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News In Brief



Sixth Form Enrichment

Congratulations to our Year 13 students who completed their Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in November 2021, and who have now been awarded their grades. The EPQ is an independent research project: each student chooses a topic to research that is of interest to them. Students attend one lesson a fortnight throughout Year 12, learning skills related to ethical research and academic report writing. In

addition, students regularly meet together in small groups with a member of staff to discuss their progress. Students complete their project by presenting their findings to a small group of staff and students. Topics are varied and hugely interesting, ranging from Formula 1 cars to selective breeding in dogs. The EPQ is equivalent to half an A-Level and 59% of our students achieved grade A* or A: well done to all who took part.



Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening

We will be holding the Sixth Form Open Evening virtually for Year 11 on Teams next Tuesday, 25th January, starting at 7pm. If any Year 11 student has not received the Team invite, please email katebretherton@newlandsgirls.co.uk so that she can add you.



Year 13 Progress Reports

If any Year 13 students have not yet collected their Progress Reports, please go and see Mrs Bretherton in the Sixth Form QSA as soon as possible.



.The Lumière Film Society

This club takes place in the Library QSA, after school on Thursday, and this week we showed [Selma \(12\)](#): a historical drama based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches initiated and led by Martin Luther King Jr., Hosea Williams, and John Lewis. The film was chosen to coincide with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is celebrated on 17th January this year and encourages people to reflect on the work that still needs to be done for racial equality.

Sixth Form Tips



Flora

By Ciara McCann

This new application, which is free to download, called 'Flora' helps you stay focused and change bad habits. You set a time limit and then it plants a tree: when you stay within that time limit, your tree survives but if you go over your time limit, your tree dies. For anyone who loves nature, not only does this help with planting more trees but it also benefits you and your school work. Especially with exam season coming up, this app is an interactive way of staying on track.

Sixth Form Voice



OCD

By Rebecca Anderson

OCD (obsessive-compulsive disorder) includes obsessions, urges, or mental images that cause anxiety, for example: the fear of germs or having to make things symmetrical. Compulsions are repetitive behaviours where the person feels the urge to do them in response to an obsessive thought, such as excessively cleaning or ordering and arranging things in a particular way. A person with OCD generally can't control his or her thoughts or behaviours, even when they are recognised as excessive. Nor do they get pleasure when performing the behaviours or rituals, but may feel brief relief from the anxiety the thoughts cause and experience significant problems in their daily life due to these thoughts or behaviours. More information can be found on the NHS [website](#).

Green Thought for the Week





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

Mars Apprenticeships

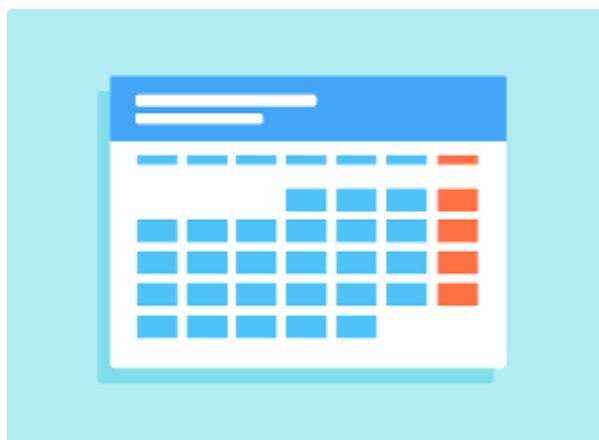
Mars in Slough are now recruiting for apprenticeships on Engineering and manufacturing. Please check age restrictions. You can apply [here](#) until 11th February.

£500 New Year bonus

Apprentice Nation is giving 20 young people aged 16-24 the chance of receiving funding to support:

- Training, courses, tutors
- Professional development activities
- Childcare and travel costs
- Fresh interview outfits to impress and uniforms
- Materials, technology, equipment, and software

Have a look how to [Unlock Your Potential Bursary](#).



Events

Discover Apprenticeships

Whether you are just starting your research and need help figuring out if an apprenticeship is for you or if you are ready to take the next step and start applying, the virtual UCAS event on 9th February, 10am to

6pm, will answer your questions. You can attend after school and sign up [here](#).

Careers Hour Series

The Careers Hour series with Learn Live will feature 1-hour broadcasts that shine a light on different sectors. They feature a live panel, LMI and video insights from employers and young people in the sector.

Recordings can be accessed after the event.

[Digital, Thursday 10th February, 10am](#)

[Construction, Thursday 24th March, 10am](#)

[Health, Thursday 12th May, 10am](#)

[Retail & Supply Chain, Thursday 7th July, 10am](#)

Career Insight

Pathway have teamed up with several companies for virtual 1 hour insight events:

26th January 6 to 7pm [Girls into Consulting with Accenture](#)

27th January 6 to 7pm [Business Management Degree Apprenticeship with Mc Donald](#)

27th January 6 to 7pm [Launch your career to the sky with British Airways](#)

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