



# Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another term I would like to express my thanks for your continued support of our school community. It has been a privilege to be part of the Yr 11 and Yr 13 final assemblies this week and the wonderful things that have been achieved by our students is testament to the care, support and guidance that they have received from all members of our school community over their time within us. I am delighted, and reassured, that the future is in good hands! Well done Yr 11 & 13!

As we look to a positive future, it is important that we keep a close eye on our present circumstances also. Please find attached letter produced in conjunction with Gloucestershire County Council with reminders on how we can all keep safe in school with lockdown easing.

Students should continue to undertake twice weekly Lateral Flow Device Tests over the half-term break, and results should be recorded 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.

On a further health and safety note, we have been advised of a trend in the purchase of self-piercing appliances. We are concerned over the potential health and hygiene risks over these appliances and would advise that ear piercings should only be undertaken by qualified practitioners. May I also remind you that students are only allowed to wear a single piercing in each ear lobe as per our uniform policy. Our staff will continue to uphold our uniform standards, and we appreciate your support in ensuring students attend school in full uniform, with any accessorising being in line with our uniform policy.

I would also like to extend my congratulation to Gracie Theyer who won the gold medal last weekend at Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts for Prose Speaking -Years 9 and 10. I would like to encourage all parents, carers and students to share any positive news about our students with us by emailing [admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk) It is wonderful to be able to share these good news stories with our wider school community.

**Message from Lissa Rogers-Director of Sixth Form  
Y13 Final Day**

Yesterday, we said 'farewell' to our incredible Year 13 students. It was an extremely emotional day for both the students and their teachers. We simply did not want them to leave! It felt a very different place in school when I arrived this morning; far too quiet and empty of warm smiles and the buzz of chattering! In our final assembly yesterday, I paid tribute to our students. I have to admit, that it was one of the most difficult, emotional speeches I've ever had to write. Throughout this pandemic, arguably the most challenging time of our lives, our students in Year 13 have made me so proud. Proud to know them, proud to teach them and proud to play a small part in their lives. More than proud. The warmth and compassion shown towards each other during lockdown was an inspiration to me. Our young people are a real credit to the school, parents and the Newent community. They have shown their caring and compassionate natures in so many ways, from getting involved in activities in drama and art, engaging in on-line lessons, to supporting each other on Zoom, social media and even on-line gaming! (to name but a few). Our students 'stepped up,' as always, showing their resilience through adversity. A true sign of character.

I know that the legacy and 'ripple effect' they have created for Newent Sixth form will be felt by us for years to come. Before the pandemic hit, they were one of the loveliest groups of students I've encountered in my 25 year career. I know that each and every one of them not only has the potential to do well, but that they will be able to overcome any obstacle in their way in becoming the best that they can be. Though they are leaving the 'Y13 Newent bubble' in May 2021, there is no doubt that they will remain firmly and fondly in our hearts. May they continue to make a positive difference in their lives, may they be successful in their choice of career, and, arguably, most importantly of all, may they be happy.

I'd like to also thank parents, teachers and support staff for the incredible support you've given these young people since they arrived as Year 7 students in our fantastic school.

I hope you have an enjoyable half-term, and we look forward to the students' return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

Best wishes



Rhys Phillips  
Acting Principal