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**Newent
Community School
and Sixth Form Centre**

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Newent News

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School Clubs

Flute and Recorder

Monday (week 1 and 2)
1.00pm to 1.25pm in H21
with Mrs Hooper
All years welcome

If you don't have a recorder but wish to attend, you will be able to use school equipment.

You will need to bring your own flute.

Science (KS3)

Thursday (week 2)
1.00pm - 1.30pm in 101
with Mrs Fisher
and Mr Jones-Parry

A range of exciting activities eg making larva lamps, hovercrafts, changing the colour of white roses, exploding film canisters, completing 'The Mighty Egg Race' challenge.

Message from our Principal

As we returned to school on Tuesday this week it did seem strange to ask if people had had a good day on Monday, on such a sad occasion, but as the day closed it did feel like we had been allowed to witness some very special family moments. As I have said previously, please do reach out if you need support at this time.

On the Sunday I attended a service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Newent, with Lewy and Kritigya (Year 13 students) laying some flowers on behalf of our school community. It was a lovely service to be invited to and a privilege to be a part of. Thank you to those two students for joining me and representing our school.

The week continued at pace on Tuesday with fixtures and our first Full Trustee Board meeting of the year. Wednesday, Mr Santos and I met with Head of Partnership from the University of Worcestershire to talk about developing how we work together to support new teachers as they join the profession. I also met with Mr Brady, Head at Dean Magna, as we continue to learn about strategies that are working in each of our Schools.

Please see fixtures and other information for next week in the following pages.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs D Burke

Events / Visitors

We look forward to welcoming Y13 parents and carers to our **Y13 UCAS Information Evening** on Tuesday 27th September 2022 at 6.00pm. The evening will outline the UCAS application process for parents and tutors will also attend. Further information has been sent on SatchelOne.

We are pleased to confirm that we will have a very special visitor on 30th September. The 2022 Commonwealth Gold boxing medal winner, **Delicious Orié** (otherwise known as DJ) will be at Newent between 9.00am and midday.



The Super-Heavyweight will be doing a presentation for Year 10 PE students and working with two smaller groups of students in P3 and P4. There will be an opportunity for students (and staff!) to meet him and see the medals at breaktime in the Main Hall. This is a rare opportunity for our students to meet a future Olympian, and possible World Champion.

Sporting Fixtures

A reminder that the PE Department have clubs running every day of the week. The timetable of clubs is shown below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime (Boys)	Y7 Rugby	Y9 Rugby	Y10 Rugby	Y8 Rugby	
Lunchtime (Girls)	Hockey All years	Rugby All years	Y11 Rugby		Netball – all years GCSE Coursework Catch up (Week 2 only)
After School 3.30 – 4.30pm Football on the Astro turf		Junior Boys Y7, Y8 and Y9 (Week 1 only) Girls All Years (Week 2 only)			

Meet n Eat



We will be supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning again this year with some delicious cakes and treats available for students and staff to purchase. The profits and any other donations received will be forwarded to the charity. Please note that we will not accept any cash to purchase items during this event. All purchases, will need to be made using the cashless system. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

A message from NCSPA (our PTA)

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket in either our Gloucester or Forest lottery over the past year. You have helped us raise £1,961 which will be used to support initiatives and projects that will add significant value to the school and our students.

If you haven't heard of these lotteries before, 50% of ticket sales go directly to our cause which is, of course, Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre. In addition, 10% of ticket sales go to local causes. In the case of the Gloucester School Lottery this will be good causes in Gloucester and in the Forest School Lottery this will be good causes in the Forest of Dean giving you, our supporters a choice.

To purchase your tickets please click on the links— the cause is **Newent Community School**

Gloucester Lottery

<https://www.gloucesterlottery.co.uk/support/newent-community-schoolparents-association>

Forest Lottery

<https://www.forestlottery.co.uk/support/newent-community-school-parents-association>

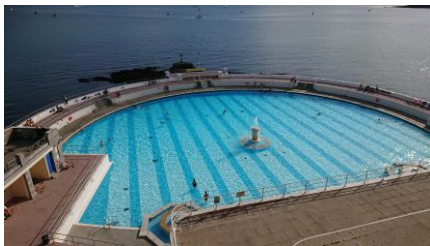
If you can support the Association in any way please click [here](#) to view our page on the School's website. Thank you for your support so far and we look forward to providing you with further updates over coming weeks and months.

Coast to Coast Review by Mr Shirley

What a pleasure it was to take the 'Cycling Group' on our final ride of the season.

We have run the cycling group since 2008 (except through Covid) and taken approximately 200 students in total. It has been amazing. This year we had students of all ages working together as a team supporting each other throughout.

We travelled approximately 400 miles starting in April (perhaps a little wobbly) with a 12-mile bike ride and built to a final training ride at 44 miles in early September. We watched the students grow physically, but also mentally, as they have taken on the challenges of climbing the Malvern Hills, Welsh hills and finally Dartmoor.



For the final ride last week, the first day started at Ilfracombe travelled to Barnstable, around the Bedford estuary (all part of the Tarka Trail) before heading to Torrington and Petrockstow. Day 2 took us to Oakehampton, Lyford Gorge, Brentor, before ending in Tavistock. The final day was along the River Plym, finishing in Plymouth at the Lido.

Olivia commented: '...thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the coast to coast. You've helped me make friendships with people who are older than me, as well as people that were in my year too, and made me realise how much more capable I am of things than I anticipated. The coast to coast is something that I will remember forever, and I will always be eager to talk about it with family and friends. I'll definitely be doing it next time!'

A huge thank you to all the participating students this year and staff who joined to support the ride.

Coming up in November is the 'Maintenance Club' and we will offer the C2C again alongside a more advanced challenge for our more experienced riders.

Mountain bikers (Year 9 and above) also keep an eye out for the Mountain Biking group that will be starting soon.

General Reminders

Gloucester Rugby Affiliation Scheme 2022/23

We have continued to be part of this scheme for the 2022/2023 season. Please use our code **AFNCS** to enable to the school to earn cashback over the course of the season. This code will also give you access to discounts. Please feel free to share with friends and family.

Free School Meal support during the October Half Term from Gloucestershire County Council

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the October half term is now open until midday 11 October 2022. Voucher emails will be sent out on the 19 October. Please click [here](#) to register.

Final words.....

Some of you will already be aware that we are currently rehearsing to perform Hamlet at the Roses Theatre in November as part of the Shakespeare Festival. Here is a picture from twitter of our cast and crew during the first rehearsal.



There are more events and news to read about on our twitter feed @NEWENTSCHOOL. Please follow us to keep updated.

Thank you for taking time to read Newent News. Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Dawn Burke, Principal