

Newlands News - Term 1 - Issue 4

A photograph of three young women in school uniforms, smiling and looking towards the right. They are wearing dark blazers over light blue shirts. The background is slightly blurred, showing a building and some greenery.The logo of Newlands Girls' School is a circular emblem. It features a shield with a red border, containing a blue wave and a red flower. The text "COURAGE COMMITMENT COMPASSION" is written in a circle around the top, and "NEWLANDS GIRLS' SCHOOL" is written around the bottom.

Welcome to

NEWLANDS NEWS

Friday 2nd October

TERM 1
ISSUE 4

A decorative graphic consisting of several overlapping, wavy lines in shades of red, blue, and light blue, creating a dynamic, flowing effect.

A Message
FROM THE HEAD



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic Open Evening! It was undoubtedly the highlight of my week and a wonderful opportunity to showcase everything that makes Newlands such a special school.

It was a real pleasure to hear so many families commenting on the enthusiasm of our staff, the vibrancy of our departments and, above all, how impressive our students were. Seeing our younger students confidently taking families on tours was a particular highlight. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and next year we want to extend this to the whole of Year 8 who will act as tour guides along with the Sixth Form. The girls shone and the pride they have in our school was so evident as I walked behind them and heard them in conversation.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to make the evening such a success. I could not have been prouder of our students, our staff and our whole school community. I am in no doubt there will be a huge number of applications for our brilliant school!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jo Capon, Headteacher

*Ice
Lolly*

with the Head

Awarded to students and staff for demonstrating our core values of

Courage, Commitment and Compassion



SEND Voices Questionnaire



We are currently gathering feedback from families whose children require additional support, and some of you will have received our SEND Voices Questionnaire today via email. If you have received the questionnaire, we would really encourage you to take a few minutes to complete it. Your views are incredibly important to us and will help us evaluate what we currently do well, identify areas where we could improve, and shape future developments.

Thank you for working in partnership with us and helping us ensure that every student receives the support they need to thrive.

Jo Capon, Headteacher

Good News Assembly



On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Mr Joseph Ogunleye and his team from the Slough branch of *Good News for Everyone* (formerly known as GideonsUK).

During their visit, they delivered an engaging and thought-provoking assembly to our Year 7 students. The theme of the assembly focused on the values of love, compassion and courage, highlighting the example set by Jesus in the New Testament through his treatment of all people, including those who were often marginalised or excluded from society. Students were encouraged to reflect on these virtues and consider how they can demonstrate them both within the school community and in their wider lives.

Good News for Everyone is a voluntary organisation whose mission is to make the New Testament freely available to people in a variety of settings, including schools, hotels, hospitals and prisons. The organisation believes that the Bible offers guidance, encouragement and direction for everyday life, and that its message of hope and inspiration continues to impact people around the world.

Following the assembly, all Year 7 students were offered a complimentary copy of the New Testament and Psalms. Students were able to keep their copy for personal use and to support their Religious Education studies, or alternatively return it to the PRE Department.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr Joseph Ogunleye and his team for sharing their time, their message and their generosity with our students. Their visit provided a valuable opportunity for reflection and learning, and was greatly appreciated by all involved.

Mr Karley (Head of PRE)

A Magazine by Students for Students

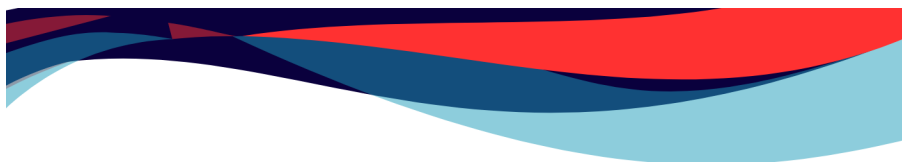


We are excited to be collaborating with a local editor to create *Screen Free Teen*, a magazine written entirely by our students. The publication will feature celebrity interviews and general-interest articles, as well as showcasing the wide range of activities, sports, interests and pastimes our students enjoy outside of school.

We hope the magazine will inspire our students to look beyond the school day, discover new interests and try something different.

This week, Sixth Form students Grace Poole and Evie Kewell had the fantastic opportunity to interview Michelin-starred chef Tom Kerridge at one of his restaurants in Marlow. Their interview covers a wide range of topics, from the hospitality industry to Tom's thoughts on social media, and will feature in the first edition of *Screen Free Teen*, which will be published in December.

We can't wait to share it with you!



MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS

From the Past to the Podcast

Mrs Wills and Year 13 Hannah Miller are back with a brand new podcast especially for A-Level History students. Follow the link below or find them on Spotify (just search Newlands Girls' School) to this to this latest episode all about Henry VII's consolidation of power.



1 - [Episode 50 - Henry VII's consolidation of power](#)

Challenge Yourself with DofE!

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a fantastic opportunity to try something different, discover new interests and develop skills that will stay with you long after you've completed the award.

Through the Volunteering, Skills and Expedition sections, you can choose activities that interest you while building confidence, independence, resilience and teamwork.

Whether you're learning a new skill, helping in your community, taking on a physical challenge or navigating your way through an expedition with friends, DofE is all about stepping outside your comfort zone and discovering what you can achieve.

You don't need to be an expert or an experienced adventurer – just be ready to have a go, commit to the challenge and enjoy the journey!

Look out for the letter coming out soon inviting students in Year 9 and 10 to join.

Why not make this the year you challenge yourself and join DofE?

A promotional poster for DofE (Duke of Edinburgh's Award). The background is a sunset over a mountain range. In the top left, the text reads "Your adventure starts here" followed by "SIGN UP AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE" in large, bold, orange letters. In the bottom left, the DofE logo is shown, with the tagline "It's more than an award ...it's an experience" below it. Three inset photos show students: one group standing outdoors in a field, another group standing in a line, and a student sitting inside an orange tent.

Your Voice Matters: Last Chance to Have Your Say

A graphic for "THE BIG FUTURE" campaign. The background is blue with white and yellow doodle-style icons including stars, lightbulbs, speech bubbles with "yes!", "idea!", and "wow", and a rocket. The text "THE BIG FUTURE" is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom right, the "CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER" logo is visible, featuring a green stylized 'C'.

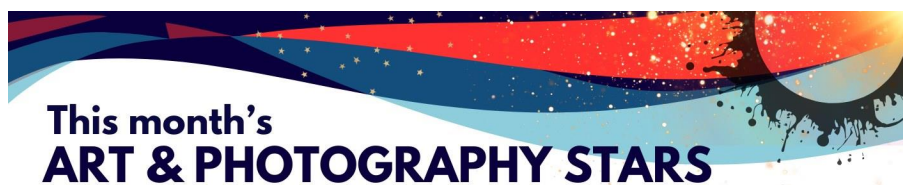
Back in July we included information about a survey launched by The Children's Commissioner asking for views on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today. Your responses will then be fed back to the Government, to inform their plans to make life better for children.

"It is crucial that I hear from as many children as possible in every school and college, in every community, across the country. If I do not hear from your pupils, their experiences,

views and aspirations risk being missing when I present the findings of my survey to the Government."

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England

The survey is about to close, so if you haven't yet filled in the survey please follow this link to have your say: [The Big Future](#)



Fine Art

Year 7: Elodie Wines for an impressive start to the Pots and Planters project

Year 8: Vanshika Prativadi Bhayankara for a fantastic start to Year 8, very skilful work

Year 9: Araratrika Thakur - a great start to our portraiture project

Year 10: Maya Hussain for a beautiful and well presented GCSE sketchbook

Year 11: Abi McMichael for being up to date with all of her sketchbook work

Year 12: Koko Kun for all the hard work she is putting into her Year 12 Art coursework

Year 13: Nadine Ahmed for experimenting with media and taking risks

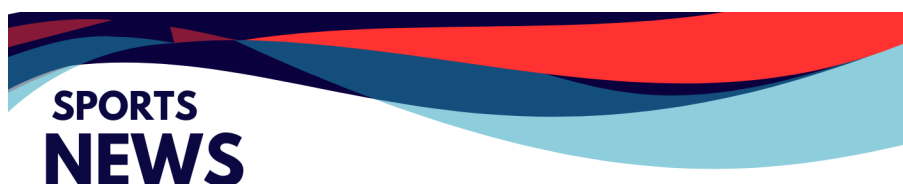
Photography

Year 10: Ruby Schenk for a great start to GCSE photography

Year 11: Brooke Cudworth for starting her hard work and dedication to her Year 11 coursework

Year 12: Olivia Hicks for great dedication and hard work.

Year 13: Cecilia Furley for making a brilliant start to year 13!



Excellent Karate Student



Congratulations to Ruhani (7B) on recently winning her orange belt in karate. Ruhani is clearly an excellent student as she managed to complete her training and gain her grading ahead of schedule.



Key Stage 3

Sadie Ackroyd (8F) for an incredible start to her PE career at Newlands. In her first ever PE lesson she smashed the four minute run and took two catches in Rainbow Baseball! What a way to make an impression! Great work Sadie!

Key Stage 4

Amber Ng (11B) for having the courage to lead her first dance development session to over 40 students. Well done! Can't wait to watch them perform it on stage!

Key Stage 5

Sophie van der Knaap (12D) for all things Gym and Dance related! We've said it before and we'll say it again... like having another member of staff!



Next Week's Menu

WEEK 2

Week Commencing:
24/08/26 14/09/26 05/10/26 26/10/26

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Pork Sausage (Beef Casing) or Halal Chicken Sausage (Beef Casing) & Mashed Potatoes with Onion Gravy

TUESDAY

Cajun Chicken, Tomato & Sweetcorn Wholewheat Pasta Bake with House Salad

WEDNESDAY

Roast Breast of Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy

THURSDAY

Sweet & Sour Chicken with Carrot Rice

FRIDAY

Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Salmon Fishcake or Pizza with Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce

MONDAY

Vegan BBQ Boston Bean Sausage Casserole & Mash (VE)

TUESDAY

Lentil & Chickpea Dahl with Roasted Tikka Cauliflower & Steamed Rice (V)

WEDNESDAY

Cheese & Potato Pie with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Roast House Gravy (V)

THURSDAY

Crunchy French Onion & Leek Macaroni Cheese with House Salad (V)

FRIDAY

Vegan Moroccan Spiced Butternut Squash Pasty with Chips & Peas (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

TUESDAY

Pear & Apple Orchard Crumble

WEDNESDAY

Cocoa Bread & Butter Pudding

THURSDAY

Jam & Coconut Sponge

FRIDAY

Apple Traybake

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES

Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

MADE YOUR WAY!

CHOOSE IT!
ADD IT!
TOP IT!

Switch up your flavours with our street food-inspired range, available Tuesday to Thursday.

With weekly rotating choices, there's always something tasty.

Choose a base, add protein, and top it your way!

Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

NATURALLY

MONDAY

Garlic and Chilli Noodles (VE)

TUESDAY

Singapore Fried Rice (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Lentil & Chickpea Dahl with Crispy Bombay Potatoes (VE)

THURSDAY

The Big Plant Burger (VE)

FRIDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY

Pasta in Cheese Sauce

TUESDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

WEDNESDAY

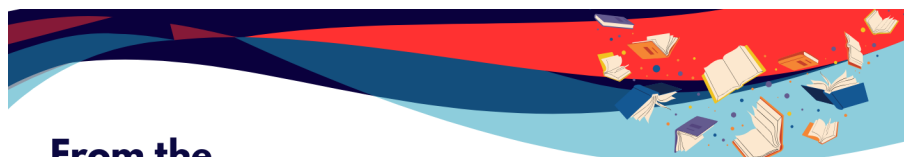
Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza

THURSDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza



From the **LIBRARY SHELVES**

Beyond the Fiction Shelves



If you think the School Library is all about fiction? Think again!

Alongside the study guides, the non-fiction shelves are packed with books that can take you anywhere and everywhere — from outer space to the ocean floor, from ancient civilisations to entrepreneurs, from sporting legends to extraordinary people and amazing animals.

If you want to know how the brain works? You can find out. Mad about football? Read all about your favourite players. Looking for culinary inspiration? Explore our wide range of cookery and baking books. Love fashion, music, science, nature, photography or art? We have a book for it!

Reading non-fiction can help you learn more about the things you already love and discover completely new interests. An added bonus is that exploring factual texts, which have their own structure and vocabulary, also helps to develop your reading and written language skills.

So next time you're in the Library, don't just head for the fiction shelves, venture further down and explore the non-fiction.

Take the Non-Fiction Challenge!

While you're exploring the non-fiction shelves you can also pick up a Non-Fiction Challenge leaflet and win yourself some House Points.

A promotional poster for "LEISURE focus NEWLANDS SWIM MEMBERSHIP". It features a background image of an indoor swimming pool with lane markers. A yellow starburst in the top right corner says "NEW!". A large blue circle in the center contains the text "ONLY £9.99 FOR THE FIRST 3 MONTHS*". Below this, it says "*£14.99 THEREAFTER". At the bottom, there are three icons: a swimmer, a person in a pool, and two people, each with the text "UNLIMITED ACCESS TO [activity]".

LEISURE *focus*

NEWLANDS

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UNLIMITED ACCESS TO AQUA SESSIONS

UNLIMITED ACCESS TO FAMILY SESSIONS

Love swimming?

Our new Newlands' Swim Membership makes it even easier to enjoy the pool.

For just £9.99* for your first three months, you'll get unlimited:

- Lane swimming
- Aqua sessions

- Family sessions

Whether you're swimming for fitness, joining an Aqua class or enjoying time in the pool with the family, there's something for everyone.

*£9.99 for the first three months, then £14.99 thereafter.

Dive in and make swimming part of your routine.

 Advance booking is required for all sessions, so once you have your membership please make sure you book your space before visiting. For more information visit our website:

[Leisure Focus - NGS Pool](#)



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THIS GIRL CAN

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Real Friendships
Build Confidence
Lasting Memories

Girls Belong Here

GIRLS FOOTBALL RECRUITMENT

U18 SHARKS TEAM

U16, U17 & U18S ALL WELCOME!

We're looking for *passionate, committed girls* to join our U18 Sharks team!

If you're currently in Year 11, 12 or 13 (U16, U17 or U18), you can play in our U18 team. Be part of a supportive, welcoming and ambitious club where girls are encouraged, valued and given the opportunity to grow — on and off the pitch.

- ELIGIBLE PLAYERS: **U16, U17 & U18** CAN PLAY IN OUR U18 TEAM
- COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL
- SUPPORTIVE & FRIENDLY TEAM ENVIRONMENT
- DEVELOPMENT & OPPORTUNITY
- BE PART OF A GREAT CLUB COMMUNITY



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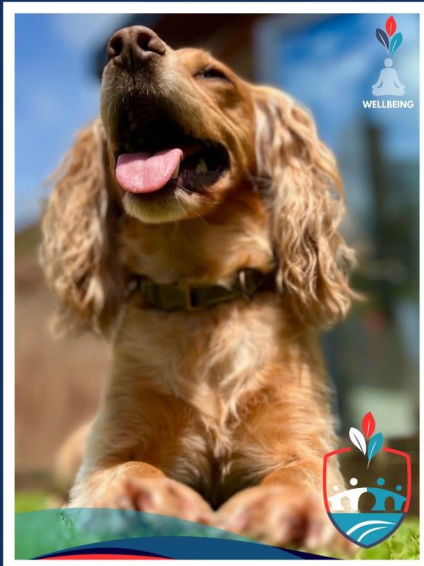
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INDEPENDENT EDUCATION

For full details including how to apply please visit My New Term: [Teacher of Art](#)

Closing Date for Applications: 9:00am, Monday 5th October, 2026

Theme for Next School Week:

Friendship and Tolerance



COMING UP

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER

Y11 Geography Field Trip - Group 1

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

Y11 Geography Field Trip - Group 2

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Y12/13 UK Maths Challenge

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Y11 Geography Field Work Day (in school)

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Y11 Drama Practical Assessment Day 2

Y7 Henley Literary Festival Trip

Y11 Progress Reports (after 3pm via Arbor)



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