

Dear Highshore Families,

We are wrapping up the fifth half-term of this academic year! Time has gone by so fast, and I couldn't be more proud of our young people!

One of the areas on which we are focusing this year is the 6th form. Last Friday, we hosted our first Alumni event. It was a wonderful evening, and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Don and the parent group, as well as to my colleagues Richard and Nick, for making this evening a success. We are planning to create more opportunities for our current and former young people, and their families, to get together. Highshore is here with open arms for our young people during and after their graduation.

We had a careers fair this week. 14 providers, including colleges and businesses, came in to present their offer and talk to our young people. It was a very positive and informative experience for our young people, who felt excited about what is out there for them. Huge thanks again to Richard, Head of 6th Form, Dom, and Toyin, our new Careers Lead.

I would like to thank the parents who came in this week to attend our coffee morning. Tracie, our OT, discussed 'dressing skills' with parents. Tracie has a wealth of knowledge, and she is offering invaluable advice on developing motor skills as well as sensory regulations, a topic relevant to a few of our young people. Please help us make our CPD offer relevant to you by letting us know what you would like us to cover. Please share any thoughts with Steph at: familysupport@highshore.southwark.sch.uk.

Our engagement and learning in the community is flourishing. A number of students were rowing this past week; others visited the local supermarkets, Myatt's fields, the adventure playground, the Peckham library, Fooditude and Café Van Gogh for work experience and lots more.

Lastly, you will be pleased to know Highshore's reputation has gone beyond the borders. We had a team of senior leaders from a school in Holland come in to see what we do.

I am wishing you all a good and restful half-term, and I look forward to seeing everyone back on June 3rd.

Evelina

Pupils of the Week

7A	Guleed — For trying very hard with his adding to 10 this week
7R	Lashane — For putting in a great effort with his Maths work
8R	Connor — For reading 7 books in one morning
8T	Desire — For being calm and engaged
8J	Foyin — For being kind and making new friends
9J	Alisha — For consistent good work and behaviour
9R	Joshua — For confidently leading the good morning routine
10O	Meshach — For brilliant independent Maths works this week
10L	Phoebe — For working on her summarising skills in Literacy
11L	Kwabena — For creating great sentences
11R	Lamin — For doing well in lessons and doing well in his physio
12C	Alhaji — For engaging with the 6th form careers fair
12N	Janiah — For excellent attendance and a great attitude
13/ 14C	Hamza — For being ready to work in the mornings
Y13	Naiim — For great work in all subjects this week
13/ 14L	Anthony — For communicating really well with our visiting college and work representatives at the careers fair
14K	Albie — For asking intelligent questions at the careers fair
14L	Aleasha — For asking and answering great questions at the job fair

Stars of the week



KS3—Oliver—8R—For always making kind choices

KS4—Anna—11R—For a mature attitude to WEX

KS5—Charley—12C—For working hard in Maths all year long

DATES FOR YOUR

DIARY:

Monday 3rd June:

Return to School

Friday 7th June:

Reading Workshop (9:00-9:50)

10th— 14th June:

Isle of Wight residential trip.

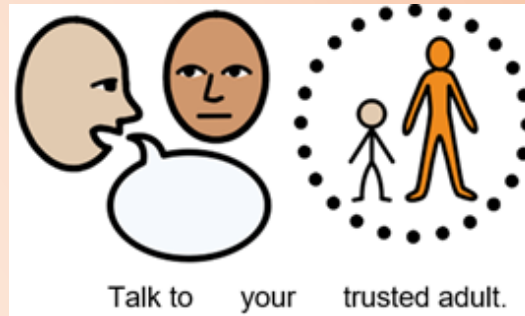
Wednesday 17th July:

Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 25th July:

Last day of term—13:30 finish.

Safeguarding Bulletin



Pants Rules

The 'PANTS Rules' have been developed by the NSPCC and are designed to help you have simple but important conversations with your child to help keep them safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter provides a simple but valuable message that can help children understand their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

Please see the NSPCC's ['Talk PANTS' Guide for Parents](#) which is an excellent resource.

P – Privates are Private

Be clear with your child that your underwear covers up your private parts and what 'private' means.

Explain to them that no one should ask to see or touch their private parts, or ask them to look at or touch anyone else's.

Sometimes doctors, nurses or family members might have to. Explain that this is OK, but that those people should always explain why, and should ask them if it's OK first.

A - Always remember your body belongs to you

Let your child know their body belongs to them, and doesn't belong to anybody else. No one has the right to make them do anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. If somebody does make them do something, it's never their fault.

N – No means No

Make sure your child understands that they have the right to say 'No' to unwanted touch – even to a family member or someone they know or love.

T – Talk about secrets that upset you

Explain the differences between 'good' and 'bad' secrets. Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or frightened, whereas good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people which make you feel excited. Any secret should always be shared in the end.

Explain to your child they should always talk about stuff that makes them worried, including secrets. And that sharing it shouldn't get them into trouble, even if somebody has told them it will. If something has happened that makes them feel uncomfortable, it's never their fault.

S - speak up, someone can help.

Tell your child it's always good to talk to a safe adult who they trust, about anything that makes them sad, anxious or frightened, so they can help. And it doesn't have to be a family member. It can be a teacher or a friend's parent, for example.

Careers Fair



This week, our Sixth form had the opportunity to take part in the first on-site Careers Fair for many years!

We welcomed different potential employers, internship schemes, advice agencies, colleges and even alumni to our School, to keep our young people informed about their future options.

Thank you to all the parents able to attend - we hope to do more events like this in the future, so if you have any feedback please reach out to:

dfryer@highshore.southwark.sch.uk



PARENT GROUP HIGHSHORE SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION PRESENTATION EVENT

FEEDBACK

Dear Parents/carers,

We had our first Alumni Reunion Presentation Event on Friday 17th May.

The event was organised in conjunction with the school for past students of Highshore School, and was attended by around 60 people, including parents.

The programme included a presentation by members of the School Leadership Team, Tour of the Building, Refreshments, Music and Dancing.

All the ex-students and parents really enjoyed seeing each other, socialising and sharing some of their achievements. They also all received a special Certificate of Attendance.

The Alumni at Highshore is ever growing and although members of this group are clearly striving, the links between the past and present pupils at the school are very important too.

I would like to thank the support of Evelina, Richard, Nick, Sam and members of the Administration Staff in what was a very enjoyable Alumni Reunion Social Event.

Thanks also to all the members of the Parent Group for their contributions and tireless dedication in producing another inspiring event.

We look forward to providing similar events and building on the platform created for our Highshore Alumni Group in the future.

Thank you,

Don

(Parent Group Chair)

