



April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to Newlands Girls' School and on behalf of the Newlands Parents' Association (NPA) we hope that your child is very happy during their time here at the school. Newlands Parents' Association are a great group of parents and carers who are dedicated to raising money for the school and if you are interested in joining us we would love to have you on board! If not on the committee, there are still lots of other ways in which you can participate.

The Parents' Association works in partnership with Newlands to support the school community and we are a registered charity (number 1117220). Through running events such as the Year 7 Halloween Disco and selling refreshments at various school events along with our very well attended quiz nights, the NPA raises many thousands of pounds for Newlands each year and these funds are used in direct support of the girls' learning and extra-curricular opportunities. Outdoor picnic benches and shelters, football picnic benches, football goal nets, new sewing machines in Product Design and money towards the upkeep of the minibuses and swimming pool are just some of the things we have been able to gift to the school. We also funded a brand new, purpose-built cabin for second-hand uniform which opens regularly.

How can parents/carers work with us to make a difference?

Each September we are always excited to welcome new parents onto our committee and being an active member is also a great way of gaining an insight into how the school operates. Alternatively, offers of help at our events are also gratefully received and these requests are made via our Facebook page so please make a request to join that group. We also welcome the donation of unwanted gifts (including gifts from businesses) which can be used in our raffles, along with out-grown uniform items. Other ways of supporting us are through things like match funding and if you are lucky enough to work for a company that offers this we would love to hear from you.

As mentioned above, you will get to hear about our events through our Facebook page, but also through Friday's 'Newlands News' which is issued by the school each week. You can also access information through our page on the school website: [Newlands Parents' Association](#)

Some upcoming events:

- *Pre-Loved Uniform Sale (PLUS) – uniform is also sold fortnightly (Monday of Week 1), 3-4pm from the uniform cabin near the school entrance*
- *The annual Year 7 Halloween Disco – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024*
- *Christmas concert - date TBC*

If you would like to join our committee or can offer your time helping at an event please get in touch either via Facebook or by using the details listed on the webpage (link above). Your involvement need only be occasional if you choose, but any time or resources you are able to offer us can make a significant difference to the important work we do for our girls.

Lastly, we are very well supported by Mr Justin O'Connell, Assistant Headteacher and our Senior Link to the school. On behalf of both Justin and ourselves we very much look forward to working with you as a Newlands Parent.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Helen Griffiths  
Acting Chair of the NPA