

# **Highlands School Newsletter**

#### 28 June 2024



Dear parents and carers,

This week has been a fantastic week at Highlands. On Monday our year 11s celebrated their prom with elegance and joy, marking a memorable end to their secondary school journey.

Today and yesterday we held our summer DARE Days. DARE Days are a carefully planned programme of trips and activities. We want our students to have a wide range of extra curricular experiences at school and because we stop all teaching on DARE Days, all of our students and staff can be involved. Students explored the wonders of London Zoo, Go Ape, historical battlefields, and the V&A Museum, alongside some great on-site, team-building activities. You can see photos from these activities above and on page 4.

I am also delighted to announce that our school has been awarded Secondary School of the Year by the Association for Citizenship Teaching (ACT). This prestigious recognition highlights our commitment to fostering active, informed, and responsible citizenship among our students. We are immensely proud of Mr Islam and our citizenship department for their dedication and hard work, which has led to this outstanding achievement.

#### Key dates for this half term:

- Tuesday 2nd July: New intake evening for year 6 parents
- Wednesday 3rd July: Highlands presents Matilda at the Millfield Theatre
- Thursday 4th July: Highlands presents Matilda at the Millfield Theatre
- Friday 5th July: Highlands presents Matilda at the Millfield Theatre
- Tuesday 9th July: Sports Day
- Thursday 11th July: New year 7 (Sept 24 intake) and current year 7 BBQ (6-8pm)
- Thursday 18th July: Thorpe Park trip for winning house, other houses in-school activity day
- Wednesday 24th July: end of term, students dismissed at midday

Have a great weekend,

Mr McInerney, Headteacher



# Year 11 prom

Year 11 students celebrated the end of their secondary school journey with a dazzling prom this week. It was a fantastic night filled with joy, laughter, and a sense of accomplishment. Dressed in elegant gowns and sharp suits, friends and classmates reminisced about their shared experiences and looked forward to new beginnings. This unforgettable night served as a fitting farewell to their school years, closing one chapter while eagerly anticipating the next. Here's to the class of 2024!









# **DARE Days**

This week, our students enjoyed the last two DARE Days of the year, a cherished Highlands tradition where, twice a year students take two days off school timetable to go on trips and engage in fun, educational activities. They explored the wonders of London Zoo, delved into history at the battlefields, admired art and design at the V&A Museum, and experienced thrilling adventures at Go Ape. Onsite, they participated in a range of engaging activities, including Wise-Up team building activities, employability masterclasses and hands-on sessions in design technology where students made sweets dispensers, aprons and focaccia bread. These enriching experiences provided our students with both educational and enjoyable opportunities to learn and grow. Both staff and students had a fantastic time, making wonderful memories together. You can watch our DARE Days video here.













# Post 16 pathways assembly

On Wednesday year 10 students received an insightful assembly introducing the Post 16 options to get a head start on planning the next steps in their educational journey. Covering a range of pathways, including A-levels, vocational courses, apprenticeships, and more, providing valuable information to help our students make informed decisions about their future.

The session also included a talk from Capital City College Group which is the largest further education provider in London, with three colleges -City and Islington College (CANDI), The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (CONEL) and Westminster Kingsway College (WestKing) encouraging students to start their research on decision making at the next stage of their career.



#### Mrs Laurenzi

#### Beech bake sale

We're delighted to share that Beech House hosted its bake sale this week, raising £84.29 for their chosen charity, Woodgreen Animal Welfare. There were some delicious treats made by our school community, from yummy sprinkle cakes to home-made red velvet cupcakes. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Well done, Beech House!







# **ACT award winners - 'Secondary School of the Year'!**

The citizenship department at Highlands School has proudly been awarded the 2024 Secondary School of the Year award with ACT Teaching Award (Association for Citizenship Teaching). This prestigious recognition highlights the department's exceptional commitment to fostering civic knowledge, critical thinking, and active participation among students. Mr Islam has led the department to victory through innovative teaching methods and a dedicated focus on real-world issues. After hard work co-constructing an active citizenship teacher guidance booklet with other teaching practitioners and researchers, it has now been published and launched. This comprehensive guide is designed to enhance the teaching of citizenship by providing innovative strategies, practical activities, and insightful resources.

A huge well done to Mr Islam and the citizenship department here at Highlands.





## **Art exhibition**

This week, our year 11 students proudly showcased their extraordinary work at the annual art exhibition. The event transformed the art corridor into a vibrant gallery, filled with an array of stunning paintings, drawings and innovative mixed-media pieces.

Parents, carers, staff, and students were left in awe by the talent and creativity on display.

Well done to all of the artists.



# Year 8 and 9 boys football

On Monday 24th June, a football team of year 8/9 boys represented Highlands for the first time. The boys played with determination, spirit and togetherness which saw them earn a 3-3 draw with a good Winchmore side.

Every student who played did fantastically well and should be excited ahead of their next friendly game.

The goalscorers were Christopher, Conrad and Samuel.

#### Mr Avann









# **National football champions!**

A huge congratulations to three of our talented students, Lilly Howard, Elisia Huetson-Varnava and Millie Huetson-Varnava who are the football national champions for Haringey Girls football team. After beating 25 other champion teams in their region, the girls were crowned national champions in the Aces Nationals held in Nottingham, making them champions of England!

We couldn't be prouder of your success, well done girls, what a fantastic achievement!





# Fully funded summer school experience for year 12

<u>Fully-funded summer school</u> - Data Science & Artificial Intelligence with The Alan Turing Institute - More dates have been added!

Due to exceptional demand, we are running an additional summer experience week in London, on 12th-16th August, in addition to the original week, 19th-23rd August. Selected participants will be allocated to one of these weeks.

The Summer Experience is an exciting widening participation initiative that aims to encourage young people into data science and AI careers, particularly those from communities underrepresented in the field.

To apply, students should complete the application form as soon as possible and before the final deadline of Monday 22nd July 2024. The application form also contains full details of the eligibility criteria for the Summer Experience.

#### Register now

Good luck

Dr Len



















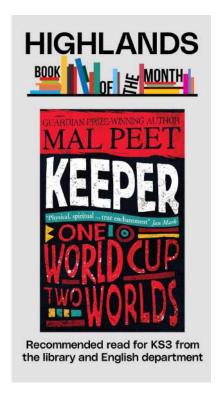
# Highlands book of the month - July

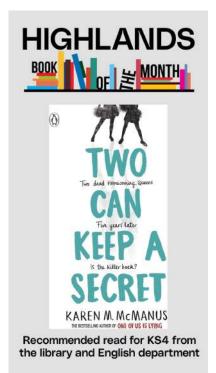
#### Recommended reads from the library and English department:

#### KS3:Keeper by Mal Peet

In the South American jungle a young boy meets and is coached by a mysterious, ghostly footballer. In time, he becomes a famous professional goalkeeper known as 'El Gato' - 'The Cat' - and wins the World Cup. In a newspaper office, Paul Faustino, South America's top football writer, sits opposite the man they call El Gato. On the table between them stands the World Cup. In the hours that follow, El Gato tells his incredible life story, how he, a poor logger's son, learns to become a World Cup winning goalkeeper so good he is almost unbeatable. And the most remarkable part of this story is the man who teaches him - the mysterious keeper, who haunts a football pitch at the heart of the claustrophobic forest. extraordinary, gripping tale pulses with the rhythms of football and the rainforest.

NOTE: Winner of the Branford Boase Award 2004.





#### KS4: Two Can Keep a Secret by Karen M McManus

Echo Ridge is reeling. This picturesque town, nestled near the Canadian border, experienced its first tragic loss in 1995 when high-school senior Sarah Corcoran vanished while walking home from the library. Then five years ago, homecoming queen Lacey Kilduff was found dead in the aptly named Murderland Halloween park. Now, the killer claims to be back.

A small town that keeps losing its homecoming queens. Two murders, still unsolved. Echo Ridge is not a good place to be popular.

NOTE: Contains strong language and sexual references. NOTE: Shortlisted for the Children's Book Award 2020





#### **Uniform**

If your child is leaving Highlands this year, we are grateful for any donations of their PE kit and new branded school uniform, including blazers, polo shirts, black skirts and trousers that are no longer needed, please hand them in to reception.

We also have on site a clothes recycling bin, so any old uniform/other clothes can be put into that recycling bin, which is located near the bike lockers in the school car park.

# Lost property

We currently have a lot of lost property, including quite a few items of uniform and coats. If your child is missing any items, please ask them to come to the school office to check if we have them. Any items that are not collected by 30th June will be donated to charity or disposed of.



## Headteacher awards

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 award is proudly presented to the following students.

- Meliz Hassan 8WMP: Awarded for a fantastic Knowledge Organiser on vegetables, with truly outstanding illustrations.
- Darcy Smethurst 9BYC and Hugh Murphy 9BYC: Awarded for winning the citizenship department quiz.
- Tyanna Ferreira 80SQ, Chloe Tsiamas 70DM, Kayla Hassan 70DM and Dilara Hassan 70JT: Awarded for designing a bake sale poster for their house to help promote the event and raise money for their house charity.





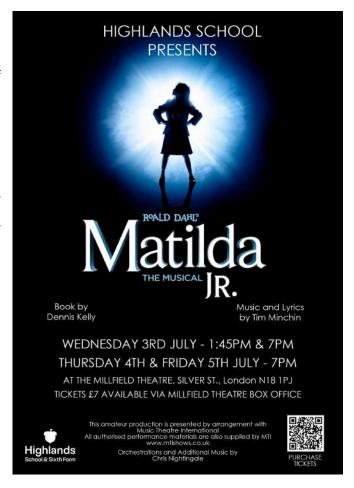
#### Matilda Jr.

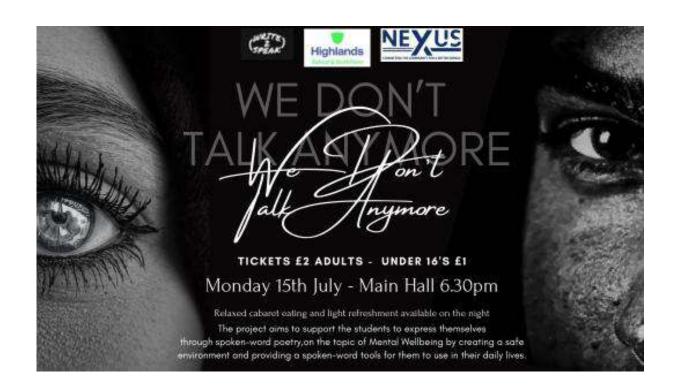
# Only a few days to go!!!

Join us for this year's school production of Matilda Jr, the beloved tale of courage, magic, and triumph! Don't miss out on the chance to see our talented students bring this enchanting story to life on stage.

Purchase your tickets now and support our young performers via the Millfield Theatre Box Office or via the QR code below.









# September 2024 new year 7 intake and current year 7 BBQ

The HPFA would like to invite our current year 7s to join them for a summer BBQ event - full details are below. Tickets are free for year 7s but all students must be accompanied by an adult. The new year 7s who are due to join us in September have also been invited to attend, so it should be a fun event. Please click on this <u>link</u> to book your tickets. We would be grateful if anyone would be able to help on the night or donate prizes for our raffle. We will also be running a second hand uniform stall that night.













www.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/ holiday-activity-and-food-programmes#haf-programme





Workshops: Please email seyis@enfield.gov.uk to book a place, or turn up on the day.

# You are invited to The Enfield Inclusion Exhibition



Wednesday 3rd July 2024, 2-4pm, West Lea School, Haselbury Campus, N9 9TU

#### FEATURING:

THE ENFIELD INCLUSION CHARTER | SEYIS | SEN | CAMHS | EARLY YEARS | UNICEF | VRU | LONDON INCLUSION CHARTER |
EPS | ECASS | EASA | GRT | WAVERLEY | ORCHARDSIDE | DURANTS | OAKTREE | NEXUS | SWERRL | ATTENDANCE |
GOVERNOR SERVICES | THE MUSIC HUB | THE PE TEAM | TENDER | INCLUSIVE AND NURTURING SCHOOLS | SHOW RACISM
THE RED CARD | OUR VOICE | PARENTING PROGRAMMES | FOSTERING | THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL | DISPLAYS OF CHILDREN'S
WORK | MARKET AND BOOK STALLS | FOOD AND COFFEE | INCLUSION REPRESENTATIVES FROM MULTIPLE SCHOOLS | AND MORE

## School tours

Contact the school directly to book a place

Setting	SEND details	Times	Contact details
Brimsdown Primary School	KS2 Autom Unit	8:00-9:50 10:00-10:50 11:18-12:15 1:15-2:15	Contact names: Mat Ciffort and Ozoto Kerova Name and address of eating: Brinsboan Princery School: Green Street, Punches End, CHJ 7844, Tet 020 8804 8797
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Waverley School	Special school for students aged between 3-19 years with severe, prolound and multiple learning difficulties.	1000	Contact name: Learn Keating Hame and address of esting Viscosing School, 103 The Sole, Enthal Modeless, EN3 YEL, How to book a place; Call 0008601608 and speak to Shenid Fig. 102, 103, 103, 103, 103, 103, 103, 103, 103
Churchfield School	2 x ASD CUBS provision, Recepion Y2	8.00-11.30	Contact name: Jackie May  Name and address of setting: Churchfold School Latymer Road, 109 SPL  How to book a place: Email accussing reas(Schutzfried, enfertidischul).



# Workshops

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2.00	Emotionally-based school non-attendance (EBSNA)	EPS
2.20	Introduction to trauma informed practice	EPS
2.40	GRT	GRT
3.00	What can ECASS do for you?	ECASS
3.20	20 Rights Respecting Schools	
3.40	Enhancing SEN practice in your school	SEND



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(Rachel / Mary / Shanna)

foodbank@in2grated.com



# Help us fund raise for our school

Did you know when you sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk and purchase goods from shops on the website or app, Highlands School will earn a commission from the sale?

All you have to do is search for **Highlands School Enfield** and select us as your chosen charity and shop as usual.



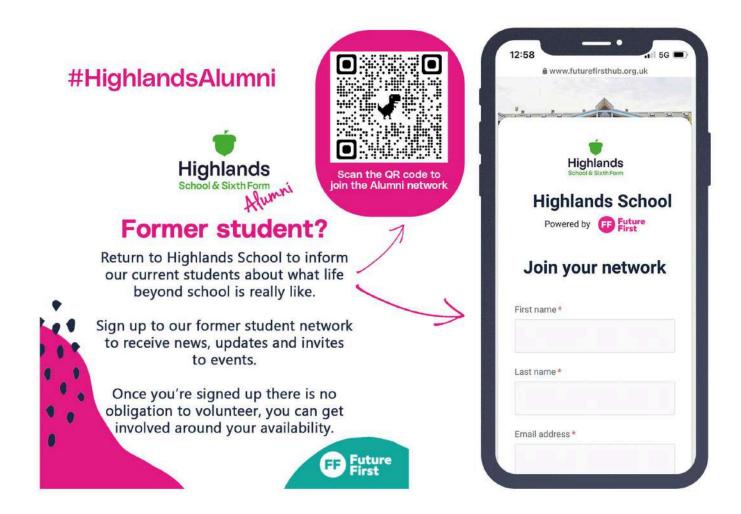




As a school, we want to reconnect with our former students so that we can keep in touch and let them know about volunteering opportunities that will benefit our current students. We want to show them the variety of pathways available to them after leaving Highlands School, and who better to showcase 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: Tara Human – tara.human@futurefirst.org.uk





#### 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. We recently sent out a medical and allergy survey to all parents - thank you to all those who have completed this - if you haven't already done so, please can this be completed as soon as possible so we can update our records.

#### 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.





# 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: <a href="https://signhealth.org.uk/contact/">https://signhealth.org.uk/contact/</a>

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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