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Newent News

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Current Clubs / Activities

Monday, 2 October

* Cross Stitch Club, Rm 110, 12.45pm – 1.30pm

Tuesday, 3 October

* Y7 Parents Coffee Morning, Main Hall, 9.15am – 10.15am

* DofE drop in sessions, Library, 10.45am – 1pm

* Recorder & Flute Club, H21, 1pm – 1.30pm

* Art Club open to all, Art block, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

* GCSE & A Level Art support, Art Block, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday, 4 October

* Y11 Art trip to Tate, London, 7am – 8pm

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

* DofE drop in sessions, Library, 10.45am – 1pm

* Billy Elliot rehearsals, Main Hall, 3.30pm – 5pm

Thursday, 5 October

* Open Morning, Main Hall, 10am – 12pm

* Science Club, Lab 101, 1pm – 1.30pm

* Open Evening, Main Hall, 6pm – 8pm

Friday, 6 October

* Rehearsals for Billy Elliot, Main Hall, 3.30pm – 5pm

Message from our Principal

Dear all,

As we move into October, we recognise Black History Month, a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society. This year's theme, 'Saluting our Sisters', highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities.

Throughout the month, our students will be celebrating black women who have made significant contributions to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in lessons, recognising black women who have broken down barriers in sports, celebrating black composers in music and much more.

Black History Month is a time to spread awareness and learn more, for more information please visit

www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk



Next week is **Dyslexia Awareness Week**

- Dyslexia affects how the brain handles information it sees and hears.
- Dyslexic people may find it difficult to match letters to sounds and to remember how to spell words.
- Dyslexic people can often be creative thinkers, good at problem-solving and verbal communication

"Dyslexia is an alternative way of thinking" Richard Branson

Our community will be celebrating our unique strengths and challenges throughout the week, focusing on #UniquelyYou in the classroom.

It is also our Open Mornings and Open Evening next week. Timings are:

Open Mornings: Thursday 5th October 10am-12pm

Open Evening Thursday 5th October 6pm – 8pm

Friday 6th October is an INSET day and no students will be in school.

Thank you in advance for your help next week as I know we have many students supporting departments, as guides, and speaking. Thank you for helping support them, as well as visiting yourselves.

Have a good weekend

Mrs D Burke

Sporting Fixtures

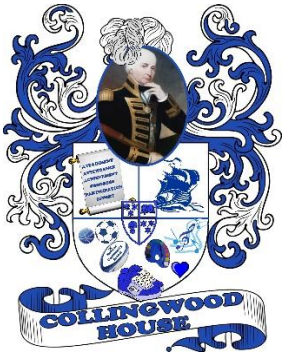
Tuesday, 3 October

Y9 Rugby v John Kyrle (Away), 3.30pm – 5.30pm

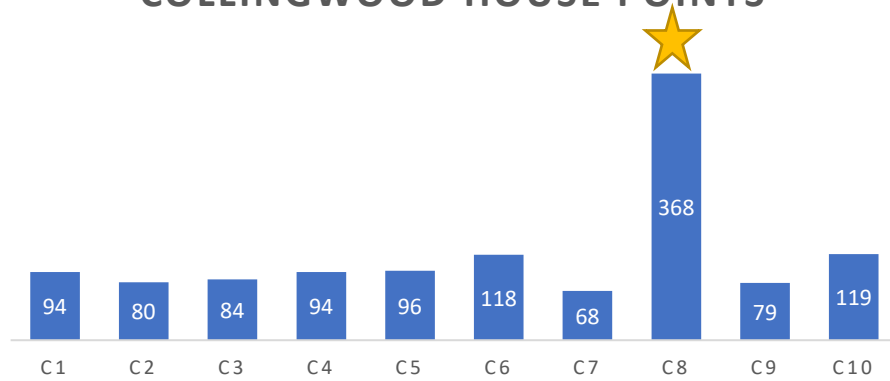
Wednesday, 4 October

Y11 Mixed Singles Badminton v John Masefield (Home), 3.30pm – 5pm

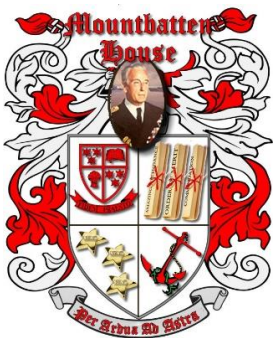
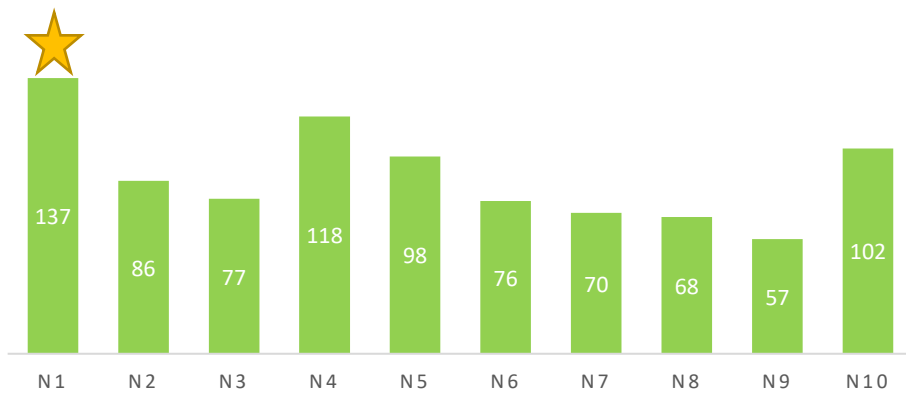
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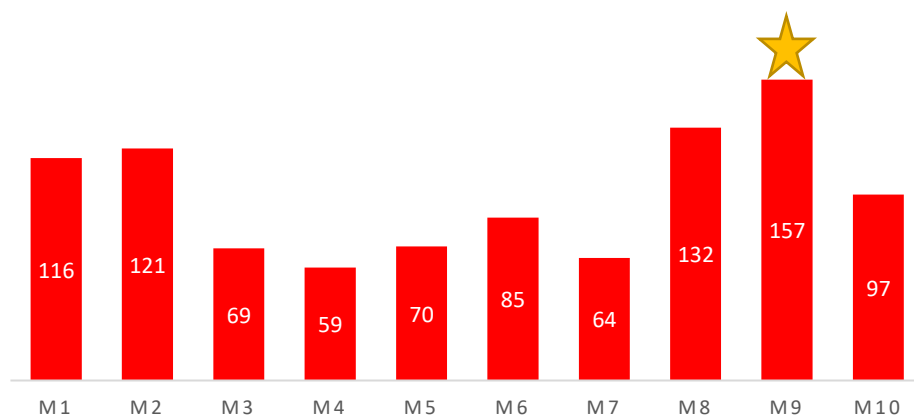
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NELSON HOUSE POINTS



MOUNTBATTEN HOUSE POINTS



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be really tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school when they're unwell. All of us want to do the very best for our children and we understand that missing a day of school results in six lost lessons of learning leading to a negative impact on progress and outcomes. It is important that we give our young people the tools they need to be resilient when they are suffering with their physical or mental health. Our PSHE curriculum helps our students to understand the ups and downs of life and how to overcome some of the obstacles we face. Please continue to send your child to school if they have a minor cough or common cold. We no longer need to text for Covid - 19, if your child does have symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough they can come to school. Sometimes our children are too unwell to come to school and we understand this. Please use the link below to help you identify if your child is well enough to attend:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you are unsure please send your child into school and our Medical and Student Welfare Officer can let you know if they need to come home. In most cases our young people feel much better once they are up and about enjoying their school day.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that every day in your child's education counts.

Try An Instrument Day



Saturday, 7th October, 10am – 12pm
Sir Thomas Rich's School

The instruments on offer to try will be:

Violin
Cello
Flute
Clarinet
Alto saxophone
Trumpet
Cornet
Tenor horn
Euphonium
Percussion

To sign up, please go to [LIVE Portal \(paritor.com\)](https://paritor.com)

Cross Stitch Club



Monday Lunchtimes

Room 110, Maths

All welcome

[See Mrs H Woodward for more details](#)

Other needle crafters are welcome to come
along with their own projects too.

All year groups and staff are welcome to come along.

If you are an avid stitcher already, please bring along a work in progress or a project of your own, for everyone else, I hope to have some mini projects for you to get started with.

If you are a keen knitter, crocheter, or other needle craft, you too are welcome to come along

Stagecoach Buses

We have been told that the B4216 Newent Lane will be closed between Taynton and Newent to allow for works by Gigaclear from 28th September to 18th October 2023. This means that the dedicated service 834 to Newent School will need to divert as follows :-

Service 834 to Newent School will divert from the A4136 at Huntley by turning left onto the A40 instead of right. After 3.6 miles it will turn right towards Aston Ingham and Kilcot. When it reaches the B4221 at Kilcot it will turn right. When it reaches Newent, it will turn right into High Street and right into Watery Lane.

Service 834 to Newnham will leave Newent via High Street before turning left onto the B4221. At Kilcot it will turn left onto the B4222 towards Aston Ingham. When it reaches the A40 it will turn left. When it reaches Huntley, it will turn right onto the A4136 to rejoin the normal route.

Book Trust

Dear Parents,

This week, our Y7s have been busy experiencing a range of books from the Book Trust. During English lessons, our teachers have devoted time to Y7 students looking at the front cover, reading the blurb and even reading a few pages from inside 16 different 'Buzz' books. We are lucky to be a participatory school with the Book Trust which means we have an amazing opportunity each year to offer each of our Y7s a FREE fiction book. Our English teachers are busy taking 'bookmark' orders from our Y7s and will, hopefully, be busy distributing 'Buzz' books before half term. If you would like to find out more about the Book Trust and the 'Book Buzz' programme, you can access it from here: [Bookbuzz school reading programme for Year 7 and Year 8 | BookTrust.](#)



Spotlight on Sixth

Gold Duke of Edinburgh

We are delighted that Mr Naylor and Mr Morley are continuing to offer the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award to our Year 12 students. Last week our students attended an assembly that gave an overview of the award and how the students can access each section. As a further opportunity to the students that will enable them to complete the expedition section both staff will be running a trip to Scandinavia in February where the students will be cross country skiing whilst staying in mountain huts and winter camps. A one in a lifetime experience for our Sixth Form students.



Prison Visit

Our Sociology and Psychology students were visited by two prison officers and two offenders from HMP Eastwood Park this week. The ladies each told us about life in a prison; the day to day routines of both officers and offenders, the struggles and rehabilitation. We also heard about the experiences of the offenders at each stage of the Criminal Justice System, how their sentences have affected their families as well as themselves and of the challenges facing the prison service in modern Britain. It was a valuable experience for the students courses and also from a careers perspective.

Thank you for taking time to read Newent News.

Mrs Dawn Burke
Principal