

Acting Co-Headteachers' Message

As the term draws to a close, we would like to thank the whole school community for supporting us in our first term of Co-Headship. The students have been exemplary in their approach to all aspects of school life; embracing new extra-curricular opportunities and focusing with maturity and a fantastic work ethic on their studies. We have seen this time and time again as groups of prospective parents and pupils have been shown around over the past six weeks. In addition to this, we would like to thank our wonderful staff for their help and commitment during what remains a challenging time as we continue to manage the impact of COVID-19. Finally, thank you to our parents and carers for your support and patience.



We would like to wish everybody a well-earned and restful Half-Term holiday.

Miss J. Capon and Mr M. Henshaw
Acting Co-Headteachers

Year 11 National Gallery Trip



Our Year 11 GCSE Fine Art students had a great day exploring artwork displayed in the National Gallery. In particular, they looked at art through history: this included Renaissance, Baroque, The Dutch Golden Age, Impressionism and many more. We received a tour from one of the specialist educators, looking at the structure of how a painting is

created. Students spent time exploring different materials and processes that are used in the making of paintings and their different properties. The educator investigated visually with the students how artists create, for example, perspective, pattern, colour and light.



After the tour, pupils were allowed to explore the gallery, finding and documenting works that interested them through photographs and sketchbook drawings. The knowledge that the students gained from the trip is both beneficial for their upcoming mock exams and component one.

Both students and staff had a great day!

English

Celebrating Black History Month in the English Department

In honour of Black History Month, the English Department have been promoting young adult fiction by authors and speakers of different cultures. Many of these titles are available in our Library, as well as in local libraries across the Royal Borough.

Further Reading:

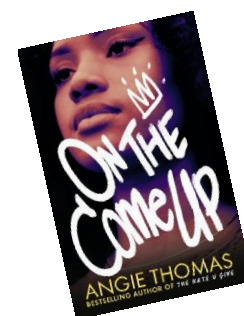
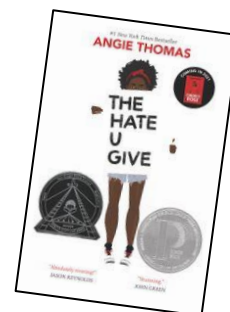
The Royal Shakespeare Company has produced a wonderful article celebrating some of the black artists who have performed and influenced them as a company.

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/news/archive/black-history-month>



Epic Reads have also written a blog named *20 YA Books to Read During Black History Month*. Follow the link below to access to the article and their recommendations:

<https://www.epicreads.com/blog/black-history-month/>



Student Focus Centre

Breast Cancer Awareness

October is breast cancer awareness month. While we 'wear it pink' to raise awareness of breast cancer prevention, it's important to remember that those impacted by cancer also include the family and friends of people diagnosed with the disease.



If you, or anyone you know, is struggling, there is lots of support available for you:

- You can visit www.nationalbreastcancer.org for information and support for those diagnosed with breast cancer.
- www.macmillan.org.uk helps anyone living with cancer.
- Our Wellbeing Practitioners in the Student Focus Centre are also available in school if you just want to talk (wellbeing@newlandsgirls.co.uk).

Library News

Book of the Month – October 2021

The Selection Series

By Kiera Cass

The Selection is a series of three books, all of which follow the story of a young girl named America. In the first book, *The Selection*, America gets an invitation to the palace to compete for the prince's heart. The struggle she faces is much greater than expected, as her heart already belongs to somebody else. America not only has to compete with 30 other girls in the competition, but she also has to understand who she is and what she wants, under the view of the whole kingdom.



Read *The Selection* for a rollercoaster of emotions, varying from laughter, happiness and romance to shock. Experience love, as well as friendship, with the people America meets on her journey to find true love. If this captures your attention then you will definitely enjoy this series!

By Chelsey Harris and Lois Razzell (13A)

Maths Stars of the Week



The stars of the week for Maths are:

KS3 - Khadijah Ali (Y8) - For participation and working really hard in class.

KS4 - Ankeeta Upreti (Y11) - She is always keen to help out in class and tries her best in every lesson. She always has a smile 😊

Maths puzzle:

(Answer in next week's Friday News)

Try and make a calculation totalling 910 using some or all of the numbers listed below with any of the four mathematical operations (+, -, x and ÷)

7, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3

Answer to the puzzle from last week:

Using some or all of the six smallest prime numbers (listed below) with any of the four standard mathematical operations (+, -, x, ÷), make a calculation to produce the highest three – digit prime number of 997.

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13

$((13+5) \times (3+2) \times 11) + 7$

Dark Nights Ahead...

We'll soon be setting the clocks back an hour and summer-time will end. The resources below will help remind children, including teenagers, about road safety and keeping safe in the dark.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

NPA News – Bag2School – Saturday 13th November

Bag2School



On Monday 15th November, Bag2School will be visiting Newlands to collect any unwanted clothes, which will be sorted and weighed. This event ran last year and was a great success. For every kilogram of clothing donated, the NPA will receive a valuable boost to their funds. The clothes then make their way to developing countries, where they are cleaned, reused and sold.

Please do take the opportunity to sort through your wardrobes and consider donating any unwanted items to the scheme. You will have the opportunity to drop your bags off on **Saturday 13th November from 10 am to 1 pm** (a black bin liner is fine).

Please turn in to the school car park and, when space becomes available, move forward to the bus lane, where members of the NPA will call you forward once more to receive your bags and store them in the bicycle shelter.

All funds raised through Bag2School will be used to support the learning and extra-curricular experiences of our students. It is also great to know that your unwanted clothing will be used sustainably to support communities across the world!



Please visit the Bag2School website for a list of what is accepted for collection:

<https://bag2school.com>