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## News In Brief



### Assessments

Just a reminder for Year 13 that your internal A Level Assessments take place next week. You should be outside your exam room at 8.45am if you have a morning exam, and 12.50pm if you have one in the afternoon. You do not have to be in school unless you have an exam, but please sign in with Mrs Bretherton if you chose to come and study in school. Consortium students should still go to their off-site lessons, unless they are doing an assessment at that time.

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### Sixth Form Assembly

It was fantastic to be able to host our first face-to-face assembly in the Hall this week, following months of virtual presentations due to COVID restrictions! A huge thanks goes to Mr Wood for a fascinating presentation on the impact that STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education and careers have on our everyday lives. It was particularly apt that he drew attention to Professor Sarah Gilbert: a professor of vaccinology at Oxford University, who led the development and testing of the universal flu vaccine, which underwent clinical trials in 2011. She also led the team that designed the Oxford–AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, which has saved more than 100,000 lives in England alone. In the same week that we celebrated International Women's Day, reflecting on the role of women in Science was a timely reminder of the importance of gender equality and empowerment. In an interview, Gilbert said she was saddened to receive a letter from a primary schoolgirl saying she has been inspired by her and other female scientists to believe that she can achieve whatever she wants, **despite being a girl**. As Mr Wood pointed out, it is because of, not despite, being girls that our students have the passion and drive to go forward and become the game-changing scientists of the future.

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### The Lumière Film Society

International Women's Day is celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> March each year. It is a global day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality and to honour women's significant achievements. Our film recommendation this week is [Little Women \(U\)](#): director Greta Gerwig draws on both the classic novel and the writings of Louisa May Alcott, and tells the story of the March sisters - four young women each determined to live life on her own terms.

Green Thought for the Week



**“Going green doesn't start  
with doing green acts  
— it starts with a shift in  
consciousness.”**

**-Ian Somerhalder**

Sixth Form Support

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

"International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for moving towards gender parity."

- International Women's Day website



FOR OVER **100 YEARS**

Held every year, International Women's Day (IWD) has taken place on **March 8** for over 100 years.

*In 1975, IWD was adopted by the United Nations as an official, world-wide celebration of women's rights and world peace.*

While IWD celebrates inspirational contemporary and historical women, the day also aims to start conversations about gender equity issues.

## Did you know?

- Globally, women make up just **23%** of people in national parliaments worldwide.<sup>1</sup>
- Women, on average, earn **25-40%** less than men who do the same job.<sup>2</sup>
- Across the world, over **60%** of the people who cannot read are women.<sup>3</sup>

## THE MAIN AIMS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ARE:



to celebrate the achievements of women around the world



to encourage action on issues of gender equality



to empower women and girls around the world

The International Women's Day website says that the day "belongs to all groups". People of all genders, cultures, ages, languages and religions can take part in International Women's Day. Some of the important topics that are thought about on International Women's Day are:



gender equality



girls and women in leadership



personal and family safety



poverty



access to education



empowerment

<sup>1</sup> <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SG.GEN.PARL.ZS>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.weforum.org/reports/the-global-gender-gap-report-2017>

<sup>3</sup> <http://uis.unesco.org/sites/default/files/documents/tlsl-literacy-rates-continue-rise-generation-to-next-in-2017.pdf>

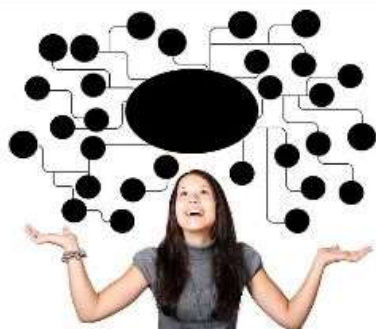


International Women's Day



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## Careers and Tertiary Education Spotlight



### Careers Information

Please note that we will be saving any careers information that we include in the bulletin in a file called 'Careers Information' on the public drive for students to access. Only new opportunities will be included in the weekly bulletin but you can still find the information from the past bulletins in the folder.



## Opportunities

### Thames Water apprenticeships

Thames Water are offering a range of fantastic degree apprenticeships in Civil Engineering, Project Management, Quantity Surveying and Electrical Engineering. Please see details [here](#). Applications close 15<sup>th</sup> March.

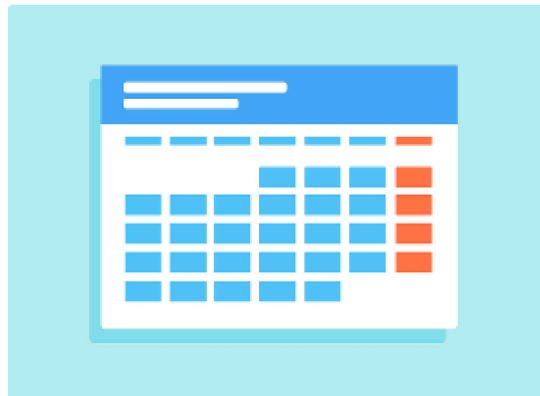
### PwC Virtual Insight week

Remember that applications for The PwC Insight week, 25<sup>th</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> July close on 13<sup>th</sup> March. You can apply [here](#).

### Unlock your potential bursary

You can apply for the £500 Apprentice Nation bursary if you are eligible to work in the UK, 16 – 24 years old and have a UK bank account. Please find all the details [here](#).

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## Events

### UK University & Apprenticeship Search Fair

The Virtual Fair will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 12pm to 7pm to help you explore your next steps, with a wide range of universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers attending. You will also be able to participate in ten live webinars and view virtual campus tours. Please register [here](#).

### Escape Studios Open Day

Escape Studios offer courses in Visual Effects , Computer Animation and Game Art. Their Open Day is on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. You can book your space [here](#).

### **Careers in Law**

CareerDays are offering online sessions every Tuesday in April at 7.30pm, designed especially to give students an insight into what a career in Law might look like and to offer some work experience that can be used in applications and interviews for Law. Sessions are recorded so can be viewed anytime. You can sign up for the sessions [here](#) or visit [www.careerdays.co.uk](http://www.careerdays.co.uk).

## **Contact Us**

Please feel free to email any suggestions for future bulletins to: [katebretherton@newlandsgirls.co.uk](mailto:katebretherton@newlandsgirls.co.uk)

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