

FRIDAY NEWS!

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



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Headteacher's Message

This week marks the end of formal teaching for Year 11 and Year 13. They will return to school next Friday for their respective celebration events.

We would like to congratulate these two cohorts for their stellar resilience and impressive work ethic. A big 'thank you' also goes out to parents and carers for their continued support. We hope that Y11 and Y13 can now enjoy a period of relaxation.

Have a lovely weekend.

Dr L.V. Ceska

Music in Year 7

Making Music!

Since joining us in September, Year 7 pupils have thrown themselves into the music curriculum. So far this year, they have learned about rhythm and pulse, musical notation, instruments of the orchestra and they have performed famous lullabies on keyboards.

Pupils are currently working on our *Toy Shop at Midnight* project. This entails everyone working collaboratively to compose a piece of music, which represents the toys in a traditional toy shop coming to life. Year 7 have produced original ideas, written them down on the musical staff and worked in groups to create an imaginative piece.



Anna Burnage



Ola Reczynska and Ida Martin



Safa Khan and Scarlett Cooper
Nimrah Rashid (behind)

The Lumière Virtual Film Club!

Before the first lockdown, the school had two amazing Film Clubs. The Library organised a lunch time event, screening films based on books such as *Little Women*, *Wonder* and *Aladdin*. After school, The Lumière Film Society choices ran in their entirety, aimed at older students. Films were selected that reflected real issues present in our everyday lives.



Mr Wall has decided to set up a virtual Film Club. Every week, until the end of the school year, he will send out an email to promote a film that highlights an international dedication to a cause or event that has been represented in some way. We hope that his recommendations might spark enough interest for you to catch the film in your own time!

Please feel free to submit any film review, or a recommendation to either our Sixth Form Learning Mentor, for the 6th Form Bulletin, or Mrs Evetts for the Library Newsletter.

Student Focus Centre



21st May is **World Meditation Day**, which is celebrated across the globe so that people everywhere can take the opportunity to press pause and reboot.

Modern life can feel stressful but, with the right tools, we have the potential to be happier and healthier. Meditation is a great way to help us find calm and balance, which we can then take into the world around us. Here some apps for mindfulness and meditation that you can try:

- **Calm** (free one-week trial, then £28.99 a year)
- **Just Breathe** (free)
- **Insight Timer** (free)
- **Headspace** (£49.99 a year)

Maths Stars of the Week



The Stars of the week for Maths are:

KS3 - Niamh Walsh (Y9) – She always has an excellent attitude to learning and did really well in the most recent end of topic test.

KS4 - Hajra Ali (Y10) – She uses her initiative and asks for further resources to help with revision. She also has a really good work ethic in class.

Maths riddle: why did the geometry student reach his school late?
(Answer in next week's Friday News)

Answer to the riddle from last week: what is the most mathematical aspect of summer? The tan lines!

Governor Vacancies

We have some vacancies on the school's Governing Body, and hope that there will be parents who would want to support their daughter's school by becoming a Governor. In particular we would value adding expertise in finance/accountancy.

Governors attend 8 to 10 meetings a year in their role as support and as a critical friend to the Senior Management of the school. Training is provided.

Would you be interested in supporting your daughter's school? If you want to understand more about the role, there is a good summary on the RBWM website (<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/schools-and-education/school-governors/school-governors-frequently-asked-questions> or search for 'RBWM school governors frequently asked questions'); alternatively I would be happy to talk it over with you. If you are interested in joining the School's Governing Body, please email lizbateson@newlandsgirls.co.uk.

Mr Stephen Bridge, Chair of Governors