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Newent News

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Current Clubs / Activities

Monday

* GCSE French Revision
12.45 – 1.05 pm Room 204

* Flute and Recorder Group
1.00 – 1.30 pm Room H21

Tuesday

* Y7 Creative Writing Club
1.00 – 1.30 pm Room 114

* Y11 Computer Science
Revision
3.30 – 4.30 pm Room G10

* After School Art Club (All
Yrs) 3.30pm – 4.30pm - T3

Wednesday

* BoxSmart Boxing Club
3.30 – 4.30 pm

Thursday

* Science Club
1.00 – 1.30 pm Room 101

* Y11S2 Science Revision
3.30 – 4.30 pm Room 100

Friday

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

Message from our Principal

Dear all,

Christmas sights and sounds can be seen and heard around the school. I say again as it was only July that we had our delayed Nativity production, so it definitely seems to have come around quickly this year! The Christmas concert is a starting point for me and seeing the Christmas Trees, hearing the carols and seeing the Newent lights, all mean we know we are in December. Thank you to Ms. Harvey and all those who have helped bring the festivities together. We also have a cheeky elf I see roaming around the school. I believe Ms. Hood may know his whereabouts!

We also have Year 11 continuing their Mock Exams so please can we just remember this as we move past the hall and exam areas. They have been working hard and this trial period is important as they start to see how it will look and feel in the summer. Thank you for your support with these students and this time.

There is a lot happening in these last two weeks, so I will keep it brief and let you read on.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Dawn Burke
Principal

EmPower Cyber Event

23 Year 8 girls came to a Empower Cyber Event at Gloucestershire University where they got to take part in a range of activities to show them what a career in Cyber Security could be like. They did challenges such as trying to hack somebodys account, coding Sphero balls and cryptography. They also learnt about how the police handle different situations. It enabled the students to gain a better understanding and many are now considering a career in it. The feedback from the event staff was that our group worked together really well and had great knowledge about what to do. The girls were a real credit to the school and we hope to get them involved in loads more activities



Support Newent Community School Parents Association This Giving Tuesday!

This Giving Tuesday, why not consider restarting your support of Newent Community School Parents Association?

All our causes rely on their lottery income to fund the fantastic work that they do. We'd be delighted if you'd consider rejoining Gloucester Lottery to give their fundraising a boost.

Every week there are cash prizes of up to £25,000 to be won – and don't forget, everyone that buys a ticket before Saturday, 17th December will automatically be entered into a national draw to win the £1,000 John Lewis voucher. Tickets cost £1 a week. Rejoin Gloucester Lottery now and make a real difference! You can play [here](#)



Holiday Free School Meal Voucher update – December Holidays

This winter holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council are providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of our commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2), as they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up to the scheme will receive £15 per child, per week for the holiday period. We will be distributing 2 weeks of vouchers for the winter holiday period.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our Holiday free school meal vouchers webpage [here](#).

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please ask them to email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so we can update their account, as this not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the winter holiday period are now open until the 6 December. Voucher emails will be sent out on 13 December. Please encourage parents to check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 14 December please encourage them to email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

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:

U16 Girls Hockey vs John Kyrle, lost 1-0. Gracie Holmes received Player of the Match

Fixtures next week:

District rugby tournament at Cinderford RFC for Y10, Monday, 5th December
District rugby finals day Y7 & 8 at Cinderford RFC, Wednesday, 7th December
Mixed hockey v John Kyrle, Thursday, 8th December 3.30pm – 5pm (Home)

Christmas Raffle

We are pleased to announce that NCSPA, our PTA, are holding a Christmas raffle again this year.

Tickets are just £1.00 each and can be purchased via the school's online shop [here](#). The value of tickets purchased will be converted into number of chances, for example, if you pay £5 this is equivalent to 5 chances to win. There are three fabulous prizes to be won:

1st prize - £250 cash

2nd prize - Food & drink hamper

3rd prize - Food & drink hamper

Tickets can be purchased from today until Wednesday 14th December. The draw will take place in school on Thursday 15th December and the winner will be notified.

Good luck everyone 🍀

Christmas Jumper Day

We are holding our Christmas Jumper day on Friday, 9th December in aid of the Save the Children Fund. Brand new jumpers are NOT necessary - Just grab any old thing from the back of the cupboard and cover it with stickers, felt, tinsel, glitter, baubles, whatever.

Yule look woolly wonderful! To donate your £1, please click [here](#)

Winston's Wish

Once again, this year we will be offering students and families the opportunity to make a donation to Winston's Wish Christmas Appeal. The Winston's Wish Charity provides emotional and practical bereavement support to children, young people and those who care for them.

Students can collect a star from the Finance Office to hang on our Christmas Tree in the foyer. Alternatively, you can email admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk with your message and we can add the star to the tree. The link to pay your donation can be found [here](#)

For more information about Winston's Wish please follow this [link](#)

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch this year will be on **Monday 12th December**. To help us plan for numbers please can we ask that if your child would like a Christmas Lunch that this is Pre-ordered and paid for at the Finance Office next week from **Monday 5th December**. Despite rising prices, we understand this is something students enjoy, so we have decided to keep the cost at the usual £2.65. Final orders have to be made by the **end of school on Friday 9th December**. Students will be issued a ticket to show they have pre-ordered and paid, which they will need to present on the day.

Festive Food Fortnight

Monday is the first day of Festive Food Fortnight. Here is a glimpse of next week's menu:

Monday, 5th	Vanilla & Cranberry Pud Cranberry Cupcakes
Tuesday, 6 th	Christmas Crunch
Wednesday, 7th	Holly Cakes
Thursday, 8th	Christmas Cake
Friday, 9 th	Xmas Jumper day - Jumper cakes and snowflake cookies

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](#)

We wish our students all the very best!

Buses

For all students travelling on the 834 bus, please note that Dean Road is closed between Newnham and Littledean until 13th December so Gloucestershire Highways can carry out drainage works.

The best place to wait in the High Street, Newnham is directly opposite the clock tower. As the closure is at the Newnham end of the road it might be easier for any affected pupils to wait at the King's Head bus stop in Broad Street, Littledean instead.

Thank you for taking time to read Newent News.

Mrs Dawn Burke
Principal