

Newlands Girls' School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am absolutely delighted to be sharing news of an exciting event which is due to take place on **Monday 9th December**, weather permitting.

I was contacted recently by Flight Lieutenant Jenny Boyd who was a pupil at Newlands from 1998-2005. She is now a Chinook pilot in the RAF, and for the first time in her 14 year career, has enough women on the Squadron to make up a fully female crew (2 pilots + 2 rear crew). With this in mind, the crew's ambition is to visit their secondary schools, land the aircraft on the school fields, and invite groups of students on board for a short tour. The crew and aircraft will stay with us for about an hour.

I immediately said yes!

I plan on the whole school congregating by the Sports Hall (similar to a fire drill) to watch the chinook land which in itself, will be an experience. I appreciate that this will be incredibly loud for some students, and both a risk assessment and safety measures have been put in place. We have also informed the police of this event. Provision can be made for students with SEND needs, and those for whom loud noises would be stressful. Please discuss this at home and let us know if this is the case.

There is only room for 25-50 students to board the chinook in groups and so I am inviting letters of application. If students want to be considered for this exciting opportunity, they need to submit a letter of application to their Head of Year by **Monday 2nd December**, stating why they should be chosen for this experience. It would be wonderful if we were able to involve students across every year group.

I am really looking forward to welcoming Jenny and her crew. It is likely that this will never be something our students get to see again at school, so I want to involve everyone on the day.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Miss Jo Capon
Headteacher



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