



Highlands School Newsletter

27th February 2026



Dear parents and carers,

We welcomed all year groups back to school this week following the half term break, and what a difference it made to have some days of blue skies and sunshine. It feels as if spring is upon us, and very welcome it is! From next Monday there will be only seven school weeks left until the exams start. We have our programme of after school and morning interventions running to support our year 10, 11 and 13 students and we will be sharing the Easter revision school schedule with parents soon. At home, families can support students by making sure they have a revision timetable and that students are revising in a quiet space, without their phones or other devices that might distract them.

In the inter house competition, Oak had their extended breaktime on Thursday to celebrate their victory in last half term's competition and Willow were this week's winners so could jump the queue at break and lunch. Perhaps both houses will be able to close the gap on Rowan, who had been this year's runaway leader? There's still half of the academic year to go!

Have a great weekend,

Mr McInerney,
Headteacher.

Key dates for this half term:

- Thursday 5th March: World Book Day
- Wednesday 11th March: year 10 parents' evening
- Friday 13th March: HPFA quiz night
- Wednesday 18th March: year 12 parents' evening
- Thursday 19th March: Battle of the Bands
- Friday 27th March: final day of term, students released at midday



HPFA Quiz night

The HPFA will be hosting its annual Quiz Night on **Friday 13th March**, with Mr McInerney leading the quiz as our quiz master.

The event will begin at **7.00pm** and tickets are priced at **£5**, available via ParentPay.

There will be drinks and refreshments available on the night, so come along for an enjoyable and sociable evening.



Welcome back assemblies

Welcome back assemblies were held for all year groups this week, giving us the opportunity to celebrate the many positive achievements from last half term.

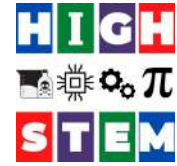
Students also heard about the exciting opportunities, events and activities planned for the weeks ahead, helping to set a focused and positive tone for the new half term.





Highlands student secures KCL dentistry placement

We are delighted to announce that Raphael Asoegwu (12BJT) has successfully secured a place on the highly competitive K+ dentistry programme at King's College London (KCL).



Gaining entry to KCL is a monumental achievement; it is currently ranked as the #1 dental school in the United Kingdom and #4 globally. The competition for the Dentistry pathway is infamously rigorous, with Raphael being one of only 35 students selected from a pool of over 4,000 applicants. Reflecting on his success, Raphael shared the following:



"I am so grateful to have secured a place on the K+ Dentistry programme at King's College London. Knowing the competition was so high - is a huge blessing.

I'm excited to work hard over the next two years and for the £1,000 bursary that comes with successfully completing the programme. I give all the glory to God for this opportunity; as Proverbs 16:3 says, 'Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established'. This is a massive stepping stone toward my dream of becoming a dentist. I can't wait to see where this journey leads!"



Raphael Asoegwu

About the K+ programme

The K+ programme is a flagship two-year initiative designed to prepare high-achieving students for the academic, social and cultural demands of university life. Students are organised into nine distinct pathways based on their career aspirations.

Each year, over 500 of the brightest year 12 students from London and the surrounding areas are selected from thousands of applicants to participate. K+ offers unrivalled support from leading academics, current undergraduates and industry professionals from many of the faculties at the university. The programme ensures students are in the best possible position to succeed through:

- *Academic enrichment:* Taster sessions and study support to bridge the gap between A levels and degree-level study.
- *Career experience:* Direct insight from graduates and businesses to provide a head start in their chosen field.
- *Tailored application help:* Specialist guidance to ensure their UCAS applications are of the highest standard.

In recognition of their hard work, students who successfully complete the K+ programme receive a two-grade reduced offer for the majority of courses at King's College London, alongside a £1,000 bursary during their first year of study.

Please join us in celebrating Raphael's incredible achievement and wishing him every success as he pursues his dream of becoming a dentist.



Finance and tech work experience at London Stock Exchange Group

Two of our year 12 students, Ozgenaz Ozsoy and Anthony Andreou, were selected for the London Stock Exchange Group work experience programme in London, out of hundreds of applicants. LSEG is a leading global financial markets infrastructure and data provider, with a purpose built on driving financial stability, empowering economies and enabling sustainable growth. Over four days, they explored finance, technology and data, took part in workshops including a foreign exchange trading simulator, learned about markets, engineering and risk intelligence, and even had a mock interview.

The programme also offers year 12 students mentoring from LSEG employees, giving them a head start in launching their careers. We are proud of our students' engagement and professionalism throughout the week.

We would like to thank Young Enterprise for the opportunity to apply and LSEG for providing this fantastic placement.

Mrs Laurenzi



LSEG



Ozgenaz Ozsoy





Dance house competition

A huge congratulations to Willow house for winning the inter house dance competition. Students performed a music dance piece to Aladdin.

- 1st: **Willow** (4,000 points)
- 2nd: **Oak** (3,000 points)
- Joint 3rd: **Rowan** and **Beech** (1,500 points each)

Religious studies and philosophy competition

Well done to all year 9 students for their hard work and thoughtful contributions to the religious studies and philosophy essay competition, which explored the statement: *“Evil and suffering prove that God does not exist.”*

A special congratulations to Syerah, who achieved first place, earning 1,000 points for Willow and securing a trophy for the house.

- 1st: Syerah Islam 9WSW (**Willow**) (1,000 points)
- 2nd: Jasaiya Ollivierre 9WMT (**Willow**)
- 3rd: Jayden Isaac Mukele 9WMT (**Willow**)

Half term rewards celebration

This week, we celebrated our half term rewards, recognising the achievements and efforts of students across the school.

Oak house was awarded an extended break time and a special treat for being the winners of the half term house competition. Well done to Oak - keep up the fantastic work!





Battle of the Bands 2026

It's that time of year again! Come and support our talented students as they showcase all their hard work from this year's rock band rehearsals.

Tickets are available via ParentPay - be sure to secure yours early to avoid disappointment!

Thursday 19th March

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Tickets: Adults: £5, Concessions: £2.50



Battle of the Bands 2025 winners' trip

The Battle of the Bands 2025 winners' trip is taking place on Friday 6th March 2026. Winners from last year's Battle of the Bands event will be going to a studio to record their songs and to see how sound engineering works in a professional setting. This should be a fun and exciting event.

Enfield Music Hub Secondary Schools Showcase

The Enfield Music Hub Secondary Schools Showcase is taking place at the **Millfield Theatre** on **24th March 2026**. We are excited to announce that our Highlands School Orchestra and Highlands School year 11 rock band will be performing live on stage at this event. Tickets are available from the [Millfield Theatre](#) if you would like to support our students.

Tickets are £3.00 each or £1.50 for children under 18, senior citizens and those with a disability.

Families will need to use code **EMS26** when booking tickets, as the Millfield Theatre are not putting this event on general sale and only making tickets available to family and friends of those taking part. Please enter the code in the box on the general EMS festivals page **before** using the dropdown menu to select which show they want to book tickets for, otherwise it will always appear sold out if users simply click straight through to a show option.

Mrs Miller



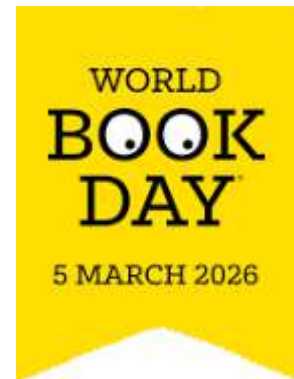
World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

Following on from feedback from students and the house council, this year we are opening up World Book Day to students, giving them the opportunity to celebrate reading by dressing up as a book or character. Students who choose to take part **should wear garments clearly associated with a book or character**, so it is obvious who or what they are representing. This is **not** a non-school uniform day, and students who do not take part must attend in full school uniform.

All students **must** wear their school lanyard, whether they are participating in World Book Day or not.

Students are not permitted to wear:

- Joggers
- Tracksuits or combination sets.
- Football or rugby kits/shirts.
- Shorts
- Crocs
- Strappy tops or crop tops revealing the midriff.
- Clothing with political or offensive messages.



Students must also continue to follow the school's usual expectations regarding makeup and jewellery.

Students with PE lessons must arrive at school in their book character costume and bring their full PE kit, including appropriate footwear, so they can change for their lesson. Students who are not participating should attend in full school uniform but must still bring their PE kit if required.

The following [Google Form](#) has been sent to all students to confirm which book or character they will be dressing up as. The form must be completed by **Tuesday 3rd March**.

All students and staff who come dressed in World Book Day costumes will earn points for their house, and a prize will be awarded to the form group with the highest level of participation.





World Book Day Book Token

In celebration of World Book Day, your child has been given a £1 book token to use over the half-term break. The token can be:

- Exchanged for one of the special £1 World Book Day books for free, or
- Used to receive £1 off any book or audiobook.

We hope they enjoy choosing something new to read - happy reading!

Mrs Mehmet



Book donations wanted!

With World Book Day fast approaching on 5th March, now is the perfect time to refresh your bookshelves and make space for some new reads.

We would be very grateful for donations of any books that could be added to our library collection or shared with other students and schools.

After half term, students can bring their book donations to the library or leave them at reception.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Highlands Library





Headteacher award

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's Award is proudly presented to the following students:

- **Iyla Shah 8WEL, Alexia Symeou 8WEL, Lilah Zekayi 8WEL and Helin Kekec 8WEL:** Awarded in recognition of an outstanding remix of Pachelbel's Canon, beautifully performed using guitar, voice and piano.
- **Ozgenaz Ozsoy 12ODS and Anthony Andreou 12OMA:** Awarded for being successfully selected and taking part in the prestigious London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) Work Experience Programme 2026.
- **Aiden Adeoye 10WMP, Shania Anyemedu 10OAC, Conrad Berndes 10BBK, Oscar Cattarossi 10ORF, Marika Daley 10BAM, Bibiana Edwards 10BBK, Ashton-Gabriel Lewis Eskinder 10RCX, Warren Kelly 10OAC, Panayiotis Palamaras 10RCX, Marianna Pallikaros 10WMP and Gulay Yuksel 10BBK:** Awarded for representing the school with exceptional maturity, engagement and exemplary behaviour during the visit to University of Oxford.
- **Ryan Arun 9RJG:** Awarded for delivering a maths presentation to his class.
- **Phoebe Baxter 7BJC:** Awarded for achieving the highest grade in citizenship during the mid year exams.
- **Helin Kekec 8WEL:** Awarded for her outstanding work in her citizenship class.





PE Clubs 23rd February - 27th March

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Years 9-13 Basketball Mr Seston Sports Hall/ Playground 3:15 - 4:15	GCSE PE intervention (Week B) 11R/Pg Mrs Hutchinson PE4 3:15 - 4:15	GCSE PE intervention (Week B) 11S/Pg Mr Avann PE4 3:15 - 4:15	6th Form Football Week A only Mr Edwards Astro 3:15 - 4
Year 7-13 (Boys and Girls) Tag Rugby Mr Avann Astro 3:15 - 4:15	Years 7-11 Girls football Mr Cross Astro 3.15 - 4.30	Y13 A Level PE Mr Edwards Week B SL6 3:15 - 4:15	
Y13 A Level PE Mr Edwards Week A SL6 3:15 - 4	GCSE PE Intervention 10P Mr Avann PE4 (theory) 3:15 - 4:15		
Years 7,8,9 Netball Mrs Walters Courts 3:15 - 4:30			

How to join a PE club

- Simply show up after school at the PE changing rooms at 3:15pm after period 5.
- You must wear your Highlands PE kit and trainers to take part.
- You must wear your school uniform to school and get changed after school in the changing rooms (unless you have a practical PE lesson on the day of your club).
- Bring any medical devices e.g., asthma pump with you.
- All clubs are for all students in the year groups stated. Year groups and clubs will change each half term.
- Inform your parents/carers that you are attending a club and your finishing time at school will be later (4:30pm).
- If a club is cancelled then an email will be sent home to inform parents.



School announcements

Nut allergies

It has come to our attention that some students may on occasion be bringing in snacks which could contain nuts. As we have several people in school with nut allergies, we ask that parents check their child's packed lunch contents and speak to their child about not buying snacks on the way to school that may contain nuts. The school has an allergen/anaphylaxis policy, a copy of which is on the school website.

Lost property - collect by 6th March

If your child is missing any items, please ask them to come to the school office next week to check if we have them.

Any items that are not collected by **Friday 6th March**, will be donated to charity or disposed of. Please click [here](#) for a list of lost property received since the start of term. Lost items from January to February half term are highlighted in yellow.

Notifying the school of student appointments

If your child has an appointment scheduled during school hours, please ensure you notify us promptly by emailing postbox@highlearn.uk for years 7-11 and sixthform@highlearn.uk for years 12-13 or by phoning us on the day of the appointment.

Your notification must include the date of the appointment and the exact time the student needs to leave school. Where possible, please also attach or provide proof of the appointment to the email.

To ensure your child is released smoothly from their lesson, please write a clear note on the appropriate day of your child's student planner, indicating the time they need to leave class. Students must show this planner note to their teacher to be excused from the lesson. They will then proceed to the school reception to officially sign out before being released to meet you at your pre-arranged location. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Parking reminder

A reminder to all parents and carers to please avoid parking on the zigzag lines outside the school gates. These markings are in place to keep the area clear and ensure the safety of everyone entering and leaving the school. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.



School lettings

School Hire and Functions Ltd manage all our bookings for hiring of the astro, sports hall, field, main hall, dance and drama rooms and general classroom hire. We have had new floodlights installed on the astro meaning we can now take bookings in the evenings during the winter months.

For all booking enquiries, please contact **Jo Bukin, Director**, at **07855 042027** or email: school.hire@yahoo.co.uk. You can also find more details at www.school-hire.com



Highlands School
148 Worlds End Lane, London, N21 1QQ

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- ✓ Classrooms
- ✓ Outside spaces



House weekly winners

The winner is the house with the most positive points, minus negative points, plus the points from the house competitions. Well done **Willow!**

	Beech	Oak	Rowan	Willow
Positive points	6,222	7,071	6,374	9,504
Negative points	-355	-317	-273	-462
Points overall	5,867	6,754	6,101	9,042
Y8 Dance competition	1,500	3,000	1,500	4,000
Y9 RS & philosophy competition	-	-	-	1,000
Total	7,367	9,754	7,601	14,042

Top students in year 7

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Charles	Nottage	7WTH	W	105
Ruby	Clee	7WTH	W	99
Dila	Kartal	7WTH	W	98
Darina	Abdulkadhim	7WTH	W	97
Logan	George	7WTH	W	97
Oriah Mae	Salom-Mason	7WTH	W	96
Aaron	Selcuk	7WTH	W	96
Lilly Ann	Anisko	7WTH	W	94
Dominic	Wodzynski	7WTH	W	93
Seraphina	Mumba	7WTH	W	93

Top students in year 8:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Mollie	Morgan	8OMK	O	58
Eren	Mistiki	8RAC	R	56
Jack	Mallyon	8RKM	R	55
Jemimah	Miah	8OMK	O	54
Denna	Rorast	8OSB	O	54
Helin	Kekec	8WEL	W	53
Maya	Muller	8BHV	B	51
Kacey	Cheek	8OSB	O	51
Leah	Khan	8OSB	O	51
Maria	Manescu	8OSB	O	51



Top students in year 9:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Evie	Howlett	9WSW	W	81
Hannah	Gibbons	9WSW	W	79
Aaliyah	Lascelles	9WSW	W	73
Ciara	Moore-McGowan	9WSW	W	70
Florence	Holyomes	9WSW	W	59
Klea	Kambo	9WSW	W	57
Alara	Aristidou	9BLR	B	53
Michael	Seyidov	9WSW	W	53
Kunal	Das	9WSW	W	53
Liam	Wood	9WSW	W	50

Top students in year 10:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Xhorxhia	Kuvertaris	10RCX	R	54
Ria	Patil	10OAC	O	48
Brandan	Pearce	10OAC	O	46
Ayse	Bayar	10ORF	O	46
Liam	Redmond	10RCX	R	43
Nathan	Lemonious	10RCX	R	43
Azra	Demirci	10RAB	R	41
Molly	McGrath	10RCX	R	40
Kaelyn	Beisty	10WNL	W	39
Natalia	Deda	10OAC	O	38

Top students in year 11:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Nicole	Kozinos	11RJC	R	29
Samson	Tebb	11OSM	O	26
Avril	Brown	11RJC	R	26
Lorin	Varli	11ODC	O	25
Zehra	Besler	11WJQ	W	24
Alessandro	Rosiello	11RJC	R	21
Ella	Hayward	11RJC	R	21
Duru	Ozkaya	11ODC	O	20
Sebastian	Angelides	11OSM	O	20
Alesja	Rama	11RCG	R	20



Top students in year 12:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Ethan	Baxter	12BCR	B	16
Francisco	Barbosa Pinto	12WTA	W	14
Nicole	Zeka	12BJT	B	10
Eva	Chrysostomou	12BJT	B	10
Elise	Soon	12WTA	W	8
Savvas	Marneros	12WTA	W	8
Melisa	Isufaj	12WTA	W	8
Sienna	Francis	12WTA	W	8

Top students in year 13:

Forename	Surname	Form	House	Points
Jessica	Reidy	13BAS	B	12
Emily	Tofis	13BAS	B	8
Tiana	Martindale	13BTD	B	8
Jessica	Champion	13OES	O	8
Joseph	Brooks	13RHK	R	8
Sophie	Gerrish	13RJB	R	8
Mattia	Cirillo	13RJB	R	8
Mabel	Batista	13WAD	W	8
Katie	Pedder	13WAD	W	8
Ryan	Rhatigan	13WAD	W	8
Connie	Wakeford	13WAD	W	8
Athanas	Topoviti	13WDS	W	8
Ella	Kufeji	13WDS	W	8



Highlands School Alumni

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](https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk) 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: Faithia Garffus – faithia.garffus@futurefirst.org.uk

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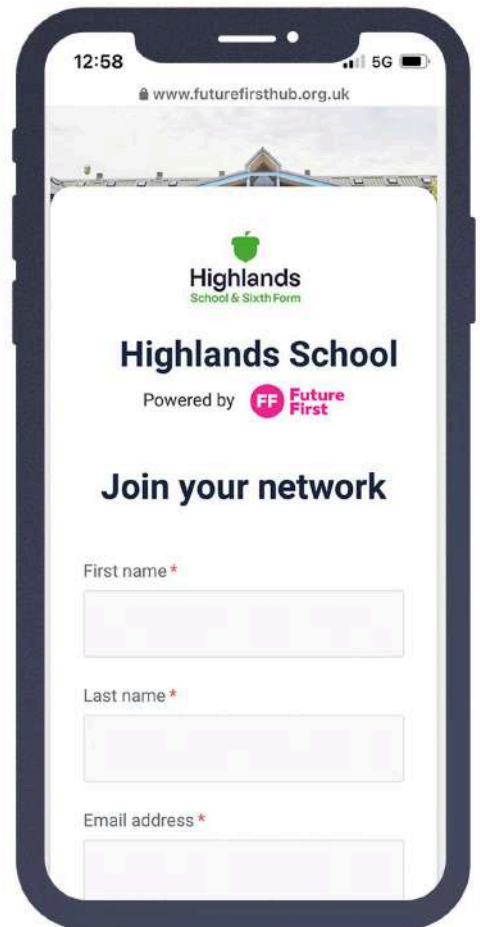
Scan the QR code to join the Alumni network

Former student?

Return to Highlands School to inform our current students about what life beyond school is really like.

Sign up to our former student network to receive news, updates and invites to events.

Once you're signed up there is no obligation to volunteer, you can get involved around your availability.





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.

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.

Urgent mental health support - 24/7 crisis lines

Area	Boroughs covered	24/7 crisis line number
North West London	Brent, Hillingdon, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	0800 0234 650
	Ealing, Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham	0800 328 4444
North Central London	Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington	0800 151 0023
North East London	City & Hackney	0800 073 0006
	Newham	0800 073 0066
	Tower Hamlets	0800 073 0003
South West London	Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest	0300 555 1000
	Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth	0800 028 8000
South East London	Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark	0800 731 2864
	Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich	0800 330 8590

Every mental health trust in London has put in place a **24/7 crisis line** for people of all ages - children, young people and adults. The lines which are free to call can provide advice to those in a crisis. These crisis lines are supported by trained mental health advisors 365 days a year.

You can find the 24/7 crisis line numbers using the NHS Service Finder ([link below](https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline)) but the table provides all of the telephone numbers in London.

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline>

Urgent and other support available

shout
85258

Shout offers confidential 24/7 crisis text support for times when immediate assistance is required
Text "SHOUT" to 85258 or [visit Shout Crisis Text Line](#)

SAMARITANS

Samaritans 24/7 365 days a year - they are here to listen and provide support
Call: 116 123 or email: jo@samaritans.org

Crisis Tools

Crisis Tools helps professionals support young people in crisis - short accessible video guides and text resources
Sign up for free resources [here](#)

PAPYRUS

Papyrus provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person
Call: 0800 068 41 41 or Text: 07860 039967 (opening hours 9am to midnight - 365 days a year)

childline
SOMEONE ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Childline confidential telephone counselling service for any child with a problem
Call: 0800 1111 anytime or [online chat with a counsellor](#)

Good Thinking

Good Thinking is London's digital wellbeing service and provides a range of resources for young people to help improve mental wellbeing including free NHS-approved apps

THE MIX

The Mix provides free, confidential support for young people under 25
Call: 0808 808 4994 (11am - 11pm every day) or [Email](#)

Beat

Beat provide support to help young people who may be struggling with an eating problem or an eating disorder
Call the Youthline (under 18's) 0808 801 0711 or Studentline 0808 801 0811 (9am - 8pm during the week and 4pm - 8pm on weekends and bank holidays)

kooth

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community including live chat with the team, discussion boards, magazine with helpful articles and a daily journal a magazine



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 call 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: <https://signhealth.org.uk/contact/>

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 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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