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Current Clubs / Activities

Monday

* GCSE French Revision
12.45 – 1.05 pm in Room 204

* Flute and Recorder Group
1.00 – 1.30 pm in Room H21

Tuesday

* Y7 Creative Writing Club
1.00 – 1.30 pm in Room 114

* Junior boys Football Club
(Y7/8/9) 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Astroturf

* Y11 Computer Science
Revision
3.30 – 4.30 pm in Room G10

Wednesday

* BoxSmart Boxing Club
3.30 – 4.30 pm

Thursday

* Science Club
1.00 – 1.30 pm in Room 101

* Y11S2 Science Revision
3.30 – 4.30 pm in Room 100

Friday

* Glos RFU coach working
with girls Y9/10/11

Message from our Principal

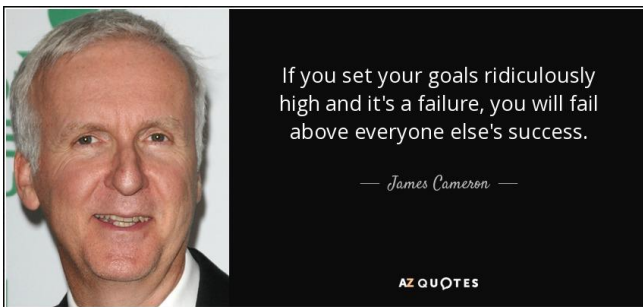
We started this week celebrating with the music team as we were redesignated a 'Music Mark School' for the third year running and wearing our odd socks to kick off #antibullyingweek2022. We have ended the week supporting 'Children in Need' and 17th November marked the beginning of Disability History Month – something I am learning about.

We have reached the middle of a very long half term as nights have drawn in and for many it may be dark as we leave to travel to school and dark as we return home. We have been lucky that most lunchtimes have been dry and bright and, therefore, we have allowed students and staff some important time outdoors. Being outdoors really has been found to support our wellbeing and as things get cooler over the coming weeks. Have a look here if you would like to read more [How nature benefits mental health - Mind](#). Please do remember on colder days to wear your jumper with your blazer (not instead).

Year 11 and Year 13, start to move towards a mock examination focus at this time and are engaging well in the revision and intervention sessions that are running. Thank you to those who have made time to offer thanks for these. Mr. Philips ran a mocks information assembly this morning and if you need anything please do get in touch.

At this time, we traditionally see a 'stretch' in some 'social behaviors' and communication. Please be aware of this as we try to live our values of 'excellence,' 'respect' and 'teamwork'.

Thank you to those who have been in touch to clarify some messages that students have translated home. It is appreciated. Please get in touch if you need to by telephone 01531 820550 or using email: admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk. We are striving to be a professional institution that wants the best possible outcomes for all its stakeholders, in life, academics and character.



World Cup 2022

As we are all no doubt aware, the World Cup begins on Sunday, 20th November. We are aware that there are a number of games during the school day. Please note that we will not be showing games in school and will endeavour to keep scores and news silent, so everyone can catch up when they get home. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you again for your help.

Mrs Dawn Burke
Principal

Children in Need

It is Children in Need day today. Meet and Eat made some lovely cupcakes for staff and students to purchase, with all proceeds being donated to this national charity. Thank you to chef and her team for supporting this fantastic event, which raised £61. This money will be included in the donation from our non-uniform day, making our current donation total £531.25.



Anti-Bullying

This week our focus has been on Anti-Bullying, and it has been so wonderful to see our school community in their Odd Socks (Monday), in support of individuality, and engaging with our Anti-Bullying message during House Assemblies. The focus has been on the uniqueness of everyone in our community, and how we should respect and celebrate this uniqueness. All students have been informed about who they can turn to in school for help and support and encouraged to seek help whenever they may need it (SAFE officers, tutors, Heads of House, Ms Steger, Mrs Jevons and members of the SLT). As Mr. John noted in Assembly, "...it's not just about supporting Anti-Bullying week today, or this week. It is about supporting it all year and doing the right thing." We are committed to supporting Anti-Bullying at Newent Community School. No student should feel that there is no-one to talk to and that their voice will not be heard. Student welfare is at the heart of what we do. Please speak to one of our Pastoral Team if you have any concerns or questions. Alternatively, please find more information on the Anti-Bullying Alliance here: [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)

Author visit – Mrs Gibbons

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome Mark Ballabon to the school. He has written a book called 'Home: My life in the universe' which is going to be the first of a trilogy. The book features a girl called Leah who is thinking about the world and her place in it. The book covers philosophical questions and environmental issues as well as more down-to-earth problems such as bullying. Mark's talks to the Year 8 groups covered all these topics, and he engaged the students and gave them lots to think about. He sold several signed copies of his book and the Library copies were loaned out straight away. Opportunities to hear professional authors talking about their books are rare and very welcome.



Students perform 'Hamlet' at The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury

On the 9th of November a number of our students travelled to The Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury as the cast and crew of 'Hamlet'. Lead by Year 13 Student Director Joshua Ellis our cast and crew had rehearsed since September to bring the show to life. On arrival at The Roses our students were able to work alongside professionals at the theatre to hold both a tech and dress rehearsal on the main stage. Later that evening, with a significant number of our students taking to the stage for the first time ever, 'Hamlet' was performed to a packed auditorium. We always describe the Drama Department as a family and this was certainly the case at The Roses with our more experienced performers and crew, led by the wonderful Christian Wells in Year 13, supporting those taking their first steps. Another treat of the experience was having the opportunity to watch other schools perform both 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'Macbeth'. As some of our students then joined us on our theatre trip to 'Othello' at the end of the week they experienced 4 Shakespeare plays in just 2 days! We think Shakespeare would be proud of them - we certainly are!

Y11 Mock Exams

As part of our preparations for the Summer Examinations, our Year 11 students will be undertaking Mock Examinations towards the end of this term. Full details have been issued via Satchel:One, including a guide on revision strategies that students can use at home.

[Revision Strategies](#)

[Yr 11 Mock Examination Timetable Nov/Dec 22](#)

Students are working closely with their teachers in school to ensure they are well prepared for this important period of time. Students in Year 11 also benefit from 'Super Study' sessions where they learn and practice skills that have been proven to improve success in examinations. We will be holding a 'Mock Results Day' in January where we will celebrate the hard work of our students as well as identifying the work still to be done before the Summer.

We wish our students all the very best!

Sea Cadets

Reuben Miles wanted to share his successful week away sailing with the Sea Cadets. He was able to gain his (Offshore Hand One Yachts) qualification, sailing on the TS City of London. He had an incredible week away, coming home with so many new experiences, including being the coxswain sailing the yacht from the Isle of White back inland, in force 9 winds. Also visiting local museums and seeing HMS Elizabeth being tugged out.

Thank you to the school for allowing him to have the opportunity away to experience this. He would like to go again next year to obtain his coxswain qualification.

Well done Reuben!



Sporting Fixtures

A reminder that the PE Department have clubs running every day of the week. Please speak to your teacher to find out more information.

This week's results:

Y9 rugby won 47-10 v Henleybank

Y7 rugby won 30-10 v Henleybank

Fixtures next week:

U14 Girls Hockey vs John Kyrle, Tuesday, 22 Nov 3.30pm – 5pm (Home)

Y8 Rugby vs Five Acres, Tuesday, 22 Nov 3.30pm – 5.30pm (Away)

Y7 Rugby vs Forest High, Thursday, 24th Nov 3pm – 5pm

Christmas Concert

Just a reminder that we will be holding a Christmas Concert on 1st December. Please see poster below. All welcome.



Thank you for taking time to read Newent News.

Mrs Dawn Burke, Principal