

# Newlands Girls' School

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week I shared our new Feedback Policy with our teaching staff. This policy marks quite a change for teaching and learning at Newlands and has been introduced to ensure our students learn our curriculum as well as possible. It has been developed based on research from a wide evidence base as well as guidance from the Department for Education and Ofsted. Our key principle is that feedback should be meaningful, manageable and always be there to move students on in their learning.

The key change for students and teachers is that there is no expectation for written feedback in books or on work. This does not mean that students' books won't be marked or looked at but that we do not expect to see lengthy written feedback for students to respond to. This type of feedback does not always help students learn the key knowledge or skills as well as possible and other methods such as whole class feedback or individual verbal feedback, quizzing, modelling and directed targeted questioning can all make more of an impact on students' long-term knowledge.

For Parents and Carers this may seem counter intuitive or possibly concerning, however as a school we want our teachers feeding back to students in the most effective way and planning the best possible lessons to ensure that the feedback they give always moves students' learning on. In some cases, this may still be written comments in books and in others you may not see this.

The best way to see how well your daughter is learning our curriculum is to talk to her about what they can remember about topics they are learning or have learnt and engage them in discussion about this. You can find curriculum maps that set out the knowledge and skills that are being covered on the school website.

This is a really exciting development in teaching and learning at Newlands and we will be monitoring carefully the impact of this change over the forthcoming year. You will be able to hear more about assessment and feedback at the parents' information evenings in September and October.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher



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