

NEW LINE NEWS

Delivering news and updates to the parents and guardians of students at New Line Learning Academy

Message from the Headteacher



Hello and welcome to this latest edition of New Line News, where we can recap on the events of Term 5 and look forward to finishing off this academic year with Term 6.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Mr Paul Murphy, who has recently been announced as the new Headteacher of New Line Learning Academy. Myself and Mr Murphy will work closely together to ensure a smooth transition before Paul takes over in September. You will read more about Mr Murphy's appointment further in this newsletter.

This term has marked the start of this year's exam season, which the Year 11 students have approached with hard work, determination and maturity. The exams continue into next term and to help students prepare, we have a timetable of revision sessions taking place during the May half term. Good luck to all the students for the remainder of their exams. I have every faith that each student can achieve the grade they deserve.

Students looking for inspiration need not look any further than former NLL student Courtney Tulloch, who made history when he won the country's first major rings medal at an international championship. Although I was not in post at the time when Courtney was a student, I join the rest of the staff and students in sharing a sense of pride over his fantastic achievement. He is a great role model for his peers and we hope to be able to welcome him back to the academy later this year.

The sporting triumphs continued for NLL this term, with a team of students celebrating success at an inter-district athletics event, including several first place medals! Well done to all involved.

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support for the improvements we continue to work extremely hard to implement and achieve. I am delighted to say we have seen a positive change in behaviour and in the overall atmosphere at the academy and I look forward to seeing this continue.

Also, I would like to wish the very best of luck to Mrs Histon and Mrs Marilyn Batey, who are leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Histon is going on maternity leave and Mrs Batey is starting a new role at another school.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 5th June.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Hadlow".

Jane Hadlow, Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

May

26th - Attendance Reward Presentations and End of Term

June

5th - Start of Term
19th - Start of Year 12 and 10 PPEs
26th and 17th - Sixth Form Induction
30th - Sports Day

July

6th - Year 6 Induction Day
17th - Performance Week
19th - End-of-Year School Trips



New Headteacher Appointed

After an extensive and rigorous interview process, we are delighted to announce that Mr Paul Murphy has been appointed as the Headteacher of New Line Learning Academy (NLL) from September 2017.



The current Interim Headteacher, Mrs Jane Hadlow, will stay in post until the end of the academic year and provide transitional support alongside Mr Murphy until September. We will not be distracted from the continuing improvements within the school nor the support for our current year 11 and their forthcoming exams.

Since joining NLL in January as an Interim Deputy Headteacher, Mr Murphy has worked closely with the academy's community to implement and oversee a number of changes, which we hope you agree have already had a positive impact for both students and staff.

Mr Murphy brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position of Headteacher, including expertise gained from his role as a Lead Ofsted Inspector and a Secondary School Improvement Advisor, which will be of great benefit to NLL and the wider Future Schools Trust community.

Mr Murphy said: "I am delighted to accept the role of Headteacher at New Line Learning Academy. During the five months I have been at NLL, I have gained a real insight into the unique community spirit the school works hard to maintain. There is great deal of potential here at NLL and with continued hard work, determination and enthusiasm, I believe we can achieve the success our students deserve."

Mr Murphy's appointment is a positive step for New Line Learning Academy and I am confident that Mr Murphy's skills and expertise will help the academy move closer towards its goal of providing an outstanding education for the young people in its care.

NLL's Chair of Governors, Nick Whitfield, said "New Line Learning Academy is fortunate to have Paul join the team at this critical time to help us build a strong and vibrant education community that will focus on the achievements of the children within the school."

I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Mr Murphy to NLL and Future Schools Trust as our new Headteacher.

Yours sincerely,



Joshua Coleman, CEO of Future Schools Trust

Sporting Triumphs!



On Wednesday, 10th May, students from NLL celebrated success after competing in the first of this year's inter-district athletics event!

The group won a number of accolades during the event, including 3rd in 800m, shot put and javelin, as well as 4th for 100m and javelin.

A special mention goes to Dol Gurung and Ian Farrow (pictured), who were outstanding performers in their events. Dol won 1st in the 300m challenge and javelin, while Ian won 1st in 100m and second for javelin.

All of the students worked incredibly hard and represented the school in a fantastic fashion. They showed hard work, determination and most of all superb sporting etiquette.



Singing Showcase

Students showcased their singing talents when they performed in front of Year 7 after undergoing completing a series of vocal workshops.

The group sang several songs during the show, including Ed Sheeran's Thinking Out Loud, which culminated a project with Kent Music that saw the students learn and rehearse a variety of hits each week.



Mr Walker, Teacher of Music, said: "The students were fantastic. They really focused and sounded amazing. Everyone was really impressed, especially as this was their first performance in front of an audience. Well done to all involved and thank you to the coaches for the great sessions."

One student said: "I've loved being part of the workshops. I love singing and this gave me the opportunity to improve my singing and to sing in front of an audience."

Former NLL Student Makes International History!



Courtney Tulloch
@TullochCourtney

It's been a long time coming! European silver medalist on rings 🥈🇬🇧 I wanted to put on a show for you guys and I hope you enjoyed it 💪



Former NLL student and gymnast, Courtney Tulloch, made history when he won the country's first major rings medal at an international championship!

Courtney, 21, achieved the monumental victory during the European Gymnastics Championships, 2017 which were held in Romania in April.



Speaking after the contest to British Gymnastics, Courtney said: "I'm super happy. My first major championship medal and I aim for more to come. I'm going to be chasing gold in the future, I just love competing and pushing myself. It's an honour to compete amongst the very best and I'm massively motivated to keep improving - this is my time!"

Everyone at NLL is extremely proud of Courtney, who continues to be a great role model for existing students.

We look forward to welcoming Courtney back to NLL in the near future - watch this space!

Year 7 and Year 10 Academic Review Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended this term's Year 7 and Year 10 Academic Review Evening. We were delighted to see a great turnout for the event, which provides parents and carers with an opportunity to gain an insight into their child's education.

Evenings such as this are extremely important as they help us to work more closely with students' families, ensuring expectations are being set and met, both at home and at the academy.

James' Family Fun Day

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Saturday, 3rd June 2017
12pm-8pm

New Line Learning Academy
Boughton Lane, Loose, Maidstone

NLL student James Garland invites you to enjoy a day of family fun to help raise funds for the Stroke Association!

James suffered a major stroke at the age of 16 but has thankfully gone on to make a full recovery, with the support of the national charity.

Please come along to help James raise vital funds for the Stroke Association while enjoying a range of stalls, games, activities and refreshments, as well as live music and performances!

Free Entry!

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New Line Learning Academy

NLL student James Garland (pictured) invites you to enjoy a day of family fun to help raise funds for the Stroke Association!



James, who is deputy head boy, suffered a major, unexpected stroke at the age of 16. Thankfully, the keen drama student has gone on to make a full recovery, with the support of the national charity.

James' story recently appeared in both the national and local press after he shared his experience in hope of raising awareness.

To help boost his campaign for stroke awareness and to support the charity that helped him through his ordeal, James and his family have arranged a family fun day on Saturday, 3rd June at New Line Learning Academy.

Please come along between 12pm and 8pm to help James raise vital funds for the Stroke Association, while enjoying a range of stalls, games, activities and refreshments, as well as live music and performances!



2017

Loose Duck Race

Bank Holiday Monday 29th May

Starts 11.00am

Race ticket sales from 11.30am
1st Race starts at 1.30pm

To be held on

Brooks Field, Loose Village

Free Admission

Other attractions include:

- Punch and Judy ● Face Painting ● Birds of Prey
- Chainsaw Demonstrations ● Craft Stalls ● Tea Tent
- Fairground Rides and much more...



Grease is the Word!



Students from all year groups will take centre stage in this year's end-of-year production of Grease!

The performances will take place in the evening on:

- Tuesday, 27th June
- Wednesday, 28th June
- Thursday, 29th June

All tickets are available from the Hazlitt theatre. Or please call on 01622 758611.

Prices are:
£6.50 – Concessions
£8.50 – Adults