



Highlands School Newsletter

4th September 2026



Dear parents and carers,

I speak for all staff at Highlands when I say what a pleasure it was to welcome students in all year groups back to school this week for the start of the 2026-27 academic year. This summer, we had the pleasure of seeing our students in years 10, 11 and 13 receive their GCSE, A level and BTEC results. Our year 13 students headed off to highly prestigious universities, apprenticeships or into employment, and it was a pleasure to see them complete their studies with us and begin the next phase of their lives. GCSE results day also went well, and record numbers of our year 11 students and students from across north London joining our sixth form this year, which continues to go from strength to strength. At the other end of the school, we welcomed our new year 7 students. It has been lovely to meet them and help them settle into life at Highlands.

We have lots of events taking place during this first half term, please make a note of the dates below in your diaries:

Have a great weekend,

Mr McInerney, Headteacher

Key dates for this half term:

- Tuesday 8th-Thursday 10th September: parent webinars, see next page
- Thursday 8th October: DARE Day 1
- Friday 9th October: DARE Day 2
- Monday 12th October: open evening (early finish for students)
- Tuesday 13th October: (late start following open evening)
- Friday 16th October: end of first half term (start of two week break)
- Monday 2nd November: start of second half term



Parent information webinars

We will be holding parent and carer information webinars next week to make sure parents and carers are aware of the priorities for the upcoming year for each year group. The links to the webinars have been shared below. Students are encouraged to watch along with parents and carers.

Years 12 and 13	Tuesday 8th September 6:00pm Link to join webinar: https://meet.google.com/wfc-btpt-fgt
Years 7 and 8	Wednesday 9th September 6:00pm Link to join webinar: https://meet.google.com/cxg-xtes-yui
Years 9, 10 and 11	Thursday 10th September 6:00pm Link to join webinar: https://meet.google.com/xay-vdha-tut

Attendance and punctuality

The DfE has a strong focus on improving attendance across the country as excellent attendance is the essential foundation to positive outcomes for all pupils including their safeguarding and welfare.

At Highlands School, we believe our vibrant community is at its strongest when we work hand-in-hand to support every child's growth, friendships and future success. Every school day is a valuable opportunity for learning and connection, and we are dedicated to partnering with you to help your child feel safe, supported and ready to thrive each morning.

Our draft attendance policy and attendance and punctuality summary can be found [here](#).
Read our attendance and punctuality parent summary [here](#).

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GCSE Results Day 2026

We couldn't be more proud of our incredible year 11 students and everything they have achieved!

This year's GCSE results continue Highlands' tradition of excellence, celebrating another year of fantastic outcomes while maintaining the high standards and opportunities that enable our students to flourish.

After years of hard work, determination and commitment, it was wonderful to see so many outstanding results and to share these special moments with our students and their families.

We are also delighted that so many of our students have chosen to continue their journey with us at Highlands Sixth Form, and we look forward to welcoming them back for the next chapter.

Congratulations Class of 2026, we are so proud of you and all that you have achieved!

View our

- GCSE Results Day video on [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#)
- [GCSE Results Day 2026 highlights video on YouTube](#)
- [GCSE and A level Results Day 2026 video on YouTube](#)





A level Results Day 2026

We couldn't be more proud of our fantastic year 13 students as they celebrated another incredible set of A level and BTEC results, joined by the Mayor of Enfield, Cllr Emma Supple, and Cllr Chris Dey for this very special day.

For some of our students, results day marked the end of an amazing seven-year journey at Highlands - and what a way to finish!

Among our many success stories, head student Eleanor achieved A*A*A*, and our other head student Luke achieved A*A*A alongside an A* in his EPQ, securing his place to read Law at the University of Cambridge. Ayla achieved D*DD on our Creative Media BTEC pathway and will go on to study Media at UCL. Farooq and Rukiye will be studying Medicine and Surgery, while 18 students have secured places at UCL, Bristol, Warwick and King's College London in subjects ranging from English to Aerospace Engineering. A further 31 students will be progressing to courses in Psychology.

We are incredibly proud of every one of our students and everything they have achieved. Congratulations, class of 2026 - we can't wait to see what comes next!

- A level Results Day video on [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#)
- [A level Results Day 2026 highlights video on YouTube](#)
- [GCSE and A level Results Day 2026 video on YouTube](#)





Welcome to Highlands year 7!

Our new year 7 students have made a brilliant start to life at Highlands!

During their first three days, they've been busy getting to know the school, discovering our house system and DARE values, and taking part in orienteering and team-building activities. It's been wonderful to see new friendships forming and our students settling into their new surroundings with such confidence.

We're so excited to see what they achieve as they begin their Highlands journey. Welcome, year 7!



25 years of Highlands event

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us in July to celebrate 25 Years of Highlands! It was a fantastic event and wonderful to see it enjoyed by so many members of our school community, past and present. We were also delighted to welcome back former student Sophia Waterhouse, who was our photographer for the day and captured some wonderful moments from the celebrations.

You can view all of Sophia's photos [here](#).

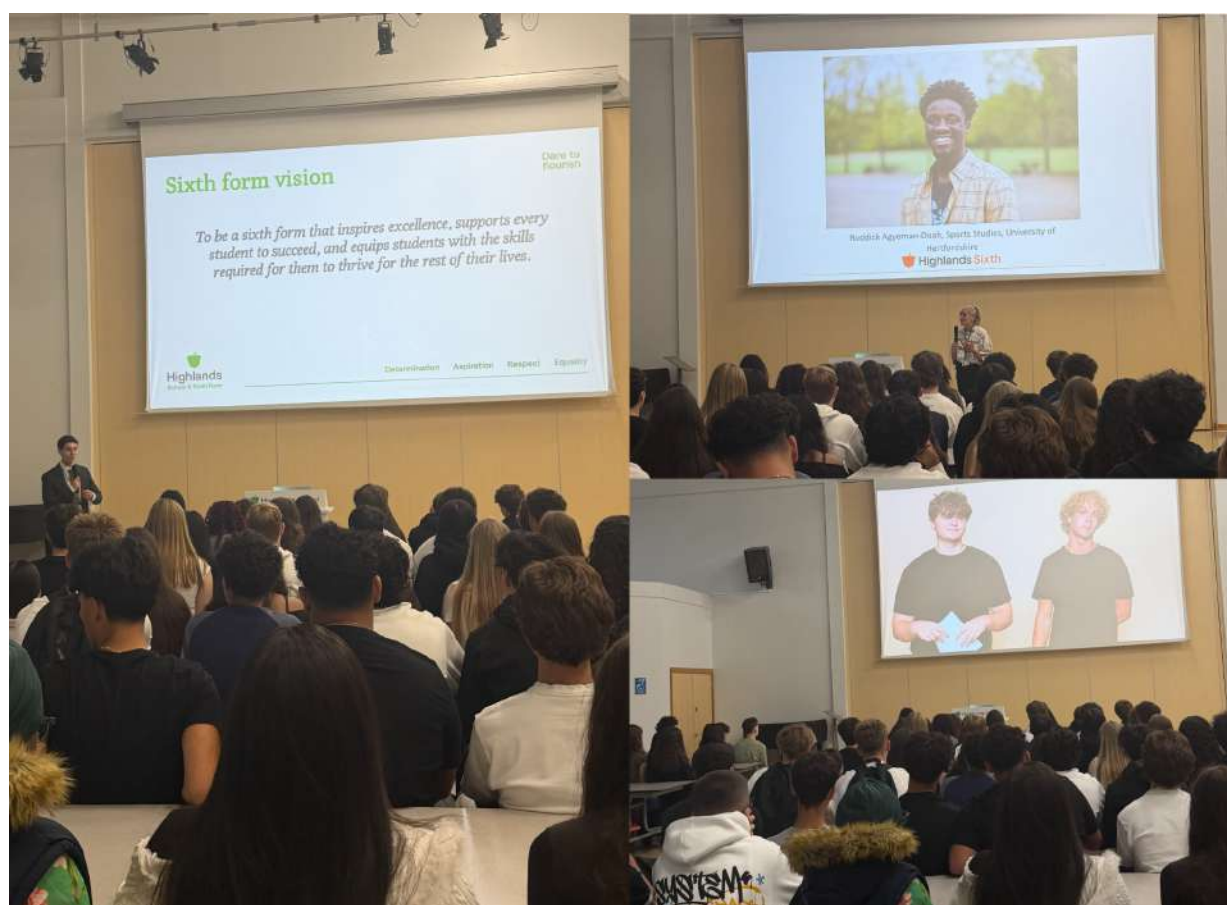




Highlands Sixth Form

We are delighted that so many of our students have chosen to continue their journey with us at Highlands Sixth Form, alongside a number of new students joining us from other schools. This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming our new year 12 cohort as they began their sixth form journey with their induction.

Following exceptionally high demand, Highlands Sixth Form is now fully enrolled. This reflects the strength of our sixth form provision, from excellent teaching and learning to the dedicated support and opportunities we provide, enabling our students to thrive both academically and personally.



Thank you from our HPFA

The HPFA (Highlands Parents & Friends Association) raised a fantastic £369 at our 25th anniversary celebration. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, contributed and supported the HPFA on the day!



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.

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.

Meal prices from September

Chartwells, our catering provider, have increased their prices from September 2026, please click [here](#) for the updated tariff.



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 the 'SH & F' logo and text stating 'JOINING SCHOOL HIRE & FUNCTIONS LTD FROM 1st SEPTEMBER 2025'. Next to it is a white button with a 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.

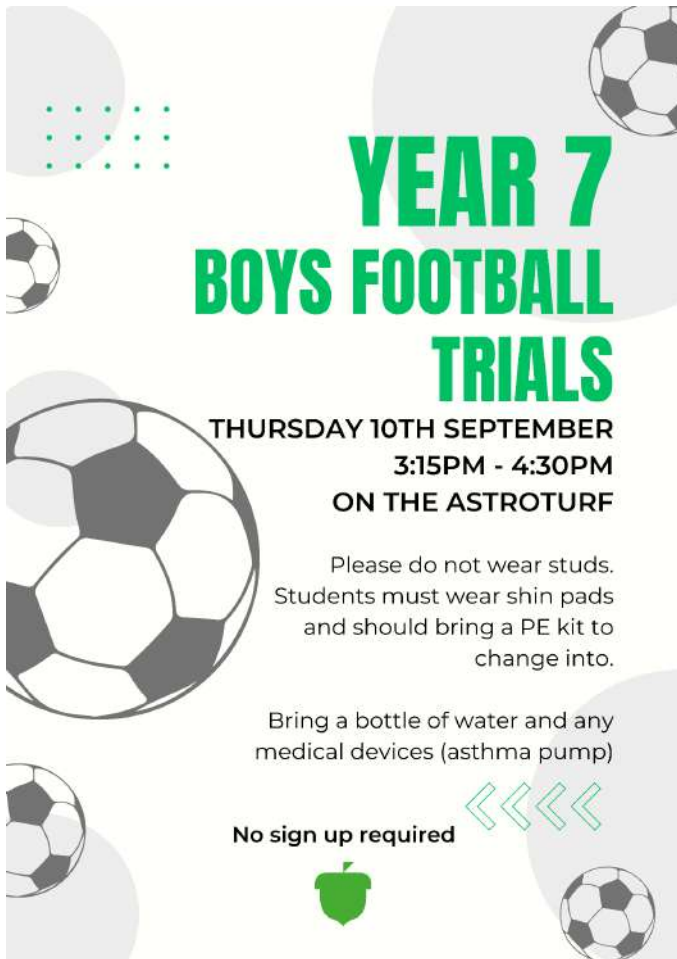
Highlands School
148 Worlds End Lane, London, N21 1QQ

Modern and spacious facilities to hire for community events, sports groups, dance and drama classes, language school, tutoring services...and more!

SH & F JOINING SCHOOL HIRE & FUNCTIONS LTD FROM 1st SEPTEMBER 2025

CONTACT TODAY
07855042027

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



**YEAR 7
BOYS FOOTBALL
TRIALS**

**THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
3:15PM - 4:30PM
ON THE ASTROTURF**

Please do not wear studs.
Students must wear shin pads
and should bring a PE kit to
change into.

Bring a bottle of water and any
medical devices (asthma pump)

No sign up required



FOOTBALL TRIALS

YEAR 8 BOYS

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Does your child experience anxiety linked to school attendance or are you worried about barriers to school attendance?

YOUTH & FAMILY HUB
HELPING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES THRIVE

EPS
Educational Psychology Service

Join The Educational Psychology Service and Family Hubs to help shape support that works for families

This session will be a warm, welcoming space to share your views, connect with other parents and tell us what support would feel most helpful for families of children who experience anxiety linked to school attendance.

Together we will think about

- ▶ What makes school attendance a challenge for children and families
- ▶ What support parents and carers need
- ▶ How schools, services and Family Hubs can work together
- ▶ What future parent/carers sessions should include

**Wednesday 9th September
12.30 - 2.00pm
Ponders End Youth & Families Hub
141 South Street, Enfield,
EN3 4PX**

[Sign up here](#)

For more information email eps@enfield.gov.uk

www.enfield.gov.uk



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NHS
West and North London

**Measles cases
are rising**

**No family wants to
see a loved one
hospitalised**

For protection against measles,
scan the QR code to get
your free MMR vaccine

Catching measles can cause complications
such as blindness, hearing loss, pneumonia,
brain damage and death





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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www.futurefirsthub.org.uk


Highlands School
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Join your network

First name *

Last name *

Email address *





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](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>

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

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
UNLINT, 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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