



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Students, Parents and carers,

Another week of school has flown by!

It is great to see that students have settled back into their school routines so well. This week saw our first school trip for many months and my thanks go to Miss Stong and Mr Shirley for leading the Yr 13 Biology field trip to wonderful West Wales. The student's effort, enthusiasm and attitude to learning was superb. Congratulations to all involved!



COVID-19 vaccination programme for children and young people

As noted in my last letter, the main purpose of the COVID-19 childhood vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population. Healthy school-aged children aged 12 to 15 will primarily receive their COVID-19 vaccination in their school, and like all school-based vaccination programmes, the vaccine will be administered by healthcare staff with appropriate qualifications who are trained in the vaccination of children and young people. In our setting this will be colleagues from Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Trust. We have not yet received any further information on the dates for vaccinations within our school, although the Government have released a variety of resources that provide information for eligible children and young people on COVID-19 vaccination which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

A reminder also please that home testing is one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education and your support in this process is greatly appreciated. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation and we will continue to follow Government guidance. Please record your twice weekly test results via the form [here](#). Please also remember that masks must be worn on buses whilst travelling to/from school.

Update from Monkhouse Uniform Shop in Gloucester

We are not aware of any of our families' experiencing delays in receiving their school uniform order from our uniform stockist, Monkhouse who are based in Gloucester. However, we have been communicating with them to confirm how any delay is being managed at their distribution centres. They have assured us that their focus is to dispatch orders as quickly as possible once the stock arrives. They have recruited a number of additional staff to support the distribution of orders and have committed to:

- Post all orders placed in store to parent homes free of charge rather than parents having to come in to store to collect.
- Send part web orders out with no extra delivery charge to parents so that items we do have in stock will be received while they wait for the final orders to arrive from suppliers.

If you have any particular concerns that you would like support from the school, please contact admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk and include specific details.

Newent Community School Parents' Association

Please see attached update from NCSPA with fantastic news of the success of the school lottery so far.

Yr 7 Meet the Tutors Evening

Thank you to those parents and carers who have booked an appointment at next week's 'Meet the Tutors' evening. The aim of the evening is to provide an opportunity for parents and tutors to review and discuss how each student has settled in to our school. It is a chance for parents to raise any questions or concerns that they may have as we move into the second half of this term. Please access the letter issued via MILK for full details.

Open Mornings and Open Evening

For those parents looking to select a secondary school for their Yr 6 children we will be holding Open Mornings on October 5th & 7th, with an Open Evening on Thurs 7th October. Further details can be found [here](#).

With best wishes,



Mr R Phillips
Acting Principal