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Current Clubs / Activities

Monday, 18 September

Tuesday, 19 September

Wednesday, 20 September

* Y11 Netball vs John Kyrle
(Away), 3.30pm – 5.30pm

* Science revision, Rm 100,
3.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursday, 21 September

* Y9 & Y10 Netball vs Dene
Magna (Away), 2.30pm –
5.30pm

Friday, 22 September

Message from our Principal

Dear all,

It has been good this week to see some significant changes in the way some things are being led. The new student leadership group introduced themselves to the school through the house assemblies and it was lovely to hear what they wanted to do as they develop this role in the school. I am sure we will hear and see more of them in the future, as we move through the term. The roles are as detailed below:

Zoe – Principal Student

Jake – Sport and Physical Activity Leader

Adam - Sport and Physical Activity Leader

Caleb – STEM Leader

Daisy – Arts Leader

Tilly – Wellbeing and Diversity Leader

Scarlet – Environment and Sustainability Leader

Thanks must go to the Year 11 Prefects who have started in their roles and areas of responsibility too this week. We already have house events being planned and other events which will need these and other students to support to help them continue to be successful. Thank you in advance to all of you.

Some of you may have seen last week's Panorama programme: Teenage Vaping: What's the Harm? If you missed it, it can still be viewed on BBC iPlayer using this link: [BBC iPlayer - Panorama - Teenage Vaping: What's the Harm?](#)

We will continue to educate our student body about the dangers of vaping, through PSHE and will continue to maintain a smoke and vape free site. If you haven't seen it or discussed the issue with your young person/people, this program may help start the conversation.

Have a good weekend

Mrs D Burke

Sporting Fixtures

Wednesday, 20th September

Y11 Netball v John Kyrle (Away), 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Thursday, 21st September

Y9 & Y10 Netball vs Dene Magna (Away), 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Attendance Support

In order to support our attendance procedures please:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence (01531 828927) or email (attendance@newent.gloucs.sch.uk)
- Tell us in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters. Please avoid making appointments during school hours if at all possible.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, remember, we have a Medical Officer who will send them home if required. Many students perk up on arrival and feel better as the day progresses.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance please talk to us as a first step so we can help.

The Department for Education have also released this guidance to help families to support their children with maximising attendance to school:

[DfE external document template \(\[childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\]\(https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612212/Child-attendance-guidance-2019.pdf\)\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612212/Child-attendance-guidance-2019.pdf)

As stated in this guidance:

'Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development.'

Free School Meals

For parents needing to register for Free School Meals, please could you use the following link - [Apply for free school meals - Gloucestershire County Council](#)

The Early Careers Foundation

Alex Hutton from The Early Careers Foundation came to visit the school today to present their 'Mentoring and Careers programme' to our year 12 students.

They are a charity on a mission to change the way that talented young people across the UK access career guidance. They believe that great careers can transform businesses, change the UK and improve lives.

All of their programme's are completely free and specially designed by career guidance experts to help students gain the knowledge, guidance and financial access to support students in aspiring to and attaining their next step.

We look forward to Alex coming back to visit the school to continue working with our students and preparing them for the world of work.



Trustees

A warm welcome to the new school year! The Trustees of Newent School and Sixth Form Centre are responsible for strategic leadership of the school, holding the executive leaders to account for educational performance and the management of staff, and ensuring that the school's money is well spent.

The full list of Trustees is given below:

Chris Germaine
Nicola Gee
Katie Hancock
Andy Barr
James Joyce
Zal Mitchelmore
Bob Weston
Gareth Wood

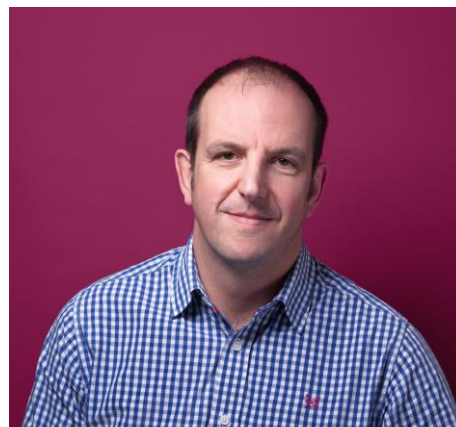
You may find out more about us and the Board's work on the School website [Trustees | Newent Community School](#) .

If you wish to contact the Trustees, you may do so via the Clerk, Mrs Gourlay (jgourlay@newent.gloucs.sch.uk)

Chris Germaine
Chair of Trustees

Introduction to Trustees

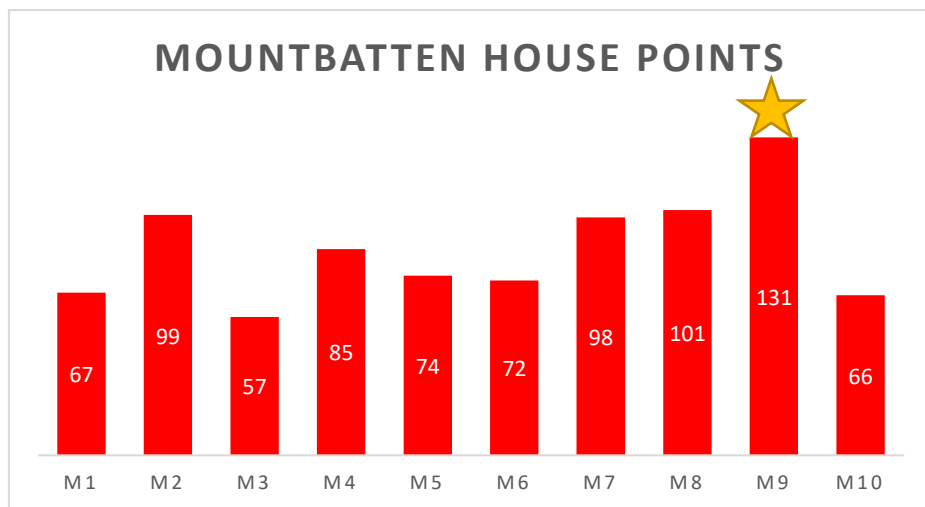
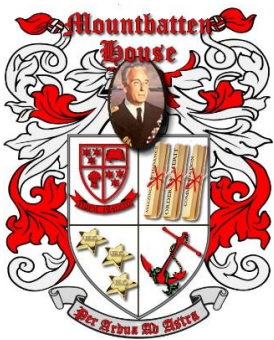
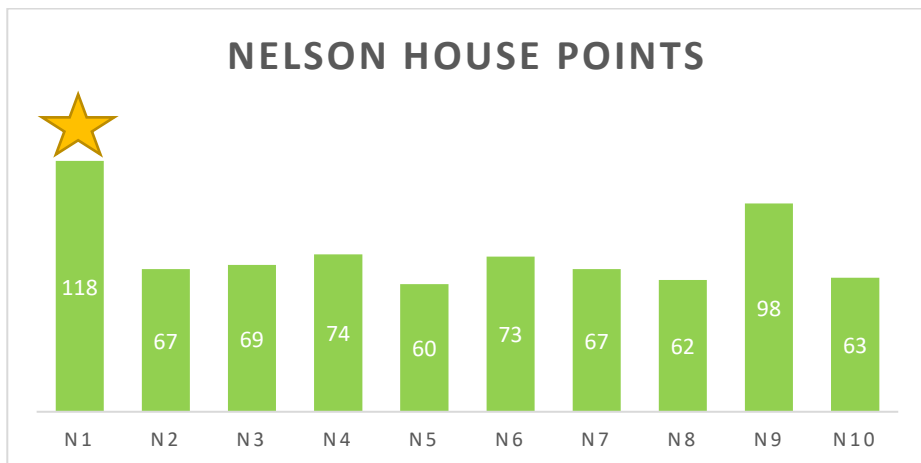
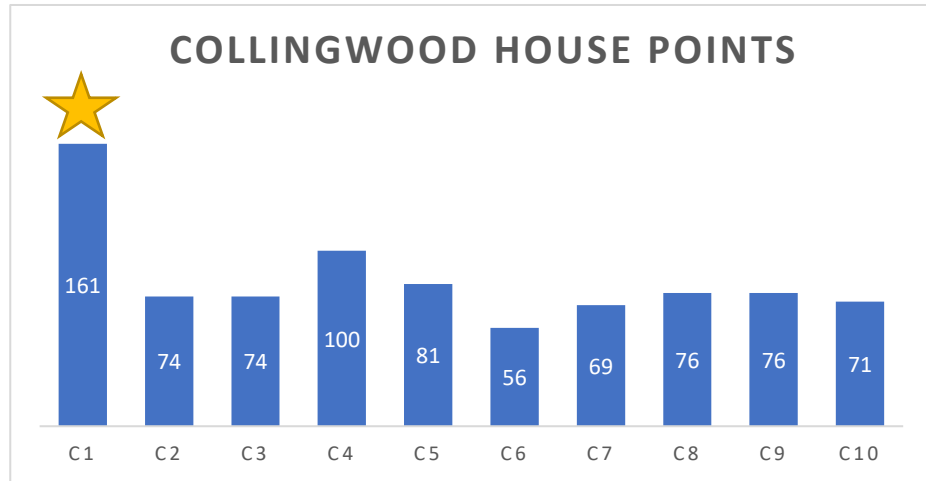
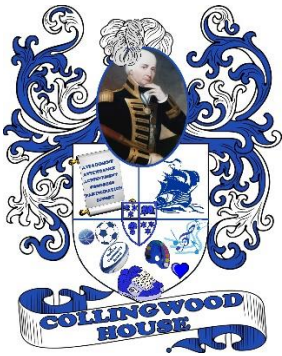
Gareth grew up in Gloucester and is an ex-student of Sir Thomas Rich's. He then moved to Chelmsford where he studied for his degree, before returning in 1998. He is married with two children and is the founder and Managing Director of an established local marketing company. He has worked at a strategic level with some of the biggest brands in the UK, along with start ups and a variety of local SMEs. These have included both commercial and not-for-profit organisations. He has also played an active part in the development of youth football and rugby teams in the local areas.



Andy Barr held senior roles at a number of global companies such as AXA, and FirstGroup (amongst others) before then co-founding a public relations and creative agency. He has advised political parties from the UK and overseas on areas such as digital public relations and crisis communications. Outside of work he has a second job as a chauffeur to three children who enjoy various sporting activities and he runs the Mini and Juniors section of Newent RFC.



House Points



Thank you for taking time to read Newent News.

Mrs Dawn Burke

Principal