



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

I would like to start this week's letter by offering my thanks for the many contributions that we have already received for the 'Lord's Larder'. A reminder please that donations of packet or tinned food can be brought into school over the next two weeks. We will be passing over our donations at the end of the term.

Following our exciting announcement last week that we will be staging Nativity the Musical in December we are now ready to start assembling our crew, orchestra and cast! Anyone wishing to be on the crew should e-mail Mrs Hood (mhood@newent.gloucs.sch.uk) and anyone wishing to be in the orchestra should e-mail Mrs O'Regan (eoregan@newent.gloucs.sch.uk). Students have been asked to do so by the end of school on Friday 14th May. Full details have also been sent in MILK messages. For those wishing to perform, a full timetable of auditions has been sent out and can also be found attached to this letter.

The school production at Newent is always a truly magical event and a wonderful experience for our young people. Please do encourage your sons and daughters to get involved!

Again, thank you for your continued support in ensuring students undertake twice weekly Lateral Flow Device Tests and for also 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. We will keep you fully updated on the national policy regarding the use of facemasks in school, but at the present time please ensure that students arrive at school with a facemask that can be worn at appropriate times during the school day.

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. This is especially important for students in Years 11 and 13. Should there be a positive case identified within school, our involvement in the DCT Clinical Trial will enable students to still be in school for Internal Assessments over the next few weeks.

Specific Summer Grading updates for Years 11 & 13 can be found in separate MILK messages to these year groups.

A separate message has also been sent out this week to parents/carers of students in Year 7, informing them of how to book appointments for Year 7 Parents' Evening on Thursday 13th May. These appointments will be held 'virtually' using our online platform. A full guide of how to attend your appointments over video call is attached to the MILK message that was sent earlier in the week.

The improving weather, and continued easing of restrictions, allows us to move back to our normal provisions for after school activities. Please find below some information on the current sports provision from our PE Team.

Yr 7 Rounders Club- Wednesday after school in week 2s

Yr 8 Football Club- Tues after school in week 1s

Yr 9 Football Club- every Wed after school

There are also Athletics and Cricket sessions during lunchtimes, with full details on MILK

The school has also entered into a 'virtual' Rowing Competition that will take place in a couple of weeks time. Mr Edgell is looking for 4 students from across years 7-9 who could row 2000m here at school. If your son or daughter is a budding Steve Redgrave or Katherine Grainger please ask them to see or email Mr Edgell (sedgell@newent.gloucs.sch.uk). Mr Edgell will also be able to answer any queries relating to the above sport provision.

To end on a sporting theme, one highlight of my week was witnessing the thrilling last few minutes of the Yr12 vs Yr 13 football match which took place at lunchtime on Thursday. It was a truly tense affair, and a late equalizer from the Yr 12 team (albeit with a very questionable goal celebration) brought the game to a 1-1 draw at the final whistle. I will update you with the result of the rematch when it takes place later this term. Thank you to Mr Edgell and Mr Britten for organising.

Best wishes,

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

Mr Phillips
Acting Principal