



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

Thank you so much for all the support over this short term with uniform, events and visits. It has been a busy, compressed term which ended with a visit from His Majesty's Inspectors. The inspection was a short, ungraded inspection which would have been moved to a full inspection had they had concerns. They did not and therefore we keep our 'Good School' grade or rating. There are areas to develop as always and we have never claimed to be perfect, but these are recognised and being worked on. OFSTED is always going to visit to take a snapshot of the school at a particular time, but they never see the entirety of what we do as a community.

However, the inspector commented she saw a warmth here in relationships and felt the school was part of a community with clear values. Since introducing the H.E.A.R.T. values, we have been building on the incredible foundations that this school sits on and as we move forward, they will continue to form the core of what we do.

Alongside this visit, we had the Newent Orchestra come in on Wednesday for a live rehearsal and the last netball match of the season, all of which you can read about below.

There are still a couple of Year 9 option forms to come in. Please do get these in as we start to plan staffing and timetable for next year.

Have a lovely Easter break, and we will see students on Tuesday, 9th April.

Thank you again for all your support

Mrs D Burke

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 8th April

* Inset Day

Tuesday, 9th April

* Y9 Immunisations, Gym

* 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, 10th April

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

* Y11 GCSE PE Practical Moderation, all day

* 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, 11th April

* Science Club, 1pm – 1.30pm, Lab 101

Friday, 12th April

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

* Popular Music Club, G10, 1pm – 1.30pm



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Last netball match of the season

Year 7 were 5 - 2 goals down in the second quarter then pulled back the win 8-7.

Izzy Baker was selected as players player.

Year 7 have incredibly won all their matches this season!!

Year 8 lost 17-4 but demonstrated fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship.

Phoebe Golledge was selected as players player.

Well done Phoebe!

Onto the summer fixtures!



Sporting Results

Year 7 boys rugby beat Crypt A team 6 tries to 4. They have also gone undefeated this season! The future looks very bright.

U15 boys basketball beat Severn Vale 32-12.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

This week we have been celebrating our differences, with Neurodiversity Celebration Week. This week has challenged stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences, offering greater insight into different ways of thinking. As an inclusive and equitable community here at Newent, we celebrate differences and empowers every individual. We are also excited to host a student Neurodiversity forum after the Easter break, giving a voice to our ADHD and ASC students to share their unique perspective on the world.

For more information visit www.neurodiversityweek.com



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Choir – Bake off

As you will hopefully already be aware, the Year 7&8 Choir hold a termly Bake-Off. Each term we agree a new theme for the bakes and then they bring their marvellous creations to be judged. This term, our theme was 'Spring/Easter' and we had one of the best rounds ever! Students are judged on both visual presentation and taste, and prizes are awarded to the winners of each category. This term, Lara W, Amelia C and Aurora Z were victorious. As you can see from the pictures, the students really showcase our HEART values in the time and dedication they put into their submissions. I am extremely proud of them all.



Newent Orchestra

We were thrilled to welcome Newent Orchestra back to the Main Hall this week for another Open Rehearsal! The students were very fortunate to hear some fantastic pieces being played between 12:30 and 2pm. Thank you to all of the Orchestra, and conductor Toby Lazenbury, for so generously donating their time to attend and give our young people an invaluable experience.





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Holiday Activities and Food Programme

1. WHAT IS HAF?

HAF is an activity programme that allows children and young people from reception to year 11 and eligible for free school meals to have access to activities and hot meals during school holidays.

(For children and young people who are eligible for benefits related free school meals.)

2. How Schools Play a Part

Schools will be able to sign families up who receive free school meals, then inform the Community Connector and we will do the rest.

<https://gloucestershirecounty.co/ordinate.cloud/account/register>

3. Community Connectors

Our Community Connectors are Sarah and Mel.

We offer additional elements of support and guidance around transport, signposting and referring to other agencies and community support.

BarnardosHAF@barnardos.org.uk

Telephone: 01594 806876.

HAF INFORMATION

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

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Barnardo's



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Congratulations

Congratulation to all students who were awarded with Easter eggs in the House end of term celebration assemblies. They deserve to feel immensely proud of their 100% attendance and the fact that they have demonstrated our value of resilience during these winter months.

National data shows that at KS4, students not achieving grade 9 to 4 in English and Maths had an overall absence rate of 8.8% (91.2% attendance).

This compares to an absence rate of 5.2% (94.8% attendance) for those achieving a grade 4 or above in both English and maths. The overall absence rate of pupils not achieving grade 9 to 4 was over twice as high as those achieving grade 9 to 5.



Supporting your children to be in school really is the single most important thing you can do to provide them with the very best start in their adult lives. Please contact your child's tutor or Head of House if you would like to discuss anything we can do to help support you to enable your child to secure the very best attendance over the coming term.

Cricket Taster

Cricket taster afternoon

A fun afternoon of cricket at
Three Ashes Cricket Club in Newent.

Thursday 4th April 2024
2-3:30



We will be running U11, U13 and U15
teams this year. Why not come along
and give cricket a go!!



Please contact
07803 052495 to book
a free place.



Spotlight on Sixth

Taran Desai - Year 13

How long have you been at Newent?

I have been a student at Newent since 2017. I chose to stay on at Sixth Form as I thought that staying in a familiar setting would allow me to hit the ground running in my A level classes.

Describe what Newent Sixth Form means to you?

Passionate – Teachers are passionate about their subjects and drive us to be successful in them. This allows us as students to strengthen our knowledge in these subject areas.

Engaging – The Sixth Form team allows us students to explore aspirations for the future, this in return allows students to engage more with the subjects we choose to peruse.

Hands-on – The hands-on classroom approach by teachers lets students be active participants in our learning which helps us stay engaged and focused with our A levels.

What have you been involved with during your time at Newent?

During my time at Newent, I have been a prefect and House captain for Collingwood house. As house captain, I had to be a role model for the lower school students by demonstrating the HEART values of the school. This has taught me how to become a strong leader which will benefit me in my future career path.

What are your plans for the future? What made you pursue this path?

In the future, I want to become a commercial pilot; I am completing my private pilot's license during Sixth Form to allow me to commence my commercial pilot training in October. Ever since I was young, I have always had a passion for aviation which has driven me to work hard for my dreams. What flying has taught me so far is that there are challenges, and obstacles that do arise but pushing forward for that end goal makes it worth it.

