



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your excellent work and support through a term that has again seen significant challenges posed by Covid 19 related absence of students and staff. I cannot emphasise enough how proud I am of the school staff who have continued to support our students, and each other, through these difficult times.

Uniform and equipment expectations

Over the half-term break I would like to remind all members of the school community of our expectations regarding uniform at school. Our uniform list can be found [here](#) and is also attached to this MILK message. Students should also arrive to school with the appropriate equipment for lessons. Reminders in these areas will be provided during House Assemblies which will resume next term. Thanks you for your support.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday March 3rd this year and there are lots of exciting book-related activities going on at Newent.

Create a Book Character out of a Potato over half-term. We had some wonderful entries last time we ran this competition and are hoping for many more.

Tutor groups can have a go at an **Emoji Book Title quiz** and also spot the **'Matching Pairs'** around school on WBD.

Free WBD books will be available for all students in their Library lessons, or they can take a token and exchange it at a bookshop of their choice.

Meet and Eat are joining in the fun with a Hogwarts Roast accompanied by Hagrid's Crumble. Delicacies such as Cockroach Clusters will also be available.

Schoolbeat update

Police and schools in Gloucestershire are committed to working together to protect our young people from becoming victims of knife and weapons crime. Please find attached to this letter an update from our Police colleagues on the measures that are used across the county to raise awareness of this important issue.

Superb Student Endeavours

Our congratulations to Jude McAteer & Toby Wheeler who took part in the Cotswold Marathon on Saturday night. They were taking part representing the Aston Ingram Inferno Explorers group.

This event is a winter night hike around Gloucester and the Cotswold hills over varying terrains. There are three awards; Bronze is 10 miles, Silver is 20 miles and Gold is 30 miles!

The walkers must use maps and self-navigate in small teams and there are 14 checkpoints to make throughout the night. Despite miserable wet weather the boys walked overnight for 14hrs to complete the Gold Award! They showed impressive perseverance and supported their team to finish together. Excellent work!



I hope you have all remained safe in the storm.
All students should return to school on Tuesday 1st March.
With best wishes for half-term.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr Phillips'.

Mr Phillips
Acting Principal