

# Highlands College News

Parents' and Guardians' Newsletter, Summer Term

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At the time of writing, the majority of our students have submitted their work for the academic year. We are looking forward to our Awards Ceremony on 24th June. Although we cannot invite as many people as we would wish to the main awards, the teams have been very creative about finding ways to celebrate the end of the academic year with students!

## WELCOME

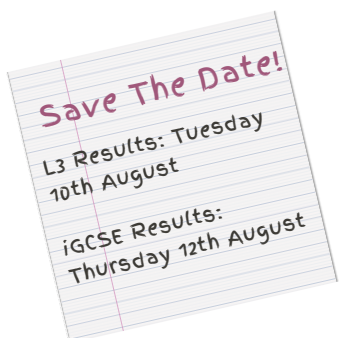
**Dreena Collins,**  
**Assistant Principal.**

As explained in our last newsletter, due to the possibility of safety issues with exams, and the ongoing disruption for many students, teachers this year used evidence about performance to assess students (**Teacher Assessed Grades**). The process for submitting the grades is set by the exam boards for the subjects. Results for our level 3 qualifications can be collected on 10th August, and for iGCSEs on 12th. Any results not collected will be posted home to students. Predicted grades are excellent due to the commitment of staff and students - and also your ongoing support.

This term, we have had an enormous amount to celebrate within the college community - just a small sample can be seen here!

We hope you all have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing those students who are returning to us again in September.

**Good luck to those of you leaving us, and please stay in touch!**



# Working With You - Working For You

## **We are excited to announce the launch of the Highlands College Charitable Foundation!**

Highlands Foundation, the charitable arm of Highlands College, will officially launch next month. The Foundation was established in 2019 to support students across our full range of vocational, commercial, and Higher Education courses.

If you would like further information on the bursaries available, how to apply, or how to support the Foundation, please visit our website [www.foundation.highlands.ac.uk](http://www.foundation.highlands.ac.uk).

We are especially keen to hear from ex-students (alumni) who wish to work with us.

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### *LPPA - Update*

As we have mentioned, the College is working towards the LPPA - **Leading Parent Partnership Award**.

We are about to launch a parents' section on our website, which we hope will be a 'one stop shop' for key information that you may need. Our IT experts are working behind the scenes on this, and we will let you know when it is live.

We would love to have more parents' input and feedback on college decisions, such as our curriculum and policies. We are setting up a new stakeholder forum that will include parents and employers.

This would not be a huge time commitment from you, but invaluable for us!

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### *Student Voice*

We have a number of ways to capture 'Student Voice', including Course Reps and student meetings with the Leadership Team.

Some examples of student suggestions or feedback we will be acting on, include the following:

- Developing Student Wellbeing Ambassadors to promote awareness of anti-bullying procedures, and the effects and causes of bullying.
- A new, coordinated approach to fundraising and charitable work.

## *Our Student Life Team - Update*

The Student Life Team works with students to support emotional health and wellbeing, as well as in areas of safeguarding. Safeguarding is about whole student wellbeing - mental health, safety and feeling included in the community. The team is led by Nicola Brown - Head of Student Life and Safeguarding Lead.

Student Life have recently appointed Louise Jackson as Welfare Officer for Students. This is a new role to Highlands, which sees Louise take on the additional role of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Louise is also responsible for students who are open to Child In Need or Child Protection and Early Help plans, as well as completing support/safety plans for students who might need some extra guidance whilst studying at Highlands. Louise also works closely with a host of outside agencies. For more information, contact: [Student.life@highlands.ac.uk](mailto:Student.life@highlands.ac.uk) or telephone: 01534 608 654.

# An Overview of Events - A Taste of What Some of Our Students and Staff Have Achieved Recently



## Art and Design

- In April, our Level 3 Art and Design students painted a fantastic mural for the Children's Services team at La Motte Street.
- And don't miss out - our Level 3 Year 1 and 2 students both have exhibitions of their Art open to the public between Thursday 17th to Friday 25th June, 9-2am!



## Life Skills

- In May, Life Skills students packed boxes for Beresford Street Kitchen to support their latest project.
- The students also visited the GROW project and helped with the planting of trees...
- AND they entertained a group of staff by preparing afternoon tea, at the end of May!



## Duke of Edinburgh

- A number of students on Sports, Uniformed Services, Life Skills and Pathways courses all completed Duke of Edinburgh expeditions this term - even amidst the May showers!



## Our Performance Space: The Lewis Drama Studio *What's Been On...*

- Come to Where We're From - a unique film following a year with our Life Skills students, friends and supporters - produced in collaboration with Art House Jersey has its first private screening this week. <https://bit.ly/3vRq5Ed>
- Our Performing Arts students performed their assessment piece to a small but highly appreciative audience, recently! They took on Dr Faustus - an Elizabethan tragedy - and gave it their own unique twist.
- Highlands College has launched our very own cinema club - Bean Screen - showing classic and family films at weekends. Follow Bean Screen Cinema Jersey on Facebook for more information.



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