



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents/Carers

What an unusual week this has been. Each day we have welcomed more and more young people back into school as we continue to roll out the government program of lateral flow testing. Although I hate the fact that first contact has been from behind PPE at a swabbing station, it is really lovely to have everyone back with us. As ever, our students and staff have coped with all of the new expectations placed upon them exceptionally well. Just two more tests in school until we send home the testing kits to you and just three short weeks until the government have promised to tell us their expectations of schools after the Easter Holidays.

Just a reminder that if your child has a positive test result at home at any point, **please notify the school immediately by telephone. Do not email this information as it will require urgent action.** There is a procedure for me to follow which involves contacting Public Health England for confirmation and direction.

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 test result being confirmed.**

If your child receives a positive test in school with the Lateral Flow testing then please be reassured that we will contact you immediately to come and collect them. Close contacts will also be required to self-isolate and if required we will be in contact with these families also.

School Uniform

Monkhouse Schoolwear, who are one of our providers for school uniform, have sent us the latest update on their Gloucester store opening hours for click and collect orders. You can also still use their online shop and enjoy home delivery. Flyer attached with further details.

Gooch Sports in Newent are also operating a click & collect service. [School Uniform Shop | Sportswear Shop & Equipment - School Uniform Supplier - Newent Gloucestershire \(goochsports.com\)](#)

Please can I remind you that hoodies are not part of our school uniform and students will be asked to remove them should they wear them in and around school.

World Book Day

We were really lucky when 'Read Gloucestershire' were looking for 2 schools to donate 240 World Book Day books to, and they chose us! We have also bought some World Book Day books this year to give to the students, so with this donation we should have enough copies for every student who wants one, to choose a book, instead of being handed a voucher they are not sure what to do with. Mrs Gibbons, our Librarian, is really looking forward to handing them out during tutorial time.

Self-Harm Awareness Information Session for Parents/Carers- Wednesday 17th March, 2021

As a Mental Health Trailblazer school we have been given an opportunity for our parents/carers to take part in an on-line information session around Self-Harm Awareness. This event will take place on Wednesday 17th March at 6.30pm. If you are interested in attending then please email admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk by midday on Wednesday and we will send you the link to join. Please note that the session is restricted to 95 people.

Red Nose Day

Students may wear non-school uniform on Friday 19th March, 2021 in exchange for a minimum donation of £1 for Red Nose Day. Please click on the link below to donate.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2287>

House Music Competition

This term we have been running the Inter-House Music Competition for students throughout the school. The entries have been received and judged and we are now proud to announce the results as follows:

KS3 Performance - Judged by Nicky Price, BBC Radio Gloucestershire Presenter

1st Place - Lily James

"I thought the piece was beautifully played. It was a joy to listen to Lily play her harp - a real talent!"

2nd Place - Jack Meek

"I thought he put a lot of feeling into the song. He had a connection with the camera and looked like he was enjoying the performance"

3rd Place - Aleksia Atanasova

"I thought it was a very confident performance of a really lively piece of music. Lots of notes in quick succession played really well."

"It was really hard to choose the final three as all of them gave really good performances! A special mention for **Herbie Simpson** - I enjoyed listening to him playing Hey Jude on the trumpet."

KS4 Performance - Judged by Mrs. O'Regan

Joint 1st Place - Gia Sabey and Millie Atkins

KS4 Composition - Judged by Lisa Mayo, Head of Gloucestershire Music

1st Place - Will Keeble

2nd Place - Levi Aldridge

All winners will receive certificates, vouchers, Music badges and House Points - these can be collected from Reception!

Congratulations to our winners and massive thanks to every student who entered - we are so proud of you.

We would also like to send special thanks to our fantastic judges! You can listen to some of the entries over on our Twitter page @MusicNewent

Finally, the winning House: **NELSON!!!**

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Alan Johnson', with a stylized initial 'A' and a trailing flourish.

Alan Johnson
Principal