

FRIDAY NEWS!

Newlands Girls' School, Farm Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 5JB



Friday 8th October 2021
Term 1 - No. 5

Acting Co-Headteachers' Message

It was fantastic to see so many girls involved in Open Evening on Tuesday this week. Excellent speeches were superbly delivered to approximately one thousand guests by our Head Girls – Lily Hall and Anna Robinson and also by Srilakshmi Seshadri in Year 8 and Chloe Woods in Year 7. Our senior students in Years 11, 12 and 13 acted as guides and we spent much of the evening hearing from our guests about how brilliant they were, which we entirely agree with! Girls in Years 7-10 also played a prominent role within departments and many of our younger visitors loved telling us about how our pupils helped lead them in a variety of activities such as netball, mono-printing, Maths puzzles and interactive language games in French, German and Spanish. We would like to put on record our thanks to the girls for not just giving up their evening, but for throwing themselves into everything they did with such enthusiasm.



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



Reminder – Non-Uniform Day

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 15th October 2021

Our first fund-raising event for this academic year will be in aid of 'ActionAid', which has been chosen by our Head Girls. ActionAid is an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty.

Pupils are asked to contribute £1.50 to wear their own clothes for the day.

Student Focus Centre

The Importance of Friendship

We are all aware of the negative impact that feeling isolated can have on our mental health, but what are the benefits of having, and being, a good friend?

Spending time with friends can really boost our mood. It can be a relief to share our thoughts and feelings and friends are always great to share a good laugh with! This releases endorphins (the feel-good hormones) into our bodies. Having friends around us also helps to alleviate feelings of loneliness.



Good friends can also boost our self-esteem. We all have times when our confidence may be low. Hearing positive comments and compliments from peers can help us to feel more confident and self-assured.

Friends can also keep us motivated. Learning new skills can improve our overall well-being and doing it with a friend increases our 'stickability'. We are therefore more likely to achieve our goals if we share in this process.

Remember how important you are to your friends and take the time to remind them of how much you appreciate their support and kindness this week.

Open Evening Success

Many thanks to all the staff and students who worked so hard to make Open Evening a great success on Tuesday. The school looked immaculate and welcoming and all of the departments outdid themselves to show off their students' fantastic work.

Here are a few of the displays from the English Department.



Science News!



SCIENCE GCSE REVISION CLASSES



To help **Year 11s** prepare for their Science GCSE exams, the Science Department are putting on after-school revision classes.

| Date | Subject | What topics will be covered? |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 14/10/2021 | Chemistry | Atoms and the Periodic Table |
| 21/10/2021 | Physics | Energy |
| 04/11/2021 | Biology | Cell and Cell Division |
| 11/11/2021 | Chemistry | Structure and Bonding |
| 18/11/2021 | Physics | Heating and Resources |
| 25/11/2021 | Biology | Organisation and Digestion |
| 02/12/2021 | Chemistry | Calculations |
| 09/12/2021 | Physics | Electricity |
| 16/12/2021 | Biology | Organising Animals and Plants |
| 06/01/2022 | Chemistry | Chemical and Energy Changes |
| 13/01/2022 | Physics | Radioactivity and Molecules |
| 20/01/2022 | Biology | Diseases |
| 27/01/2022 | Chemistry | Electrolysis |
| 03/02/2022 | Physics | Forces |
| 10/02/2022 | Biology | Photosynthesis and Respiration |
| 17/02/2022 | Chemistry | Rates |
| 03/03/2022 | Physics | Motion |
| 10/03/2022 | Biology | Nervous System and Hormones |
| 17/03/2022 | Chemistry | Crude Oil |
| 24/03/2022 | Physics | Waves and Electromagnetic Waves |
| 31/03/2022 | Biology | Reproduction Variation and Evolution |
| 07/04/2022 | Chemistry | Analysis and Earth's Atmosphere and Resources |
| 28/04/2022 | Physics | Electromagnetism |
| 05/05/2022 | Biology | Ecology |
| 19/05/2022 | Science | Exam Technique and Q&A |

When? Thursdays from 3:05 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Where?** Lab 22

Maths Stars of the Week



The 'Stars of the Week' for Maths are:

KS3 - Nadine Ahmed (Yr 8) – She showed great curiosity in a maths topic and made an excellent poster in after-school maths club.

KS4 - Umayma Mirza (Yr 10) – Umayma demonstrates excellent participation and effort in class. Well done – a fantastic start to the year!

Maths Puzzle

Make a calculation totalling the figure on the right using some or all of the numbers listed on the left. You may use any of the four standard mathematical operations (+, -, x and ÷).

3 5 7 10 25 75 = 414

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Answer to Maths puzzle from previous week:

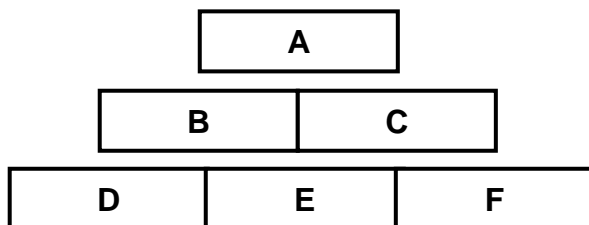
In this number pyramid, each letter represents a different positive whole number. Each number is the sum of the two numbers below it.

B is prime

C contains only straight lines when spelled out (eg 9 = NINE)

D, E and **F** all contain exactly five letters when spelled out.

Try and find all six numbers given that **A** has to be the largest possible two-digit number.



Answer = 26

Making Music!

Free Instrument Taster Lessons

The Music Department is delighted to have the opportunity to offer a free instrument taster lessons to students from **all** year groups, run by some of the Department's visiting teachers. This is a fantastic opportunity for students who are considering learning an instrument, but there are very limited spaces. Lessons will take place in the Music Department during the school day.

- Drum kit
- Guitar (electric & acoustic), ukulele & bass guitar
- Trumpet & trombone
- **NEW!** Flute, clarinet & saxophone



In order to sign-up for a taster lesson on any of the above instruments, students can fill in their details on the sign-up sheets in the Music Department or alternatively email Mr Beach with their full name, tutor group and the instrument that they are interested in learning.

Psychology Club

The Psychology Prefects are excited to announce the return of Psychology Club for the Year 7s!

Come and explore the wonderful world of Psychology and bring your lunch with you.

Learn all about the mind, the brain and behaviour, conduct extraordinary psychology experiments, play and design fascinating and fun games on optical illusions, memory, dreams, phobia's as well as partaking in exciting competitions with prizes!

All this and more in a fun and relaxed learning environment!

Where: P-Block - Room P2

When: Thursday lunchtime



OUR PREVIOUS MEMBERS COMMENTED:

'We have done various different psychological topics and I've loved every single one of them!'- Paige Morgan

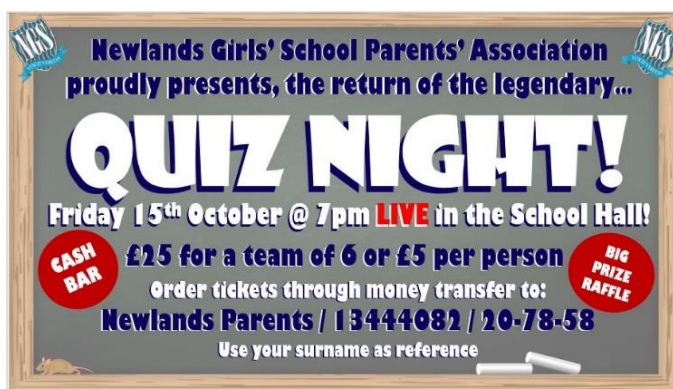
'I enjoy Psychology Club because we experiment a lot.

There is so much to do!' - Frankie Spratt

'It's great I love it!' – Freya Bartlett



NPA News



Employment Opportunity

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Scale 3 Points 5-6 (FTE £20,760 to £21,175 p.a.), Term Time Only

Actual Annual Salary £10,439 to £10,678

8.45 a.m. - 3.05 p.m.

22 hours per week: 4 days to be confirmed - Start date: November 2021

Newlands is a successful and over-subscribed girls' 11-18 comprehensive school with a strong reputation for academic achievement. During our last Ofsted Inspection (October 2018) we were graded as Outstanding.

Our excellent GCSE results put us consistently in the top 10% of schools nationwide with 89% achieving passes in both Maths and English. We also have an outstanding success rate at A-Level with a 100% pass rate and 89% at Grades A*-C.

We are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant to support pupils with disabilities of various kinds both in and out of the classroom and by modifying resources to help them access the curriculum. Duties would be term-time only and there is an induction programme to train those new to the role. The post is based on school hours. Applicants should enjoy working with people and have good word-processing skills.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Further details of the post, including a full job description, and an application form are available on our website at www.newlandsgirlsschool.co.uk or from Mrs Bateson, the Headteacher's P.A.

Letters of application and completed forms should be sent to Miss J. Capon and Mr M. Henshaw, Acting Co-Headteachers, by **noon on Monday 1st November 2021**.

Interviews will take place shortly after this date.

We reserve the right to close the application process early should we receive an overwhelming response.