

# FRIDAY NEWS!

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



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Term 1 - No. 1

## Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome back, everyone!

I am very excited about the new school year and it is lovely to see all our learners and staff after the lockdown and summer break.

Newlands is a strong community and I am confident that we can work together to ensure that great teaching and learning takes place every day.

Many thanks to our parents and carers, who have helped prepare their daughters for a smooth start.

Best wishes to all,

**Dr L.V. Ceska**  
**Headteacher**



## Results Success!

Despite a difficult year, we are still able to celebrate outstanding examination success. We would like to congratulate all our pupils on their achievements and wish them the very best of luck in the future.

The excellent results are testament to the dedication and work ethic demonstrated by all. Many of our A-Level students are continuing their studies at university. We look forward to hearing about their new ambitions and adventures. We have enjoyed welcoming back a very high proportion of our GCSE cohort and look forward to working with them once again.



## Sixth Form News



It was lovely to see so many Year 12 students from both Newlands and the Consortium attending their face to face teaching sessions throughout June and July. The lessons were vital in bridging the gap between lockdown in March, and the start of the new academic year in September. Mrs Turner and I are looking forward to working with all our Sixth Formers in the months ahead.

**Mrs G. Walton**  
Assistant Headteacher – Sixth Form

## Continuing with Duke of Edinburgh



The Duke of Edinburgh scheme evolved during lockdown to ensure pupils were able to complete the necessary requirements. Although it was not possible to camp, a new certificate has been created to ensure participants are rewarded for the tasks completed - the 2020 DofE Certificate of Achievement.

### **Physical:**

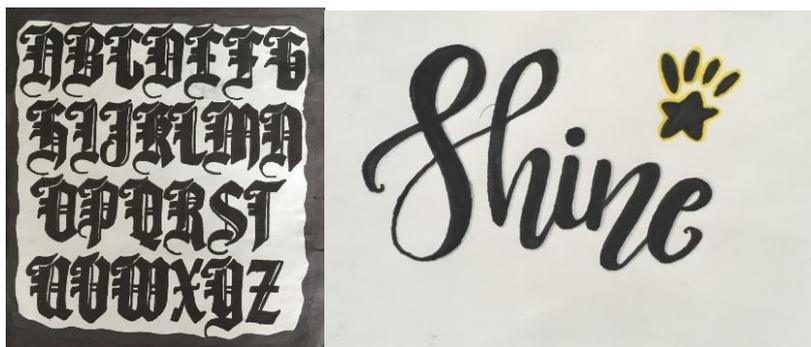
*I had Zoom Chats with my Kung Fu teacher and my classmates. We have been perfecting our stances and for my birthday in June, they sang happy birthday to me in funny voices! We have been practising a lot and working on our 10 hand drills to improve them.*

### **Volunteering:**

*Before lockdown, I organised the Board Games Club with some friends and helped to make sure everything was fun and ran smoothly. I also taught pupils how to play chess. Everyone met new people and we even made some new friends!*

### **Skills:**

*I had already started learning calligraphy before beginning DofE so I knew the basic technique. With Mrs Long's help, I have been learning more complex styles and the outcome looks a lot better than when I only knew the basics. These are some of the pieces I have done for DofE.*



**Sri Reddy (10B)**

## Bags2School



On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, the Newlands Parents' Association (NPA) arranged a 'Bags2School' event. Teachers, parents and the local community brought bags of unwanted clothes to the school car park, where a representative of the Bags2School scheme collected them and will soon send the items on to developing countries. The clothes will be cleaned, reused and sold to those in need. In return, Bags2School have pledged a contribution to the NPA's funds, based on the weight of our donations.

Across the afternoon, Newlands amassed an incredible **2.88 tonnes** of clothing, for which the school was given **£1,152**. This will be used to fund additional learning resources and extra-curricular opportunities for our girls.

We would like to thank everybody for their support with this event and extend our sincere thanks to the NPA for a long afternoon's work and super-smooth organisation!

**Mrs H. Walker**  
Assistant Headteacher

## The Student Focus Centre

Staff in the SFC are trained in Emotional Health and Wellbeing (ELSA) and we take a holistic and solution focused approach to support. Our aims are to help develop confidence, empower pupils to have better relationships with friends and family, increase motivation and help on the journey to improved Mental and Emotional Wellbeing.

We dedicate ourselves to offering the best possible outcome for pupils' needs. The SFC is a safe and confidential place for all students at Newlands. We listen without judgement, whilst offering advice and guidance.

Feel free to contact us at [wellbeing@newlandsgirls.co.uk](mailto:wellbeing@newlandsgirls.co.uk), Alternatively, pupils can speak to their Form Tutors or be referred by their Head of Year. Initially, pupils will be invited to attend a scheduled session and given the opportunity to ask questions, discuss concerns, thus enabling us to evaluate needs. Further support may be recommended. The Student Focus Centre is located next to Lab 32.

**Mrs A. Taylor**  
Emotional Wellbeing Support Assistant  
Student Focus Centre

