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Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

Please find within this letter some of the excellent achievements of our students and staff. A reminder also that term ends at normal time on Friday 8th April.

COVID Guidance update

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

Gloucestershire Mock Trial- a message from Miss King

On Tuesday, a group of 11 students from my Year 10 English class took part in the Gloucestershire Mock Trial Competition against Cheltenham Ladies College. They took on a court case that was given to us by the organising team of magistrates and in just a few lessons learned to process complex and unfamiliar material. This is a skill that will pay dividends in their English exams as well as in 'the real world', when navigating their understanding of news and current affairs. The students were brilliant in how they responded to questions and interrogation that they had no prior knowledge of; indeed, we had no idea who our opponents were until we arrived in court! Our students were swelling with confidence and pride by the end, and they conducted themselves so well that it was declared a draw!

My thanks and congratulations to all involved in this superb activity!

Duke of Edinburgh's Award- Point West

In recognition of our school's continued excellent participation in the DofE award, we had a visit from the news crew of Point West this week. The recorded piece can be found around 20 minutes in the link to the episode [here.](#)

The Future Challenges: Smartgym Gloucestershire

Please find [here](#) a link to a video about our involvement in the Smartgym project

The project trialled the use of the SmartGym CardioWall® Resilience Programme (SCRP) from Rugged Interactive and the Anna Freud National Centre. The focus of the trial was to explore if SCRП could be used as a way to engage and support young people through physical activity, mental challenge and fun.

Give it a Go Day

We were delighted to host the 'Give it a Go Day' for SEND pupils & students from primary and secondary schools in the Forest of Dean.

Olympic gold medalist paratriathlete Andy Lewis was also in attendance and opened the event.

Thanks to all our students who helped as Sports Leaders for the day and the staff involved in supporting the event with our school partners.



Sporting Success

Congratulations to Nathan Bottomley who represented Newent school at the Sports Training Village in Bath, after qualifying for the British Schools Modern Biathlon Championships.

Nathan came 14th out of the 25 that participated in the U15's age group, with a 5:36 mile run, and 2:35 200m swim. A superb achievement!



Theatrical Success

I am delighted to let you know that after attending an aptitude workshop audition at Birmingham Ormiston Academy, Lucy Thurley has been successful in securing a place on the Musical Theatre pathway.

Please continue to share with us the outstanding achievements of our young people.

With best wishes for the weekend ahead,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhys Phillips', written in a cursive style.

Mr Rhys Phillips
Acting Principal