

# FRIDAY NEWS!

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



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
Term 2 - No. 4

## Acting Co-Headteachers' Message

Last week was National Bullying Week. Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.



We recognised the importance of eradicating any form of bullying by discussing this issue in Form time and by every member of each tutor group signing up to a Bullying Charter, all which are displayed on notice boards in a very visual manner.

It is important to us that we are a listening school. We take bullying very seriously and always encourage students to come forward and tell someone if they are experiencing any kind of difficulty. This might be in person or online. We cannot act if we do not know and every pupil must feel safe and supported. Our Bullying Charter, as well as the associated agreement that bullying will not be tolerated is extremely important to us, and evidence of the practical steps we take to address the issue.

Something else which we value is feedback from all our stakeholders and you, our parents and carers, are a vital. In the next two weeks we will share a survey link with all pupils with the intention of collating views regarding their Newlands experience this year. We would like to ask the same of you today. We are really keen to hear your feedback in relation to what you feel is going well, and any suggestions for improvement. You can access the link to our online survey here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Tb2kB5hx0S>

We would be grateful if you could provide your responses by **Friday 3rd December 2021**. This will help guide the decisions we make and keep us connected with our important wider community. The issues that matter to you, matter to us. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your feedback.

We wish you a relaxing, if rather chilly, weekend!

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

# The Tuck Truck is Coming.....

## Launching 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021



Accent are delighted to tell you that the outdoor POD has finally arrived!

The reasoning behind the POD is to help ease the congestion within the main dining hall by separating the food offer that will be served in the main restaurant and the outdoor POD.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> December, the POD will be open at break and lunchtime. The food offering will include paninis, pasta pots, jacket potatoes and a selection of cold food and drinks.



## Careers

### Year 9 'World of Work' event

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Year 9 participated in their 'World of Work' event which, in keeping with the times and regulations, took place via Microsoft Teams.

We introduced *careers* by exploring what the word actually means and then students were given an overview of the many different job sectors available to them. We considered the employability skills businesses and organisations are looking for and discussed different ways of how students can, and are already gaining, those skills.

We were impressed by the definitions Year 9 came up with to explain *resilience*, a key employability skill, and by the range of volunteering and job opportunities our students are already involved in. They ranged from babysitting and fish-sitting, to watering the neighbours' plants and helping tutor younger children in ballet and horse riding. Our Year 9 students certainly don't seem to be short of skills to help them boost their CV and pocket money!

There were some excellent questions on careers profiles and we shared the website of the [National Careers Service](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers) (<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>) with students via email so that they can explore different careers in more detail.



We had planned to include a presentation from Pfizer on their medicine development, but due to technical issues this was unfortunately not possible. Pfizer sent a brilliant resource instead, which allows students to interactively find out the information they were going to share with them. The website has been emailed to students and you can also find it here: <https://elearning.pfizer.co.uk/science-in-a-box/timeline/>

## Student Focus Centre

### We should all be a bit more Teal!

We have all been enjoying Teal's company recently in the SFC and after witnessing her enthusiasm, her warmth and her self-awareness of just how fabulous she is, it occurred to us that we all should be a bit more Teal!

Having a positive attitude, the determination to achieve our goals, and being warm and friendly to our peers, will boost both your own mental wellbeing and that of those around you.



We thought you might enjoy this picture of Teal working hard in the SFC.

## Bag2School

On Saturday 13th November 2021, the Newlands Parents' Association (NPA) arranged a 'Bag2School' event. Teachers, parents and the local community brought bags of unwanted clothes to the school car park, where a representative of the Bag2School 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, Bag2School have pledged a contribution to the NPA's funds, based on the weight of our donations. Newlands amassed almost a tonne of clothing, for which the school was given £320. 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 also extend our sincere thanks to the NPA for their smooth organisation and a productive morning's work!

# Maths Stars of the Week



The stars of the week for Maths are:

**KS3: Kinga Wszelaka (Y9)** Kinga has been working well in class and achieved a good assessment result - well done!

**KS4: Alisha Ali (Y11)** Alisha always completes classwork to an exceptional standard and moves on to extension work.

### ***Maths Puzzle***

***(Answer in next week's Friday News)***

Put 9 two pence coins in the shape of a 3 by 3 square, so that they all touch each other. You should see that you have 6 lines of touching coins (3 vertical ones and 3 horizontal ones).

By touching and moving just 2 of the coins, try and make an arrangement with 7 lines of 3 touching coins. Hint: don't pick the coins up!

### ***Answer from last week***

An entire village of 120 turned up for a local concert and paid £120 in total. The ticket prices were:

£5      for men  
£2      for women  
10p     for children

How many men, women and children attended the concert?

Men	17
Women	13
Children	90