

# FRIDAY NEWS!

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



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## Headteacher's Message

We are very fortunate to have an excellent Library here at Newlands, a Librarian passionate about all things literary and a highly creative team of Student Librarians. The latest edition of 'Beyond the Books' has just been published and is attached herewith. Please do take a moment to read through this delightful collection of stories, poems, news and more.

## Short Story Winner!



During the summer, Issy Holmes in 10D won a short story competition run by *The Little Bookshop* in Cookham. Entrants were asked to submit a story inspired by writers such as Roald Dahl and David Walliams and had to include a Roald Dahl gobble-funk word! Issy wrote a story about a girl whose lies got bigger and bigger. Her winning entry will appear in the current issue of the Library Newsletter – *Beyond the Books*. The prize included £100 worth of books for her school Library, which we have been very pleased to receive! *The Little Bookshop* has very knowledgeable staff who are always happy to help and offer advice to students.

Congratulations Issy!

**The Little Bookshop**  
16 High Street  
Cookham  
Berkshire  
SL6 9SJ



## Newlands Parents' Association (NPA)



On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00 p.m., the Newlands Parents' Association (NPA) will be holding their AGM. Due to COVID-19, this is taking place a little later in the year than planned and must be held remotely, using a virtual platform.

Our AGM marks the conclusion of one year and the beginning of something new, making this the perfect opportunity for you to meet our friendly committee, find out more about our work and consider how you may wish to become involved. After four years' loyal service we are sad to be waving goodbye to our outgoing Chair, Mrs Ashby-Giles, and will be seeking to re-elect this position, along with other roles including Treasurer and Secretary.

As a registered charity, the NPA raises many thousands of pounds each year, every penny of which is spent on our girls' learning and extra-curricular experiences. However, the past six months have presented something of a challenge in terms of fundraising, given that we have been unable to hold many events. It has therefore never been more important for us to source innovative ideas and new members!

Should you wish to attend our virtual AGM, please contact [npa@newlandsgirls.co.uk](mailto:npa@newlandsgirls.co.uk) for joining instructions. We will be delighted to meet and welcome you!

## Student Focus Centre



October is ADHD Awareness Month. ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) is not always easy to diagnose. People with ADHD may experience:

- Concentration issues and trouble focusing
- Difficulty staying organised
- Being forgetful about completing tasks
- Problems sitting still
- Being easily distracted

Symptoms usually start very early in life, before the age of six. We do not know exactly what causes ADHD, but experts think it might run in families, or it could be to do with the way in which chemicals work in the brain. People with ADHD will need others around them to be understanding and patient when they are struggling.

If you would like to know more about ADHD, please visit these websites:

<https://www.adhdandyou.co.uk/young-person/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-adhd/>

## Canteen

### Our Pop-Up Canteens!

Newlands Girls' School provides pop-up canteens for each year group at break and lunchtime. We asked a variety of students about the new mobile service and this is what they said:

- *They are always ahead of time*
- *They are always prepared for the lunchtime rush*
- *The food is lovely. I love going to the pop-up canteen*
- *It's very filling - it keeps me going!*
- *Loads of options!*
- *The sandwiches are SO nice*
- *The food is always fresh*
- *I love how they have adapted during Covid-19 so everyone can eat*
- *The desserts are so nice and fresh*



Thank you to all the staff who help make this possible!

**Lexi Sutehall, Camilla Clough, Grace Cooper and Polly Cooke (Year 7)**

## Maths Stars of the Week



The Stars of the week for Maths are:

### **KS3**

**Lela Maddox (9C)** – for an excellent work ethic and making the effort to ask for extension tasks.

### **KS4**

**Issy Howe (11D)** – for an excellent work ethic and continually wanting to improve herself.

**Maths riddle:** *if you take 1 tablet every 30 minutes, how long would it take you to take 3 tablets? (Answer in next week's Friday News)*

**Answer to the riddle from last week:** *if there are 5 apples in the bowl and you take away 3 apples, how many do you have? You chose to take 3 apples out of the bowl so you have 3 apples.*

## Parent Support



Cruse Bereavement Care aims to make sure that all bereaved people have somewhere to turn. They offer telephone, email and online support. Their website includes information about local services, plus advice about how to help children and young people.

**Phone: 0808 808 1677**

**Email: [helpline@cruse.org.uk](mailto:helpline@cruse.org.uk)**

**<https://www.cruse.org.uk/>**