



Newent
Community School
and Sixth Form Centre



NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Current Clubs / Activities

Monday, 23 Jan

* Glos County Cricket working with girls 9am – 1.30pm

* GCSE French Revision. Rm 204. 12.45pm – 1.05pm

Tuesday, 24 Jan

* After school Art Club – All Yrs. T3. 3.30pm – 4.30pm

* Y11 Computer Science Revision. G10. 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday, 25 Jan

* Y7-11 Creative Writing Club Rm 114, 1.00pm – 1.30pm

* KS3 Drama Club, G15. 1pm – 1.30pm

Thursday, 26 Jan

* Y8 Cyber Club, Rm 106. 1.00pm – 1.30pm

* Science Club. 1pm – 1.30pm

Message from our Principal

Dear All,

As I type this, I am returning from the Christingle Service at Gloucester Cathedral. The Bishop of Gloucester, The Right Reverend Rachel Treweek, invited me before Christmas and it was a real privilege to join the community in recognising this celebration in support of The Children's Society. The Christmas break seemed a distant memory and it was lovely to take a minute and be grateful, again, for the time we had had with family, after a couple of years of disruption.



Yesterday was the Year 11 parents evening, and it was good to welcome parents back on site in this way. In conversation it was pointed out to me this was the last year group that had a parents evening before the lock down and this was the first onsite parents' evening after all the disruption.

There are advantages in the online systems that have developed but it somehow feels different when you meet face-to-face. Huge thanks to everyone for making the effort and allowing the calm, purposeful atmosphere throughout the evening. I am aware it is a long day, but I hope it helped have some good conversations to allow our young people to continue to success.

You will have, no doubt, seen the announcement of the strike days by teachers in the NEU (National Education Union). They have contacted and told me that they intend 'to call upon its members to take part in industrial action consisting of strike action. We reasonably believe that you employ one or more members of the NEU whom we will call upon to take part in this industrial action in the form of strike action.'

As we navigate this, I will keep you updated about whether some students will need to remain off site on these dates. We will work to the best of our ability to support staff and students through these days. The dates for your records are:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Thursday 02 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

Thank you as always for your support. Have a lovely weekend
Mrs D Burke

Sporting Fixtures and Results

Tuesday, 24th January

Y7 boys football v Forest High (away), 3.30pm – 5.30pm

U14 girls football v Dene Magna (away), 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday, 25th January

Primary cross country event 1, 4.30pm

Thursday, 26th January

Y10 boys football v Forest High (home), 8am – 10am

Results

Girls U13 cricket won District Lady's Taveners indoor competition.



National Sleep Helpline

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

The free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. They can talk to young people directly, or parents (they can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

For more info, click [here](#)

The infographic features a dark blue background with white and light blue text. At the top left is the logo for 'the national sleep helpline'. A large white circle contains the number '50%'. To the right of this circle, the text reads 'Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*'. Below this, a section titled 'WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?' explains that it is a partnership with Furniture Village and The Sleep Charity. A section titled 'HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?' lists several benefits: being run by specialist advisors, offering practical strategies, ensuring understanding of sleep's importance, listening without judgement, and empowering users with knowledge. At the bottom, the phone number '03303 530 541' is displayed, along with logos for 'the sleep charity' and 'Furniture Village'.

Whole School Musical

We are delighted to announce that our next **whole school musical** will take place in the week beginning the 4th of December 2023.

For those of you who like to organise your calendars early. The dates are:

5th December: 11am Dress Rehearsal

6th December: 11am Dress Rehearsal & 7pm Opening Night

7th December: 7pm Evening Show

8th December: 7pm Evening Show


9th December: 10.30am Family Show and 1.30pm Final Show

To reveal which show we are going to be performing we have started a countdown on our Twitter page @newentdrama

Do follow us as we build up to the big reveal!

Most importantly if you would like to be involved as a member of the Production Team please do get in contact with Ms Hood.

Sports Clubs

 NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT					
Sports Clubs - January 2023					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LUNCH TIMES 12.55-1.25 Bring a packed lunch or eat at break	Girls cricket club (Sports hall) GCO Boys football club Yrs 7 and 8 (Astro) IB	Badminton club—All years (sportshall) REJ Rowing Club (pacers) - All years SE	Girls football club— All years (astro) IB	Boys Football club (astro) Yrs 9/10/11 IB	Basketball Club—All years (sportshall) SE Netball club— All years (Courts) CP

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

Chef / Catering - [Chef / Catering Manager - Eteach](#)

The working week will be 37 hours spread equally over the School week, term time plus 5 days. The starting salary is between £21,684 and £22,767 per annum, pro rata.

The Chef / Catering Manager, under the leadership of the Business Manager, will manage a catering provision that provides breakfasts, hot meals, sandwiches and snacks ensuring the kitchen is managed to a high standard. They will lead our dedicated team of Catering Assistants maintaining the smooth running of the catering service within our school.

Exams Invigilator - [Exams Invigilator - Eteach](#)

If you have some free time during the working day and would like to help our students, we would like to hear from you. We are looking to appoint more adults to join our already established and successful team of Examination Invigilators for this summer's examinations. This is a casual but highly responsible paid position, at £11.76 per hour, and requires vigilance, concentration and compassion in the support of young people at this important time.

More information can be accessed using the links above. Please contact Mrs Ann Price, Business Manager, if you would like to discuss either of the vacancies and share with any friends or relatives you consider may be interested.

2nd Hand Uniform

We are delighted to announce that we now have introduced an online shop for our parents and carers to purchase “Pre-loved uniform”. Everything is sold at no more than 25% of the retail price. Details can be found [here](#)

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Gloucester Rugby Camps

Gloucester Rugby are excited to announce they will be hosting camps this February half term at 2 different locations!

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st Feb – Bredon RFC

Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th Feb – Dursley RFC

Want to book on to one of these fantastic camps?! Use the link below.

<https://www.rugbycamps.co.uk/gloucester>



Thank you for taking time to read Newent News.

Mrs Dawn Burke
Principal