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Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

Yesterday was the Year 11 parents evening, and it was good to welcome parents back on site in this way. In conversation it was pointed out that this was the first time we have been able to have the whole year group on site again for parents evening, with some enjoying being back and others commenting that online is easier to manage. There are advantages in the online systems that have developed but it somehow feels different when you meet face-to-face. Huge thanks to everyone for making the effort and allowing the calm, purposeful atmosphere throughout the evening. I am aware it is a long day, but I hope it helped have some good conversations to allow our young people to continue to success.

We also hosted a meeting with the Department of Education's Southwest Regions group this week and it was good to focus on strategic plans for the future, as well as challenges we face in the context in which we sit. It was a useful starting point as we navigate forward.

There were a good number of fixtures this week and if you didn't see on the 'X' feed (@ncssport, @newentschool, or @newentprincipal) we had some success in football with our Year 9 boys finishing runners up at the Forest District Tournament, and the U14 girls' hockey won again John Kyrle. Congratulations to both.



Clubs and Activities

Monday, 29 January

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

Tuesday, 30 January

- * DofE drop in session, Library, 10.45am – 1pm
- * All Years Art Club, T3, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- * GCSE & A Level Art support, Art Block, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- * Y9 Options Information Evening, Main Hall, 6pm – 8pm

Wednesday, 31 January

- * DofE drop in session, Library, 10.45am – 1pm
- * Y8 Crest Club, Rm 116, 1pm – 1.30pm
- * Programming Workshop, Rm 106, 1pm – 1.30pm
- * Sixth form rehearsals for '4.48 Psychosis', Main Hall, 3.30pm – 5pm

Thursday, 1 February

- * Science Club, Lab 101, 1pm – 1.30pm

Friday, 2 February

- * Y7 & Y8 Choir, H20, 12.45pm – 1.30pm
- * Meditation Club, G2, 1pm – 1.15pm or 1.15pm – 1.30pm
- * Year 11 Drama GCSE Revision, 3.30pm – 5pm



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Well done to the sport leaders who supported the Primary School Games Cross Country too. The Year 11 inter house competition running at lunch time has meant the PE team have had another busy week. Thank you to them and you as you no doubt pick up and drop off our teams!

Thank you as always for your support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs D Burke

Sporting Fixtures

Wednesday, 31 January

District Football Year 10 at Forest High, 3pm – 5.30pm

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

Friday, 2 February

Hosting Chance to Compete Indoor cricket competition, Sports Hall, 1pm – 3pm

Year 9 Options Information Evening

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 30 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.

Students will be advised of the information during an assembly during school hours.



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Royal Navy Catering Team

Last Friday, Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students enjoyed a 'Ready Steady Cook' event organised by the Royal Navy Chefs. Students were given an insight into career options with the Royal Navy in a very informative presentation. Following the presentation, they were given ingredients to make Chicken Kiev with Fondant Potatoes and Garnish and Warm Chocolate Brownie with Chantilly Cream. With the clock ticking students had to organise themselves and work as a team to prepare and serve the dishes on time.

Student feedback on the session included:

Ella and Erin - Ready Steady Cook was a great experience. It helped our teamwork and cooking skills. The Navy Chefs gave us very good tips which will help with our Food GCSE.

Chloe - The cooking session with the Navy was a really good experience as we learned the importance of team work. The Navy Chefs were super nice as they informed us about careers we could have if we joined the Navy.

We would like to express our thanks to the Navy for taking the time to visit the school to provide such an enriching experience.





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Y11 Open Evening



Thank you to the Army, Police, CACI, Oxford Brookes, University of Gloucestershire and ASK Apprenticeships for joining us last Thursday for our Year 11 Open Evening. We received such great feedback from the staff, students and parents. It highlighted how important and valuable the careers department is to students in their later years at school and what support and guidance we can offer them.

Spotlight on Sixth

Sixth Form Applications for September 2024

A reminder that the application form to join Newent Sixth Form in September 2024 is now available on the school website and the link is below. The deadline for applications is Friday 2nd February.

[Sixth Form Welcome | Newent Community School](#)

ASK Apprenticeships

As part of the PSHE and Careers programme our Year 12 students were introduced to the Apprenticeship pathway by Sarah Fullerton from ASK Apprenticeships. The presentation gave detailed information on the various apprenticeship routes available to the students post-Sixth Form. To further support our Year 12 students with post-18 plans we are running a Beyond Sixth Form Evening for parents and carers on Tuesday 26th February. It will take place from 6-8pm in the Sixth Form Centre.

