

Newlands Girls' School

Courage Commitment Compassion

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I would like to start by welcoming you back to the new academic year, both our existing families, and those joining us. Once again we celebrated excellent exam results and I congratulate both Years 11 and 13 on their successes. I wish them the very best of luck for the future. I will be reminding the whole community in my upcoming assemblies about the values which drive us. The 3Cs - Courage Commitment and Compassion are at the heart of everything we do and are crucial in helping us make decisions to take us forward.

Every student who attends Newlands is in the privileged position of being taught and guided by the most talented, hard working and caring staff. I want to start by commending them and I hope you will do the same between now and next summer. We are in the lucky position of being fully staffed and everyone here is really keen to get going, teaching and support staff alike.

I wish to reiterate a few of the important messages I shared back in the summer. A reminder was sent to all about the importance of excellent attendance. **No holidays in term time will be authorised** and medical or dental appointments need to be arranged outside the school day unless it is an emergency. I also set out clearly our uniform expectations. In case you missed this letter, you can find it again [here](#). All our policies are on the school website (including our Behaviour Policy) so do take a look if you are unsure about anything. Finally, we shared with you our revised approach to feedback and marking, removing the need for teachers to provide written feedback in books. The ambition is for all our students to know the curriculum well, explain clearly how their teachers help them make progress and be able to articulate the feedback they receive which moves them on, so do ask! We would be delighted to hear from you in relation to how your child is learning both in terms of their academic as well as their personal development.

Please remember that there are two important ways in which we communicate with you. EduLink is a digital platform which you will need, to gain access to things like reports. If you do not have a login (for any new students, information will be sent separately) please contact Alistair Bover at AlistairBover@Newlandsgirls.co.uk. The other important communication is *Newlands News*, which is normally sent on a Friday and contains news, advice and updates. It also celebrates student success which is what makes it such a pleasure to read.

As we embark on the term do not hesitate to get in touch with the school if you have any questions; we are always here to help. A reminder that the new school day begins at **8.40am** and the school gates will be open from **8.25am**.

I look forward to meeting you in person during the year and like my staff, cannot wait to get going either!

Kind regards

Jo Capon
Headteacher



We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

