



NEWLANDS GIRLS' SCHOOL  
COURAGE COMMITMENT COMPASSION

# Key Stage 2-3 Transition - English

We are delighted that your child will be studying English with us, and we would like to take the opportunity to extend a very warm welcome. Here at Newlands, we endeavour to build upon the fantastic work of our local primary schools by providing an experience of English that is enjoyable, challenging, and enriching. We hope that this document will assist your child in making a very smooth transition to KS3 English.

## Equipment

In order to ensure that your child is fully equipped for their English lessons, we ask that they have the following items:

- Their own personal reading book
- A combined mini dictionary and thesaurus (we recommend either the [Oxford Mini Dictionary and Thesaurus](#) or the [Collins English Dictionary and Thesaurus Pocket Edition](#))
- A black or blue pen for writing
- A green pen for self-assessment and reflection
- A glue stick
- A highlighter.

## Transition Time

In order to ensure that your child is best prepared for the transition to KS3 English, we ask that they build on the habits they have developed at primary school by:

- Reading for pleasure
- Reading non-fiction as well as fiction books (research suggests that comprehension is based on knowledge of the topic we are reading about; as such, having good general knowledge aids with comprehension)
- Listening to audiobooks (research suggests that when a book is read to us we are able to understand texts that are beyond our level of reading comprehension).

## English Lessons and Homework

In Year 7, your child will receive eight hour-long English lessons every fortnight. In addition to this, they will be set 40 minutes worth of homework every week. If your child is absent for any lesson, it is important that they speak to their teacher and catch up on any work that they have missed.

## Classes

In Year 7, your child will either be taught in a mixed-ability class or a support class if it is deemed that they would particularly benefit from a smaller class with additional assistance. Our focus is on providing a challenging and enriching curriculum that does not put a limit on what any student is able to achieve.