



NEWLANDS GIRLS' SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all students as we begin a new academic year in the Sixth Form. To our Year 13 students, welcome back. I hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer break. You are now entering a significant and exciting year of your educational journey. This is a year of opportunity, responsibility, and achievement as you prepare for your final examinations, university and apprenticeships applications, or employment. We are proud of all that you accomplished last year and look forward to supporting you as you take the next steps towards your future goals.

To our new Year 12 students, welcome to Sixth Form. We are delighted that you have chosen to join us and become part of our Sixth Form community. Moving into Sixth Form is an important milestone, bringing greater independence, new challenges, and exciting opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. We encourage you to embrace everything that Sixth Form has to offer, from academic study and enrichment activities to leadership roles, work experience, and wider personal development opportunities.

This year promises to be a busy and rewarding one. Alongside your studies, there will be numerous opportunities to develop your skills, broaden your experiences. Whether you are returning for your final year or just beginning your Sixth Form journey, I encourage you to approach the year with ambition, curiosity, and confidence.

Key information:

From Monday, once Year 12 students have activated their lanyard, they will be able to leave the school site at 1.10pm if they do not have any afternoon lessons. Students in both Year 12 and 13 must sign out using the sign out points to do this.

We do offer a Sixth Form Bursary. If you think you are eligible for the Sixth Form Bursary, please access the information on our website to complete the application.

For families who are new to Newlands, Arbor is the system we use to send reports home, send messages and for students to access their timetable. You will be sent a letter regarding Arbor. If you do not receive this, please let me know.

Key dates:

- **16th September- course change deadline for Year 12**
- Thursday 24th September- Year 12 information Evening at 6pm
- Thursday 24th September- Year 13 Information Evening at 7pm

These evenings can be attended by both parents and students and will have important information regarding the step up to Sixth Form.

- Tuesday 29th September- School Open Evening 5-8pm - all Sixth Form students are expected to attend
- 15th October- Early Entry Deadline for Year 13 students

Finally, I would like to offer a weekly parent drop-in session for anyone who wishes to book a meeting with me.

These will take place on **Thursday between 3.30pm and 5.00pm**. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please contact me at katekalinowski@newlandsgirls.co.uk.

The Sixth Form team is here to support every student throughout the year, and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure that you achieve your full potential.

I wish you all a successful, enjoyable, and fulfilling year ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Kate Kalinowski

Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form

