

# Newent Community School Parents' Association NCSPA News

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#### NCSPA Launches

After a two year absence we are pleased to launch the newly formed NCSPA team and to introduce ourselves and our ideas of our first fantastic fundraising project.

NCSPA – Newent Community School Parents' Association is our launch name, however, we are working with a group of Year 10 Business students to create a recognisable brand.

Currently we are a group of six parents who are working with the school to lead and support fundraisng in a collaborative and exciting format. As is widely reported education budgets are tight and we want to be able to pool our skills, time and resources to support the school. In turn, this will allow us to provide the school with additional funds to provide a lasting legacy for all students.

## Strategic Objectives

We feel it is important that we take a strategic approach to our fundraising and focus part of our fundraising efforts on a larger project or initiative that adds significant value to the school and our students. It is this approach that led to our first project that we are excited to share with you.



As you know Meet n Eat is currently the only dedicated area for students to eat at break and lunchtime. Newent is a large and growing school, and naturally Meet n Eat can be a busy and noisy environment at times. The introduction of the 'Al Fresco Catering Pod' has given an alternative purchase point for food and refreshments. This has been incredibly beneficial since it was purchased, however, creating an external dining space would be hugely welcomed by students buying food from the Catering Pod as well as those students taking a packed lunch.

On fair weather days the students sit on the grass and socialise with friends and we are eager for students to have a dedicated area. In discussion with the school an area has been identified as Newent's Al Fresco Meet n Eat. The area will need to be decked, a shade sail erected and, of course, will need tables and benches.

We believe this would be a great project to launch the new NCSPA and will benefit a large number of the students currently at Newent. As we start a new school year we sincerely hope you will join us in supporting this worthwhile cause!

Over the coming few weeks, we will continue our discussions to identfy other thrilling projects to support departments with equipment and resources to enhance the learning experience of our children.

#### School Lottery

To support our first exciting project and kick start our fundraising we would like to introduce Newent's School Gloucester Lottery. The Gloucester Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Gloucester. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit Gloucester and its residents.

If everyone in the school community bought a £1.00 ticket per week (£52.00 each per year) then we could raise a lot of money very quickly, without too much time or effort and we will all collectively be doing our bit. Of course you may decide to buy two or three tickets a week which will mean the project will be completed so much sooner!



Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a week. Each ticket has a **1** in **50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000!

Each ticket has six numbers and each number is between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a six digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2 to 6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all six and you win the jackpot!

To purchase your tickets please click on the link— the cause is Newent Community School https://www.gloucesterlottery.co.uk/support/newent-community-schoolparents-association

Please look out for news on the School's Forest of Dean Lottery which will be released soon. You will be able to choose which lottery you are part of.

#### Who are we?



**Elaine Perry - Chair** I have a daughter Ella in Year 11 and son Liam in Year 7. I am a farmer's wife and foster mum. My career was as a HR Manager. I believe together we can make a difference. Collectively are a large army of parents and if we all do a little we can achieve so much to improve the experiences for the children, staff and the community. I'm good at organising and getting things done!



**Catherine Henderson - Treasurer** My son Luke has just started in Year 7. I'm the Head of Compliance and QUENSH systems for a large national Utility Company. I was treasurer in Luke's junior school and thoroughly enjoyed the role and the friends I made. I'm a super organised person who likes to be involved with organising fun events for the children, parents and staff.



**Eloise Lloyd - Secretary** I have a daughter Libby in Year 9. I make cheesecakes for a living and am soon to be a café owner! Previoulsy I was a store manager for 15 years. I want to be a part of the NCSPA team as I think it's important to have extra funds to help the school and our children.

**Lynne Wilson – Deputy Secretary** I have a son, Jack, in year 7 and two younger children in primary school. I work part time at Books For Bugs in Mitcheldean and spend my free time with family and friends. Being on the NCSPA I want to support the school to raise funds for additional resources for our children and future students whilst having some fun too.



Phillipa Parker - Lottery Queen I am mum to Seren in Year 9. I work for our own property company but am also a qualified scientist and teaching assistant. I have always been involved and done my bit for Seren's Primary school. I am really happy to be a part of the big school team! Please join our new school lottery—if everyone does it will make a huge difference, very quickly!



**Jeanette Hill - Communications** School years are some of the most important in my kids lives, by helping the school and local community to invest in the children we can give them as much support and opportunity as possible. By being part of the NCSPA we can use the platform to meet and engage with other parents and teachers, building rapport and discuss issues, share concerns and ideas to enable the school environment to be the best it can be.

### How can you get involved?

We are currently a very small group of dedicated people who constantly try and juggle work, school and children to fit in this worthwhile fundraising. We understand that you may not be able to make every meeting, or every event, but what makes this work is that we all do what we can, support where we can and also have a laugh! It is an excellent way of getting to know how the school works, who the staff are and the things your children are involved in.

We are working closely with both Governors and the Senior Leadership Team to identify projects and fundraising for the future and would really welcome your support. If you can support in any way please <u>click here</u> to view our page on the School's website.