



Please join us for  
our Open Evening  
on  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
November 2025  
7.00-9.00pm

Welcome to

# NEWLANDS SIXTH FORM




At Newlands, leadership isn't about titles – it's a mindset. It's found in the quiet confidence to take initiative, the courage to stand up for what's right, and the willingness to bring others along with you. We believe every student has the capacity to lead, whether they're captaining a team, mentoring a peer, or simply setting a positive example every day.

Our Sixth Form encourages students to see leadership as something lived, not labelled. It's about showing integrity, creativity, and compassion in all they do – and knowing that true influence comes from how you make others feel.

When our students leave Newlands, they take more than outstanding results; they take with them a sense of purpose and the confidence to lead with authenticity. Wherever their next steps take them – university, apprenticeships, or the world of work – they carry forward the mindset that leadership begins with self-belief and grows through community.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Jo Capon', written in a cursive style.

Miss Jo Capon  
Headteacher

A photograph of four young women standing outdoors in front of trees. They are all smiling and wearing school uniforms. The woman on the far left has long dark hair and is wearing a blue sweater. The woman next to her has long dark braided hair and is wearing a blue and white striped polo shirt under a black blazer. The woman in the center has long blonde hair and is wearing a green sweater. The woman on the far right has long brown hair and is wearing a white top under a black blazer. All four are wearing lanyards with ID badges. The background shows a grassy area and trees under a clear blue sky. A decorative graphic with red, blue, and white wavy lines is at the top of the page.

“Students at Newlands Sixth Form thrive in a culture of ambition, support, and opportunity.” Y13 Parent 2025



## A PLACE TO BELONG. A PLACE TO LEAD.

At Newlands Sixth Form, every student is known, supported and inspired to be her best self. We believe in leadership through kindness – in courage that lifts others, and in the confidence that comes from being part of a strong, caring community.

Here, students are encouraged to lead their own way – to be curious, courageous and confident about their future. Academic challenge, inspiring teaching and genuine care sit at the heart of everything we do. Our specialist staff create an environment where every girl is stretched, nurtured and empowered to achieve her very best.

With over 25 A-Level and BTEC options, exceptional results and personalised guidance, we help each student discover her strengths and shape her next steps – whether that's university, an apprenticeship or a career pathway.

Beyond the classroom, Newlands offers countless opportunities to grow as a leader – through clubs, performances, community projects and student life. It's a place where friendships are deep, voices are heard, and ambition is celebrated. Where courage, commitment and compassion aren't just our values – they're our everyday way of being.

We are very proud that each year the majority of our Year 11 students choose to remain at Newlands for Sixth Form, but it is also a pleasure every year to be able to welcome students from elsewhere to Year 12, where they soon discover that Newlands isn't just a Sixth Form – it's a community that helps you thrive, belong and prepare for life with confidence and purpose.

# WHY NEWLANDS?





# YOUR STUDY, YOUR WAY

## Study combinations



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All students must achieve at least a Grade 4 in English and Mathematics at GCSE, as well as a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above.

Each course combination has specific entry requirements. These are designed to be fair but also ensure students taking that subject have the best possible chance of success.

We build the school timetable around your choices and you are able to choose subjects in different combinations of A-Levels, \*BTEC Certificates and \*\*BTEC Diplomas

\*BTEC Certificates are the equivalent of 1 A-Level

\*\*BTEC Diplomas are the equivalent of 2 A-Levels

# YOUR FUTURE PLANS

When thinking about which courses to choose, you will no doubt be thinking about your future plans. You might want to consider the following points:

- Students achieve their best grades in subjects they enjoy. Choose A Level subjects you look forward to studying in depth and would enjoy reading about above and beyond the syllabus.
- Choose subjects that allow you to demonstrate your strengths. There is a big step up from GCSE to A Level; talk to your teachers about your potential at this level.
- Many graduate professions do not require specific degree subjects; therefore, studying subjects that enable you to take a degree which genuinely interests you is good advice.
- Equally, many graduate and apprenticeship programmes only specify required A Level or BTEC grades rather than specific subjects.
- Some degree courses do require specific A Levels; be aware which A Levels or BTECs are accepted for degree courses that interest you.
- Most universities, including those in the Russell Group, accept BTECs. The most important thing is to ensure you meet the course criteria regardless of which qualifications you are taking.
- Many of you will not know what career, university course or professional training you want to pursue in the future. Selecting the A Levels that will best reflect your ability and interests will help you achieve your best grades.

# A - LEVELS

The A-Level programme at Newlands Sixth Form is a demanding and intellectually stimulating academic journey. Students may choose up to four subjects, though most opt for three.

You also have the flexibility to combine A-Level subjects with BTEC courses, tailoring your studies to suit your strengths and ambitions.

We offer a broad and exciting range of subjects, and our expert staff are here to guide you in selecting the options that best support your future goals.

Our timetables are built around your choices, giving you the freedom to pursue the subjects you're most passionate about – and the confidence to lead your own way.

SUBJECT	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Fine Art	5 in Art
Biology	7 in Biology or 7:7 in Combined Science
Business	5 in Business or, for students who have not previously studied this subject, 5 in English and Mathematics
Chemistry	7 in Chemistry or 7:7 in Combined Science
Dance	Grade 5 in Ballet (or the equivalent Please see curriculum booklet for details)
Design and Technology	5 in a Design and Technology subject and 5 in Mathematics
Economics	6 in Mathematics and 5 in English
English Language	6 in English Language
English Literature	6 English Literature

# A-LEVELS

SUBJECT	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
French	6 in French
Further Mathematics	8 in Mathematics
Geography	6 in Geography and 5 in Mathematics
German	6 in German
Government and Politics	6 in English or 6 in History
History	6 in History
Mathematics	7 in Mathematics
Media Studies	4 in English and Mathematics
Music	5 in Music. Grade 5 ABR SM Theory qualification is preferable
Photography	4 in English and Mathematics
Physical Education	5 in Physical Education with 5 in the theory paper. It is strongly recommended you have a 6:6 in Combined Science, or a 6 in Biology
Physics	7 in Physics or 7:7 in Combined Science, and 6 in Mathematics
Psychology	6 in English Literature or Language, and a 5 in a Single Science or 5:5 in Combined Science
Religious Studies	6 in Religious Studies
Spanish	6 in Spanish
Theatre Studies	5 in Drama and 5 in English

At Newlands, students also have the flexibility to pursue a full Key Stage 5 programme through BTEC qualifications, or to combine BTEC courses with A-Level subjects. We offer one BTEC Diploma course, which is equivalent to two full A-Levels, as well as three BTEC Certificate courses, each equivalent to one full A-Level.

These BTEC qualifications provide an alternative academic pathway, placing greater emphasis on applied learning and continuous assessment. This approach can be particularly well-suited to students who prefer ongoing coursework over the traditional final exam structure typical of A-Levels. Some BTEC subjects also include Non-Exam Assessments (NEAs) as part of their evaluation.

SUBJECT	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and Mathematics
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and Mathematics
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Combined Science, English and Mathematics
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Combined Science, English and Mathematics

## Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Students at Newlands have the opportunity to complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)—a valuable experience that helps prepare for the academic demands of university life.

### What is the EPQ ?

The EPQ is an additional qualification available in Sixth Form, equivalent to half an A-Level, and graded from A\* to E, just like other Level 3 qualifications.

The EPQ typically takes the form of a 5,000-word essay on a topic of personal interest, though students may also choose to present their project as a performance, design, or other practical output. As part of the assessment, students deliver a 10–15 minute presentation to their peers, sharing insights into their chosen subject.

### What makes the EPQ unique ?

Unlike other qualifications the EPQ focuses on independent research. Each student is supported by a supervisor who offers guidance and feedback, but the responsibility for managing the project and meeting deadlines lies with the student.

### Recent EPQ topics have showcased the diverse interests of our students, including:

- Kate Moss: “The Beautiful and the Damned” – is this a fair judgement?
- Media portrayal and public perception of Bonnie and Clyde
- The impact of Mesopotamian topography on the location of the Hanging Gardens
- Challenges in women’s football and the influence of the Lionesses’ Euro 2022 success
- Did India benefit from British rule?
- Is it possible to replicate the UK Big Mac?
- The Transatlantic Slave Trade and its role in poverty in Africa’s poorest nations
- Parallels in the rise to power of Hitler and Putin – could the atrocities have been prevented?
- The role of music in shaping viewer experience in Pixar’s Up
- Can the Alabama Supreme Court’s 2024 IVF ruling be fully justified?

The EPQ encourages curiosity, critical thinking, and self-motivation—skills that are highly valued in higher education and beyond.

“At Newlands, we work hard and dream big — but we never forget to laugh along the way. Friendship and fun are the heartbeat of everything we do”.



Newlands is a vibrant, high-performing school where ambition, creativity and community go hand in hand. Our students don't just achieve outstanding academic results – they discover their confidence, purpose and passion along the way. Last year, 75.4% of our students achieved grades A\* to C, and 50% of grades were at A\* - B reflecting not only hard work, but a culture that celebrates curiosity and excellence in every form.

In our Sixth Form, we focus on preparing young women for life beyond Newlands. Whether their next chapter takes them to university, higher education or straight into the world of work, we guide, challenge and champion them every step of the way. Because here at Newlands, success isn't just about where you're going – it's about who you become on the journey.



## YEAR 13 DESTINATIONS 2025

- SCOTLAND**  
**The University of Edinburgh**  
 History of Art
- OTHER**  
**Dentistry Placement**  
**GAP Year**  
**Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance**
- NORTH WEST**  
**Lancaster University**  
 Marketing  
**Manchester Metropolitan University**  
 Advertising and Brand Communications  
 Sport and Exercise Science  
 Fashion Marketing  
 Fashion Business and Management  
**University of Liverpool**  
 Criminology with Psychology  
**University of Manchester**  
 Modern Language and Business & Management (Spanish)

- WALES**  
**Cardiff University**  
 Chemistry  
 Pharmacy  
**Swansea University**  
 Medical Genetics  
 Business Management (Marketing)

- SOUTH WEST**  
**Bath Spa University**  
 Business and Management  
 Educational Psychology  
**Bournemouth University**  
 Criminology with Psychology  
 Paramedic Science  
**Bristol, UWE**  
 Forensic Science  
 Marketing  
**University of Bath**  
 Aerospace Engineering  
**University of Bristol**  
 Psychology  
 Geography  
 Music  
**University of Bristol**  
 Psychology  
 Geography

- WEST MIDLANDS**  
**Birmingham City University**  
 Adult Nursing  
**University of Birmingham**  
 Modern Languages and History  
 Geography  
 Human Sciences  
 Mathematics
- SOUTH**  
**University of Southampton**  
 Chemistry  
 Criminology and Psychology  
 Marine Biology  
**University of Portsmouth**  
 International Relations and Languages (Chinese, French, German, Spanish)

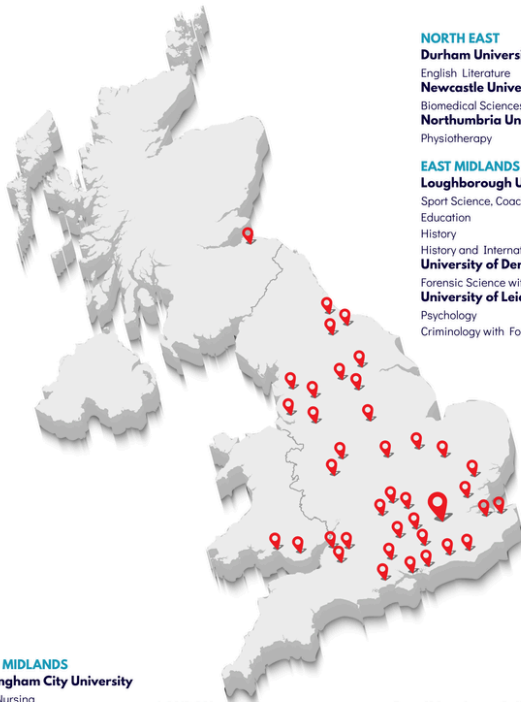
- LONDON**  
**Brunel University of London**  
 Aerospace Engineering  
 Psychology  
**City St George's, University of London**  
 Introduction to Optometry  
 Accounting and Finance  
**Imperial College London**  
 Materials with Nuclear Engineering  
**London South Bank University**  
 Forensic Sciences  
**Royal Holloway, University of London**  
 Electronic Engineering  
 Psychology  
 Criminology and Sociology  
 Economics  
 Accounting and Finance  
 Law  
 Film Studies  
 English

- Royal Veterinary College, University of London**  
 Veterinary Nursing  
**SOAS University of London**  
 Arabic and Social Anthropology  
**St Mary's University, Twickenham**  
 Primary Education with QTS  
**UCL (University College London)**  
 Biochemistry  
 Applied Medical Sciences  
**University of the Arts London**  
 Creative Computing  
**University of West London**  
 Airline and Airport Management  
 Social Sciences  
 Psychology with Criminal Investigation  
**University of Westminster, London**  
 Biomedical Science  
 Law and Criminal Justice

- YORKSHIRE & HUMBER REGION**  
**University of Leeds**  
 Journalism  
 Business Management with Marketing  
 Politics  
**University of Sheffield**  
 International Business Management  
**University of York**  
 Archaeology  
 Business and Management  
 Biology

- EASTERN ENGLAND**  
**University of Essex**  
 World Performance  
**University of East Anglia UEA**  
 History and Politics

- SOUTH EAST**  
**University of Oxford**  
 Ancient and Modern History  
**University of Surrey**  
 Biomedical Science  
 Economics and Finance  
 Biological Sciences  
**University of Sussex**  
 Medical Neuroscience  
 Psychology  
**Buckinghamshire New University**  
 Childhood Studies with Primary Education  
**Kent and Medway Medical School**  
 Medicine  
**Oxford Brookes University**  
 Accounting and Finance  
 Biomedical Science  
 Primary Teacher Education  
 Medical Science  
 Business and Management  
**University of Brighton**  
 Business Management  
**University of Chichester**  
 Musical Theatre Performance (Italia Conti)  
 Sport and Exercise Science  
**University of Kent**  
 Electrical and Electronic Engineering  
 Primary Education with QTS  
**University of Reading**  
 Law with International Business  
 Accounting and Finance  
 Primary Education with English  
 Mathematics  
 Psychology and Language Sciences  
 Criminology  
 Law  
 Biomedical Engineering  
 Biomedical Science  
 Pharmacy  
 Nutrition  
**University for the Creative Arts**  
 Design for Theatre & Screen



**NEXT STEPS**

Sixth Form is a pivotal stage in your education, as you prepare for examinations that may shape your future for years to come. It marks the first time you'll be given significant independence to manage your own workload and make important decisions about your next steps—whether that involves choosing university courses or exploring opportunities in the world of work.

While this is an exciting and empowering time, we understand that it can also be challenging and, at times, stressful. At Newlands, we take mental and physical health seriously and have a strong pastoral support system in place throughout the school.

You'll be supported by a dedicated team, including:

- Form Tutors
- Heads of Year
- Head of Sixth Form
- Sixth Form Learning Mentor
- Student Focus Centre

Our weekly pastoral programme, delivered by Form Tutors, covers a wide range of relevant and engaging topics such as relationships, stress management, self-esteem, healthy living, and democracy—ensuring that your well-being is nurtured alongside your academic progress.

## SIXTH FORM PASTORAL PROGRAMME



HERE FOR YOU



# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Sixth Form at Newlands is about more than just academics – it's about discovering who you are and what you love. Our enrichment programme gives you the chance to explore new interests, build confidence, and develop skills that last a lifetime.

You can get involved in a wide range of activities, including:

- Sixth Form Bulletin Editorial Team
- Gold Duke of Edinburgh
- EPQ
- Oxbridge preparation (with links to Oxford University)
- Inspirational speakers
- National Citizen Service (NCS)
- Sixth Form Book Club
- Cheerleading
- Debate Society

New clubs and societies pop up every year – many created and led by Sixth Formers themselves. Students who balance studies with passions tend to thrive both academically and personally.

Leadership is a big part of Sixth Form life. From day one, you'll be encouraged to take on roles that make a difference – whether that's leading a club, mentoring younger students, or helping shape school events.

And it's not just what happens in school – you'll also have the chance to go on subject-related trips and experiences, plus fun adventures like the annual Ski Trip to build friendships and memories.



At Newlands, our House system is a big part of school life. It brings students together, builds community, and celebrates our core values: Courage, Commitment, and Compassion.

Every student joins one of six Houses, each named after an inspirational woman:

- Austen
- Bronte
- Curie
- Darling
- Earhart
- Frank

In the Sixth Form, you can apply to be a Deputy House Captain in Year 12 and a House Captain in Year 13. These roles help you build leadership skills and become a role model for younger students.

You'll also have the chance to take part in House competitions – or help organise and promote them. It's a fun way to get involved, make friends, and show your House spirit!

# FIND YOUR HOUSE





This year our application platform will open on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025

# KEY DATES

ACTIVITY	DATE
Sixth Form Open Evening (all welcome)	Tuesday 25th November 2025 - 7pm to 9pm
Sixth Former for a Day (internal students only)	Friday 5th December 2025 - All Day
Sixth Form Application Deadline	Friday 9th January 2026 - 5pm
Sixth Form Interviews (internal students)	January 2026
Sixth Form Interviews (external students)	February 2026
Sixth Form Place Offers	March / April 2026
Year 11 into 12 Transition Day (internal and external students)	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026



# YOUR SPACE, YOUR SIXTH FORM

Our bespoke Sixth Form Centre has a completely different vibe from the rest of the school. It's designed to give you independence and a space where learning is led by you, not just taught to you.

This is your hub for success – everything you need to make the most of these two crucial years before university or the world of work.

Students love the freedom here, from grabbing a coffee at The Brewhouse Café to choosing how and where they study. Students are also able to study from home if they do not have afternoon commitments.

## What you'll find in the Sixth Form Centre:

- A newly refurbished Common Room
- The Brewhouse Café
- Two dedicated Quiet Study Areas
- ICT facilities
- Sixth Form classrooms
- Easy access to the Sixth Form Leadership Team

Plus, there are exclusive study spaces in the main school, including the Q-Space and



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