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Hello and welcome to the website for Newbridge School!

We want to welcome you to our school site which we are developing at the moment. Our aim is to share information about Newbridge and hopefully to help steady your anxiety - especially if you are a student due to arrive with us soon, (or a parent carer).

All of our young people have been excluded from their secondary schools, and all of them have felt anxious and worried before they came to meet us. Our goal is to help you make the transition into our school - confidently, successfully and safely.

We want make sure you know how much we care about you and your education.

We want you know how much we value you and care about what you think and say and need - we are listening.

We promise to work hard to make your time with us productive so that you leave with qualifications, experiences and friendships that you can value.

Here are our promises to you:

- *We will create a learning community based on supportive **relationships***
- *We will be a trauma aware community that prioritises **well-being**, self-esteem and resilience*
- *We will provide learning opportunities that offer **choice** and encourage, **engagement** inside and outside of the classroom*
- *We will provide access to positive post-16 **destinations***

This is where your success becomes our business. We believe in you - we want you to believe in yourself.

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A message from Kim...

Hello! I have been at Newbridge since September 2017. I have a specific interest in supporting students who have struggled in education and previously taught for 12 years at a local SEMH special school. I am delighted to have become Head of School here at Newbridge in September 2019.

Newbridge is a supportive, trauma aware learning community. We prioritise positive relationships and student well-being. All of our students have experienced difficulties in other school settings so we work on building self-esteem, resilience and the ability to access learning. We also encourage students to focus on working towards realistic, positive post-16 destinations.

Newbridge is committed to promoting Fundamental British values

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, and for those without faith.
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To support students to work towards these values our Newbridge expectations are that students

- Make Safe Choices
- Be In The Right Place
- Respect People
- Respect Property
- Make An Effort To Learn

We like to maintain regular contact with parent carers to ensure that any issues are managed appropriately as they arise and, more importantly, to recognise and celebrate students' successes.

The opinions and needs of each individual are important to us at Newbridge. Students are encouraged to share any concerns with their Key Adult, their House TA, a mentor or any other adult of their choice. I am also very happy for students to speak to me directly, and many do.

Kim Carwardine  
Head of School