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GREASE IS THE WORD

HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS SET TO BRING ICONIC MUSICAL TO LIFE ON STAGE

By Charis Ukaeze

Highfields' next musical showcase can today be revealed as Grease! Hundreds of students are expected to take part in the production following the massive success of past performances that have set the bar high for upcoming shows.

The musical is one of the most successful and popular of all time, featuring a host of uplifting and elevating songs, including Summer Nights, Greased Lightning, We Go Together and Born To Hand Jive.

The production is set to be staged from February 28th – March 3rd 2018 and will be open to all students who want to be part of it. The showcase will be the second collaboration with neighbouring Penn Fields School for the annual production.

It follows hugely successful productions of High School Musical, Our House and Hairspray that have involved thousands of students and attracted sell-out crowds.



NEW SUBJECTS ON OFFER FOR CREATIVE MINDS

By Will Hyatt

New courses are being launched at Highfields for students hoping for a career in movies or on the stage.

A new Film Studies course will be available to students moving into Year 9 in September, whilst a new GCSE Dance course will be open to students in Years 9 and 10.

Headteacher, Mr G Tate, said: "We are always open to suggestions when it comes to expanding our curriculum to include subjects that capture the imagination of students and help them develop skills for a future career. We are delighted to be launching these new subjects."

DIGI AWARD SUCCESS FOR BUDDING FILM DIRECTORS



Budding movie directors from Highfields are celebrating after their films won prestigious DIGI Awards. Students from Year 8 and Sixth Form walked the red carpet before picking up their awards at The Grand Theatre. *Full story - pg 7*

Team preparing for Swaziland mission

A team of students & staff will be embarking on an African adventure to Swaziland on July 22nd.

The two-week expedition will see them complete a community project whilst facing the challenges of living and working in the developing world.

The trip is being organised in conjunction with World Challenge.

The musical follows the story of a wholesome, pure and friendly exchange student, Sandy Olssen and a summer romance with a proud, stubborn leather-clad Danny Zuko. But will the romance be able to survive the pressure of High School cliques?

Auditions for main parts will take place at the start of the new academic year in September. Rehearsals for the show will be getting under way soon after that and will run up until the show.

Rehearsals for the full cast will take place every Thursday after school whilst there will also be rehearsals for main characters and dancers on some Saturdays.

Ms S Bishop, Head of Performance, said: "We are delighted to announce Grease as our next musical showcase.

"The annual production provides students with a wonderful experience of performing in front of live audiences on stage. We are proud to be staging our annual musical in collaboration with Penn Fields for the second year and hope to see hundreds of students from both schools involved. "Grease is an iconic musical that has transcended generations. It features some very catchy songs that we guarantee will have the audience dancing and singing along.

"It promises to be another fantastic production for Highfields and we cannot wait to get started." Grease was first performed in 1971 in Chicago and was later turned into a hugely successful film featuring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

A word from your Editor



Welcome all to The H! As a team we will be bringing you all of the latest news from around school - with a few opinions thrown in for good measure. We are sure our hard work and dedication over the past few weeks will pay off and draw you all in...Get ready for many topics appearing in The H on a variety of subjects, ranging from sport to features and even politics! The whole aim of this newspaper is to make everyone more aware of what's happening throughout school and in the media, especially topics affecting students. If that's what you're interested in knowing more about then The H is unquestionably for YOU! So, what to expect? There'll be dozens of news stories in every edition, keeping you up-to-date with all of the goings on and upcoming events around school, as well as achievements, success stories and opinion pieces.

The H will be available to everyone from students to teachers and parents, so make sure you pick one up for you and your friends! And if there's a burning issue you're keen for us to include or a news story worthy of coverage, make sure to get in touch with one of the team so we can give it the publicity it deserves. We're always on the lookout for news stories and features so thank you in advance for your support! We are all delighted to present our very first edition of The H, which is packed with news and created in a tight deadline real journalists would be proud of! From me and all of the team: ENJOY!

Yasmin Powell
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THE H HUNTING DOWN HIGHFIELDS' WOLF SCULPTURE ON CITY TRAIL

STUDENTS HAVE HOWLING TIME DESIGNING SCULPTURE FOR CITY'S BIGGEST ART EVENT

Wolf fever is gripping the city, with people going wild for its colourful new trail of wolf sculptures - including one designed by talented art students from Highfields School.

The 5ft sculptures have hit the streets as part of the Wolves in Wolves project. Thirty sculptures have been placed around the city at points of interest, allowing people to explore its best attractions. It is the city's biggest ever public art event.

Students were selected by members of staff from the Art department to transform the school's wolf into a colourful piece of art before it was sent out to form part of the city-wide sculpture trail, which will run until September.

They worked on the design with representatives from WV Active, which has sponsored the sculpture. It includes blue swirls to represent the city's swimming pools and silhouettes to showcase the many activities on offer at its leisure centres, as well as the colours of the Highfields logo. The sculpture called 'Zeus' has now taken pride of place outside the Civic Centre.



KNOW YOUR WOLVES IN WOLVES

- 1 Wild by Stef Fridaal
- 2 Colour by Clemens Briels
- 3 Love by Danielle Robotham
- 4 Hunter by Sophie Casewell
- 5 Old Gold by Alex Vann
- 6 The Sitting by Jason Lucas
- 7 Bayliss by Jody Lee Williams
- 8 Thomas by Sunita Mean
- 9 Sunset by Jemima Martle
- 10 Support Life by Alex Vann
- 11 Compton by Harriet Davies
- 12 Kiyiya by Jo Burgess
- 13 Rainbow by Julie Fletcher
- 14 Meditation by Nigel James Kilworth
- 15 Hope by HeadStart Team
- 16 Aurora by Katie Keith
- 17 Endless Opportunities by Jody Lee Williams
- 18 Dynasty by Laura Hickman & Kasia Pinkiewicz-Tates
- 19 Flame by Mark Lavender & David Miller
- 20 Garden by Claire Rollerston
- 21 Wolfy McWolf by Emily Bland
- 22 Sacred Grandfathers by Jason Lucas
- 23 Beanstalk by Navikiran Klare
- 24 The Fallen by Claire Darke
- 25 Fenrir by Marie Sewell & Neil Hodgkiss
- 26 Wolf Ver-Hampton by Moreston School
- 27 Zeus by Highfields School
- 28 Beowulf by Parasito Duffett
- 29 Mander by Julie Fletcher & Laura Hickman
- 30 Claude (Wandering Wolf) by Bellinda Maria Longden

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Art teacher, Ms P Thomson, said: "We are very proud of the students involved - Kasia Pinkiewicz, Sara Malik, Alice Gunning, Lauren Sandland, Lucy Evans and Millie Jones. We are also delighted that two ex-Highfields

students, Katie Keith and Danielle Robotham, were also selected to have their inspiring wolves included in the trail. "There are 30 stunning sculptures on display so I would urge everyone to go out and

hunt them all down over the summer." Wolves in Wolves has been organised by The Outside Centre and Enjoy Wolverhampton, with support from Wolverhampton City Council. The wolf sculptures will be auc-

tioned off for charity once the trail ends. The project has drawn comparisons with The Big Hoot, which saw colourful owl sculptures placed around Birmingham to raise cash for the city's Children's Hospital.

THE FIGHT IS ON FOR THE

CELEBRITIES BACK TALENTED SCIENTIST BRIAN WHITE IN HIS BID TO

Former Highfields student Brian White has captured the attention and hearts of thousands of people, after his battle to take up his well-earned place at Oxford University was picked up by the media.

Talented Brian won his place at the university - officially ranked the best in the world - after outstanding A-Level results which saw him achieve three A* grades in Chemistry, Physics and Biology and an A in Maths.

But the life-changing experience could be snatched from his grasp due to uncertainty over his status in the UK, which threatens to end in him being removed from the country.

An orphan in Zimbabwe up until the age of six, Brian was first fostered and then adopted by British-born Peter White and eventually moved to the UK aged 15. It was when he accepted his place at Oxford University and



applied for a student grant that it emerged his permission to stay in this country had expired.

Former MP Rob Marris, who took up Brian's case before his retirement, said that there had 'regrettably' been mistakes made by the Home Office regarding Brian's case whilst immigration expert, Louis MacWilliam, a solicitor with London firm

Bindmans, has made a fresh application for Brian to stay in the UK. He said it appeared that Brian should have been granted indefinite leave in the first instance.

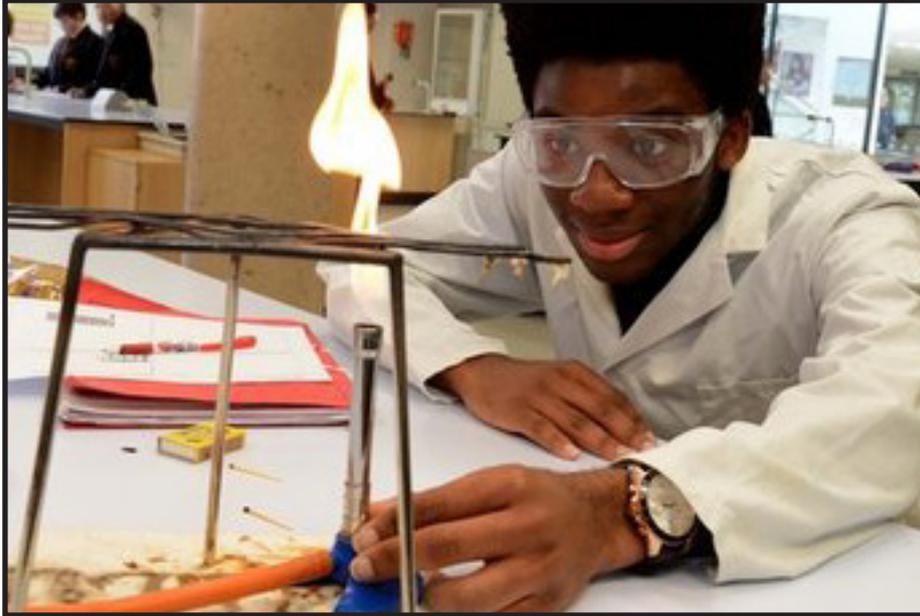
Now 21, Brian works as a volunteer teaching assistant at Highfields whilst he waits for his future to be decided. He is living with kind-hearted Martin Leigh, the partner of Highfields



Photographs courtesy of the Express & Star

FUTURE FOR OUR BRIAN

TAKE UP WELL-EARNED PLACE AT BEST UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD



Headteacher, Graham Tate, said: "Being awarded a place at Oxford University is a great achievement for any student and it is always an especially proud moment for Highfields to have one of their own recognised among the world's academic elite."

"Brian has already overcome so much adversity yet has displayed an absolute determination to succeed and do the very best with his life."

teacher, Ms S Bishop, after his father was moved to a care home, potentially leaving him homeless.

Brian's case has now been picked up by a number of media outlets, including the Express & Star and ITV News. He has also received support from former Highfields student and soul superstar, Beverley Knight, and prominent journalist and author, Sathnam Sanghera.

Ms Bishop said: "It has been heartwarming to have received so many messages from people since they heard of Brian's story in the media. He truly is an incredible young man with such potential and it is wonderful that so many people care about his future."

"He has already overcome so much in life and he deserves to take his rightful place at Oxford University."

"He has so much potential for a brilliant future and it would be a tragedy if this is ripped away from him. We will do everything we can to support him all the way."

Keith Sedgebeer, Chair of Governors, added: "A failure to grant him permission to stay will shatter both

his future and his dreams. In

my view this would not only represent a personal tragedy for him but also the tragic failure of the country to support and nurture one of its most outstanding young people who has the potential to make a massive contribution to our future."

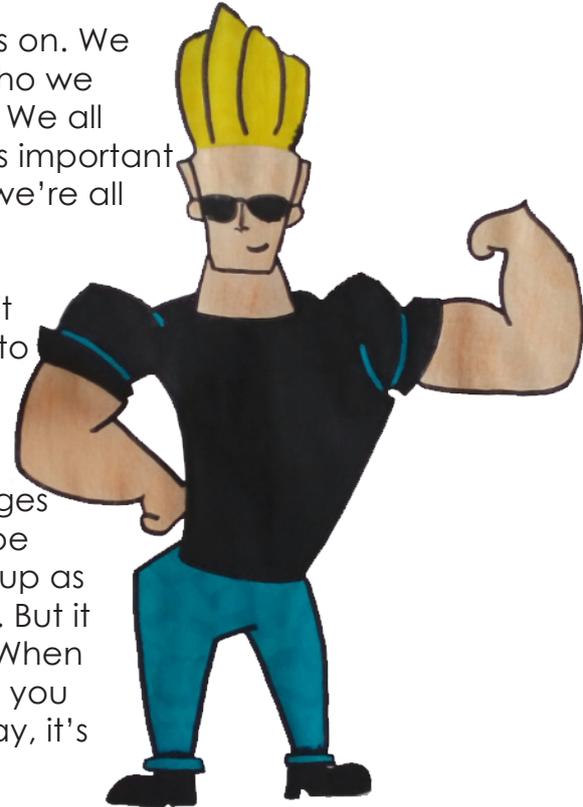


WE'RE ALL DIFFERENT: LET'S CELEBRATE IT!

WE'RE BOMBARDED WITH THE 'PERFECT' BODY IMAGE EVERY DAY. BUT IT'S TIME WE CELEBRATED OURSELVES FOR WHO WE ARE AND NOT WHAT WE LOOK LIKE OR WHAT BRANDS WE WEAR, WRITES ELLA BIRCH

Body Image. It's something we all judge ourselves and others on. We can't help it, especially at ages where we are figuring out who we want to be and how comfortable we feel with how we look. We all have times when we doubt ourselves on appearance but it's important to remember there can be no comparison to how we look: we're all unique and we should be proud of that.

It's 2017 - a year with social media at its core. From Snapchat to Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, there are endless ways to connect with people as well as being able to share pictures or videos. But social media mainly celebrates beauty standards that in fact don't really represent the range of people in the world. Every day we are bombarded with images that highlight unrealistic expectations of beauty, whether it be toned bodies, flawless skin, or flowing hair. This 'ideal' is held up as the rule book on what classifies as 'beautiful' or 'handsome'. But it can make anyone feel down about their own body image. When you are surrounded by phones, TVs and magazines all telling you that to be beautiful or handsome you must look a certain way, it's hard not to question yourself and your appearance.



As well as physical appearance, people seem to judge others on their clothing as well. This is particularly true of our generation, which is overwhelmed with technology and a barrage of advertisements promoting branded clothes and products. As a generation, we are much more materialistic than decades ago, when people seemed more appreciative of what they had and less concerned with wearing the latest designer brands just because they were told that it would make them trendy. People - especially impressionable teenagers - spend too much time concerned about the next new thing and the latest trends, which then leads to people getting labelled because of the way they look and dress.

But, ultimately, it's good to be different.

Whether you wear your hair long or cropped. Whether you're tall or short. Whether you're sporty or prefer vintage clothes from a charity shop. We all have different opinions on what looks good and we don't need to pay too much attention to the clones that society would have us believe are the only examples of beauty. We should spend time instead celebrating ourselves and what makes us unique.



DELIGHT AS FILMS WIN AWARDS



By Ayesha Di'Angelo

Students today spoke of their delight after bagging prestigious DIGI Awards for films they created at school.

A talented group of budding filmmakers from Year 8 won the Best Short Film category (Key Stage 3) for their horror film, *The Reckoning*, which follows a school boy who takes revenge on his bullies. Sixth Form students, Ayesha Di'Angelo and Jemma Payne, also picked up an award for Best Short Film for their psychological drama, *The Pretty Picture*.

The film was originally created as part of their A-Level course but was submitted to the DIGIs on the advice of Film Studies teacher, Mr D Cooper. It explores the story of a woman locked away and neglected by her husband after he ignored her mental illnesses.

Jemma said: "As soon as the film had been

submitted we forgot all about it so being nominated for an award was a huge shock. The fact that we were even nominated was enough, but to actually win is just amazing."

The DIGIs are held annually to celebrate the achievements of learners and teachers in digital film and creative media. This year's ceremony took place on Monday, July 10th at the Grand Theatre, where members of the public and family & friends of the nominees gathered to celebrate the success stories. The theatre even laid on a red carpet for nominees to enjoy a true awards night experience.

Mr Cooper said: "Both films were up against some stiff competition so it is a great achievement for them to have won their categories."

To watch the films, visit www.hswv.co.uk

SUMMER SOCIAL IS REWARD FOR HARD WORK & ATTITUDE

Around 100 students celebrated the end of yet another successful year at Highfields with this year's Summer Social event.

The event gave students in Year 9 the chance to socialise with friends and staff and featured music, a BBQ, a gaming club held in the Lecture Theatre and a karaoke machine.

The spectacular was invitation-only and open to students who had gained at least five positive signatures throughout the past half-term for working hard, being part of extra-curricular activities and being helpful to staff and other students.

Staff said the event was great fun and a fitting reward for everyone who worked hard throughout the year.

HP STREAMS FOR HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS

HP Streams are being rolled out to hundreds of extra students after proving such a success as an educational aid.

HP Streams were introduced for the latest intake of Year 7 students at the start of the academic year.

They are now also being used by students in Years 8 and 9.

The devices have been brought in to aid students' school projects and homework as they allow them to access the full Microsoft Office suite of programs from anywhere at any time, as well as the Show My Homework portal.

In a recent survey of Year 7 students and parents, the system was given a big thumbs-up, with many claiming the devices were 'invaluable'.

TALENT ON SHOW AT SONG & DANCE SHOW

Highfields staged its annual Summer Song and Dance Show, which gave performers the chance to showcase their talents.

More than 20 acts, ranging from singers to dancers and musicians, took to the stage for the spectacular on July 12th.

The event was held in The Lyceum Theatre in front of a packed audience.

Ms S Bishop, Head of Performance, said: "Many of the acts were performing for the first time but they all did a great job and supported each other, which is what Highfields School is about."

SCIENCE IN SPOTLIGHT AT STEM FESTIVAL

Students hoping for a career in science took part in the Science, Engineering and STEM Festival at Birmingham University.

Organised by Highfields' Science teacher, Dr Taylor, the trip on July 12th gave the 10 Year 8 students the opportunity to learn about the many complex aspects of Engineering and STEM subjects.

The trip included an Engineering and Science show, developed in partnership with the Birmingham Think Tank and Science Museum. Students also took part in a number of workshops with different themes, including Formula 1, Renewable energy, 3D Printing and Artificial intelligence.

SHOULD 16-YEAR-OLDS

YES: Says Joe Regan



Imagine this: you're 16 and risking your life every day in the fight for freedom abroad in the UK military. Meanwhile, you've got a wife and a new baby living at home and you are paying tax towards the government. Yet despite all this, you don't have the privilege of having a democratic say in who controls these taxes and who manages military funding. Some may argue that 16-year-olds aren't mature enough to cast a sensible and well-considered vote. In addition, these people say 16-year-olds don't have the sufficient

knowledge of adulthood and that, consequently, they don't deserve a say in how their country is run. But surely in order for a society to be truly democratic, 16 and 17-year-olds, who are - it is crucial to note - the future of the nation and those who will have to live in a country evolving based on electoral decisions, must have the ability to cast their vote and let their voice be heard? Similar discussions happened in Scotland prior to the Scottish Independence Referendum resulting in the voting age being lowered and around 75% of the country's youth turned up to decide the future of Scotland. And yet, despite this, people argue that today's youngsters don't show the necessary interest in the political landscape to have a democratic say. In conclusion, I believe that the idea of lowering the voting age to 16 is almost elementary and that it is borderline fundamental in order for society to advance.

Induction gives students a taste of life at Highfields

By Anika Patel

Highfields was filled with anticipation and excitement as hundreds of eager Year 6 students preparing to start the school in September took part in their induction.

The induction started with an assembly in the Lyceum where students were greeted by Head of Lower School, Ms J Parker, before getting a sneak peek at some of the acts being performed by Highfields students in the Summer Song and Dance show.

After this, the Year 6 students took part in a number of taster lessons to give them a glimpse of the average school day when they arrive in September. They also had time to get to know their Form Tutors and other children in their form by taking part in a number of team-building activities.

Students from Year 8 and 9 acted as 'buddies' and 'junior leaders' during the induction event, which took place on July 3rd and 4th.

Ms Parker said: "The process of moving to secondary school can be intimidating but the Junior Leaders were at the door to greet our future students with an enthusiastic smile and the 'buddies' made sure that the Year 6 students settled in well and that nobody had any worries or problems."



Each 'buddy' was assigned a form and attended every lesson with the Year 6 students to make sure that they were confident and happy about starting at Highfields in Year 7 in September. This 'buddy' programme will also continue through the beginning of Year 7 to reassure students and ensure they all get off to a good start at Highfields.

Year 6 students who took part in the induction said they had thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

One student said: "Induction was so much fun. I can't wait to start in September!"

Another said: "I'm so glad we had induction. I have already made three new friends!"

BE GIVEN THE VOTE?

NO: Says Yasmin Powell



There's a number of reasons as to why the voting age shouldn't be lowered, but simply 16 and 17-year-olds haven't had enough experience in the average working life. As a result they don't know enough about politics to make an informed decision on the future of the country. Therefore the wrong decisions could be made, making the UK a potential danger to the younger generation.

Also, many agree strongly with 16 and 17-year-olds voting only for the reason that they have many privileges already, such as being able to get married, join the army and have kids. But this doesn't mean that they should be able to vote as many are still in school and some are immature and wouldn't consider all the right reasons to vote for a party. This would only lead to wrong decisions and an unhappy public. Moreover, the fact that many adults have apathy (cannot be bothered) to vote just makes me question, why would most 16 and 17-year-olds be bothered to vote when they are going through more important and busy times in life such as their GCSEs, which they surely should focus more on instead of being distracted by deciding who to vote for in an election?

Furthermore, 18 is the age of maturity and an acceptable, reasonable and sensible age to be able to vote. At this age period in time, many young adults have had a rational amount of time and experience in work and the 'real world' to be able to make an informed choice about which party they believe should be leading the country and why. Not lowering the voting age IS the right choice.

Spectacular send-off for students after exams



By Daniel O'Hara

Students recently completed their GCSE and A-Level exams - before pulling on their tuxedos and tiaras for spectacular send-off proms.

Students spent months preparing for their exams, some which lasted up to three hours each and took place over a two-month period.

But they were able to put their exam stresses behind them for an evening of celebrations as they turned on the glamour for their leaving proms.

Rain failed to dampen the spirits for Year 11 students who enjoyed their prom on a wet evening at the swanky Grand Station in Wolverhampton City Centre. The Sixth Form prom was an-

other glamorous affair held a week later at The Mount Hotel in Tettenhall.

Students are now eagerly awaiting the results of their GCSEs and A-Levels before moving on to the next chapter of their lives. A number of Sixth Form students require As and A*s to graduate into the top universities they have provisionally secured places at, whilst Year 11 students are preparing to move into Highfields Sixth Form, college or work.

Students had advice for younger students who will be taking their GCSEs and A-Levels in the coming years.

One said: "Do your revision and you will be fine. But don't do too much -

you still need rest and time to relax".

Mrs N Clifton, Head of Upper School, said: "I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on the mature way in which they approached their exams.

"It has been a pleasure to see them mature, grow and develop into such confident, talented and skilled young adults. Their proms gave them chance to put the stresses of exams behind them and celebrate everything they have achieved as students at Highfields.

"We look forward to seeing them in August for results before they move on to the next chapter of their lives."

PE Legacy Awards

And the winners are...

Leadership

Year 7 Callum Cooper Joe Lilley Oliver Brown Isobel Gunning Kira Patel Kiah Townsend	Year 8 Jake Farley-Moss Oliver Smith George Potter Amrita Jaura Georgia Derrick Rachael Flavell	Year 9 Sam Preece Eric Omozee Rashaun Blake Wedderburn Abbie Moore-Hill Mollie McGinty Riya Patel	Year 10 Jordache Crawford-Brown Tyler Slyfield Luke Payton Aiman Khair Poppy Kelly Tash Morrison
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Mentoring/ Coaching

Year 7 Apo Fars Maxwell Oboh Jude Aston Summer Rae Molly Iyen Eleanor Flanagan	Year 8 Jacob Spinks Aman Kaushal Baneet Kang Mia Cashmore Hollie Bradley Harris Madison Hawley	Year 9 Dylan Athwal Shearer Rickerby Gurkaran Khangura Molly McGarry Chelsey Millward Millie Jones	Year 10 Lewis Jervis Luca Guglielmo Poppy Kelly Emily Kilmister Emily Longman Eloise Jones
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Exceptional effort

Year 7 Charlie McGarry Jack Williams Conna Fereday Lauren Poole Libby MacDonald Ben Homer	Year 8 Rohan Mistry Aaron Jaimal Jake Farley-Moss Sneha Rai Naomi Chhabra Hollie Wilson Lees	Year 9 Matt Willward Tom Orgill Brandon Ansell Abbie Moore-Hill Yasmin Powell Leah Roberts	Year 10 Lewis Jervis Adam Saul-Braddock Elgreat Bordom Emily Kilmister Poppy Kelly Veronica Vasquez-Teles
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Outstanding attitude

Year 7 Ryan Patel Priyanna Patel Aiden Moore Shayne Andrada Eleanor Flanagan Samuel Hudson	Year 8 Jay Scott Jay Sutherland Nathan Morey Georgia Derrick Lucy Parrett Madison Hawley	Year 9 Sam Jordan Jake Hillman Kishore Bhairon Molly McGinty Anna Tabner Jasmine Johal	Year 10 Kurrin Mann Thomas Barrell Ajay Chander Poppy Kelly Georgia Harris Emily Kilmister
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Emerging sportsperson

Year 7 Maxwell Oboh Sam Hipgrave Holly Veltman Kiah Townsend Lauren Poole Shayne Andrada	Year 8 Ryan Patel Cheuvi Simons Harvey Poyntz Madison Hawley Mia Cashmore Megan Littley	Year 9 Dylan Athwal James Filmer Ben Richards Leah Roberts Ella Birch Eden Lowery	Year 10 Luke Payton Georgia Harris Jordache Crawford Brown Maya Chima Mya Meredith Priya Boparai
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Elite performer

Year 7 Callum Cooper Apo Fars Theo Pope Kira Patel Kiah Townsend Isobel Gunning	Year 8 George Potter Jake Farley-Moss Oliver Smith Georgia Derrick Amrita Jaura Mia Cashmore	Year 9 Eric Omozee Daniel Porter Jorjia Banks Abbie Moore-Hill Josie Annable Megan Stentiford	Year 10 Lewis Jervis Adam Saul-Braddock Tihyydan Taylor Molly Birch Poppy Kelly Jessica Drew
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Sportsperson Of The Year

Year 7 Kira Patel	Year 8 Jake Farley-Moss	Year 9 Abbie Moore-Hill	Year 10 Poppy Kelly	Sixth Form Harry Simcox
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'Couch to 5k' campaign raises cash for charity



Fundraisers have been getting fit to pull in the pounds for Highfields' official charity, Compton Hospice. Dozens of students, parents, relatives and friends have been attending running sessions on Wednesday evenings for the past few weeks as part of the 'Couch to 5k' fundraising scheme. These sessions were designed to prepare runners for the eventual 5k run, which will take place later this month.

Compton Hospice supports families that either have been, or currently are, dealing with the horrors of cancer. Their service has been rendered priceless by those who have been supported by the hospice. Compton Hospice was named as the school's official

charity following a vote earlier this year, with the run acting as the biggest fundraising effort for the cause yet.

When the initiative was launched, there had been doubts about whether it would attract enough people and be a success. But it has surpassed all expectations and has been attended by around 60 people each week.

Head of PE, Mr C Brickwood, said: "We did not really know what the turnout would be like but any fears were quickly abandoned with mass turnout over the past weeks. The group has continued to grow with the eventual number of people due to complete the run eclipsing all expectations."

REVAMPED SPORTS DAY PUTS ATHLETICS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sporty students from across the school were today participating in a newly-revamped Sports Day. Whilst in previous years Sports Days included rounders and football, this year's event put a spotlight on traditional athletic events.

Events including the high jump and the 60m sprint were among the disciplines forming part of the annual sporting extravaganza, which this year was being held as part of the Community Fun Day, which has seen the school opened up to members of the public.

Competition was taking place across all year groups with 7A working alongside 8A, 9A and 10A, for example. The fastest boys and girls from each form were teaming up in the relay group and the strongest boys and girls from each form were joining forces in tug-of-war teams - another event making its debut at this year's Sports Day.

Today's event was the first to be staged in conjunction with Community Fun Day, allowing parents and relatives to get involved and support the competitors from the sidelines.

PE teacher, Ms L Stevenson, said: "Our Sports Day is always really popular and this year was extra special thanks to the link up with Community Fun Day, giving members of the public the chance to show their support."

"It has also been an interesting twist putting a spotlight on more traditional athletics events."



Football-mad students to train at Real Madrid

Students will get the chance to step out at Real Madrid's training ground, which has been graced by some of the world's most famous footballers.

The trip will take place in 2018 and will see students train at Real Madrid's training ground for a week. They will follow in the footsteps of some of the world's biggest football stars, including Cristiano Ronaldo, Gareth Bale and Zinedine Zidane.

Real Madrid were 2016-2017 La Liga champions and won the UEFA Champions League for the second year in succession.

As part of the trip, organised by the PE department, students will also have the opportunity to see either Real Madrid or Madrid derby rivals, Atlético Madrid, play a La Liga fixture.

Mr C Brickwood said: "Real Madrid has been - and still is - home to some of the footballing world's biggest ever names so for our students to be able to train there will be an absolutely phenomenal experience for them. We can't wait!"

THE H SPORT

By Sports Editor Joe Regan

NEW PE KIT UNVEILED FOR STUDENTS



A new PE kit is being launched that better reflects Highfields' commitment to sporting activities for all students.

It will be introduced for all new Year 7 students in September before being rolled out to the remaining students over the coming academic year.

Headteacher, Mr G Tate, said: "Our existing kit has served us well as a school but is now looking rather tired and school sports clothing has moved on considerably. As such, it is time for us to respond to these changes and give our students a PE kit that they can be proud of; one that is modern, professional and more fit for purpose for the range of activities that students now take part in during their PE lessons."

The red and black kit was chosen following a consultation with Governors and students. A phased implementation is planned, with all students set to have the kit by September 2018.

SPORTING SUCCESSES CELEBRATED DURING *PE Legacy Awards 2017*

Talented students who have impressed the PE Department over the past year have been honoured for their efforts and achievements as part of Highfields' inaugural PE Legacy Awards.

Six individuals were nominated in a range of categories, including Leadership, Coaching/Mentoring, Outstanding Effort, Outstanding Attitude, Emerging Sportsperson and Elite Performer. Students across every year group were rewarded, with everyone aiming to win the prestigious 'Sportsperson of the Year' accolade.

Awards were given out in a ceremony, not dissimilar to an Oscar ceremony or a Golden Globes presentation evening, held on July 13th. All nominees were posted an invitation to attend the much-anticipated evening of celebrations. The ceremony will now occur annually in moves which school sports staff hope will encourage students to take part in extra-curricular activities and put 100% effort into PE lessons in upcoming years.

Nominees have voiced their excitement at being recognised for their efforts and achievements in Sport and PE. And their names will forever be etched in Highfields history as winners of the first ever PE Legacy awards.

Head of PE, Mr C Brickwood, said: "We have so many talented students at Highfields and we wanted to organise an event to celebrate their achievements, efforts and commitment to sport.

"We have been overwhelmed with superb commitment, strong leadership and outstanding personal performances over the past year.

"This event was a great way of celebrating this and we are looking forward to it becoming an annual fixture.

"I would like to say a huge well done to all of our nominees and winners. They should feel incredibly proud."

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