



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As mentioned in last week's letter, our Drama and Music Departments have announced today that the students and staff will be staging **'Nativity! The Musical'** in December. School productions at Newent are a shining example of our community ethos and we cannot wait to welcome audience members back on to school site. Show week runs from the 6th to the 11th and, as always, we would like as many students as possible to be involved. Messages will be sent out to all students next week with details of both how to audition and how to apply for a place on the crew!

As well as flexing their creative muscles within lessons, a number of our Key Stage 3 students have also this week taken part in the UK Junior Mathematical Challenge. We look forward to receiving their results in the coming weeks. This is just one of a number of extra-curricular activities that we are delighted to offer to students as we transition back to normality after Covid 19 restrictions.

As we continue to see a positive picture of incidences of Coronavirus across the county, I would again like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring students undertake twice weekly Lateral Flow Device Tests that are issued by school. Thank you also for recording your results via the links, shared again below.

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

[Link to report to school](#)

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.

Please can I also remind parents/carers to read the information related to the Daily Contact Testing Schools Clinical Trial issued via MILK last week. Please click [here](#) for consent form which is also available in the consent letter.

We are very aware that due to our Covid Secure measures the school library has been on very restricted access this year and that encouraging Reading for Pleasure has not been easy. In response to this the Librarian and Year 7 tutors have created a Reading Challenge in the form of a 'Summer Book Bingo' for all Year 7 students. They will be given a Bingo card to record their books on and will gain House points, certificates and small prizes as they complete their reading. Please take an interest in what they are reading and encourage them to complete the full 9 books by the end of term.



During assemblies in tutorials this week our students received a presentation about the 'Lord's Larder Food Bank'. The 'Lord's Larder' which now services the Forest of Dean, Newent, Leadon Vale and West of Severn areas, was conceived to provide short-term access to basic food and toiletries. All those who found themselves unable to feed themselves or their families were eligible in the short-term. The Larder, which is run and maintained entirely by volunteers, opened in 2010 and still aims to fulfill that stated role today. The school has worked in collaboration with the 'Lord's Larder' for several years and we would appreciate if students and their families were able to donate one tinned or packet item of food to this excellent cause. Items can be brought to school over the course of the next three weeks ready for delivery to the 'Lord's Larder' prior to the end of term. Donations will be collected during tutorial time.

For general information we have received notification from the Highways Department of a road closure on B4221 Ross Road to Newent from 17th May- 4th June- please see attached letter for more details.

I wish you all an enjoyable Bank Holiday Weekend and we look forward to seeing all students return on Tuesday 4th May.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rhys Phillips', written in a cursive style.

Rhys Phillips
Acting Principal