



# Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

*Striving for Excellence*

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Dear Parents/Carers

As I sit here about to start writing my regular Friday letter home I realise just how cold and wet I am feeling after greeting students off the buses today. I wanted to make sure that they all went straight to wet weather rooms at the start of the day given the intensity of the downpour. What surprised me was just how many students arrived without any form of coat. I am told that we are all facing a washout weekend with Storm Alex bringing gales and heavy downpours today and across the weekend. Something that is only likely to increase as we move ever closer to winter. Please would you remind your children to wear a warm waterproof coat to school, I know that some schools say that coats must be plain black with no logos, but as far as I am concerned the brighter the better, especially as winter sets in. I do not want any of our children to spend a miserable day sat in wet clothes. Oh, and one final thing before they ask, no, a hoodie is not a suitable alternative.

## Book Club

As we are unable to host a Book Fair this year our Librarian has set up an online Book Club.

Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/newent-community/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 spent, our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by October 23rd, 2020**.

The books will be delivered to school for us to distribute.

## INSET Day

Please remember that we have a staff training day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October so there will be no students in school.

## School Reports

This year all school reports will be sent home by email so it is really important that we have your up-to-date email address, the email that will be used for reports will be the email visible in your MILK account. Please email [vroberts@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:vroberts@newent.gloucs.sch.uk) if you need to update this information or if you need to reset your MILK login to access these details.

## COVID-19 Reminder

If you receive a positive test result outside of school hours, please telephone **07498717490** as soon as possible. This will enable me to take the required action as soon as I am alerted and put the necessary protocols in place for the remainder of your child's bubble. **Please note this number must only be used in the event of a positive result being confirmed.**

## Sixth Form

The Y13 Parents' Information Evening presentation has gone out on Milk today and can be viewed following the below link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G\\_vphk82dZQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_vphk82dZQ)

Congratulations to Luke Gerken and Lois Feld who have successfully been chosen as Head Boy and Head Girl.

I would like to finish by thanking you for all the kind words of support and for the many thank you letters we have received. I know that the full return to school in September was the cause of great deal of anxiety for everyone. I am really happy to hear just how well they have settled back into life at school and I am glad that they are enjoying their time with us. It is an absolute joy to see them learning and thriving despite the challenges that we are all facing. Please keep the letters coming in as they provide a real tonic to the many people here working tirelessly to support young people move forward with their learning despite the pandemic.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan Johnson  
Principal