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Newent News

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Current Clubs / Activities

Monday, 30 Jan

- * History revision, H15, 12.50pm – 1.30pm
- * GCSE French Revision. Rm 204. 12.45pm – 1.05pm

Tuesday, 31 Jan

- * After school Art Club – All Yrs. T3. 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- * Y11 Computer Science Revision. G10. 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- * History revision, H16, 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Wednesday, 1 Feb

- * Y7-11 Creative Writing Club Rm 114, 1.00pm – 1.30pm
- * KS3 Drama Club, G15. 1pm – 1.30pm

Thursday, 2 Feb

- * Y11 Quantum Theatre A Christmas Carol, 9am – 10am
- * Y8 Cyber Club, Rm 106. 1.00pm – 1.30pm
- * Science Club. 1pm – 1.30pm

Friday, 3 Feb

- * What If? Road Safety Roadshow, Main Hall, 10am – 12.30pm

Message from our Principal

Dear all,

We are starting to see how next Wednesday looks as we navigate our way through government guidance, strike action union guidance and trying to do the best for our students. At the time of writing, I have prepared letters to staff and parents to explain how we will be open and who we will be open to so please do look out for those separate communications.

We started the week with the Chinese New Year, which puts us in the year of the rabbit, predicted to be the year of hope. In Chinese culture, rabbit is the symbol of longevity, peace and prosperity, things I look forward to. If you want to learn more, please have a look [here](#).

If you have been following the school twitter feed, you will have seen the week has continued with a sensory deprivation lesson in Year 12 A level PE, the District Primary Cross Country, Choir rehearsals, new 'Books of the Day' and the choices of our Whole School Show later this year.

As noted in the Key Dates booklet, we will be holding a Year 9 Options Information Evening in the Main Hall of the school, starting at 6pm on Tuesday 31st January. There will be a presentation for parents/carers outlining the key information related to the process for choosing options to study in Year 10 & 11. Additionally, we will be sharing strategies in which you can support your student with their studies at home. Student attendance is not required on this evening. The presentation will last approximately 40 minutes. We look forward to supporting you and your child through this next important step in their education.

You may have also heard about our ex-student Tom Berkeley who has had his film shortlisted for an Oscar and BAFTA. His family has been in touch, and we look forward to seeing him and learning from his experiences in the future. Thank you in advance to them for their support, it is so appreciated. If there are any other alumni out there who can help share their stories, please do be in touch. We have a number of subjects specific 'Career Fortnights' running throughout the year that you could be involved in.

Please do have a look at the twitter feeds to see what is happening in school; these are: @newentschool @NewentDrama @NewentComputing @NewentScience @NewentArt @newentlibrarian @NCSSport

Finally a reminder to look out for the letters regarding next Wednesday's Strike Action and thank you again for your support,

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs D Burke

RAF World – Access all Areas

Introducing a free virtual experience for Yr10 and above students, RAF World, which will be landing on your screens on 8th February 2023, 18:00-20:30.

The RAF is responsible for protecting the UK's air and space capabilities and offers a career like no other. Join for our new and improved virtual platform where you can immerse yourself in the following:

- Three 360° interactive global operations for you to explore and see how we work together across different roles to support around the world.
- Main stage interviews with the RAF Panel about life in the RAF, how to apply, and what's next for you in your career
- The chance to speak to an RAF recruiter. Our experts in the field are there to answer your burning questions about a career with us
- And lots more!

For more info and to book, please click [here](#)



FiDO/Digital Woof

Introducing FiDO (Family independent Devices Online), a free education app designed to keep children safe online. FiDO provides a wealth of resources for parents, teachers, carers, and children to navigate the digital world with confidence and knowledge. With FiDO, you'll have access to the latest information on internet safety, including tips on how to protect personal information, identify and avoid cyberbullying, reduce risks to your children online, and much more.

Learn more [here](#)



Knife Angel

The National Monument for Serious Violence and Aggression, the Knife Angel, is being supported by county wide organisations that have come together through the Stronger, Safer Gloucester community safety partnership to bring the striking symbol of peace to the city. The Knife Angel will be on display in Cathedral Green from Wednesday 1 February and the public will be able to view the 27ft sculpture throughout the month. More details Can be found [here](#)



Preloved Uniform

Our Preloved website is now live. We are so pleased to see people having a look and already making purchases. If anybody has any uniform that they would like to donate to the store, these would be gratefully received and will help with the continued success of preloved. All funds raised go straight back into our school. The link can be found [here](#)
Any donations made will be welcomed at reception, thank you in advance.

Preloved

Oscar Nominee!

Tom Berkeley has just had his short film *An Irish Goodbye*, co-written and directed with his creative partner Ross White, make the final nominations in both the BAFTAs and the OSCARs.

Tom attended Newent Community School from year 7 to GCSEs, (2007- 2011) leaving after that to do an extended BTEC in Acting at the Birmingham Ormiston Academy (BOA). He then attended the Guildford School of Acting where he met Ross, who has been his collaborator for the past 6 years or so.

While at Newent, Tom was in various school productions. Tom is an inspiration to current pupils and we are sure he will help raise ambition. Tom himself is in a bit of whirl at the moment as you might imagine, but was keen to make contact with us. He has said that he would be very willing to come and talk to pupils about his career path and choices, and that is something we will definitely be taking him up on.



Sporting Fixtures/Results

Monday, 30th January

Glos County Cricket working with girls 9am – 1.30pm

Tuesday, 31st January

Boys Y7/8/9 Football v Dene Magna (home), 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Results

Boys U15 football lost 2-0 to Forest High

U14 girls lost to Dene Magna

Thank you for taking time to read Newent News.

Mrs Dawn Burke
Principal