

# FRIDAY NEWS!

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



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Term 5 - No. 4

## Headteacher's Message

For all our families celebrating Eid this week, we hope that it was a joyful and uplifting occasion.

On Monday (17.5.21), we will be implementing the updated Government guidance regarding face-coverings. This means that pupils will not have to wear them, but adults may decide to do so in situations where social-distancing is not possible. As per my letter earlier in the week, some parents may wish their child to continue wearing a face-mask, which we fully understand and support.

Our risk assessment has been updated and can be accessed here:

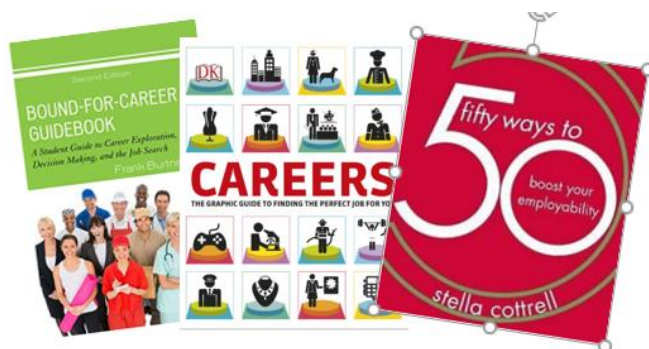
[Autumn Plan Updates - Newlands Girls' School \(newlandsgirlsschool.co.uk\)](https://www.newlandsgirlsschool.co.uk/Autumn-Plan-Updates)

Have a lovely weekend.

**Dr L.V. Ceska**

## Careers

### Newlands E-Library – Careers Books



The Careers Department has purchased e-books on career choices, employability skills and Gap Year options for our online Careers Library. They are a great way for all year groups to learn about available choices, find out what skills employers are looking for and to help with planning next steps.

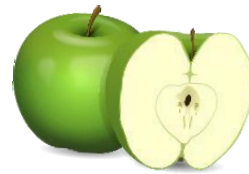
To borrow the e-books, please speak to Mrs Evetts in the Library, who will issue you with a login if you do not already have one.

<https://www.vlebooks.com/vleweb/Account/Logon/NEWLANDSGS>

## New Seating Area for Year 8



We have purchased some lovely new picnic benches for the Year 8 bubble, which is located by the Library QSA. We look forward to lots of sunny breaks and lunchtimes!



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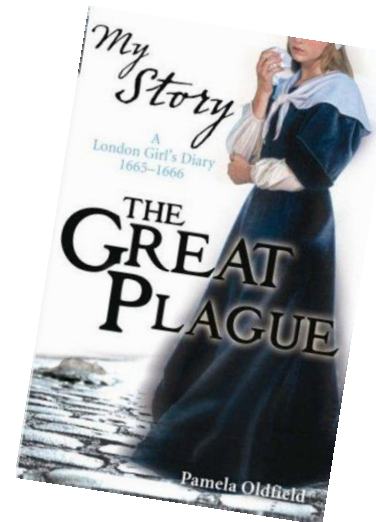
### Book of the Month – May

#### *My Story: The Great Plague*

By Pamela Oldfield

*The Great Plague* is about a girl called Alice Paynton, who lives through the plague and the Great Fire of London. Her Aunt Nell catches the plague, and then her father becomes ill. At the end of the story, half the city burns down. This helps to stop the plague because the houses are rebuilt with bricks instead of wood, meaning that the rats cannot go inside anymore. The plague was caused by flea-infested vermin who carried around the disease, helping it to spread more easily.

This book is from the series *My Story*, which includes tales like *Bloody Tower*, *Mill Girl* and *The Hunger*. These stories describe history through the eyes of girls, with the books written as diaries. There is another series called *My Royal Story*, which is similar, except it is history through the eyes of royalty. Some titles include *Elizabeth*, *Egyptian Princess* and *Marie Antoinette*.



By Lillia Mohazab, (Y7)

## Student Focus Centre

### Mental Health Awareness week (10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May)

The evidence is clear that nature is crucial for our wellbeing and millions of people re-discovered this during lockdown.

[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) agrees that spending time in green space or bringing nature into your everyday life can benefit both your mental and physical health. Doing things like growing food and flowers, exercising outdoors, or being around animals can have many positive effects. Here are some examples:

- Improve your mood
- Reduce feelings of stress or anger
- Help you take time out and feel more relaxed
- Improve your confidence and self-esteem
- Help you make new connections
- Provide peer support

[www.mentalhealth.org.uk](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)



## Maths Stars of the Week



The Stars of the week for Maths are:

**KS3 - Zeina Samith (Y7)** – She has made an excellent effort in class, has patience while learning and had a great test result recently.

**KS4 - Megan Edwards and Martha Leach Year (Y11)** - Megan and Martha always work really hard in class and help other students. Well done to them both!

**Maths riddle:** what is the most mathematical aspect of summer?  
(Answer in next week's Friday News)

**Answer to the riddle from last week:** why can't a bicycle stand alone? Because it is two-tired!

# Making Music

We are delighted that individual instrumental and vocal lessons have returned to school! The last year has been really challenging for the arts, and although our students have shown real engagement in classroom lessons, the department has not been the same without our busy extra-curricular programme and instrumental lessons. Now that our team of peripatetic teachers are back in school, many pupils are considering learning an instrument, which is fantastic!

Instrumental lessons are delivered by Berkshire Maestros. The visiting staff offer high-quality individual or paired lessons on the following instruments:



Emily Evetts, Elena Luscombe, Clara Pearce, and Tabitha Palmer-Savage (Y13)

## Brass

Baritone, Cornet, Euphonium, French Horn, Tenor Horn, Trombone, Trumpet and Tuba

## Guitar

Classical, Electric, Bass and Ukulele

## Keyboard

Keyboard and Piano

## Percussion

Drum Kit and Orchestral Percussion

## Strings

Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass

## Woodwind

Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone and Bassoon

Berkshire Maestros are also running a very exciting scheme '**Learn to play an Endangered Instrument**'. They are offering a special discount to anyone who wants to learn the Viola, Cello, Double Bass, French Horn, Trombone, Tenor Horn, Euphonium, Baritone, Tuba, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe or Bassoon. Students will get HALF PRICE lessons until July and FREE instrument hire until Christmas. You can find more information out on the attached pdf or by visiting:

[www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk](http://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk)

In addition to instrumental lessons, the school offers vocal lessons run by Mrs B. Clarkson, which are very popular. In order to sign up for these, you will need to return the reply slip from the 'Voice Tuition Letter' attached.

For any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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