12 also delighted guests with his beautiful piano performance.

We were particularly honoured to receive a special video message from Sir Tony Blair, who officially opened Highlands 25 years ago.

Later the Mayor of Enfield, Cllr Emma Supple, buried a time capsule filled with memories and memorabilia representing Highlands in 2026. It will remain buried for the next 25 years before being opened by a future generation of Highlands students.

The celebrations continued with a lively festival, where guests enjoyed food and drinks served by local vendors, our houses ran charity stalls and there were steel pan performances and live music from our



school rock bands. Our wonderful house stalls raised £222.52 to split between their house charities, thank you to all of the families and guests for their support. Particular thanks should go to Ms Czapich, Ms Davies, Ms Husseyin and Ms Christofi for organising the event, to Ms Miller and Mr Hawkins for bringing together the musical performances and to our site and catering teams for their support.

We are proud to be a school serving our community and the wider borough of Enfield and the event was a fantastic afternoon filled with pride, laughter and community spirit. It was a fitting celebration of the people, memories and achievements that have shaped Highlands over the past 25 years. We look forward with excitement to the next 25 years of our school's history.

On page 3 are the arrangements for the first week of the next academic year. We will send a much more detailed end of term letter to parents next week, but I know some of you have been asking the school for arrangements for week one of the year.

We wrote to all parents about the school uniform for next year. You can click this [link](#) to read the letter again. The letter contains:

1. A summary of the school uniform for next year
2. Information on which items can be worn unbranded, in line with new Department for Education guidance
3. A reminder of our longstanding and ongoing commitment to purchase school uniform for any family that requests help, and information on how to do so.

Have a great weekend,

Mr McInerney,
Headteacher

Key dates for this term:

- Wednesday 15th July: Thorpe Park trip for winning house and activity day for other students
- Friday 17th July: final day students are in school (normal finish time 3:15pm)
- Monday 20th July: home learning day, work set on Google Classroom



Arrangements for the start of the next school year

Term dates

Please click [here](#) to view the full academic year 2026-27 term dates.

Arrangements for students returning to school

- **Tuesday 1st September:** Year 7 only. Details have been sent to families.
- **Wednesday 2nd September:** Year 7 and year 12 only. Details have been sent to families.
- **Thursday 3rd September:** Induction for all other students, see table below.

Arrangements for Thursday 3rd September. Lunch will not be served at school although year 7 students will be able to purchase a snack at breaktime.

Year Group	Arrival/Line Up	Assembly	Tutor time	Departure
8	8:30	08:40 - 09:10	09:15 - 10:30	10:30
9	9:00	09:15 - 09:45	09:50 - 11:00	11:00
10	9:40	09:50 - 10:20	10:25 - 11:40	11:40
11	10:15	10:25 - 10:55	11:00 - 12:15	12:15
13	9:50	11:20 - 11:50	10:00 - 11:10	11:50



Celebrating 25 years of Highlands





You can read more about our special 25 years of Highlands event in our [special feature newsletter](#).

Click [here](#) to read our special edition - 25 years of Highlands programme.

You can watch our [full length 25 year celebration video](#) and our [short reel](#), filmed and edited by year 12 student Sahara.

[You can also watch our social media highlights of the event on our instagram page](#)



Rowan crowned house champions 2026

Following the final points from Sports Day, all house points from across the academic year were totalled to determine this year's house champions. After an incredible year of competition, Rowan were crowned House Champions 2026.

It was a fiercely contested competition, with Willow pushing Rowan all the way to the finish. However, Rowan's outstanding performance on Sports Day secured the crucial points needed to claim the title. Their victory also cements their place in Highlands history, as they have now won the overall house competition more times than any other house since the competition began.

Congratulations to everyone in Rowan house on a fantastic achievement, and well done to all four houses for their determination, teamwork and house spirit throughout the year. Go Rowan! We hope you enjoy your well-earned reward at Thorpe Park next week - you've certainly earned it!





Sports Day 2026

Sports Day marked the final event in this year's house competition, with all four houses giving their all in a fantastic display of determination, teamwork and house spirit. There were impressive performances across every year group, with Rowan winning year 7, Oak taking victory in years 8 and 9, and Rowan coming out on top in year 10. In an incredible finish, and for the first time in the history of Highlands Sports Day, the overall competition ended in a dead heat, with Oak and Rowan sharing the Sports Day 2026 title. It was a fitting end to an exciting day of competition and a wonderful celebration of sporting excellence and house pride.

To view highlights from our sports day, view our [Sports Day highlights link](#) on our Instagram page or our [sports day reel](#).





Enfield Borough Athletics Championships 2026

On Monday 6th July, a selected group of athletes from Highlands took part in the annual Enfield borough athletics championships at Lee Valley Athletics Stadium. Despite the hot weather, all of the Highlands athletes performed exceptionally well and displayed raw determination, grit and focus to perform their best. As a PE department and school, we are extremely proud of every student who competed.

See the list of students below who medalled in their event(s).

Year 7 girls:

- Persie La Marca - Bronze - 1500m
- Sophie Winter-Taylor - Bronze - 100m
- Sophie Winter -Taylor - Silver - Long jump
- Nicole Panayi, Demmi Colthurst, Sophie Winter-Taylor, Mia March - Silver - Relay
- Mia March - Gold - 800m
- Tess Rowswell - Silver- Discus

Year 7 boys:

- Matthew Morawski - Silver - Discus

Year 8 girls:

- Alex Piatkowska - Bronze - 100m
- Maria Hambi - Bronze - 200m
- Jemimah Cherotich - Bronze - 800m
- Jemimah Cherotich - Gold - Long Jump

Year 9 girls:

- Erin Eastwood - Gold - 800m
- Sibora Myftari - Silver - Discus

Year 9 boys:

- Mark Vilafranca - Silver - Shot put
- Israel Nortey - Gold - High jump

Inter girls:

- Stephanie Berko - Gold - High jump
- Faye Etuazim - Silver - 100m
- Beatrice Afhim - Bronze - 1500m
- Faye Etuazim, Leah Evans, Stephanie Berko, Lexie Cullen - Bronze - relay
- Faye Etuazim - Silver - shot put



Inter boys:

- Jackson Benbow - Gold - 400m
- Jackson Benbow - Bronze - Triple jump

Overall:

- Year 7 Girls - 2nd
- Year 7 Boys - 10th
- Year 8 Girls - 5th
- Year 8 Boys - 9th
- Year 9 Girls - 5th
- Year 9 Boys - 8th
- Inter Girls - 4th
- Inter Boys - 8th

Overall out of 16 schools, Highlands finished 2nd with a total points tally of 251.

PE department





Year 9 & 10 Rounders Enfield League Champions

On Wednesday, the year 9/10 rounders team played their final game of the season against Lea Valley Academy. With both teams unbeaten throughout the season, this match would decide the league champions.

Lea Valley put Highlands into bat first, and 2½ rounders from Hannah, along with some outstanding fielding from the team, helped Highlands take a 6½–4½ lead at half-time. In the second innings, Bibiana scored 1½ rounders, while several other team members made valuable contributions to help Highlands finish on a total of 14 rounders, leaving Lea Valley needing 10 rounders to claim the title.

A superb diving catch from Evie, combined with another excellent fielding performance from the team, restricted Lea Valley to 7 rounders, securing a fantastic 14–11½ victory and crowning Highlands borough champions!

The team has played outstanding rounders throughout the season. Their motivation has been exceptional, they have consistently supported and encouraged one another, and they have represented Highlands with pride. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach this team this year. Congratulations to everyone involved on a fantastic achievement!

Mrs Walters





Year 7 & 8 Enfield Borough Rounders Final

Congratulations to the year 7 and 8 rounders team, who played in the Enfield Borough Rounders Finals today.

The team took on AIM in the semi-final and demonstrated some very impressive batting, winning 17–8. Top scorer Tess led the way with three rounders.

Highlands then faced a strong Lea Valley team in the final, having lost to them earlier in the season. With some clinical fielding and excellent bowling from Mia, the team produced a fantastic performance to win 10.5–8.5, crowning them Enfield Borough champions!

We are incredibly proud of the whole team. Congratulations on a fantastic achievement!

Miss Berrill





London youth Games - hockey

Arthur Butcher in year 7 proudly represented Enfield at the London Youth Games hockey tournament on 4 July, showcasing his talent on the regional stage. He was joined by fellow Highlands student Fyfe Kelly in year 8, who was also selected to represent the Enfield team. Congratulations to both students on this fantastic achievement – we are incredibly proud of them.



Artistic Swimming Combo Cup 2026

Congratulations to Eirene, who, alongside her team Aquavision, won the bronze medal in the Youth category at the Swim England Artistic Swimming Combo Cup 2026. This fantastic achievement is a testament to the team's hard work, resilience and determination throughout the season, overcoming challenges including changes in coaches and welcoming new team members. We are incredibly proud of Eirene and the entire Aquavision team on this well-deserved success.





Interfaith Day

All year 10 students took part in the annual Interfaith panel as part of their core RS curriculum. We welcomed four different speakers from Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Buddhism to Highlands School and students had the opportunity to learn about the importance of their faith to their lives and what impact it has on them. Students learnt about core beliefs of each religion and had the chance to ask questions to the panel and hear responses from each of the speakers. Topics discussed included science and religion, life after death and the problem of evil and suffering.

Well done to year 10 for engaging in the day so positively and a big thank you to our visitors - Jonathan Bell from Grace Church Highlands, Tariq Sediq from Palmers Green mosque, Ratnaprabha from London Buddhist centre and Stephen Collins.





Speak to Lead - Woman of the Year

Speak to Lead, run by Sahara and Isaac, would like to thank its members Baran Y12, Emily Y10, Megan Y8, Kayla Y10, Stella Y7 and Dora Y7 for their excellent contributions to the sessions for their ideas and within the school community. They successfully held a Bake Sale, raising £115 for CALM, created a promotional video for the bake sale, and launched the *Woman of the Month* campaign, which can be seen in the library.

Speak to Lead will continue next academic year.



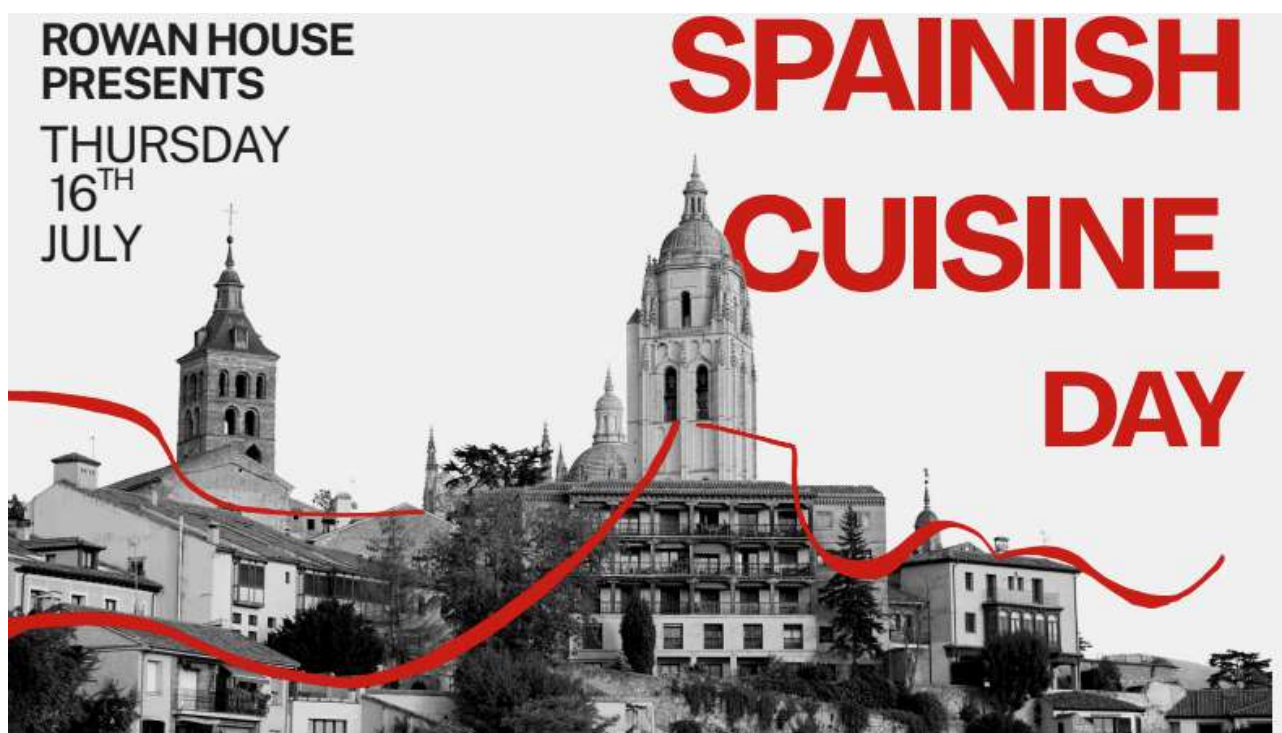


Headteacher award

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:

- **Alara Ali 7OFD and Meg Tyldesley 7OFD:** Awarded for achieving over 1,000 achievement points this year.
- **Ibrahim Gokpinar 8RKM, Stela Besimova 7RNC, Jazzy mustafa 7RNC, Grace Eldred 7RNC, Kendyl Fordjour 7RNC, Chan Zin 7RNC, Regan Arun 7RNC, Sapphire Savva-Palmer 7RNC, Dre Michael 7RNC, Xion Esdaille 7RNC and Alara Yilmaz 7RNC:** Awarded for their excellent contribution to the 25 years of Highlands celebration video.
- **Berat Karakurt 8WEL:** Awarded for assisting a member of the public whilst on a DARE Day.
- **Cayan Vural 7OPH, Tia Tanay 8WEF, Katie Redmond 9RRJG, Akeesa Gurubebila 9BEF, Simra Hassan 10OAC, Nathan Lemonious 10RCX, Georgia Kuvertaris 10RCX, Giles Obeng 10BAM, Skye Creary 12WBS and Mariah Brooks 12RSL:** Awarded for the amazing work they have put into their maths intervention lessons this school year.
- **Rafi Cimen 7WDD:** Awarded for recently achieving an incredible milestone by earning over 1,000 achievement points.
- **Arya Serkan 7WTH:** An excellent beginning to her journey at Highlands, excellent consistent behaviour and for being independent in her studies.
- **Amelia Miltiadous 8OMK and Tan Gabbana De Souza Roper 8OMK:** Awarded for their impressive printing work in art.





School announcements

Parenting programmes

[Click here](#) to view.

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.

If your child is missing any items, please ask them to come to the school office next week to check if we have them.

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.

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



The poster features a background image of the school's modern architecture with large glass windows. At the top center is a green apple logo. Below it, the text 'Highlands School' is written in a large, bold, dark blue font. Underneath, the address '148 Worlds End Lane, London, N21 1QQ' is displayed in a smaller, bold, black font. A line of text describes the facilities: 'Modern and spacious facilities to hire for community events, sports groups, dance and drama classes, language school, tutoring services...and more!'. Below this text are three circular images: the left one shows a brick building, the middle one shows a green sports field, and the right one shows the interior of a large hall with rows of green chairs. At the bottom, there is a green banner containing contact information and a list of facilities. On the left of the banner is a logo for 'SH & F' and text stating 'JOINING SCHOOL HIRE & FUNCTIONS LTD FROM 1st SEPTEMBER 2025'. Next to it is a white button with a green phone icon and the text 'CONTACT TODAY 07855042027'. To the right of the button is a list of facilities, each preceded by a green checkmark.

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- ✓ 4G Astro pitch
- ✓ Drama studios
- ✓ Sports hall
- ✓ Mirrored dance studio
- ✓ 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](https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk) or alternatively scan the QR code below.

More information is on our [website](https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk) and if you have any questions please contact our Alumni Programme Manager at Future First: Faithia Garffus – faithia.garffus@futurefirst.org.uk

#HighlandsAlumni



Former student?

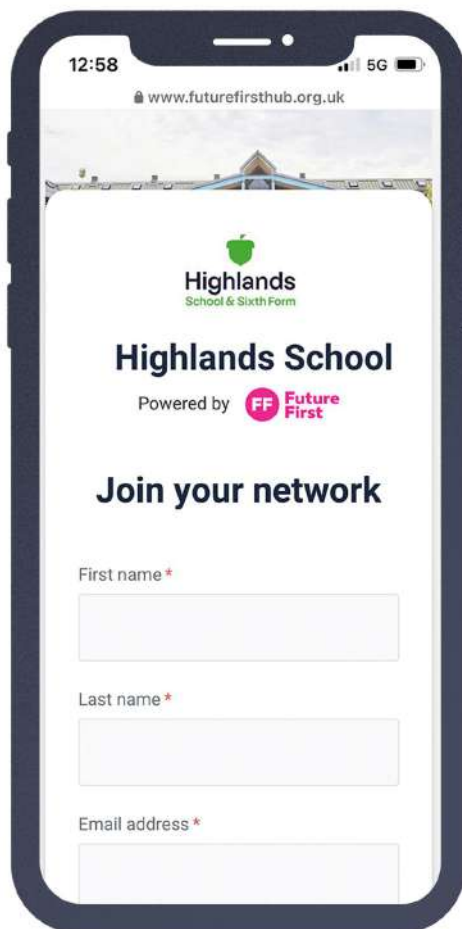
Return to Highlands School to inform our current students about what life beyond school is really like.

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.



Scan the QR code to join the Alumni network



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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





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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