

# Weekly Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

It was a wonderful morning for our pupils on Tuesday when the Para Olympian athlete Oliver Lam Watson visited Highshore. Oliver brought with him four Olympic medals which the pupils told me were “big” and “shiny”. We were delighted to be featured on BBC and ITV local news on Tuesday evening. Well done to all young people who took part and huge thanks to London sport who facilitated Oliver’s visit.



We held our destinations event on Monday which was attended on zoom by 20 families. We hope that the meeting was useful to you. If you have any questions about transition please speak with Mike Barrett or me. If you have any work experience questions please contact Dom Fryer.

The new build is progressing and has not been as intrusive as we feared. Pupils are enjoying using our new library space. We hope to begin work on our new fitness suite after half term.

If you haven’t returned your home/school agreement please do so as soon as possible.

Stay safe,

Eileen

## Pupils of the Week

7J	Alisha—For super focus in all lessons
7R	Sumaya—For hard work and dedication during fencing activities
8A	Precious—For making great use of her AAC this week, especially during registration
8L	Phoebe—For being really helpful in lifeskills
9R	Anika—For being ready to learn and focussed in every lesson, especially maths
Y9	Naieem—For excellent grouping and sorting work in power maths
10C	Haja Marie—For excellent reading
10L	Rizwan—For being kind and supportive to his friends
11A	Omar—For demonstrating consistently good behaviour in class and following instructions
11L	Ashea—For following staff instructions every day for over two weeks
Y11	Ali—For being a very mature friend and working hard in all lessons
12K	Miguel—For settling in well to his work experience at Roots & Shoots
12V	Arizon—For good participation in class and engagement with work
13L	Macha—For a great start back at Highshore
13S	Ryley—For communicating more with his friends
14J	Sam—For being brave when interviewed by BBC
14L	Helen—For coping well with a difficult situation

★ Star of the Week ★

Daniel 8L—For Exceptional Participation in the Fencing event

## GIRLS WIN

FREE INCLUSIVE SPORTS AND GAMES CLUB FOR YOUNG WOMEN WITH SEN AGES 16-25

**WHEN?**

Thursdays 4:30pm-5:30pm

**WHERE?**

The Africa Centre  
66 Geat Suffolk Street  
Southwark  
SE1 0BL

**HOW DO I JOIN?**

Contact Maddy Ford on:  
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# Interviews with New Staff

This week we caught up with some of our new staff who have joined us this year or taken on new roles within the school



## **Rosie (Teacher and 9R tutor):**

I previously taught in a primary school in Islington for 7 years where I led Science, Music, Art and DT. I came to Highshore because I want to help young people to reach their full potential. I love working here because everyone has been so friendly and kind to me since I joined - I feel like part of the family!



## **Lea (Teacher and 10L Tutor):**

Since completing my undergraduate degree in Psychology I have worked in Schools, and for the most part, with pupils with additional needs. I completed a Primary PGCE in my home town of Liverpool last year and I was based in a School for children with Autism and complex needs. This meant that I graduated with a specialism in Special Educational Needs teaching.

I came to Highshore because I really wanted to live and teach in London. I also wanted to continue to work in an SEND school as I really enjoy working with pupils with additional needs. Highshore seemed like a perfect fit as it seemed like such an amazing school!

I really like how friendly and welcoming the staff and pupils of Highshore are. Everyone has told me that Highshore is a family School and I definitely feel like I am part of the family!



## **Sarah (Assistant Headteacher)**

Before joining Highshore I worked at a special needs school in Stratford, East London working with students of all ages. When I was at school I worked as a lifeguard- feels like a very long time ago!

I have come to HS after seeing all the fantastic work the students do here at Highshore. I was so impressed by the work experience opportunities I wanted to be part of the students journey and join in with all the hard work!

The thing I like most about Highshore are the students and the exciting opportunities offered to them.



## **Dom (Communications Officer and Work Experience coordinator)**

I've actually been at Highshore as a TA for the last 4 years, so I'm delighted to be staying in a new role. Previously I have been a restaurant manager, and I also ran a Theatre Company & an amateur Football Club.

I've stayed at Highshore for so long because I love our values and what we do for our Pupils. I'm looking forward to being here for many years to come.

The thing I like most about Highshore are the people make the place – Highshore has the best people!