



# NEWENT NEWS

## Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

This week has been jam-packed, starting with a visit from the Head from Hanley Castle High School, National Careers Week, sporting fixtures, extra-curricular clubs, Year 9 Options meetings, Year 7 parents' evening, World Book Day, and finally House Swimming Gala, Year 10 SEND parents coffee morning and International Women's Day, to end the week today!

It has meant Newent News was getting quite long and some of the articles will appear in next week's edition.

Year 11 start their PPE (Pre-public Exams) on Monday to give them guidance on where to focus as we head into the final few weeks before the exams start. Attendance to revision and intervention has been brilliant so please keep going – we are nearly there.

Huge thanks for your flexibility with us moving some events online due to the roadworks and for your support as we head towards Easter.

Just a reminder that pupils will finish at 1.30pm on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. There is an inset day on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. Students will return on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you again for all your support

Mrs D Burke

## Clubs and Activities

### Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March

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

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

### Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March

\* Duke of Edinburgh drop in, Library, 10.45am – 1pm

\* Homework Hub, Rm 100, 1pm – 1.30pm

\* Creative Writing Club, 1pm – 1.30pm, G10

\* Graphics Club, 1pm – 1.30pm, Rm 106

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

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

### Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March

\* Y9 Forensic Science Event, Library, 9am – 3.30pm

\* Duke of Edinburgh 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, 14<sup>th</sup> March

\* National Careers Week, Library, 9am – 3.30pm

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

\* Y9 Parents' Evening (online)

### Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March

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

\* Popular Music Club 1pm – 1.30pm  
G10

\* Y11 Drama GCSE Revision  
3.30pm – 5pm



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## Sporting Fixtures

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March

Y7 boys Football fixture v Severn Vale (Home), 3pm – 5.30pm

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March

Primary 'Give it a go day', 8am – 4pm

Y7 boys Football fixture v John Kyrle (Away), 2 x 7 a-side teams, 3pm – 5.30pm

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March

Y7 & Y8 Girls Football v Kings (Home), 3pm – 4pm

## Ramadan

Muslims around the globe will begin observing the holy month of Ramadan, a period of deep spiritual reflection and fasting that takes place every year. The festival begins with the sighting of the crescent moon. This year, Ramadan is expected to begin on 10<sup>th</sup> March. The month of Ramadan will see Muslims fasting and praying, before breaking their fast at sunset alongside friends and family. We wish all of our Muslim community, Ramadan Mubarak.

## Alfie Revises Physics

Alfie Dyer in Year 11 has taken the initiative when it comes to revision. Why use ordinary You Tube channels when you can invent your own?! We are proud to introduce '[Alfie Revises physics](#)' which you can access for free on You Tube. Alfie has so far produced short revision videos on Newton's First, Second and Third Law and the difference between mass and weight. He says that talking out loud and trying to explain the concepts really helps him to consolidate his own learning in preparation for his GCSE's. And his work is benefitting his subscribers too! Alfie is working on Physics for now, but expect Biology and Chemistry videos to follow. Congratulations Alfie on demonstrating our school values of Excellence, and good luck with your revision.



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## Newent Panthers Netball

Newent Panthers are a new Junior Netball club based in Newent, Gloucestershire run by volunteers. They provide the opportunity for local children ages 8 to 16 to play the sport and get active. They are run by volunteers and do their best to keep fees low for players to help in the cost of living crisis and to encourage players from all backgrounds, however, this leaves very little left over after match fees and court costs are paid. The club is rapidly expanding and they have limited facilities in the area to meet the demand. They would like to be able to provide the best opportunities for players and the local community and to be able to take on more children. They have set up a Crowdfunding page and any support would be gratefully received. Please click [here](#) to donate.



## A Skatepark for Newent

This Public Consultation Exercise provides the community of Newent with the opportunity to participate in this long-awaited proposal for A Skatepark in Newent. Young people have longed for such a facility, and after several years, the opportunity now exists to construct a skatepark within the area identified as The Meek Road Recreation Facility, currently in the ownership of the Forest of Dean District Council. This area was originally identified as being suitable for a skatepark together with other youth and community facilities. The following shows an indicative layout of the skatepark and invites responses on aspects of its design and layout to the developers, Maverick Industries Limited via the link: [Newent Skatepark Survey \(maverickskateparks.co.uk\)](https://maverickskateparks.co.uk). The design can be found [here](#).



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## Red Nose Day

We are aiming to 'ride' 4 static bikes (courtesy of Freedom Leisure) approximately 1000 miles – the distance between Land's End and John O Groats, in under 24 hours.

We would like everyone to join in with this, including members of the Newent community, students, parents, staff and also those from the wider community.

We have arranged these bikes into 15-minute slots – small enough for everyone to join in. The idea being that slots are booked at £3/slot. We would like families, work teams, community groups or others to ride together, to help build the community feel we aim for. There will be slots for individuals of course, so don't hesitate to sign up.

If we fill all the slots we will raise over £1000 for a brilliant charity but more importantly build links within our community.

If you can't afford to fund yourself, please feel free to get sponsorship from friends or family. You can book more than one slot per person

**NCS1000**  
1000 MILES FOR £1000

SCAN ME TO BOOK!

DONATE HERE!

**JOIN US ON THE 14TH & 15TH MARCH FOR TWO DAYS OF STATIC CYCLING & REFRESHMENTS.**  
15 MINUTE CYCLE RECOMMENDED DONATION **£3**

In aid of Red Nose Day, an initiative of Comic Relief, operating name of Charity Projects, registered charity in England & Wales (1210588) and Scotland (SC039732). Poster created by Hayden Stevens.



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## Newent Community School Cyber Footprint 2023/24



Our ICT department has been working hard over the last year, from being recognised as a CyberFirst Gold School, improving gender balance in computer science, History trips to Bletchley Park planned later in the year and taking part in GCHQ's Christmas Crypto Quiz. Please click [here](#) to see more of the incredible work they have been involved with.

## South Western Ambulance Service Trust - Guidance for Schools

The South Western Ambulance Service (SWAST) has developed guidance to support schools when calling 999. The guidance provides some tips and advice regarding making the call, what callers might be asked and describes the triage processes used by the call takers within SWAST. The guidance was initially developed following a child death and was circulated to all schools within the SWAST area and shared Nationally with other ambulance services as best practice. This is a guidance for schools, however we felt it a really useful document to share with our community. Please click [here](#)

## Spotlight on Sixth

On Wednesday this week our Year 12 students attended a road safety workshop delivered by Gloucester Fire and Rescue Service. The workshop was titled 'Passenger' called 'Passenger' and focussed on empowering young people to speak up when they feel unsafe as a passenger. They also discussed Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's), local road casualty data, peer pressure, the brain and its part in decision making, strategies to keep young people safe from road related harm and the fatal four driving behaviours. Our Sixth Form students engaged well in the session and took on board the importance of being safe on the roads.



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## Year 11 Hoodies

We have pleasure in being able to offer Hoodies this year to all Year 11 students. The image '24 Leavers' will be printed on the back displaying all students' names inside the design.

These will be supplied by Total Clothing, part of Monkhouse a national supplier who also supply school uniform.

There is a choice of 6 different colours and the price will be £25.50, plus an optional nickname added at a cost of £2.95.

The hoodies will have the school logo printed on the front and all the names of all Year 11 students printed on the reverse, within an image of '24 Leavers'. There is the additional option of a suitable 'nickname' which will be printed above the image on the reverse.

If you would like to place an order, orders can be placed via the website at [Year 11 Leavers Hoodies | TotalClothingShop.co.uk](https://www.TotalClothingShop.co.uk) with payment being made directly to the supplier. **The deadline for orders and payment will be Friday 22nd March, there will be no further opportunity to order if this deadline is missed.**

The hoodies will be delivered directly to school and will be distributed prior to study leave.

## Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

This programme, called the Holiday Activities and Programme (HAF), is funded by **the Department for Education**.

The HAF programme's purpose is to make sure children and young people are entertained, active, educated, safe and fed during school holidays.

For more information, please see their website - [Holiday activities and food programme \(HAF\) | Gloucestershire County Council](https://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/)





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## International Women's Day – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March

Today is International Women's Day, a fabulous opportunity to promote gender equality within school and our local community. The theme for this year is '**inspire inclusion**'. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. There is a sense of belonging, relevance and empowerment.

Here's to the incredible women past and present at Newent Community School, who continue to break barriers, inspire change, and shape the world around them. Happy International Women's Day!



Vicky Holland  
British Triathlete



Nicola Gee  
Co-Vice Chair Trustee



Ms Karen Holford  
Engineer, Professor of Mechanical  
Engineering & Vice-Chancellor of  
Cranfield Uni



Ms Claire Gill  
High Court Litigator



Ms Abbi Lewis  
SAFE Officer



Ms Catherine Dufour  
Head of House