



NEWLANDS GIRLS' SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM



Courage. Commitment. Compassion.



WHY NEULANDS?

In our Sixth Form you will discover new friendships, explore and challenge the limits of your academic abilities, and find out more about who you are and what you can become.

Our extensive offer of 25 A-Levels and four BTECS provides a range of opportunities to prepare you for the next phase of your life.

Our subject specialist teachers deliver a rich curriculum which develops character and thrives on aspiration, respect and positive relationships.

Each year, our outstanding examination results ensure that entry requirements for universities are met or exceeded. These results will enable you to pursue your chosen path, including apprenticeships, sponsored degrees, further education, or employment opportunities.

With in-house careers advice and a comprehensive pastoral programme, we are confident you will leave here with positivity and enthusiasm for the next steps of your journey.

OUR CURRICULUM

Whatever your academic path, you have a wealth of different options available. You have the opportunity to choose from one of the following course combinations:

- Three A-Level subjects
- Two A-Level subjects and a BTEC Certificate (equivalent to one A-Level)
- One A-Level subject and a BTEC Diploma (equivalent to two A-Levels)
- One BTEC Diploma (equivalent to two A-Levels) alongside one BTEC Certificate (equivalent to one A-Level)
- Three BTEC Certificates (equivalent to three A-Levels).

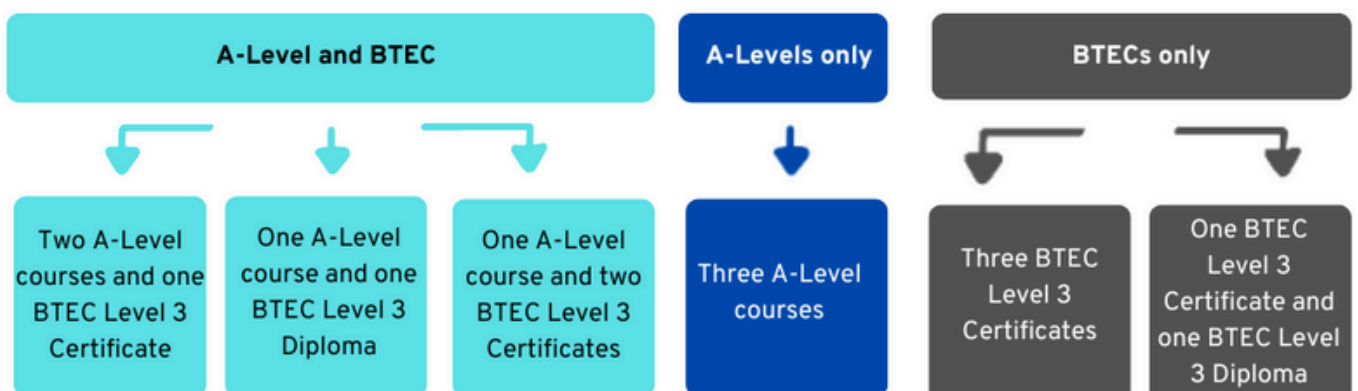
There are specific entry requirements for each of the A-Level and BTEC qualifications. All our courses require a **minimum** of a Grade 4 in English and Mathematics at GCSE, and a **minimum** of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above.

The progression from GCSE to A-Level is a significant one and our subject-specific entry requirements reflect the challenging nature of each course.

It is important to consider what you plan to do after Sixth Form when you make your course choices:

- Some university degrees require certain A-Level and/or BTEC subjects.
- You may be required to achieve a certain number of UCAS points through your BTEC course in order to be accepted to your chosen university.
- Some universities will be happy to accept students with all BTEC qualifications, while some will prefer students to have at least one A-Level alongside their BTEC.
- Some universities will look at BTECs on an individual basis to determine whether they will accept a student with this qualification. This will usually depend on the relevance of the BTEC course, the competitiveness of the university course, and other factors.
- Some apprenticeships and/or career paths require specific A-Level and/or BTEC qualifications.

KEY STAGE 5 SUBJECT OPTIONS



A-LEVELS

The A-Level programme is a demanding and intellectually stimulating academic challenge. At Newlands, you may choose up to four subjects to study, with the majority of students choosing three. You may also decide to choose a combination of A-Level subjects and BTEC courses.

We offer a very wide range of subjects to choose from and provide expert support in selecting the right options to support your chosen career path. We build our timetables around your choices, meaning you have the opportunity to pursue the subjects you most wish to study.

Subject	Entry Requirements
Art - Fine Art	5 in Art
Biology	7 in Biology or 7:7 in Combined Science
Business	5 in Business Studies or, for students who have not previously studied this subject, 5 in English and Mathematics
Chemistry	7 in Chemistry or 7:7 in Combined Science
Dance	Grade 5 in Ballet (or the equivalent standard - see curriculum booklet for details)
Design and Techonology	5 in a Design and Technology subject and 5 in Mathematics
Economics	6 in Mathematics and 5 in English
English Language	6 in English Language
English Literature	6 English Literature

Subject	Minimum GCSE Requirements
French	6 in French
Further Mathematics	8 in Mathematics
Geography	6 in Geography and 5 in Mathematics
German	6 in German
Government and Politics	6 in English or 6 in History
History	6 in History
Mathematics	7 in Mathematics
Media Studies	4 in English and Mathematics
Music	5 in Music. Grade 5 ABR SM Theory qualification is preferable
Photography	4 in English and Mathematics
Physical Education	5 in Physical Education with 5 in the theory paper. It is strongly recommended you have a 6:6 in Combined Science, or a 6 in Biology.
Physics	7 in Physics or 7:7 in Combined Science, and 6 in Mathematics
Psychology	6 in Mathematics or 6 in Science
Religious Studies	6 in Religious Studies
Spanish	6 in Spanish
Theatre Studies	5 in Drama and 5 in English

BTECS

BTEC Diploma and Certificate qualifications offer an alternative pathway: the greater emphasis on applied knowledge and continuous assessments suits some students more than the model of final course examinations which is the most standard structure for A-levels. Some subjects do also include NEAs as part of the assessment.

Students can opt to study a full Key Stage 5 programme of BTECS, or choose a course in combination with an A-Level qualification.

Newlands offers one BTEC Diploma course, the equivalent of two full A-Levels. We also offer three BTEC Certificate courses, which are each equivalent to one full A-Level.

Subject	Entry Requirements
BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and Mathematics
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and Mathematics
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Combined Science, English and Mathematics
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Combined Science, English and Mathematics

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Students have the opportunity to complete an EPQ in a subject which interests you – an excellent preparation for the rigours of university.

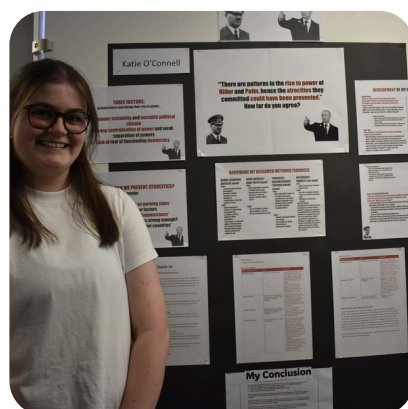
EPQ stands for Extended Project Qualification and is an extra qualification you can study in Sixth Form. It's the equivalent of 50% of an A-Level and is marked in the same way - you'll receive a grade between an A* and an E.

Typically your EPQ is in the form of a 5,000-word essay on an area you're interested in - it can be anything you want! Instead of an essay, you could also do your EPQ in the form of a performance or design for more practical projects. You'll also need to complete a 10-15 presentation to other members of your class, talking to them about your subject.

The point of an EPQ is that it is an independent piece of research - you'll be assigned a supervisor to help you decide the direction of your project and offer advice, but it will be up to you to make sure you hit the deadlines and complete the work needed.

Recent topics have included:

- Kate Moss, 'The Beautiful and the Damned', is this a fair judgement?
- People's perception of Bonnie and Clyde's history is often blurred by the media portrayal - how far do you agree with this view?
- To what extent did the topography of Mesopotamia affect the location of the Hanging Gardens?
- What are the issues facing women's football today and to what extent has the Lionesses' success at the Euros 2022 affected perception of the game?
- Did India benefit from the British rule ?
- Is it possible to replicate the UK BigMac?
- 'The Transatlantic Slave Trade is the main reason behind the poverty in Africa's 3 most poorest countries.' How far do you agree?
- 'There are patterns in the rise to power of Hitler and Putin, hence the atrocities they committed could have been prevented.' How far do you agree?
- Using the animated film 'Up' as a case study, to what extent does the music contribute to viewer experience?
- Can the Alabama's Supreme Court 2024 decision on IVF be fully justified.



WHERE WILL NEWLANDS TAKE YOU?

Newlands is a high performing school, with excellent headline figures hiding many outstanding individual achievements. Last year, 76% of our students achieved A* to C grades.

One of the most important things we do in Sixth Form is to prepare you for your next steps into the world beyond Newlands. Whether that is to university and higher education, the route chosen by the vast majority of our girls, or into the workplace, we are here to support you.



YEAR 13 DESTINATIONS 2024

NORTH WEST

University of Chester
Law

University of Liverpool
Business Management

Manchester Metropolitan University
Speech and Language Therapy
Criminology and Sociology

WEST MIDLANDS

University of Birmingham
Biomedical Science
Politics and International Relations
English Literature

University of Warwick
Film Studies
Physics with Astrophysics
History

WALES

Cardiff University
Law and Politics

Swansea University
Economics with Finance
Law

Aberystwyth University
Geography



Gap Year



Apprenticeship



Further Education



Employment

SOUTH WEST

Falmouth University
Photography

University of Bath
Sociology

Bath Spa University
Drama (Musical Theatre)
Psychology
Drama (Musical Theatre)

Bristol, UWE
Architecture and Environmental
Engineering

University of Exeter
Neuroscience
Economics
Medicine

University of Southampton
Fashion Marketing with
Management

Bournemouth University
Sport and Exercise Science
Communication and Media

University of Portsmouth
Interior Architecture and Design
Law with Business

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE

University of Leeds
Art

University of York
English Language and Linguistics

NORTH EAST

Durham University
Physics and Astronomy

Newcastle University
Zoology

EASTERN ENGLAND

University of Cambridge
Modern and Medieval Languages

University of Hertfordshire
Accounting and Finance

LONDON

Imperial College London
Medical Biosciences

Royal Holloway, University of London
Law
Biology
Economics
Liberal Arts

King's College London, University of London
Modern Languages
Pharmacy

University College London (UCL)
Medicine

University for the Creative Arts
Fine Art

University of East London
Medical Physiology

University of Greenwich
Speech and Language Therapy

University of Roehampton
Psychology

Kingston University
Pharmacy
Biochemistry

Brunel University
Mathematics for Data Science

The University of Law
Law

University of Westminster, London
Cognitive and Clinical Neuroscience
Human Nutrition
Politics and International Relations

EAST MIDLANDS

Loughborough University
Art

University of Nottingham
Mathematics
Biochemistry
Mathematics

SOUTH EAST

University of Oxford
Spanish and German

University of Surrey
Creative Music Technology
Business Management with
Marketing

Oxford Brookes University
Life Sciences
Media, Journalism & Publishing
Digital Marketing

University of Reading
Medical Science
Economics
Law
Architecture
Computer Science

Buckinghamshire New University
Criminology and Law



PASTORAL CARE

Sixth Form is a very important time in your education as you prepare for examinations which may shape your future for years to come.

It will be the first time you have been given so much independence to manage your own workload and the autonomy to make important decisions about your future, whether that be about which courses to choose at university or looking at opportunities in the world of work.

Whilst it is an exciting time, we know that it can also at times be both challenging and stressful.

We take mental and physical health and well-being very seriously at Newlands and have a comprehensive pastoral structure in place throughout the school. You will have a team of staff looking out for you including:

- Form Tutors
- Heads of Year
- Head of Sixth Form
- Sixth Form Learning Mentor
- Student Focus Centre

Our pastoral programme, delivered every week by Form Tutors, includes a diverse and appropriate range of topics including relationships, stress management, self-esteem, staying healthy and democracy.

SIXTH FORM PASTORAL PROGRAMME

YEAR 12

YEAR 13



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Self-concept and self-esteem
- Alcohol misues
- Smoking
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Managing risk and personal safety
- Accessing support

- Accessing support for mental health
- Recreational drugs
- Staying safe - transport and travel
- Healthy lifestyles
- Road Safety
- Managing stress and anxiety
- How to access healthcare services
- Basic first aid



RELATIONSHIPS

- Trust and intimacy
- Ending relationships
- Sexual health
- Helping your friends
- Contraception
- Consent
- Exiting aggressive social situations

- Talking about your feelings
- Understanding forced marriage
- Meeting new people
- Relationship values and differences
- Understanding inclusion
- Recognising harrasment and abuse
- Consent



LIVING IN THE WIDER WORLD

- Growth Mindset
- Sixth Form study skills
- Introduction to UCAS
- Basics of interviews
- Personal statements
- Exams and feedback
- Financial wellbeing
- Staying safe online
- Crypto and risk
- Tax facts
- Borrowing and debt

- Revision techniques
- Leaving home
- UCAS and Personal statements
- Assessment centres
- University interviews
- Student finance
- Curating your online profile
- Mortgages
- Digital currencies
- Savings
- Pensions
- Credit cards
- Results day and clearing



CITIZENSHIP AND VALUES

- The rule of law
- Democracy
- Tolerance
- Individual liberty
- Human rights
- Voting
- The 3 Cs
- UK laws
- Civic engagement

- UK parliament and elections
- Tolerance and respect
- Democracy
- The 3 Cs
- Understanding migration
- International laws
- Diverse ethnic identities
- Legal rights, including employment rights

SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Our bespoke Sixth Form Centre has a very different feel from the rest of the School. We encourage independence and the focus is very much on learning rather than being taught.

Our Sixth Form Centre will provide you with everything you need to get the very best out of these two crucial years between school and university or the world of work.

Our students love the fact that this is their space and embrace the extra freedoms they enjoy here, from accessing their own cafe, to choosing where and how to study.

The Sixth Form Centre offers:

- A newly refurbished Common Room
- The Brewhouse Cafe
- Two Quiet Study Areas
- ICT facilities
- Sixth Form classrooms
- Easy access to the Sixth Form Leadership Team

There are also study spaces for the exclusive use of Sixth Formers in the main school, including the Q-Space and Library Quiet Study Area.



ENRICHMENT

Our enrichment programme provides students with a rounded, culturally rich education through activities that enhance their learning. We offer opportunities to try new and varied activities that may not strictly fit into the curriculum, but that develop character, resilience and motivation, and encourage students to pursue wider goals.

You will have the opportunity to enjoy a wide-range of extra-curricular activities including:

- Sixth Form Bulletin Editorial Team
- Gold Duke of Edinburgh
- EPQ
- OxBridge preparation and links with Dr Organ from Brasenose College, Oxford University
- Inspirational speakers
- National Citizen Service – NCS
- Sixth Form Book Club
- Cheerleading
- Debate Society

Each year new clubs and societies spring up, many created and run by our Sixth Form: all the evidence shows that well-rounded students who pursue interests alongside their studies are the happiest and most successful, both academically and in other aspects of their lives.

Responsibility and leadership are at the heart of Sixth Form life and students play a major part in the running of the school. From the start of Year 12, you will be encouraged to put yourself forward for a wide range of leadership opportunities.

Whether you decide to pursue science-based courses, the Arts, or a combination of both, there are opportunities throughout Sixth Form to participate in school trips to gain deeper insights into your subjects.

Other trips, such as the annual Ski Trip, enable students to develop and strengthen their relationships with their teachers and peers.



HOUSE STRUCTURE

As a school community, we feel passionately that a well-established House and rewards system has innumerable benefits including, but not limited to, instilling our school values: Courage, Commitment, and Compassion.

All students are placed into a House. Each House has an affiliated colour and is named after an inspirational woman: Austen (pink) Bronte (green) Curie (yellow) Darling (purple) Earhart (orange) Frank (blue).

In the Sixth Form you will have the opportunity to apply to be a Deputy House Captain in Year 12 and a House Captain in Year 13. These student leadership opportunities will allow you to be a role model for the younger years and develop your public speaking abilities.

You can get involved with House competitions – either help out in the organisation and promotion of the events, or take part!



KEY DATES

Not only are we proud to have the majority of our Year 11 students choosing to remain at Newlands for Sixth Form, but it is also a pleasure every year to welcome students from elsewhere to Year 12.

ACTIVITY	DATE
Sixth Form Open Evening (all welcome)	Tuesday 26th November 2024, 7pm to 9pm.
Sixth Former for a Day (internal students only)	Friday 6th December 2024, all day.
Sixth Form Application Deadline	Friday 10th January 2025, 5pm.
Sixth Form Interviews (internal students)	January 2025
Sixth Form Interviews (external students)	February 2025
Sixth Form Place Offers	March/April
Year 11 into 12 Transition Day (internal and external students)	Monday 23rd June



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