

FRIDAY NEWS!

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



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Headteacher's Update

I am pleased to report that our Autumn Plan continues to run smoothly. Girls have settled into their new routines with absolutely no fuss. Well done, everyone!

This week, I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers, who contribute to our Development for the Future Fund. In 2019-2020, you gave very generously a total of £9, 416. We have used this money to replace failed projectors in 16 classrooms, to redecorate the Music Block (which had not received even a lick of paint since it was built in 2004! and to re-build the wooden benches in 2 Science Laboratories. We have also purchased 64 pupil chairs and 32 classroom tables. All of these things will help to create an even better learning environment for our school community.

Head Girls - Congratulations!



We are delighted to announce our new Head Girls:

- **Chesna Mitra**
- **Lucy O'Connell**
- **Isha Singh**

Chesna Mitra

"I'm Chesna and I take A-Level English Literature, History, and Spanish. I am elated to be Head Girl alongside Lucy and Isha and hope that we will be able to make this year as enjoyable and productive as possible. I look forward to working closely with this year's Eco-Committee in order to make small but significant changes to our school. If you have any suggestions or questions about this, I am more than willing to take on your opinions in order to make the school greener. Due to the amount of uncertainty surrounding the coming year, I have also been appointed to oversee mental wellbeing for students, so please don't hesitate to message me with any problems or worries that you may have as we understand that this is a difficult time for all of us. I hope to be a listening ear for anyone who needs it and all three of us are always here to help.

Lucy O'Connell

"Hello! My name is Lucy and I study A-Level Biology, Chemistry and Maths alongside an EPQ in Neuroaesthetics – the science of why we prefer one piece of art over another. I am really excited to have been appointed Head Girl this year; I know this is a strange time for everyone. However, we have lots of plans to make the school year as exciting and productive as ever. We are finding virtual ways for different school bubbles to work together, and hope that everyone will be eager to adapt to new modes of learning and different ways to be involved in the school community. I will be here to support you with academics and clubs, and am hoping to start a Debating Society this year. I loved running the Biomedical Society in Year 12, and hope that you will be inspired to get involved with what might be on offer! I am here to help you with anything you need."

Isha Singh

"Hello, I'm Isha and I take Biology, Chemistry and Physics. I aspire to study Medicine at university and then go on to specialise in heart surgery. I am delighted to have been chosen as a Head Girl this year. Although we are navigating stormy waters, I cannot wait to help us get through it! I will be working very closely with Years 11, 12 and 13. I will be setting up virtual mentoring schemes and meetings, hoping to boost your confidence and helping motivate you to achieve your goals. I would really like as many people as possible to get the very best out of Sixth Form life here at Newlands. Please feel free to approach me or contact me if you ever need any help with anything."

The following Deputy Head Girls will assist them in their work:

- **Katie Berger**
- **Emily Evetts**
- **Jade Otto**
- **Sophie Rodhouse**
- **Olivia Schofield**



All these students are organised, dedicated and enthusiastic. We are sure that they will make a fantastic contribution to the school during the coming year!

Careers



In recent months, it has been great to see so many students take up the opportunity of online career talks and virtual work experience. We will continue to keep students updated about all upcoming opportunities via newsletter and email. We are looking forward to resuming our after-school seminars and World of Work events as soon as possible.

Please remember that our Careers Leader, Mrs Jandrell, is here to help you with any questions you have regarding post 16 and post 18 options. To book an appointment, please email nataliajandrell@newlandsgirls.co.uk. Where possible, Sixth Form meetings will be held in the Sixth Form meeting room and appointments cards will be issued for meetings in our new Careers Office (Room 34).

Mrs N. Jandrell
Careers Leader

The Student Focus Centre



There are times when we feel overwhelmed with school work and relationships, or just keeping everything balanced. Often people think that asking for help is a sign of weakness, but it isn't. Talking to a parent, teacher, or another trusted adult about your worries, or letting a close friend know how you are feeling, can alleviate stress and make you feel less alone.

Mrs A. Taylor
Emotional Wellbeing Support Assistant
Student Focus Centre

Supporting Children with Anxiety



Coming back to school is a huge change for everyone, and some students may be finding it difficult to adapt. The website below provides a resource for parents who need help supporting children who are suffering from anxiety. A variety of top tips, an example action plan and various activities are included.

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/supporting-children-with-anxiety-tools-for-parents>

Windsor and Maidenhead Library Service

Libraries are an important part of our community. They provide relaxing and safe spaces for everyone and access to a huge resource of information and knowledge. The way libraries are used changes all the time. RBWM Libraries are under consultation and they have asked if we can share this link. They are trying to reach as many people as possible who value the libraries and the services they offer.

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/news/library-opening-hours-consultation>

