



Newstead News

Friday 5 January 2024

Headteacher's Update

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a good break and that 2024 has started well for you.

This term is made up of two short half terms in comparison to the last one and so it's vital that all students work to make every minute count. Year 13 have begun their mock exams already, and we'll be working at pace with Year 11 to close any gaps that have been identified following their first round of mocks to ensure their second round in February are even better. Year 11 Parents' Evening is next Thursday and Year 9 have theirs the following week, where they will be using the information gained to make informed decisions about which GCSE subjects they are going to pursue.

At the start of the new Term, there are a few staffing updates. I'd like to welcome:

Mr Ahmed – IT Technician

Ms Odemelam – Art Technician

Ms Deepak – Psychology Teacher

Miss Bailey – Maths Teacher

Mr Beavan – Maths teacher

Ms Cunningham – Geography Teacher

And we welcome back Mrs Choudhury to the Chemistry Department

We have appointed a new Safeguarding and Wellbeing Director who joins the Newstead Team in February. This is a new role at Newstead, and will further increase the capacity of our pastoral and safeguarding provision. Ms Dalton has been promoted to Deputy Headteacher and will be our Designated Safeguarding Lead until February. You can contact any member of the Safeguarding Team via the usual school communication routes at any point.

As a reminder, our safeguarding team are shown on the next page.

PSHE sessions in the first week of term are focusing on where students can go to if they need to talk to someone. We will be working with students to ensure they can all identify 'Trusted Adults' that they could turn to should they need, and where appropriate sources of information and guidance can be found. We all know that there are many unreliable sources out there, and social media is not a great place to start. It would be really positive to follow up this conversation at home as well over the coming weeks. The information on the next page gives you some suitable starting points.



Mrs Dalton
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead

Mr Bournat
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead

Mrs Fakorede
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead

Mrs Arscott
Student Support
Manager

Ms Ricketts
SENCO



Mrs Brazier
Head of Year 7



Mrs Mehta
Head of Year 8



Miss Jordan
Head of Year 9



Mrs Meader
Head of Year 10



Mr Koukouvitakis
Head of Year 11

Safeguarding and Pastoral Team

Need to talk to someone?

You can talk to any member of school staff...



Our School Counsellors

Our Safeguarding Team



Your Form Tutor



Leadership Team



Mrs Dalton, Mr Bournat
or Mrs Fakorede



Mrs Arscott and the
Support Team



Ms Ricketts and the SEN Team



One of our Mental
Health First Aiders



Need to talk to someone?

To finish this week, a reminder that Oliver! rehearsals are well under way and it's now only 3 weeks until Curtain Up! Tickets can be purchased via WisePay for performances on the 24th, 25th and 26th January.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Alan Blount
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

4-18 January	Year 13 Mock Exams
Wednesday 10 January	Learning Together Forum
Thursday 11 January	Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening
Tuesday 16 January	Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening (please note swap with Options Evening)
Wednesday 24 January	School Photos
24-26 January	School Production – Oliver!
Wednesday 31 January	Year 9 GCSE Options Evening (please note swap with Parents'/Carers' Evening)
Friday 9 February	CPD Day – School Closed to Students
<i>12-16 February</i>	<i>Half Term Break</i>

Term dates for 2023-4 and 2024-5 can be found on our website [here](#).

Around Newstead

New Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to our new student leadership team:

Head Student	Siniva H
Deputy Head Student	Ayomide O
Student Leadership Team	Lucy W Joella B Arya P Whaishnavhy K

We'd like to extend our thanks to the magnificent outgoing student leadership team as they step down now to focus on their studies. Aishah, Olivia, Advait, Sophie, Riya and Amiya - you have done a fantastic job in representing the school, representing students and introducing some terrific policies which will live on as your legacy continues. We thank you for your hard work and service to the school and obviously wish you the best for your studies in the next few months.



guest
speaker



We have some fantastic speakers for you in our Autumn Term Guest Speaker Programme. These talks are open to students and parents. To book a place, click on the name of the speaker.

Monday, 29 January, 4pm: [Grace Hind](#) – PPE student at Oxford University

Grace Hind is a very successful Newstead Wood alumna, having gone up to Mansfield College, Oxford University, to read Philosophy, Politics, and Economics in 2021. At Oxford, she has become a member of the Oxford Union and Oxford Women in Business. Last year, her paper on 'Encoded Bias – a reason to exercise caution in the embrace of artificial intelligence in the business realm' won Q5's insight paper competition. Anyone interested in Oxbridge or study of any of these three disciplines should definitely attend this talk!

Thursday, 1 February, 4pm: [Tahmina Rahman & Nusrat Siddique](#) – Judge and Barrister, and Solicitor

Tahmina Rahman sits as a Deputy District Judge and as a Judge of the Employment Tribunal, and she is an experienced and highly regarded specialist Children practitioner. Her practice encompasses all aspects of both the Public Law and Private Law fields. Nusrat Siddique is a solicitor in the South East London area, she is a member of Resolution, and she is fluent in Bengali. Anyone interested in Law should definitely attend this talk!

Monday, 26 February, 4pm: [Dr Penelope Brock](#) – Great Ormond Street Hospital, ex-President of SIOPEL, & Chair of ChiLTERN

Dr Penelope Brock, better known as Peppy, had a fellowship at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) from 1986-88, when she became a founding member of the European Liver Tumour group SIOPEL, joined the European Neuroblastoma group SIOPEL, and started her PhD on cisplatin toxicity in infants and children. She was Secretary of SIOPEL for 4 years, President from 2011-13 and remains on the Advisory Board, and she chairs the Public Advisory Group for the Children's Liver Tumour European Research Network (ChiLTERN) and is an active member of the SIOPEL Quality of Life and Outcomes Committee. Anyone interested in hearing from a trailblazer in medicine should definitely attend this talk!

Thursday, 29 February, 4pm: [Dr Madeleine Pennington](#) – Head of Research at Theos Think Tank: *Why be interested in religion and worldviews in a modern world?*

Dr Madeleine Pennington holds a doctorate in theology from the University of Oxford, having read for her undergraduate degree there as well. She has previously worked as a research scholar at a retreat and education centre in Philadelphia, and she has multiple publications to her name. Outside of Theos, she sits on the Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations. Anyone interested in or studying RPE, Philosophy, Theology, and anyone looking to explore the dynamics of a modern secular world with faith should definitely attend this talk!

Thursday, 7 March, 4pm: [Dr Lucy Hawkins](#) – Senior Clinical Scientist (Clinical Biochemistry)

Dr Lucy Hawkins is a senior clinical scientist with the NHS, and she is uniquely well-placed to talk about a non-medical career in the NHS. She is an allied health professional, focusing on clinical biochemistry, with additional experience in microbiology, haematology, and immunology. Anyone interested in healthcare should definitely attend this talk!

Christmas Fun

Friday 15 December saw our annual Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper Day – students organised over 20 stalls including games, food, crafts, and many other things. Festive fun was had by all and lots of money raised!



Well done to all the year groups that took part in the Christmas Carol competition and congratulations to 9N who won. Their performance can be seen [here](#) on X or [here](#) on Instagram.

Congratulations:

- Marco M (12B) achieved two bronze medals in a recent Grappling Industries Judo tournament.
- Sofia K (9W) recently successfully passed her 1st Kyu, Brown, with two white stripes in Karate. This is the final belt before Black belt.

Hispanastastic – Tió Nadal

In the last Hispanastastic Club of the term, students created a miniature "Tió Nadal" (Uncle Christmas Log) out of recycled materials.

This Catalan tradition involves families decorating and feeding their adopted log throughout the time leading up to Christmas, keeping him warm under a blanket. The Tió Nadal will then "produce" presents for the children on the 25th of December.

On the day, children will use sticks and sing a traditional song in Catalan in order to make the Tió "release" every-last-present he is holding inside his bountiful belly!



RPE Journal

We have great pleasure in presenting the [RPE newsletter](#) for this term. Many thanks to those that have contributed and a very special thank you to Oluwatoni who has put such a great deal of work into writing and editing the newsletter.



Oliver! Tickets Available Now!

We would like to invite you to this year's musical production, Oliver!

Show week is **Wednesday 24, Thursday 25, and Friday 26 January 2024**. Doors open at **6pm** and the curtains will go up at **6.30pm** promptly. There will be a 15-minute interval and the approximate end time of the show will be **9pm**.



Tickets are priced at **£12 for adults and £10 for children** and are available to purchase under the *Shop* section in WisePay. All proceeds from ticket sales will go towards the show licence and equipment. Tickets are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please do book early to avoid disappointment!

National Theatre at Newstead

Our season of National Theatre after school streams begins this Wednesday 10 January with 'A View from The Bridge'. Starring the great Mark Strong as Eddie Carbone, the play explores migration, masculinity and parenthood in a post war Brooklyn family. Students in Year 9 and up are warmly welcome to attend the screening in DR2 after school, starting at 3:45. There will be a short interval and the stream will run until just before 6 pm.

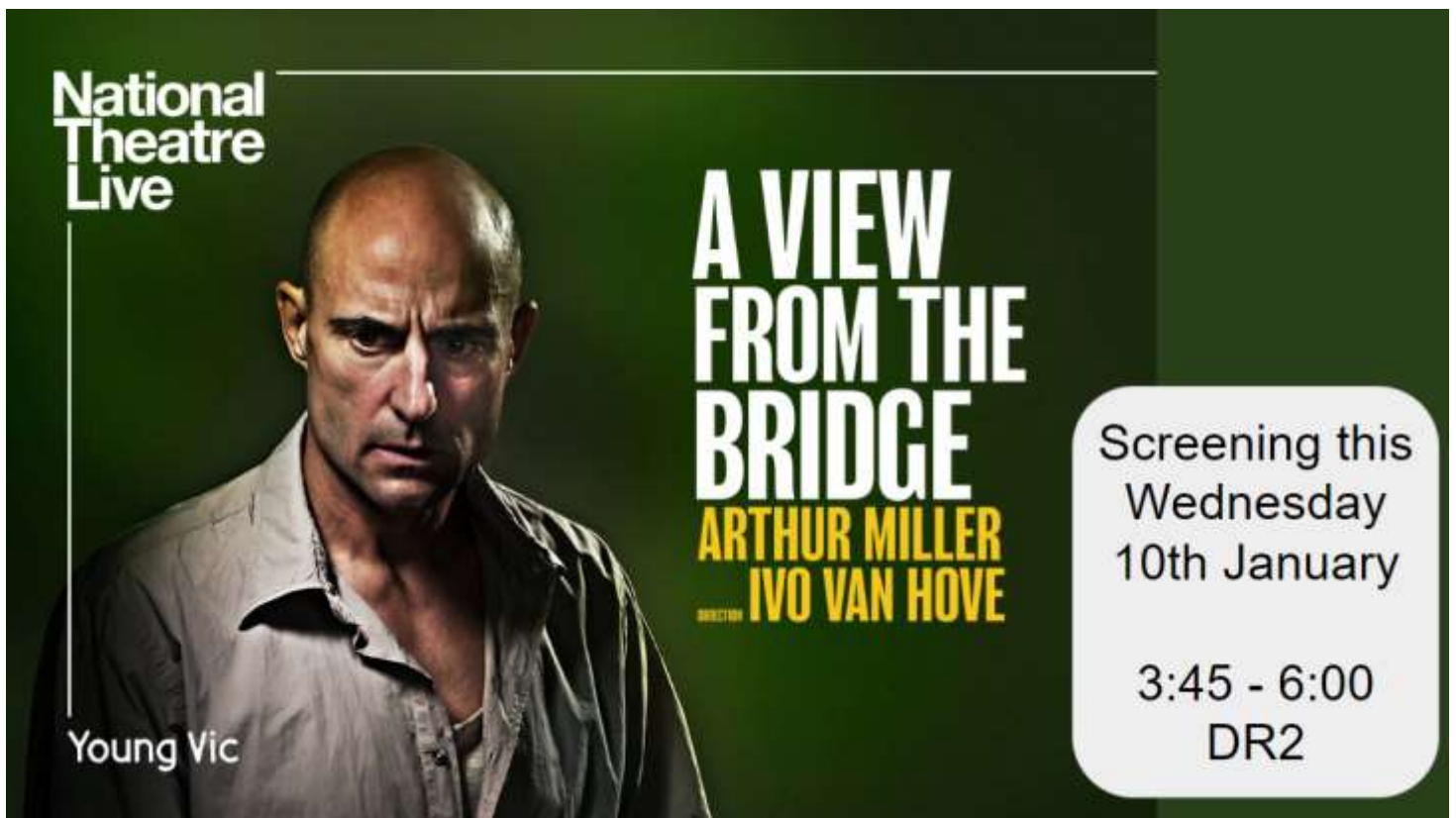
Please sign up to guarantee your seat here: <https://forms.office.com/e/XAmCDurW9n>

Coming attractions:

17 January - Barber Shop Chronicles - Inua Ellams's amazing play exploring the life of barber shops across five African cities.

31 January - A Streetcar Named Desire - Gillian Anderson stars in this terrifying tale of madness and deception.

7 February - Paradise - Kae Tempest's adaptation of Sophocles's 'Philoctetes'



National Theatre Live

A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE
ARTHUR MILLER
DIRECTED BY IVO VAN HOVE

Young Vic

Screening this Wednesday
10th January

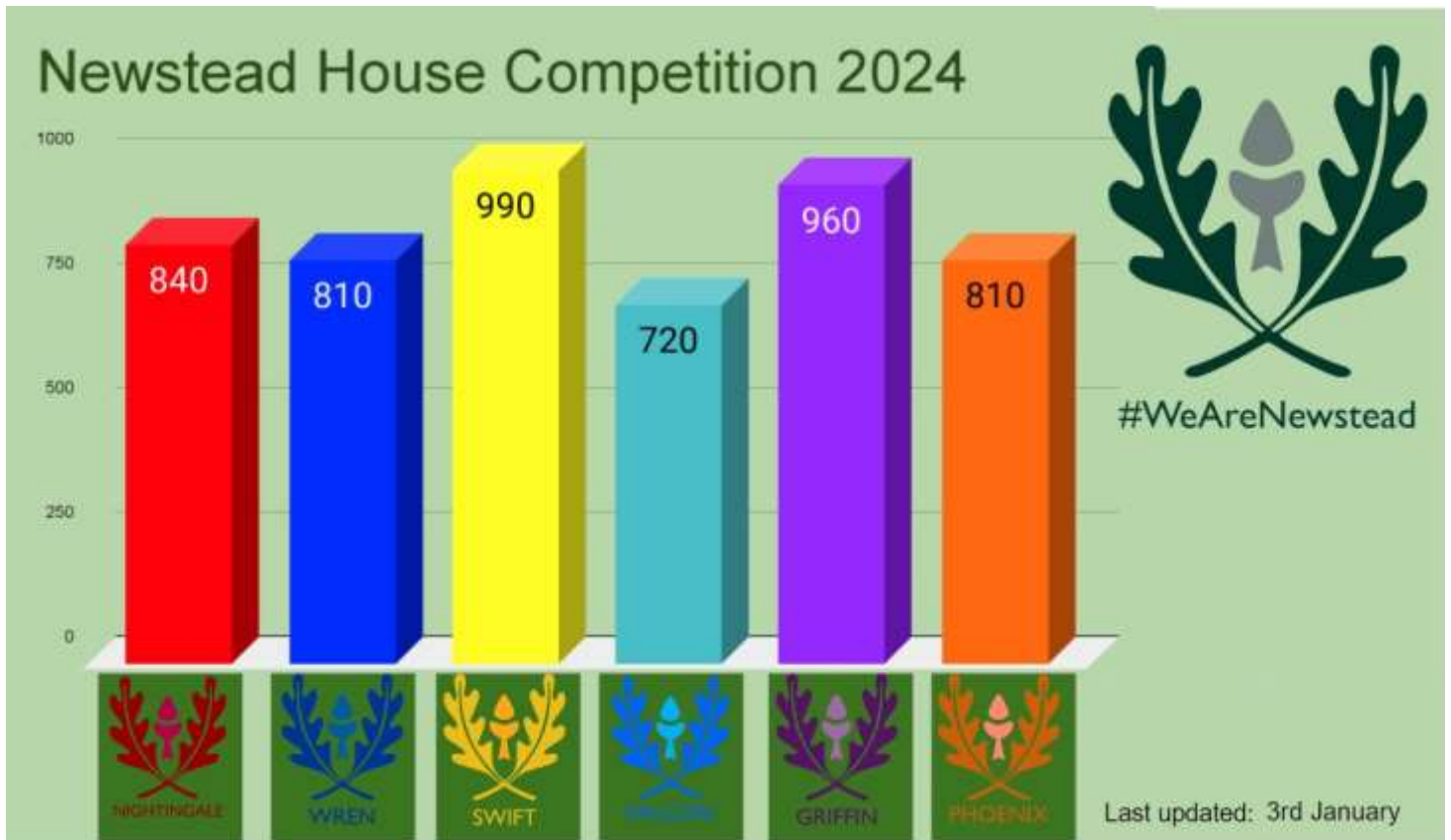
3:45 - 6:00
DR2

Achievement Points

Here are this week's Achievement Point totals. Congratulations to the following students and tutor groups.

Top Tutor Groups of the Week		
Year 7: 7G Year 8: 8N Year 9: 9F Year 10: 10G Year 11: 11S		
Top Students of the Week		
★ Year 7 ★		
Tara G 7G Karin A 7S	Katie M 7F Hawwa F 7G	Hannah K 7S Charis P 7S
★ Year 8 ★		
Azkadellia Y 8N Charlotte L 8S	Veda T 8N Ming Ern L 8G	Karis O 8N Rebecca P 8N
★ Year 9 ★		
Kitty H 9G Hannah C 9G	Leila N-W 9S Pragnya V 9G	Precious O 9S Sophia V 9S
★ Year 10 ★		
Eileen C 10G Heshma N 10S	Sonia G 10S Lucia C 10G	Alexandra E 10F
★ Year 11 ★		
Jia P 11P	Almina S 11G	

House Competition



Bromley Youth Music Trust Musical Theatre



We are looking to cast all principals, all dancers and all ensemble for our next production of Legally Blonde the Musical.

Auditions begin on Tuesday 9 January 2024
6.00pm-9.15pm
at BYMT, Southborough Lane, Bromley, BR2 8AA

14-18 year olds welcome to audition. You do not need to prepare or bring anything to the auditions as material will be supplied and taught on the day. Legally Blonde the Musical will be performed on 5,6 & 7 April.

BYMT
BROMLEY YOUTH MUSIC TRUST

SOUTHBOROUGH LANE BROMLEY BR2 8AA
020 8467 1566 www.bymt.co.uk

To secure a place to audition
please sign up using the link below
or scan the QR code
<http://tinyurl.com/kz9wt2tz>





Languages News

Word of the week

Answers to the words of the week before Christmas:

French: un cadeau - a present

German: fabelhaft - fabulous/fairytale-like

Spanish: calamares - squid

Chinese: 圣诞节 - Christmas

Japanese: カッコいい - stylish, good-looking

Latin: spectare - to look at, watch

The answers to this week's words are:

French: souhaiter - to wish

German: bunt - colourful

Spanish: pescadería - fishmongers

Chinese: 新年 - New Year

Japanese: (お) いわい - celebration

Latin: horrendus - terrible

The words for next week are:

French: la galette des rois

German: die Brücke

Spanish: bacalao

Chinese: 礼物

Japanese: お正月 (おしょうがつ)

Latin: pecunia



Newstead Wood School Parents' Association News



We had a good uniform sale last week and have managed to raise £600 from uniform sales this term for the benefit of the school, parents and the environment. Next uniform sale is on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 3.15 - 4pm. We encourage parents to volunteer.

We also encourage parents to attend PA Zoom meeting on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7pm. Link will be sent prior to the meeting.

The PA also attended curriculum meeting last week for year 8 and organised evening social event afterwards which many parents took part. Sincere thanks go to Victoria, Aneta and few parents for organising.

Our upcoming events include:

Evening Quiz to be around March 2024

Familiarisation test to be around April/May/June 2024

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with half-termly uniform sales; to help organise a quiz in Feb/March; and to help with the familiarisation tests on some April/May/June Saturdays next year.

All parents and guardians of Newstead Wood students automatically become members of the NWPAA so we hope you can join us in organising and attending some events this year. We aim to enrich the school community by helping at school events like plays and open days; we provide practical services, like the secondhand uniform sales; we encourage parents to support each other through social events and the individual class WhatsApp groups; and we run fundraising activities like the Summer disco and the Family Quiz. We look forward to you joining us!

If you have any questions about the Parents' Association, would like to know how to join your class parents' WhatsApp group, need information on uniform, or would like to volunteer to join one of our teams, please get in touch at pa@newsteadwood.co.uk

There's something for everyone, please get involved!



**Revision books, uniform, PE kit: for sale from the PA Hut on
Wednesday 17 January 3.15 - 4pm**

Volunteers welcome from 2.30pm to 4pm

Great condition... great prices... great for the environment...and great for the school!

Jumpers (£3 each/2 for £5), 6th form blazers (£5), Skirts (£3/£4), shirts (£2 each, 3 for £5), trainers and astroturfs (£3), umbrellas (£1) and other items are also available, plus textbooks and revision books (£2 each, 3 for £5) in many subjects. Payment by cash or card.

VOLUNTEERS to help for an hour or so occasionally would be very welcome, please email pauniform@newsteadwood.co.uk for more information. No special skills needed, all training given!

DONATIONS of uniform, PE kit, coats etc. all welcome and can be left at reception anytime. Please remove or cross out names if possible and label the bag 'donations'. Thanks very much for all the donations we've had so far; keep them coming!

We've raised £600 this term from sales: thank you for your support as we help the school, help the environment and help you with your shopping!

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The PA are excited to announce that we have teamed up with Stikins to offer parents the opportunity to purchase quality labels for your children's school uniform, whilst earning the school commission at the same time! This money can then be used to continue to help purchase some of the fantastic resources that benefit our children's learning.

As we all know, lost property is a problem in all schools and I am sure we are all familiar with our child, at some point, coming home from school with a missing item. As parents, we are aware that time is precious, which is why we think these labels are such a great idea; they simply stick onto the wash-care label of clothing. They can even be used in shoes! Naming of clothing is a school requirement and we are hoping that with this opportunity we can start to eliminate some of parents' frustrations that surround these issues.

How it works:

Each order placed quoting the school reference number **14318** will provide the school with 30% commission. If you use the link on our school website's [Uniform Page](#) to order your labels online, the number is filled in automatically for you!

Please take care of your library books

Treat them like you would treat your phone - with care and respect.

Treat them carefully when taking them home and reading them.

Keep them safe - they are your responsibility when borrowed.

Make sure they are kept clean.

Remember - other students want to read your favourite books too!



Young Professionals Black Leaders of the Future Event - London Leicester Square

Tuesday 23rd January, 5pm - 8pm

FAO Careers & Y11, Y12 & Y13 Students

I'm writing to invite you to our next in-person Black Heritage event at the Vue Cinema Leicester Square, London, taking place on **Tuesday 23rd January**. Our last DEI focused event was a massive success and we're really excited to be running another event back to Leicester Square, this time to celebrate diversity and young black talent.

So far, we have: 'Big 4' constituent Accounting and Professional Services firm PwC, American media company Bloomberg, Legal & General, a British multinational financial services and asset management company as well as Law giants Linklaters, World Wide Technology and airline company TUI all attending with more global companies still to be announced! There will be a series of panel discussions, keynote presentations from senior black leaders and as always lots of networking opportunities!

Please click on the **link below** to apply for this special event opportunity. Being in-person means we have limited capacity so make sure to apply ASAP for the best chances of securing yourself a spot!

Application Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2H3GYTL>

Key Event Details:

- **Tuesday 23rd January 2023, 5pm – 8pm** (arrivals from 5pm for a prompt 5:30pm start)
- TUI, PwC, Legal & General, Goldman Sachs, Farrer & Co, World Wide Technology & Bloomberg are confirmed so far with more to be announced
- **Venue address:** Vue Cinema Leicester Square, London WC2H 7AL
- Black Heritage Focused Event for students looking to get into the Business, Accounting, Technology or Law sectors
- Certificates will be given out on the night as well as some fantastic prizes, including AirPods and much more!
- The suggested dress code is smart casual.

We do hope you can make this event. It is going to be a truly inspiring, educational, and fantastic all round careers event for students across the UK. Feel free to share this event with your friends!

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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