

## NEW HEADTEACHER NEWS



I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half-term as the new Headteacher of Newbridge School and meeting all the wonderful young people who are educated here and the hard working staff.

I wanted to come to Newbridge after I visited the school and saw how well cared for the students are here.

There are some improvements to make to help the school move forward to become a really good place to learn. Everyone here is committed to striving to make this school a place where all students can flourish.

I have recently left a local secondary school where I taught for over eleven years and had many years of senior leadership experience. I am also a qualified SENCo. Before moving to Worcester I taught in Jersey, and before that in London.

I am married to Anna, who is an Oncology nurse at the Royal Worcester hospital. I have two sons who are keen sportsmen. Outside of school I play cricket for Madresfield Cricket Club and spend time biking. As a lifelong Leicester City supporter I know that miracles can happen! I want everyone at Newbridge to feel the team spirit and sense of purpose that brought Leicester City their first Premier League title last season.

## ATTENDANCE IS ON THE UP

We are delighted to report that attendance has increased this term and hopefully this will continue during the Summer term. However, the number of late student arrivals in the morning requires improvement. It's not as if students are not on time....they just don't quite make into the building on time!

We will be watching and waiting for you. Please arrive on time.

## SCHOOL TRANSPORT

A plea from the Worcestershire County Council transport team and taxi providers. Please can you be on time for your transport in the morning and at the end of the day. Lateness costs money!

The taxis/minibuses are not able to wait if you are late as they have other jobs and pick ups to do. If your transport is there at the end of the school day—your priority is to get in it and go.

Thank you.

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## THEME FOR SUMMER TERM

For a happy and successful life we need a sense of a **working community** in which everyone can help and benefit.

Our educational theme continues as "**community**" and this topic will feature across the school. It starts with the building and we urge all students to respect **their school** environment.

We would rather **spend** money on visits and equipment than **waste** money on damage repair.

Students are welcome to bring their ideas to the next Student Voice meeting to share their suggestions on how to reduce pointless vandalism in and around the school.

## MEET THE STAFF



**Suzanne Bromley, Catering Manager**

**Where were you born?** *Dunfirmline, Scotland*

**What is your favourite food.** *Seafood*

**Why did you come to Newbridge?**

*I worked at Malvern Boys College before coming to Newbridge, which is completely different. I can now walk to work and spend more time with my family. I'm looking forward to sharing my skills with some of the work experience students.*

**What would you be if you were not a Chef?**

*I would love to have been a Choreographer!*

**What was your favourite lesson at school?**

*Funnily enough it was cooking!*

Suzanne has kindly agreed to offer the Catering & Hospitality students the opportunity to work in the kitchen and is looking forward to giving them real work experience.

Emmy, YR10, was the first to take on the mixer and made Raspberry Muffins for morning break. She researched the recipe, increased the recipe ingredients, followed the method instructions and produced a superb end product.



## WORK EXPERIENCE

The Year 11's are fast approaching the end of their school days before moving onto college, apprenticeships or into the world of work!

We are extremely grateful to our work experience providers who offered student placements this term. Thanks go to the Worcester Community Trust for the construction experience at The Building Block and childcare in the Children's Nursery at the Warndon Hub. Also to Streffords Garage, Worcester for mechanics.

## CONSTRUCTION

Students have been given the opportunity to experience a range of construction disciplines in plumbing, carpentry, brick-laying, plastering and electrics this term.

The taster sessions have been planned to give young people the chance to try before you commit to a course you might not like. The plumbing and brick-laying sessions were particularly popular and two Year 11 students have already completed their applications to Heart of Worcester College to do Construction when they leave school in July.

## CAREER PLANNING

Year 10 and Year 11 students participated in a Careers Day on 21st March 2017 in school, organised by Advance Trust Careers & Transition Advisors, Roz Shadlock and Lyndesay Neales, Roz and Lindsay worked in partnership with apprenticeship providers Work Pays, Heart of Worcestershire College and 2 Counties training.

Staff will be working with Year 11 students next term on CV writing, interview skills, college applications and work experience.

If parents or carers wish to discuss their child's next step please contact the school.

## RUGBY MADNESS

Thinus Delpont is a rugby union wing and fullback player who played for Gloucester, the Worcester Warriors and South Africa.

On the Tuesday 25th April Thinus will be spending the day with Newbridge students offering a whole day of Rugby related activities.

More news to come on Monday 24th April—but dig out your trainers.



# LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

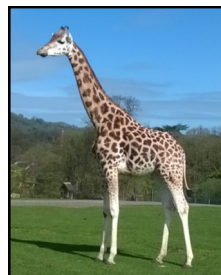
Off-site visits and education trips continue to be a successful part of the KS3 and KS4 curriculum and also allows the opportunity for students to learn outside the classroom.

This term students visited Cadbury World as part of their Humanities curriculum to support their research on the history of chocolate; the journey of the cacao bean, Fairtrade; and Aztec Art. In Maths students have been looking at *money in maths*, working out costs and profits. To test their learning one class was set the task of arranging the visit working out the cheapest way to take the whole group and doing follow –on research in chocolate price comparison from factory to supermarket.

The Spring Term student reward trip, for attendance and behaviour, was enjoyed by 11 students who went to the West Midlands Safari Park. One student was able to snap this cheeky shot! Can you spot the lion?

The visit also linked into Science for the habitat and adaptation topic and students were fascinated by the animal markings.

As the sun shone, the animals were very relaxed in their habitat. Question of the day? ***Do all Zebras have the same stripe pattern?*** Answer to be given in next term's Newsletter.



## SUMMER DAYS

As we come into the Summer Term we have a range of activities already planned, particularly bringing Science “alive”:

**26th April: Sea Life Centre:** Science trip —looking at the different kinds of animals that live in water. And how they have adapted. This will link to their pond dipping visit and help with animal adaptations.

**16th May: Pond Dipping**—Ghulevelt Park, Worcester

**18th May: Stratford Butterfly Farm** - insects and habitat

**16th June: Royal Three Counties Show**, Malvern, an opportunity for students to experience **Britishness** at its rural best with livestock parades, arena displays: parachuting, fox and hounds, scurry driving, trade sands and other free displays and exhibitions.

**20th June:** Malvern Hills Treasure Trail

We are in the process of working in partnership with the Aspire Academy offering a Cycle Maintenance and Cycling Proficiency Course, which should start next term. We will also be looking for student volunteers to help clear a woodland and enthusiastic outdoor students to work on our Community Project with Fortis Living to help landscape and improve the grounds around.

## COMIC RELIEF

We are very proud of the fundraising efforts the students put into Comic Relief this year. Our annual Coffee Morning raised just over **£85.00** and was well attended by parents and carers who enjoyed home cooked food by the GCSE Hospitality students.

Visitors were treated to a guest appearance by Beauty and The Beast's very own Belle!



The event was organised by the GCSE Hospitality & Catering students as part of their course and the event successfully met all the outcomes for the “event planning” module.

## EXAM REMINDER

GCSE Hospitality & Catering  
Friday 16 June 1.30 - 2.45 pm





### SUMMER TERM 2017

Term starts	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	
Half term	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Friday 2nd June 2017	PD Day Monday 5th June 2017
Term ends	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	

May Bank Holidays Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 and Monday 29th May 2017

### GCSE EXAM DATES

16 May	Biology 1.30—2.00
18 May	Chemistry 9.30—10.30
22 May	English 9.30—10.45
24 May	Physics 1.30-2.30
24 May	Science 1.30-3.00
25 May	Maths 9.30-11.00
26 May	English 9.30 –11.45
8 June	Maths 9.30-11.00
13 June	Maths 9.30-11.00
16 June	Catering & Hospitality 1.30-2.45

**Functional Skills Maths exam dates will be advised after the Easter break.**



Sadly as the term ends we say goodbye to some fantastic staff members of the Newbridge team.

We say farewell, au revoir and good luck to:

**Ali Stephens: Science Lead.** Aly has been with the team for 8 years and has done some excellent work in Science over the years introducing themes, Crime scenes, Forensic and some interesting experiments. Whilst sad to leave Newbridge Aly is looking forward to spending some quality time and being *Mum* to her son Dougie.

**Charlotte Lamont: Art Teacher.** Charlotte joined Newbridge in September last year and has done a fantastic job in re-organising the Art Room. Sadly, her Welsh routes have drawn her back to The Valleys and we wish her well in her new job.

**Dee Munarriz: Receptionist.** Dee has been an asset to the Administration Team and we will miss her patience and professionalism. Dee is looking forward to reducing her hours and spending some quality time with her family.



We are looking forward to welcoming our new Assistant Headteacher after the Easter holiday.

Oliver Newton is an English specialist who has worked for many years in a London school.

He is married and his wife works locally as a nurse. Oliver has a passion for seeing young people flourish and a proven track record of supporting students to achieve to their potential in exams.