



# Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

In my Principal's assembly last week, I talked to our students about the importance of teamwork. I am a big believer in the phrase 'Teamwork makes the dream work', and as we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to again offer my public thanks to our wider school 'team' of students, parents and carers for your support of our school. I would like to add particular thanks, however, to the superb staff team at the school who continue to dedicate themselves to providing the best possible education and opportunities to our young people, in challenging local and national circumstances. The hard work, resilience, and passion for improving our children's life chances, that I witness on a daily basis, is truly humbling. My deepest thanks to you all.

## **COVID 19 testing on return to school on Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2022**

As mentioned in my previous letters, the Government has told secondary schools to test students for Covid on-site when they return after the Christmas holidays in January. We will again establish our on-site testing systems for the first days back after break. All other current control measure within school will still be in place in January. We will again update our school Risk Assessments and Contingency Plans over the school break in light of any updated guidance that is released by the Government. I will write to all students, parents and carers prior to the start of term with the most recent updates.

If you have not previously given the School consent for your child to be included in our testing programme and would like to do so now for January 2022 please use this electronic form. [Consent Form Link](#)

## **Winter safety**

Again, I would ask that parents and carers make sure that children can be seen at this time of year, especially on the way to and from school – journeys that they may make in the dark or twilight. The most common time for child pedestrians to be involved in a road accident is mornings or afternoons on weekdays in the winter. We recommend that children wear or carry something to make them more visible. As a rule, this should be something bright or fluorescent during the day and something reflective at dusk and in the dark (fluorescent clothing is not so visible in the dark) - "be bright be seen". I would also ask that parents and carers of students that travel on school and public buses remind their children of the essential aspects of Road Safety when departing their buses.

## **Nativity! The Musical**

Following the postponement of '*Nativity! The Musical*' we are delighted to confirm that new show dates have been agreed. Performances will now take place on the following dates:

Thursday 7th July at 7pm

Friday 8th July at 7pm

Saturday 9th July at 10.30am and 1.30pm

All tickets will automatically be transferred to the new dates (With ticket holders for the original Wednesday performance being moved to Thursday 7th July) but should you require a refund do please contact the Finance Office.

## **NCSPA Christmas Raffle**

Thank you to everyone that supported by buying tickets for the raffle. The draw took place in school at 1.30pm and the winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize- Ann Price

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Shackleton-Hardy Family

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize- George Price

The draw raised £1038.00 for the NCSPA fundraising target to create an outside eating space.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhys Phillips', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rhys Phillips  
Acting Principal