

### Message from our Principal





Dear Newent School Community,

We have been supporting Comic Relief over the last 48 hours wearing red accents to our uniform and a 24-hour bike ride – huge thanks for everyone's support. If you are able to help us raise some money please do scan the QR code in the poster.

After an eventful Science Week, we can reveal that the evidence led to Mr Britten being accused this morning. Huge thanks to the Science team, especially Dr Johns who worked with Ms Jones to get all the crime scene and plot established.

There is plenty of things to catch up from last week too in the following pages along with reminders for our last week next week.

Please remember we will finish at 13.30 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Student are back in school ready for registration at 8.40 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you again for all your support

Mrs D Burke

## Monday, 18th March

Y11 Mock Exams

- \* Cross Stitch Club, Rm 110, 12.45pm 1.30pm
- \* Online Chess Club, Rm 106, 1pm 1.30pm

#### Tuesday, 19th March

- \* Y11 Mock Exams
- \* 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, 20th March

- \* Y11 Mock Exams
- \* 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, 21st March

- \* Y11 Mock Exams
- \* Science Club, 1pm 1.30pm, Lab 101

#### Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March

- \* 6<sup>th</sup> Form & Y10 Crown Court Trip, 9am – 1.30pm
- \* Students depart 1.30pm



### **Sporting Fixtures**

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March Y7 & Y8 Netball v John Masefield (Away), 2.30pm – 5pm Y7 Rugby v Crypt (Home), 3.30pm – 5pm Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March Y7 & Y8 Netball v Dene Magna (Home), 3.30pm – 5pm

### **Chill Out – Open Day**

OPEN DAY

@ CHILL OUT

(36 BROAD STREET NEWENT GL18 1AJ)

SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 11AM - 4PM

COME & ENJOY A TEA/COFFEE & CAKE

POOL TABLE

BEAN TO CUP COFFEE MACHINE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH NEWENT SPRING FAYRE



#### **National Careers Week**

Last week we hosted an event at school for National Careers Week. Miss Jones (Careers Lead) had the task to invite a variety of local businesses, Colleges and Universities into the school to give the students from Years 7 to 13 the opportunity to be inspired for life after school i.e apprenticeships and WEX.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Hartpury College, Oxford Brookes, Swansea University, The Kitchen Broker, Coventry University, Glos College, Army, Police, Cheltenham Animal Shelter, Your Open Ticket, GFirst LEP, Forest Sports and Prostars, the DofE team, SPP Pumps, Ontic, Somerville College, HUB8 Cyber Intelligence, Safran and Unilever.

They all came prepared with a challenge that related to their industry which allowed our students to get a real taste of what they do.

There were also a few competitions, Unilever set up 'guess the amount of lollipop sticks that are in the jar'. Miss Newcombe and Miss Jones came up with 'Guess the Career'. Mr McCarthy came up with a quiz about our visitors to try to persuade the students to interact. The prizes to be won were two Walls Ice-cream books, a drinks bottle and six Easter eggs. This went down very well on Friday when Miss Jones took the winners their prizes during class.

It really was a great week and our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Looking forward to doing it all over again next year.





#### **Forensic Science Event**

On Wednesday, 13th March the Year 9 students took part in a Forensic Science event at school for British Science Week. Miss Jones and Dr Johns invited the Gloucestershire College Digital Forensic team who provided the FTK Software.

A crime scene was created for students to walk through (with Mr Shirley acting as the victim) and the CSI team (Sixth Form students and teachers) were preserving the evidence. Alongside Mr Shirley were a list of suspects which would give the students something to consider. The students then worked in groups in separate locations to carry out further investigations to determine which suspect should be convicted.

The locations covered - Fingerprints, Hair and Fibre Analysis, Footwear Mark Examination, FTK Software and Code Breaker.

Today we held an assembly for the Year 9's to conclude that Mr Britten was guilty of poisoning Mr Shirley and therefore was arrested by Mr Phillips for his crime. The winning team won Easter eggs for all their hard work.

Thank you to everyone in the Science department, Digital team and the University of Wales for providing the Code Breaker. We really couldn't have done it without you all.

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#### **Comic Relief**

Thursday and Friday saw our 1000-mile cycle challenge in aid of Comic Relief take place. Thank you to everyone who came along and took part. Bryan Knight & Robert Hamilton from Newent cycling group started us off. Bryan normally cycles 100 miles a week and cycled 6 miles to get here, 6 miles home and then cycled off to Gloucester! The challenge finishes later this evening, so if you would like to come along and take part, or simply donate, please click on the QR code on the poster below. We are so grateful to everyone for their support.





### Give it a go day

A small group of Newent School students were invited to take part in the 'Give It A Go Day', kindly organised by the Forest Schools. There were lots of activities arranged and the students had the most amazing day exploring them all.

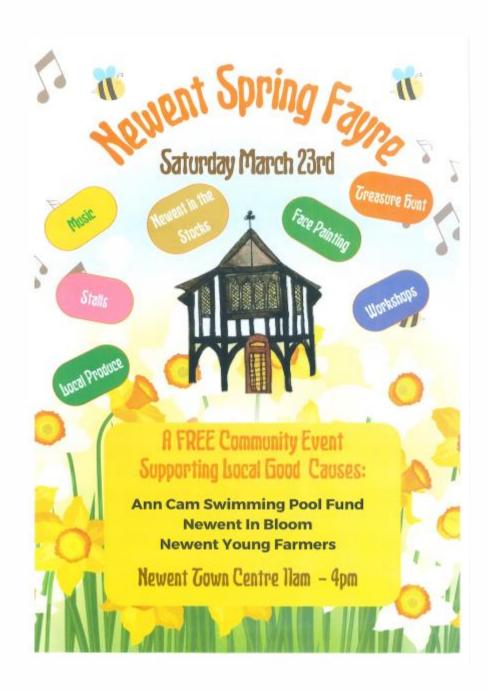
Students tried out their skills at:
Power chair Football
SEN Golf
New Age Kurling
Boccia
SEN Cricket
Table Cricket
Reaction Board
New Age Bowls
Swimming
Tennis
SEN Cycling
Football on the astro

Our thanks go to Alan Beard for organising the event and to Newent School & Hartpury College for their outstanding student coaches/volunteers.





### **Newent Spring Fayre**



## **Spotlight on Sixth**



### Tilly, Year 13

How long have you been at Newent?

I have been at Newent since I started Year 7 in 2017. I chose to stay on at Sixth Form because of the friendly staff and familiar faces around school

Describe what Newent Sixth Form means to you?

- -Supportive During my time at Sixth Form I have always felt comfortable approaching all of my teachers with any questions I may have about the course at any time.
- -Flexible Our timetables are constructed in a way that allow us to choose our own free periods from the allocated study periods between lessons. This flexibility gives a greater sense of independence that is valued amongst students.
- -Tight-knit The small class sizes make learning more tailored to us as individuals, as well as allowing friendships to form amongst all the students in a class.

What have you been involved with during your time at Newent? Whilst at Newent I have been a prefect and house captain, and now I am on the Sixth Form student leadership team. I enjoy having these roles in the school as there is a lot of opportunity to provide a voice to all the students and raise issues that are important to them.

What are your plans for the future? What made you pursue this path? In the future, I endeavour to be a primary school teacher and I plan to start this journey by studying primary education at university next year. My own experience throughout school has motivated me to pursue this career, as I want to provide an education as inspiring as I was provided by my teachers.