

# FRIDAY NEWS!

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



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
Term 2 - No. 2

## Acting Co-Headteachers' Message

This week we enjoyed poignant assemblies delivered by Marnie O'Connell, Mia Harrowell, Eleanor Wooller, Lucy Miller and Lily Hall on Remembrance Day and the school observed two minutes silence at 11 a.m. on Thursday. We are always impressed by the way in which our community marks this important time of year and it is wonderful to see so many of the students wearing poppies.

As the weather continues to get colder, please can pupils be reminded that a coat can be brought to school and worn outside at break and lunchtime, and scarves are permitted at the teacher's discretion where the temperature in classrooms is chillier than normal due to the increased ventilation.

You may have heard in the press over the past few days that the government has announced their 'Plan B' as a contingency if summer examinations are cancelled. We want to reassure parents that we are working hard on how to implement this plan within school, and more information will be communicated to all Year 11 and Year 13 Parents and Carers in due course.

Could we also remind parents that in the interests of safety, we continue to ask that you drop off and pick up your daughter a distance from school and refrain from using the drive through by the electric gate. Avoiding congestion, road safety awareness and visibility for crossing are particularly important as the days become shorter, and the access area is reserved for students who have special medical requirements. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has been launched today. This will run for our Year 10 pupils who wish to embark on the Silver qualification.

We would like to wish you all a relaxing weekend.

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



## Food and Nutrition

Just before half term, GCSE Food and Nutrition students had a marvellous week!



Year 10 were given the complex task of cooking Challah bread in an hour. Students used a few tricks to accelerate the process of proving the bread and everyone had a risen loaf by the end of the lesson.

Meanwhile, the skills of Year 11 were tested when asked to make a roast dinner, also in an hour! Students made all of the elements including gravy, Yorkshire puddings, stuffing and even steamed vegetables. The girls had to work efficiently in order to accomplish this in the time that they had. Well done to everyone!

**Ms T. Dudley, Head of Department DACT**



## Year 12 Fine Art and Photography Trip



On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021, Year 12 Fine Art and Photography students had a fantastic time exploring the wonderful items displayed in the Victoria & Albert Museum. The space had a range of works, varying from sculpture, paintings, photographs and jewellery to performance and theatre, making the museum an exciting and suitable trip for all. The students explored the museum, finding and documenting work of artists that interested them through photographs and sketchbook drawings.

After the V&A museum, the pupils had a walk around the South Bank, looking for 'candid' and 'beauty in banal' moments of people in their everyday. The Fine Art pupils captured the moments through quick life drawings, whilst the photography group seized it through the lens. The weather turned out to be beautiful and students and staff had a very enjoyable day.



Lizzie Miller, Gabby Giuzzi,  
Sophie Hill, Tiya Patel,  
Jessica Hallam and  
Daisy Stokoe



Lizzie Miller and  
Charlie Swain

# Library News



## Christmas Card Competition



To enter the competition, please ask for a blank card in the Library and draw a picture on the front. You can also choose to write a small poem inside the card.

There are 5 categories:

1. Best picture
2. Most funny
3. Best poem
4. Most creative
5. Most original



Some Christmas cards will be printed out and made available for sale!

Prizes for all winners!

All entries MUST be in before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

*Please remember to put your name and form on the back of the card. Completed entries should be given in to the Library.*



# Science Club

In Science Club, you get to have a go at new experiments. So far, we have made slime, used the Bunsen burner for flame tests, and made a cabbage indicator. If you come and join us at Science Club, you will get to do these exciting activities too! You will also have the opportunity to make loads more friends, use scientific equipment and chemicals and, if you are lucky, you may even be able to take some of your products home!

If you would like to come and join us at Science Club, please meet us after school on a Wednesday, in Lab 20, with Miss O'Gorman.

### Olivia Clark (Y8)

Date	Year Group
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 8
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 7
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	No Science club



## Student Focus Centre

In the last year, 'self-generated' child sexual abuse imagery has increased by 77% and represents a third of all child sexual abuse material identified and removed from the internet. These included images of girls aged 11 to 13, whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting.

To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, a campaign has been launched by the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. It aims to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens. The campaign wants to empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13 and over to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to 'Block, Report, Tell' someone they trust.

As part of the campaign, parents are encouraged to **T.A.L.K** to their children about the dangers.

- **Talk to your child** about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.
- **Agree ground rules** about the way you use technology as a family.
- **Learn about the platforms** and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.
- **Know how to use tools**, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

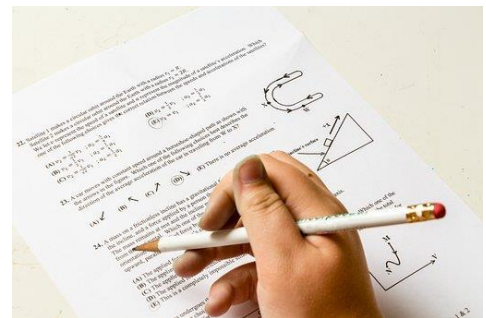
For more information and resources, please visit [talk-internetwatchfoundation](http://talk-internetwatchfoundation)

## Student Focus Centre

### Is stress always bad?

Sweaty palms, racing heartbeat and stomach pains are all classic stress responses in high-pressure circumstances. A study by psychologists at the University of Rochester in New York found that re-evaluating how one perceives stress could make a big difference to a person's mental health, general wellbeing and success.

Reframing the stress response as a tool, rather than an obstacle, not only reduced student's anxiety, but the 'good stress' mindset reset also helped them achieve a higher score in tests.



## Christmas Concert 2021

You will be aware that in the light of fresh guidelines from RBWM just before Half-Term, we have been required to introduce new measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. We are therefore very sorry that it will not be possible for the Christmas Concert to take place as calendared on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

This term we are still running some extra-curricular music within year groups including Year 8 Steel Pans on Tuesday lunchtimes, Year 7 Woodwind on Wednesday lunchtimes and Madrigals on Thursday lunchtimes. Not to mention Year 8 Rockschoo and Year 9 Djembe Ensemble on Fridays!

We very much hope to be able to enjoy the fruits of all their rehearsals and more at the Spring Concert next May.

## Maths Stars of the Week



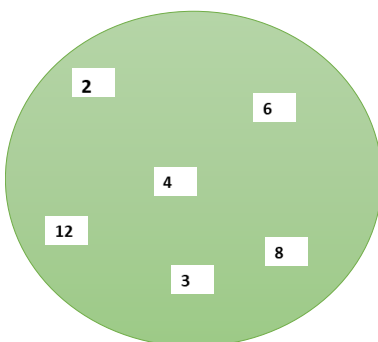
The stars of the week for Maths are:

**KS3: Matilda Price (Y8)** - Matilda did extremely well in her first essentials test this year, which matches her effort in class. She is very focused in lessons and consistently puts her ideas forward to share with the rest of the class.

**KS4: Molly Hand (Y10)** – Molly had an outstanding test score and has had a great work rate since she joined Newlands. Congratulations for moving up a set!

### ***Maths Puzzle (Answer in next week's Friday News)***

Using just 2 straight lines, can you divide the diagram into three parts? Each section must contain two numbers that can be multiplied together to equal the same total as those in any other part.

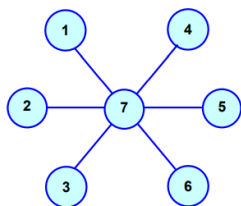


## Answer from previous week



### Puzzle time

#### Seven-up!



These lines all add up to 14



I expect you found this one not too tricky. And no wonder! There were several different ways of doing it!

Amazing eh, but you could have 7 in the middle, or 4 or even 1.

I've shown you one way above, can you work out others?

Puzzle provided by [www.mathsphere.co.uk](http://www.mathsphere.co.uk)

## The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead Youth Council

Following a Borough-wide call for participants, more than 30 young people applied to be representatives, with the RBWM working with children's services partner Achieving for children to establish the new Youth Council.

This dedicated forum supports young people to get involved in their communities, playing an active role in shaping and informing local decisions. Youth Councillors will also have the opportunity to discuss and address important issues that matter to young residents and affect their lives, as well as work on positive projects and campaigns to make changes for the better.



Three Year 11 students, Jemima Price, Holly Hannan and Zara Ioras, are already members of this new Council.

## NPA News - Reminder

### **Bag2School – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021!**

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Bag2School will be visiting Newlands to collect any unwanted clothes. 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 13<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** (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>