



Newent
Community School
and Sixth Form Centre



NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Newent News

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Current Clubs / Activities

Monday, 23 October

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

* Online Chess Club, Rm 106, 1pm – 1.30pm

Tuesday, 24 October

* 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, 25 October

* Y11 Hollie Gazzard Active Bystander Training

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

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

Thursday, 26 October

* Y11 Hollie Gazzard Active Bystander Training

* Science Club, Lab 101, 1pm – 1.30pm

Friday, 27 October

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

* 6th Form take away quiz night, 6pm – 8.30pm

Message from our Principal

Dear all,

We saw the slightly delayed, new school home page go live this week on Wednesday. Please do have a look at the design and the layout and we will ask for your feedback in a couple of weeks. The pages behind are being updated, reordered and archived as appropriate and over the next few months.

The week has involved two of our key partnerships being in school, firstly with the Hollie Gazzard Trust working with our Year 10 on knife crime awareness and secondly the Newent Orchestra doing a live rehearsal on Wednesday in our hall, with staff students and the local community coming in to listen. It was so lovely hearing the music in the corridors and seeing the seats full of students and staff listening. I hope we can host this again, as the enrichment that music offers our students is so valuable. Please see some more on both these below.

We also welcomed our Year 7 parents to 'meet the tutor' this week and it was lovely to see so many of you and hear what was going well and where we could improve. Thank you to all those parents who came and shared in the honest but respectful way they did, helping see the H.E.A.R.T. of our school in action!

Have a lovely weekend

Dawn Burke
Principal

Sporting Fixtures

Tuesday 24th October

Y8 & 10 Rugby v John Kyrle (Away), 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday, 25th October

Y8 Rugby v Henley Bank (Home), 3pm – 4.30pm

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

Thursday, 26th October

Y10 District Netball, 3pm – 5pm

Army Engagement

Thank you to the Army Engagement Team who visited us this week and ran sessions to encourage team building and confidence when problem solving in new situations. The Year 9 students were exemplary in their behaviour and engagement. Well done. Thanks to Miss Jones for making this happen.




Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

We value the voice and input of our parents and would like to invite expressions of interest in volunteering to join our PTA this academic year to work together to make our school a better environment for our children to learn. In addition to this, our PTA will help to raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much more. If you are interested in being a part of the PTA, please could you complete the form [here](#).

Celebrating Diversity at NCS

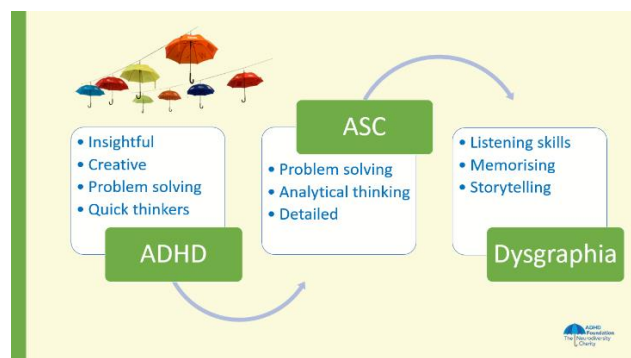
This month we have been celebrating diversity at school and recognising the value in being the same but different. Diversity comes in many forms such as race, religion, and thinking. This month our students have been encouraged to be #UniquelyYou and have been learning about neurodiversity - different ways of thinking. During assemblies this week we focused on the importance of not making assumptions, being understanding, asking if you have questions and accepting each other. We are committed to providing an inclusive environment where everyone within our community feels seen, heard and valued.



Neuro
Brain

Diversity
Difference

Just a different way for the brain to work



Student Voice: Year 7 Transition

As you move from Primary School to Secondary School, things can be quite different. We are interested to know how this time has been for you. Please be honest. Please make sure you are sharing your true thoughts and opinions without influence.

For students in Year 7, please could you complete this form sometime during the next week:
[Year 7 Transition Autumn 2023](#)

Year 7 Prehistoric Models

Year 7 prehistoric models are starting to come in this week - pictures are from Mr Woodward's 7P1 class. Students were tasked with producing a monument from the Neolithic age, of any size and using any materials. If the rest of the year group's are as good as, these then we will all be delighted.



Lost Property

We have a selection of uniform, hoodies, bags, coats and water bottles in reception awaiting collection. In order to free up the space it takes currently, can we urge all students to check with reception for any missing items. Anything left unclaimed by Christmas break will be passed onto our second hand pre-loved school site or recycled.

Hollie Gazzard Trust

This week year 10 have been visited by Sarah from the Hollie Gazzard Trust. Sarah spoke to the about the effects of knife crime and the law around knife crime. She also explained the law around Joint Enterprise and how it is really important not to associate with others who may be carrying a knife. Finally she informed the students how to report any issues through the Police or anonymously through Fearless [Give information about crime 100% anonymously | Fearless | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/)

The Hollie Gazzard Trust have also created a personal safety app which you can download for free at [Hollie Guard – Personal Safety App](https://www.hollieguard.com/)

Monkey Noodles

While we recognise that many of our students benefit from the use of fidget toys as an aid to concentration, we have taken the decision this week to ban monkey noodles.

For many of you, this phrase may raise questions, if not eyebrows.

Put simply, monkey noodles are cylindrical rubber cords. They are extremely stretchy and come in a wide variety of colours. They are very tactile, and, if used sensibly, can be knotted and twisted.

Unfortunately, we have seen a number of cases where these items have been used inappropriately and we have reached the decision that they pose a risk to school students and staff. As a result of this, monkey noodles are now banned at NCS, and will be confiscated on sight. Should parents wish for these items to be returned, they can collect them from Reception. We will not return them to the children.



Newent Orchestra

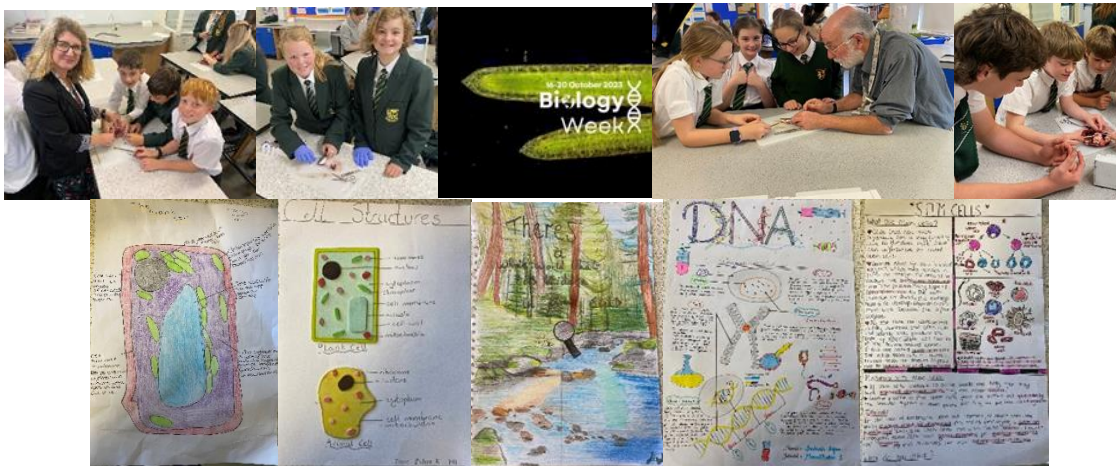
This week we were very excited to welcome Newent Orchestra to the Main Hall for an Open Rehearsal. This meant that students could drop-in over lunchtime and sit and watch an orchestra practise and prepare for upcoming performances. We had a fantastic turnout from students and staff! It was lovely to see so many curious faces at the door. Open Rehearsals will be running throughout the year and parents and family are welcome to pop in and join us also.

Please follow along with us on Twitter/X: @musicnewent @newentorchestra



Biology Week

Biology week at Newent has been full of activities for students to take part in. It is always a great opportunity to focus on one of our three main sciences and encourage enthusiasm for Biology in and around the curriculum. This week there have been biology videos shared and ideas of experiments which can be done at home; Biology year 11 revision; Biology quiz competitions for KS3, 4 and 5; Biology Poster Competition and the Memory Game. The quality of the posters entered were extremely high and the winners of the prizes will be announced next week! The busy week culminated with the extremely popular dissection club on Thursday Lunch time. Students of all year groups had the opportunity to dissect a heart or fish gills. What a fantastic start with students being schooled in the art of dissecting. With a total of 36 students joining the club it really was the heart and sole of the school. It was the place to be and many said you Aorta not miss this. Please feel free to follow us on Twitter @NewentScience



Spotlight on Sixth

Year 11 into Year 12 Information

It is the time of year when the process of our Year 11 students joining Newent Sixth Form begins. On the first Monday after half term Mr McCarthy will be delivering an assembly to Year 11 outlining the application process that will take place this year. We would also like to draw your attention to the Sixth Form Open Evening that will be taking place on Thursday 18th January 2024 from 6pm to 8pm. More information will be shared in due course as to the structure of the evening however please add this important date to your calendar. We welcome applicants from external candidates to the Sixth Form Open Evening alongside all of our current Year 11 students.