

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 the latest edition of New Line News. This edition is the last of the academic year and also my last as Interim Headteacher.

I would like to start by thanking you all for your overwhelming and continued support since I joined in October last year. I am extremely proud of the progress we have made at NLL and I am confident the right team is in post to ensure the necessary provisions remain in place.

There's a huge amount of potential at NLL. The students are bright, engaged, enthusiastic and keen to learn. I've had the privilege of witnessing these attributes on many occasions, including during this last term, which you will read more about in this newsletter.

During the term, we had the fantastic production of Grease at The Hazlitt Theatre, students and staff enjoyed a fantastic sports day, we welcomed a West End star and an associate from NASA, competed in the Kent County Show and helped to raise over £1,000 for the Stroke Association by holding a family fun day. To say it's been a busy term would be an understatement! All of these events see students, staff and families from the wider community come together to support one another, highlighting the unique community spirit NLL is proud to be known for.

I am extremely proud of the students who have sat exams during the last term. They have conducted themselves in a mature and sensible manner, focusing on the task ahead. We had a fantastic turnout for our revision sessions, which was brilliant to see. I wish you all the very best of luck ahead of results day and hope you achieve the results you deserve.

On behalf of everyone NLL, I would like to say how delighted we are to welcome the new Year 7 students in September, especially after the successful Induction Day we held last Thursday. The programme of induction events, which started in March, will come to and end with our fantastic Summer School during the holidays.

Once again, thank you for your continued support for New Line Learning Academy. I wish you all the very best for the future and forward to seeing the academy grow from strength-to-strength under the leadership of your new Headteacher, Paul Murphy.

Kind regards,

Jane Hadlow, (Interim) Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

July

21st - End of Term



August

17th - A-level/AS

Results Day

24th - GCSE Results Day

31st - Staff Inset Day

September

1st - Staff Inset Day

4th - Start of Term 1

20th - Open Evening

Kent County Show Triumph!

NLL's fantastic Young Farmers showcased months of hard work, dedication and preparation at the prestigious Kent County Show!

The group arrived at the busy site on Thursday July 6, ready to set-up on the campsite. Over the next three days, the team competed in a range of livestock shows, including cattle, lambs and pigs. They also had the opportunity to take part in a 'It's a Knockout' style game!

Farm Manager, Lorraine Dent, said: "The Young Farmers were once again a real credit to the academy. Their hard work really paid off when they entered the ring with their animals, when they demonstrated their confidence, mature and focus. They continued to shine outside of the ring, especially when they met the local MP, Helen Grant, who then posted a photo on Twitter of her with the team. They were all so excited!

"I am extremely proud of all the students. Well done to everyone who took part."

Tweet



Helen Grant MP
@HelenGrantMP

Meeting @NLLAcademy Young Farmers @kentcountyshow on a glorious summer's day in #maidstone. Team today, rosettes tomorrow!



Sports Day Fun



Students put their best foot forward for this year's Sports Day!

Every year group took part in the carousel of activities, which included a tug-of-war, long jump, javelin, track races and much more.

Staff also showed off their sporting talents by taking part in a number of events, including the tug-of-war!

Head of PE, Mr Fatania, said: "The atmosphere on the day was fantastic. We had brilliant sunshine, live music and a great mix of events. All of the students showed great sportsmanship and gave their best efforts for every challenge. Well done to everyone involved."

Grease is the Word



Students from all year groups took centre stage for a performance of the iconic musical, Grease.

The cast of around 25 staged two evening shows, as well as a matinee, in front of live audiences at the Hazlitt Theatre in Maidstone.

The show included many of the songs from the hit film, such as Grease Lightening and We Go Together.

Mrs Chapman, Acting Head of Performing Arts, said: "Well done to everyone involved for putting on an amazing show. I am incredibly proud of the amount of hard work and efforts shown by the students, which really did shine through when they were up on stage. Thank you to everyone who came to watch the performances. Your support really does mean a great deal to the students and to the Performing Arts team."

West End Star Visits NLL!



West End star Charlie Stemp brought the bright lights of London's theatre scene to New Line Learning Academy.

Charlie, who plays the lead in Cameron Mackintosh's latest musical Half a Sixpence, visited the Boughton Lane school on Friday, June 16, to deliver a series of acting workshops.

The actor spoke to students about his previous roles, including parts in Mamma Mia! and Wicked, before giving them advice and tips about pursuing a career in the world of stage shows.

Mrs Chapman, Acting Head of Performing Arts at the academy, said: "It was fantastic to be able to welcome

Charlie into our lessons, as well as assembly. The students loved hearing about his experiences and were able to ask him questions about his previous roles. He was really encouraging of their goals and ambitions for the future. We look forward to hopefully being able to watch him on the stage one day soon."

Space Workshops



Students enjoyed an 'out of this world' lesson, thanks to Venture Thinking and the Maidstone International Arts Festival.

Representatives from the organisations hosted a space-inspired workshop, which was led by Dr Jancy McPhee, a NASA associate. During the lesson, the group listened to a presentation before using a range of materials to recreate an image of a spaceman. The students were fascinated to learn there's a crater on Mars called Maidstone, which has inspired the theme of this year's Maidstone International Arts Festival.

There was also an opportunity for a student to wear a real spacesuit but everyone proved to be too tall for the outfit, so it was down to Dr McPhee to wear the heavy duty suit!

Mrs Startup, Head of Design Technology at New Line Learning Academy, said: "The workshops were a great way of engaging students in creative thinking and allowing them to apply their creativity in new ways. It gave them the opportunity to develop their knowledge of Mars and indeed the Maidstone connection with Mars. The group really enjoyed working in teams on a live brief set by the Maidstone International Arts Festival and supported by the Ideas Foundation and the Careers Enterprise Fund."

Sporting Stars



This term, New Line Learning hosted its first ever Sports Awards Evening. Over 150 people attended the event and watched more than 50 students receive awards for their efforts.

The night included performances from a range of talented NLL students, including GB Baton twirler Demi Ambler and the academy's Elite Dance group. We were also delighted to welcome former student and European Gymnastic Gold Medallist, Courtney Tulloch, back to the academy to deliver an inspiring speech about his journey and the commitments he has had to make. Courtney also had the honour of presenting each of the medals to our winners.

To conclude the evening, the academy's Sports Personality awards were presented to students who have demonstrated determination, hard work and talent. The overall NLL Sports Personality award was presented to Year 10 student, Luke Baugh. Head of PE, Mr Fatania, said: "Luke has shown tremendous commitment to the academy's teams and has represented the school in a variety of different sports, including his recent success at the Julie Rose Stadium, where he finished 3rd in the triple jump. His attitude and sportsmanship is an extraordinary.

"The PE department would like to thank everyone for their support with the evening and look forward to presenting more awards at next year's ceremony."

Perfect Prom



Year 11 students enjoyed an evening of glitz and glamour at the end of year prom! Around 90 students attended the fantastic event, as well as over 40 members of staff.

Mr Richardson said: "It was a fantastic evening and a great way to congratulate Year 11 on their successes throughout their time at NLL. We wish them all the best for their futures ahead."

Wonderful Writing



Out of 18,000 entries, four NLL students have been chosen to publish their short creative writing pieces in the Kent and Essex publication of Welcome to Wonderland!

The students who have secured the fantastic opportunity, are:

- Amy Smith - Year 7
- Carys Oliver - Year 8
- Lucy Weatherley - Year 8
- Oliver Morris - Year 8

Once the work has been published, the judges will then pick their top five favourite stories from the publication, with the winners being awarded a Kindle Fire HD! Also, the school with the best set of entries will win £1000, second place will win £500 and third place will win £250.

Good luck and well done to everyone involved!

James' Family Fun Day



A family fun day helped to raise over £1,000 for the Stroke Association, in support of a New Line Learning Academy student.

The event, which place at the academy in Boughton Lane, Loose, on Saturday, June 3rd, was organised by Deputy Head Boy James Garland and his family.

James wanted to raise funds for the worthy charity as a way of saying thank you for the support he received when he suffered a major and unexpected stroke at the age of 16. Thankfully, the keen performing arts student has gone on to make a full recovery.

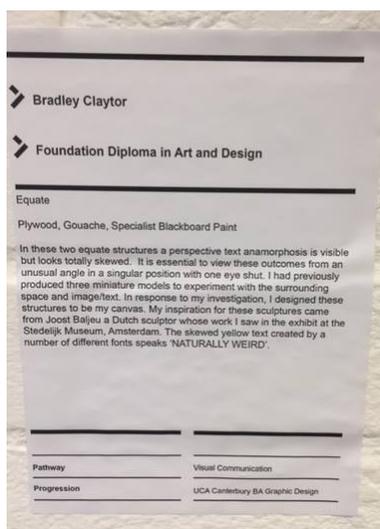


James joined at the fair by a number of classmates, staff and people from the local community, who helped to collect a total of £1,026.

The Year 13 student said: "It was a great day and to raise over £1,000 is just amazing. Thank you to everyone who helped out and to those who came along to support us."



Former Student Shines at Degree Show

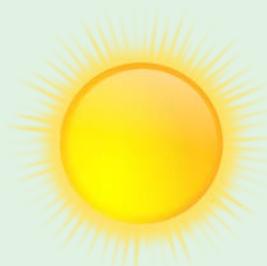


Well done to former NLL student, Bradley Claytor, on his fantastic exhibition at the Rochester UCA Foundation Degree Show.

Bradley left our Sixth Form last summer after completing A-levels in Art and Business.

In his first degree show, Bradley exhibited a structural piece, inspired by work he while in Amsterdam.

Mrs Urquhart, Head of Art, who went to view Bradley's show, said: "I'm really proud of what Bradley has achieved. He always worked incredibly hard at NLL and continues to do so at UCA. He is a great role model for his peers."



HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER
BREAK!

