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As the new Principal and Chief Executive of Newbury College, I am excited to welcome you to the new term as we go into 2025 with a renewed focus on excellence and sustainability.

Having joined the College in October 2024, I am committed to working with our dedicated students and colleagues to continue developing and delivering high-quality education.

I look forward to building on the strong foundation laid by my predecessor, Iain Wolloff, who retired at the end of last term. Together, we can create opportunities to transform lives, upholding the values of aspiration, integrity, and respect that define Newbury College.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.



Lee Probert
Principal & Chief Executive

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Visible Identification (ID) Policy

As we enter the New Year, we're reviewing our campus safety arrangements, and it's important for you to know what to expect when your young person returns.

Starting January 2025, all staff and students will be required to follow our updated Visible Identification (ID) policy. This means that everyone must clearly display their staff or student ID card at all times while on campus, including during lessons (unless there's a health and safety reason not to). This update applies to

everyone, even if they wear a uniform.

For most, this will simply mean wearing their lanyard with their ID visible. Alternatively, they can request a clip and choose to wear it differently.

If your young person has lost their ID card, there will be time to request a new card and lanyard or clip. They can go to the Student Hub to get these.

Starting 9 January 2025, we will begin checking IDs upon arrival to learning. Tutors will also ask students to display their ID in lessons, ensuring they are visible when leaving lessons and moving around.

From Monday, 13 January 2025, entry to the building will only be through the main entrance. This will allow us to meet and greet all staff, students, and visitors, and ensure IDs are clearly displayed. The rear doors of The Street will no longer be accessible for entry.

We look forward to seeing your young person in the New Year and appreciate your support with this important policy update.

Safeguarding Update - Risking it all - FREE event

Following our new Principal's message about campus safety and the importance of visible ID, our main focus this term is on personal safety and keeping young people safe.

We are kicking off the year with a FREE event for you on **Wednesday 05 February**. West Berkshire is supporting, Risking It All, a powerful theatre production based on real-life accounts of young people affected by grooming and criminal exploitation.

As a parent, carer or family member, do you wonder what is happening in your young person's life and worry about their safety, their ability to make the right choices for themselves?

Do you wish you knew more about some of the risks they may encounter, the influences they feel such as online harms or even exploitation by others?

Understanding the indicators of exploitation in young people is crucial for their safety and well-being. Exploitation can take many forms, including grooming, criminal activities, and online predation. By being vigilant and recognising the signs, parents and carers can intervene early and provide the necessary support to protect their children.

Common indicators of exploitation include changes in behaviour, unexplained gifts or money, increased secrecy, and sudden changes in friendships or associations. It is important to maintain open communication with your young people and encourage them to share their concerns.



Jatinder Matharu
Director of Safeguarding



We urge all parents and carers to educate themselves about these indicators and stay informed. The upcoming event, Risking It All, provides a valuable opportunity to learn more about this critical issue. We hope to see you there and work together to safeguard our young people.

- [Booking details - Risking It All 2025](#)
- [More information](#)

We know parents want to keep their young people safe, and that at the same time conversations about safety can be difficult. We also know that with the right support and advice from the adults they trust, young people want to, and do, make the right choices.

[Stay True to You campaign](#) has been developed by Thames Valley Violence Prevention Partnership and is here to help you have meaningful conversations about safety with your young person.

