



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

Although this term has been shorter, it has still been busy. It has been said, the same amount of work must be done, even in this shorter time.

It is good to continue to build partnerships and share good practice from those around us and in this vein, we paid host to Ms. Jeremiah, Principal at Wyedean School and Sixth Form Centre this week. She stayed with us for the afternoon, visiting some lessons and then meeting with our leadership team. I also travelled and visited Mr. Hunter at Maidenhill School, with the same focus. Thank you to both for taking the time to build these important relationships.

We have had clubs, fixtures, a theatre trip to see 'Blue Beard' at the Theatre Royal, Bath, trips to Bristol Art Gallery and Big Pit Mining Museum and yesterday we held our Sixth Form parents evening. I have also just waved off the Austria Ski Trip that has left in the drizzle. Look out for updates as they come in on 'X' @newentschool. I must say a thank you to all the staff, students and parents who supported these.

We have a couple of events as you will see coming up but one I have been asked about is when the next SEN coffee morning is. This will be taking place on March 8th 9-10am. Invitations will go out after half term.

I hope you have a lovely week next week and we will see you back at 8.40am on Monday, 19th February for another short term. Easter break begins at 1.30pm on 22nd March, with staff returning on 8th April and all students on Tuesday 9th April.

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 19th February

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

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

Tuesday, 20th February

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

* Homework Hub, Rm 100, 1pm – 1.30pm

* All Years Art Club, T3, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

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

Wednesday, 21st February

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

* Y8 Crest Club, Rm 116, 1pm – 1.30pm

* Bug, Bee & Hedgehog houses, T10, 1pm – 1.30pm

* Programming Workshop, Rm 106, 1pm – 1.30pm

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

Thursday, 22nd February

* Y10 Parents coffee morning, Main Hall, 9am – 11am

* Y10 Parents Evening, Main Hall, 4.30pm – 7pm

Friday, 23rd February

* Breaking the Chain, Main Hall, 8.30am – 10am

* Y7 & Y8 Choir, H20, 12.45pm – 1.30pm

* Meditation Club, G2, 1pm – 1.15pm or 1.15pm – 1.30pm

* Y11 Drama GCSE Revision, 3.30pm – 5pm



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Thank you again for all your support

Mrs D Burke

Sporting Fixtures

Monday, 19th February

U13 Girls Chance to Shine Indoor Cricket @ Crypt, 12pm – 3.30pm

Tuesday, 20th February

U12 & U16 Girls Football v Dene Magna (Home), 3.30pm – 5pm

Wednesday, 21st February

U15 Girls Cricket tournament, 12.30pm – 3.30pm

Y11 Girls Football v John Masefield (Away), 3pm – 5.30pm

Y7 Girls Football 7 a-side v Five Acres (Home), 3.30pm – 5pm

Y8 Netball v Five Acres (Home), 3.30pm – 5pm

Thursday, 22nd February

Primary Netball competition, 1pm – 5pm

U14 7 a-side Football v Five Acres, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

National Schools Equestrian Association

The NSEA is the recognised body for equestrianism in schools throughout the UK, providing inter-schools competitions for team and individual riders at state and independent schools as well as colleges of further education. Whether you are just starting out on your competition journey in equestrian sport, want to compete for fun in teams / individually, or you are aiming to be standing on the Olympic podium in a few years' time, with a medal around your neck, the NSEA has something for you. If anyone is interested, please see Mr McCarthy or email him – imccarthy@newent.gloucs.sch.uk
For more information, please see their website - [NSEA - Industry experts & providers of inter-school equestrian competitions](#)





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Year 8 trip to Big Pit

A second outing this (school) year for another 45 hardy Year 8 students on Tuesday. The traffic was challenging, as was the weather, but a great educational experience was enjoyed by all. May I thank the students for their excellent attitude and behaviour throughout the day, as well as the staff members who participated too - Mr Walsh, Mrs Evans and Mr Brown. Always a great day out and the current Year 7s will get their chance to go later in the next autumn term.



Casting Calls

Robert Sterne casting are looking for young male actors aged 16 – 20yrs (with a playing age of 16-17yrs) to portray characters expelled from schools throughout the UK and now living away from home in an unconventional residential school in the South West of England. The 10 boys we are looking for are all terrific troubled characters with a lot of life in them and the school is helping them work through family, emotional and behavioural problems resulting from difficult early years.

These are excellent roles for exciting new talent, this is truly a wonderful opportunity. They do not require any of the young men to have had any previous acting experience, just a willingness to give it a try!

The boys MUST have already completed their GCSE's to apply.

For more info, click [here](#).



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Composition Workshop

This week we welcomed Dave from the Carducci Music Trust. Dave is a freelance performer, composer and arranger. We were lucky to be offered the chance for him to come in and work with our GCSE Music students by Gloucestershire Music Hub.

We have just covered film music in our lessons, so having a musician like Dave come in and talk about some of the composition styles of film composers, but also what it is like to work with them as a musician, was so engaging for the students. He was exceptionally creative with how students could find inspiration for compositions and encouraged them to take part in some live composition/music making.

For more info on the Carducci Young Composers competition - please see the [flyer](#)



4Thought

This term we have been trialling a new way to get student voice – it is called 4Thought. Each week during tutorial, students are given a QR code to scan and send feedback to us via 4 key questions for that week. The feedback is then collated and passed to relevant staff, SLT, Trustees and the students themselves! This term, student feedback has already been featured in a number of assemblies. [Attached](#) are the QR codes and a summary of some of the feedback. After half term, we will start our new student-led feedback sessions in-person so please encourage your child to take part if they are selected to come and give their views and thoughts. Thank you to all students who are taking part and helping us to understand their experiences within our school community.



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Library Garden Event

The Library

Community Garden Event

Have your say at the community meet up!

Newent Library

Saturday 23rd March | 11:00 - 13:00

Transform Newent Library Garden with us!

We would like to hear from YOU, the local community on what you would like to see in the garden and how the space should be used.

Join us for an informal get together. We will have a nature activity for children and refreshments available for all.

FREE event, open to everyone.

Booking required. Visit Newent Library or contact us on 01531 820447 or by email (newentlibrary@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Gloucestershire Arts Council England Heritage Fund The Wildlife Trust




Children's Mental Health Week

We took part in **Children's Mental Health Week** this week, encouraging our students to feel heard and empowered to use their voice. We asked students to consider and write down their thoughts during tutor time and discussed different tools to help them manage their mental wellbeing. For Top Tips for families in supporting your children's mental health please see [here](#) For more information about the week, please visit [Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 10 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday, 22nd February, 4.30pm – 7pm. The booking system is now open. Please visit [SchoolCloud - Newent Community School](#) to book your appointments.

You will be able to login to the Parents' Evening Booking System using your child's First Name, Surname and Date of Birth.

Appointments can be made from 7.00pm Thursday 8th February 2024 up to 7.00pm on Wednesday, 21st February 2024.

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The Children's Society

After half-term, we will be working with The Children's Society to support them with some research related to Cognitive Testing. There are some information sheets for [parents](#) and [students](#) attached. We will be selecting 10 students to complete 15-minute interviews. If you **do not** wish for your child to take part, please contact us before **Friday 16th February**.

The Children's Society run an annual survey of young people. The aim of cognitive testing is to explore young people's understanding of the draft survey questions while they are still in development so that they can be refined based on their feedback. The team won't be asking the pupils to answer the survey questions themselves, and pupils won't need to answer anything they do not wish to. Pupils' feedback on the survey questions will be kept confidential and will be used anonymously. Sessions are not recorded and no data will include the pupil's name or any identifying details (just the year group).

Bake-Off

We had an excellent set of Bake-Off submissions today! Congratulations to winners Amelia and Frankie. I love the creativity, hard work and HEART that goes into all submissions. Our theme this term was 'Winter'.

