



Newstead News

Friday 6 October 2023

Deputy Headteacher's Update

This week there has been a flurry of activity in the sixth form as Year 13 students excitedly complete their UCAS applications. The range of courses and universities remains impressively diverse, with medicine, engineering and science related courses continuing to be among the most popular.

On Tuesday, three hundred students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 took part in the Senior Mathematics Challenge. This prestigious competition was organised with military precision by Mr Mills and the mathematics department. We look forward to learning the results and celebrating with the students.

Monday marks the start of our Black History Month celebrations, with assemblies led by our new Year 12 ACS leaders.

The theme for Black History Month this year is particularly relevant to our students as it is focused on the celebration of black women.

The assemblies include celebrating the vital role black women played in shaping history, inspiring change and building communities. We will also be exploring themes such as resilience, self-care, and well-being, underscoring the strength and determination of black women throughout history, celebrating their accomplishments and looking to our students' roles as the future leaders.

We will also be paying tribute to black women who've made extraordinary contributions across various fields, separated into six key themes:

"Sheroes Among Us", highlighting contemporary black women who are breaking barriers and shattering stereotypes in their respective fields.

"Pioneering Voices", featuring black women who have used their voices to speak out against injustice.

"Innovators and Entrepreneurs", showcasing black women who've made significant strides in business and entrepreneurship.

"Breaking Barriers", featuring black women who've broken down barriers in sports, entertainment and politics.

"Women Who Move Mountains", celebrating black women who've made significant contributions to science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"Women Who Lead", showcasing black women who've made significant contributions to leadership and governance.

One particularly inspirational story is that of Dame Jocelyn Barrow. Born in 1929, she moved to the UK in 1959 and became a teacher, lecturer and professor of education. In addition to her work in civil rights and education, Dame Barrow was also an advocate for women's rights. She was awarded a CBE in 1976 and was made a Dame in 1992 in recognition of her services to education and race relations.

Helping the ACS leaders prepare their assemblies for Black History Month has been a privilege and I look forward to our talented students creating their own inspirational stories. Watch this space!

With best wishes for a restful weekend.

Sarah Sword
Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10 October	Black History Recitals
Wednesday 11 October	Year 11 Curriculum Evening – Building Momentum to GCSE
Monday 16 October	Flu Vaccinations Y7-11
Wednesday 18 October	Sixth Form Open Evening for students new to Newstead Wood
<i>23-27 October</i>	<i>Half Term Break</i>
Monday 30 October	CPD Day – School closed to students
Wednesday 1 November	Year 13 Curriculum Evening: Key messages for A Level success
5-17 November	Y11 Mock Exams
Thursday 9 November	Parents' Association Disco
Tuesday 14 November	Learning Together Forum
Thursday 16 November	Year 7 Singing Showcase Evening
Thursday 23 November	Sixth Form Open Evening for current Newstead Wood students
Thursday 30 November	Year 13 Parents'/Carers' Evening
Tuesday 5 December	Year 8 Curriculum Evening – Studying for Success in Year 8
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Concert
<i>21 December-2 January</i>	<i>Christmas Holiday</i>

Around Newstead

Primary Schools' Netball Tournament

On Tuesday Newstead hosted a Bromley Primary Schools' netball tournament and our own students officiated throughout.

All students did an amazing job umpiring and helping the Year 6 students play their games and have a fun afternoon.

Well done to Sophie, Nadia, Bea, Lily, Maya, Anita, Toluwa and Kishi.

Netball Match Reports

On Wednesday our Year 8 A and B netball teams had their first league matches against Bullers Wood.

Both teams are now in the top division and so the B team are playing other schools' A teams, but on Wednesday this didn't affect the result - our A team won 20-0 and our B team won 10-1!

These were both amazing wins, so well done to all who played, especially Mollie and Dolapo who were selected as players of the match.

After a fantastic win of 5-2 by Newstead's Year 11 A team, with amazing attack and defence from our players and great teamwork overall, Newstead are one step closer to victory in the league!



Tennis Success

Our Tennis Senior Team have played in a knockout stage against Bedford School for a place in the Regional Finals. Amazing teamwork and effort from our girls with all 6 matches won! FINALS here we come!

Well done to Eloise, Nikita, Anvita and Chloe!



Football Update

Our U14 Football team have played in a knockout stage for the Kent Cup against Bullers Wood (cup holders from last year) with an amazing win 1-0! Newstead Wood have qualified in the top 8 for the Kent Cup and we are dreaming BIG! Well done to: Ava, Isabella, Thea, Jean, Ella, Leah, Sophie, Amarachi, Laynnie, Kotonu, Hanna, Mollie, Lilly and Keerthana.



Monster Madness!



This week Year 9 students in the Textiles rotation of Design Technology started their new project linking them up with Year 3 students at Crofton Junior School. Two classes in Year 3 drew what they thought a monster would look like. Their pictures were delivered to us, and each Year 9 student was given a drawing, establishing their partnership with their chosen Year 3 student until Christmas!

When our students unveiled their design drawings and annotations there was a lot of excitement because they will now be making the monsters for the Year 3 students and delivering them to them at the end of the rotation! The Year 9 students designed and wrote postcards in exchange for the monster drawings to be delivered back this week, so that the Year 3 students know that their monster drawings are safe.

This is an exciting year-long project with two Year 9 classes each term creating two sets of monsters and delivering them to Crofton Juniors to get feedback on their manufacturing skills.

Here are some photos of the first drawings received as well as the postcards designed and written in return!





Dear Lewis,
I hope you like the monster I
have drawn for you.
It is inspired by your drawing
of stinger thing.
**Happy
Halloween!**
Thank you so much for your
drawing.
From, Isabelle.



Dear Hollie,
Thank you very much
for your colourful and
creative monster, Blue. I
love the colour blue too.
I look forward to making
your monster and I
think that you will
like it.
Your monster is coming
soon.
From,
Evelyn. 😊



Congratulations to:

- Vinthya K (13S) whose entry to the OxBright Essay Competition has been shortlisted. The judges were impressed with Vinthya's entry, and have invited her to an online Awards Ceremony later this month, where the winners will be announced

We're keen to celebrate students' successes outside school – please email us with any achievements at news@newsteadwood.co.uk.

Food Bank Collection

We are donating to Hayes Foodbank this year. Year 7-9 forms are making harvest boxes, and older students are welcome to take their donations to younger forms from their own house. There will be house points for best box and most donations.

Donations must be in **before** the last day of the half term, **Friday 20 October**. The harvest boxes will be collected on stage before school for the food bank to pick up at break time.

The food bank are particularly keen to receive packed lunch items such as crackers, tinned meats, chocolate bars, all long-lasting. Donations aimed more towards children and winter would seem sensible, but all donations will be appreciated.

Thank you to Freya and Bhairavi in Year 13 for organising this.

History Club



This week saw another successful instalment of History Club with Skye giving a very interesting talk about the South Sea Bubble!

Fri 13th Oct
Lunch 13.15h
Where?
SportsHall

Open for all

Interactive Talk: Penny Farthing Bike– Where does it really come from???



- We will have the pleasure to welcome Mr Brian Cobbold with his real size Penny Farthing Bike on **Fri 13thOct at lunch time 13.15h at .The Sports Hall**
- He will deliver an exciting talk about where this unique bike came from, why he is still riding it and what were the latest Events and races he has been taking part in.
- Bring your lunch and enjoy being taken back in history & seeing a real size Penny Farthing Bike.
- Why not take a picture with the bike too



Library Update



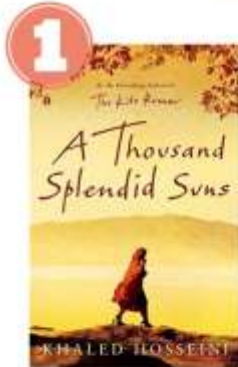
Monthly Borrowing Overview

September 2023:	Borrowers:	Issues:
Year 7	133	519
Year 8	108	360
Year 9	65	161
Year 10	49	146
Year 11	41	126
Year 12	75	125
Year 13	37	130
Total	508	1567

Star Borrowers

Neevh	7N	Aarushi	7F	Nmesoma	8S	Siya	10W
Aarya	7N	Jasmine	7F	Tia	8S	Anika	10W
Florence	7N	Fiona	7F	Senumi	8S	Lucy	10W
Juliet	7N	April	7F	Erin	8S	Kelechi	10W
Amelie L	7N	Owi	7G	Imaan	8F	Finn	10F
Sofia P	7N	Daniella	7G	Avni	8F	Nandana	10G
Samaira	7N	Olivia	7G	Rose	8F	Raha	10G
Khushi	7N	Mila	7G	Anushka	8F	Maya	10P
Luna	7N	Mehr	7G	Sara	8F	Anthiya	10P
Aaradhna	7W	Sophie	7G	Caroline	8G	Labiba	11W
Simran	7W	Mariam	7P	Liya	8G	Ruby	11W
Nidhi	7W	Jemima	7P	Aksha	8P	Aayushi	11W
Kinjal	7W	Livia	7P	Taara	8P	Livia	11W
Ruby	7W	Elizabeth	7P	Layla	9N	Vyshally	11S
Hriya	7W	Sophie	8N	Reem	9N	Fran	12W
Nilacia	7S	Jess J	8N	Abigail	9N	Julia	12S
Angel	7S	Maya	8N	Sian	9N	Nana	13N
Kayla	7S	Azkadellia	8N	Kamna	9S	Grace	13N
Merisha	7F	Charlotte	8S	Eunice	9S	Meenachey	13N
Tripti	7F	Reika	8S	Arielle	9S	Ethan	13F
Dia	7F	Olivia	8S	Wenxuan	9P	Chanel	13P
Zainab	7F	Angel	8S	Oluwatoni	10W		

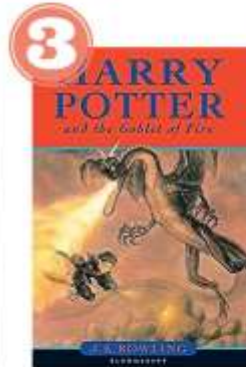
September's
**MOST POPULAR
BOOKS**



A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini



Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban by JK Rowling



Harry Potter & The Goblet of Fire by JK Rowling



Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins



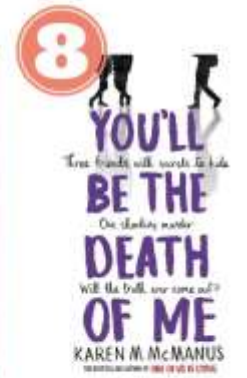
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins



A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson



Hani & Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating by Adiba Jaigirdar



You'll be the Death of Me by Karen M. McManus



Languages News

Word of the week

French: un feuilleton - a soap opera

German: der Zeichentrickfilm - cartoon

Spanish: levadura - yeast

Chinese: 秋天 - autumn

Japanese: うれしい - happy

Latin: subito - suddenly

Next week's words are:

French: l'épaule

German: der Pfannkuchen

Spanish: carnicería

Chinese: 学校

Japanese: やさしい

Latin: perterritus



Newstead Wood School Parents' Association News



To all the new arrivals: **A warm welcome to Newstead Wood School from the Parents' Association!** All parents and guardians of Newstead Wood students automatically become members of the NWPA. We aim to enrich the school community by helping at school events like plays and open days; providing practical services, like the secondhand uniform sales; encouraging parents to support each other through social events and the individual class WhatsApp groups; and running fundraising activities like the Year 7 disco and the Family Quiz. We look forward to you joining us!

To those returning: **Welcome back!**

Please get involved! The calendar is filling up with events already :) 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 Looking forward to a great year at Newstead!

Thursday 9th November

Y7/8 Disco

Tuesday 5th December

Uniform sale 3.15-4pm (Volunteers needed 2.30-4 please)

Y8 curriculum evening 6-7pm (Volunteers from 5-7.30 please)

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!**





Revision books, uniform, PE kit: for sale from the PA Hut on

Tuesday 5 December 3.15 - 4pm

Volunteers are needed 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!

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!

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Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary; emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle. Too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

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