

Newent
Community School
and Sixth Form Centre

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Current Clubs / Activities

Monday, 27 November

- * Cross Stitch Club, Rm 110, 12.45pm – 1.30pm
- * Online Chess Club, 106, 1pm – 1.30pm
- * Y7 Creative Writing Club, 1pm – 1.30pm

Tuesday, 28 November

- * DoFE Drop In, Library, 10.45am – 1pm
- * Y11 & 6th Form – Mindfulness course, G15, 1pm – 1.30pm
- * Recorder & Flute Group, H21, 1pm – 1.30pm
- * GCSE & A Level Art support, Art Block, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- * Art Club, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday, 29 November

- * Cain & Helen Diversity talk to Y7, Main Hall, 11.30am – 2pm
- * Billy Elliot rehearsals, Main Hall, 3.30pm – 5pm

Thursday, 30 November

- * Y9 Polar Bear Workshop, G7, 1.35pm – 3.20pm

Friday, 1 December

- * Y10 – Y13 Visiting Production of 'The Government Inspector', Main Hall, 8.30am – 5pm
- * Y8 Trip to Big Pit, 8.45am – 3.20pm
- * Popular Music Club, Rm 114, 1pm – 1.30pm
- * Billy Elliot rehearsals, 3.30pm – 5pm

Message from our Principal

Dear all,

Our Year 11's have had a busy week as we move to a 'Future Focus', starting with them having a mock interview with outside interviewers from industry and business. It was a fantastic chance to think about how to develop their answers to questions from outside agencies and focus on developing skills. We cannot provide this without people giving up their time to come in and support them, so thank you so much to all those who came in and helped us over the two days of interviews. Comments such as 'courteous', 'thoughtful' and 'a credit to themselves' have been passed to me. Well done to them all. Our Careers Co-Ordinator, Ms. Jones did an excellent job organising everything down to the last detail, so huge thanks to her for this too.

They were also supported in their English Literature course by a performance of 'A Christmas Carol'. It not only brings the book to life, but allows them to experience live theatre as a year group, which is also a valuable experience. Thank you to the English team for organising Quantum Theatre to join us and supporting the students during the performance.

Finally, there was a trip to Gloucester College for some Year 11 students to experience subject areas that we do not offer post-16 currently.

Year 10 have continued their further education journey with University of Gloucestershire holding an assembly today where they discussed University life and outlined a residential course available to both Year 10 and Year 12 students interested in pursuing their studies there. More information can be found [here](#).

Year 9 received training from the Hollie Gazzard Trust this week. Their focus was on understanding how we are all 'bystanders' and how we can help situations we witness in a positive way without putting ourselves in any danger. The Year 9's were exemplary in their behaviour and Sara Dillon, Training Manager for the Trust commented 'Behaviour was excellent and engagement was good.' Thank you to her and to the whole of Year 9.

Thank you for all your support this week. Have a lovely weekend
Mrs. D Burke
Principal

Sporting Fixtures

Thursday, 30th November

Y7 & Y8 Netball v Dene Magna (Home), 3pm – 5pm

Quantum Theatre – A Christmas Carol



On Wednesday afternoon, Quantum Theatre Company visited School to perform their production of A Christmas Carol.

Our entire Year 11 cohort made up the audience and it was brilliant to give the whole year group an opportunity to see a theatre performance that brought this GCSE text to life. The company brought out the wit of the story as well as ensuring that the redemptive journey of the central character, Ebenezer Scrooge, was brought vividly to life. This is definitely an experience that we hope to replicate for future Year 11s.



November is Cut Your Carbon Month

The deadline for the 'Cut Your Carbon Month' is 1st December. It's just something for the family to take part in and can highlight your carbon footprint.

Details can be found [here](#) and a form for you to complete for the month of November is [here](#). Please could we ask for all entries to be completed by 1st December. Thank you!



Music Department Competition

We are currently running a competition in the Music department that we would love you to get involved in. We have a small Christmas tree, but it is currently without decorations (see picture below) and looking a bit sorry for itself.

Our competition is for you to make/find/thrift a musically themed ornament to help us decorate the tree!

Each entry will receive 2 house points. The winning entry will receive an allergy considerate or secular alternative prize and 2 additional house points.

Please get your entries in to Miss Harvey by 3:20pm on Wednesday 29th November for a chance to win!



Children in Need Cake Sale

Who doesn't like cake?! Our Sixth Form students held a cake sale last Friday. It was very popular as you can imagine and they raised an amazing £130 for Children in Need.



Y11 Mock Interviews

Thank you to all the parents, companies, Trustees and partners that came in to support our Year 11's through mock interviews this week. This forms such an important part of student progression and we received such great feedback from all students that took part. Students were marked on behaviours such as clarity of communication and ease of conversation and were provided with areas of improvement, which they can use in any interview environment going forward. Thank you to Ms Jones for her hard work in setting this up.



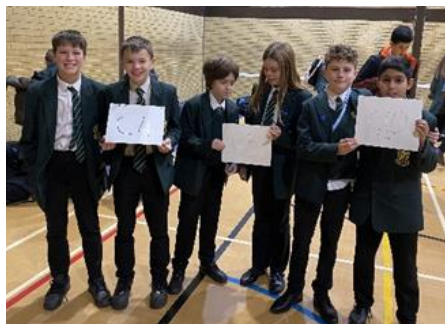
Spelling Bee

During assemblies this week, we have been hosting Spelling Bee Round 1. It has been lovely to see so many of our students from Y7 and Y8 representing their tutor groups and trying their best to spell some challenging Tier 2 words. Each pair of representatives should be very proud of their achievements – it's not easy trying to spell challenging words, in front of 100s of peers.

On Tuesday, Mountbatten battled amongst each other and M1, M6 and M8 proved to be the true spelling warriors. On Wednesday, Nelson tutees stepped into the arena. N2, N5 and N9 showed their gladiatorial spirit to the end. Finally, on Thursday, Collingwood jousted through the list of Tier 2 words; C4, C5 and C10 were triumphant and remained in the saddle. I hope you will all join me in a massive round of applause for all.

This weekend, each student has been set a spelling list on Satchel:One to introduce the new list of words which need to be swiftly learnt by all, in preparation of the Spelling Bee final (6th December). I would be grateful if you would, as parents, continue to show your support in learning spellings across the next 12 days as we lead up to the final.

Here are our Spelling warriors:



Spotlight on Sixth

Oddballs Foundation

As part of their PSHE programme Year 12 welcomed Oddballs Foundation ambassador Tom Carpenter. Tom led an interesting talk to the students on spotting the signs of testicular cancer and encouraging students to have open conversations with family members. An insightful talk that was well received by the year group.



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