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Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

Firstly, may I say Eid Mubarak, to those of you celebrating the end of Ramadan. I hope you enjoyed celebrating with your families and communities.

At the end of our first week back it is hard to reflect and remember it is only week 1! We have crammed so much in. We started the week as a staff on Monday with a diverse day of learning, involving the development of leadership around our values, Teaching and Learning, the development of our Emergency Response Protocol and sometime planning in curriculum teams. It was a busy but important time before the students joined us.

Next week we begin the public exams so please can I ask you to reiterate the need for our young people to follow any signage as our older students embark on their 'home straight' into the exams.



Thank you for your time reading these updates.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs D Burke

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 15th April

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

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

Tuesday, 16th April

* Y9 & Y12 History trip to Bletchley Park, 7.30am – 5pm

* Y11 Author visit, H5, 9am – 12pm

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

* Homework Hub, Rm 100, 1pm – 1.30pm

* Gardening Club, Polytunnel, 1pm – 1.30pm

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

* Graphics Club, 1pm – 1.30pm, Rm 106

Wednesday, 17th April

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

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

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

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

Thursday, 18th April

* GCSE Drama practical exam, 8am – 4.30pm

* Science Club, 1pm – 1.30pm, Lab 101

Friday, 19th April

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

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



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Sporting Fixtures

Thursday, 18th April

Primary Quest Football, 3.30pm – 5pm, Astro

U13 Indoor County Finals Cricket, 8.30am – 3.30pm

Uniform Expectations

As we start a new term, we would like to remind you about our uniform and equipment expectations in order to support a positive start. Students should have a bag, pencil case, and reading book with them every day. The pencil case must have a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator - but students are welcome to bring a wider supply of stationery alongside this if they would like to.

For information on our uniform expectations, please visit our dedicated page on the website: [Uniform | Newent Community School](#)

While piercings, lashes and nails are popular, we also remind you that these are not permitted. This is clearly stated in our uniform policy.

Our uniform is one of the primary ways that we showcase ourselves as a community and we value your support in meeting our expectations. Getting this right at the start of term gives us a great platform to move forward positively from. We thank you for your support with this.

For any Preloved items, please see our school shop [here](#).



Sickness updates

Please could we ask all parents/carers to contact the school each day your child is off sick. You can call reception on 01531 820550, or you can email

attendance@newent.gloucs.sch.uk

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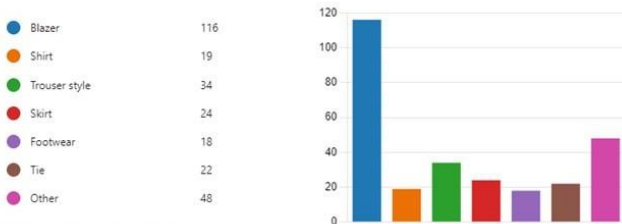
Student Voice: 4Thought

Since January, we have been trialling a new way of accessing Student Voice. The project is called 4Thought and is delivered to students during tutorial time each week. Students are asked to feedback on 4 questions each week. The questions relate to all sorts of themes linked to their school lives. We have had excellent engagement from students in this project. Please do speak to your young people about their experiences and encourage them to keep letting us know their thoughts.

Alongside the 4Thought initiative, we also run termly in-person feedback sessions through the Sixth Form Student Leadership team. We are always happy to accept attendees. Students can express their interest via Miss. Harvey.

2. If you could change one thing about our uniform, which would it be?

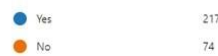
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4. Do you feel safe in school

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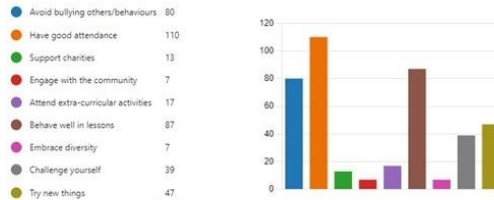
3. Which of the following help you to attend school every day? (0 point)

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3. Which things do you feel **regularly** encouraged to do by adults in school (select as many as you need): (0 point)

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4. Which of the following prevent you from attending school every day? (0 point)

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4. Do you always have correct uniform? (0 point)

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Crown Court Visit

On the last day before Easter, a group of Year 10 and Year 12 students visited Gloucester Crown Court. The aim was to introduce the students to the workings of the criminal justice system. The Year 12 students are studying Psychology and Sociology and look at Crime and Deviance as part of their course, so it was an interesting morning. In court 1 there was a sentencing for a death by dangerous driving case, that although we were unable to observe, the judge talked the students through the sentencing process and how they arrive at their decision. We did, however, see the sentencing of two domestic violence cases. All the cases we saw resulted in lots of in-depth discussion on our return journey and has inspired some of our students to look further into the law as a future career path.

Promoting Punctuality

Thank you to all our parents and carers who ensure that their children arrive in school for a prompt start of the day at 8.40am in tutorial. As currently highlighted in the national press, excellent attendance, being in every lesson every day, is the single best way for our young people to make excellent progress and be in the best position for their lives after school.

In order to promote our value of 'Excellence' in terms of punctuality please be reminded that repeated lateness to tutorial will result in an after-school detention being issued in line with our Attendance Policy that can be located here:

<https://newent.gloucs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Attendance-Policy-Sept-2023-2.pdf>

Our tutorial and assembly programmes are carefully crafted to ensure that our students are provided with the skills and knowledge that they will require to become active and well citizens, this is an essential part of the wider school curriculum. We ask that parents and carers continue to promote and refer to the home school agreement that was signed when their child started at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre as this enables us to work together to secure the very best outcomes for all of our young people.

The home school agreement can be located [here](#).

If there is any reason that your child is not able to make it to school on time please contact their tutor in the first instance.



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Wellbeing, Personal Safety and Managing Relationships

Following on from the success of our Personal Safety and Wellbeing event last term, we are continuing our work on supporting positive wellbeing and relationships. Please see the list, below, of our suggestions to support good communication habits. Also included is a reminder of our Active Bystander work, in collaboration with The Hollie Gazzard Trust, and a list of support that can be accessed. This information will be shared widely with our community over the coming term.

GETTING INTO GOOD HABITS

- **RECOGNISE THAT SOME ISSUES BETWEEN FRIENDS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU - DON'T GET INVOLVED!**
- **TAKE TIME TO THINK BEFORE YOU ACT/REPLY**
- **AVOID 'DRAMA' - DON'T ENCOURAGE IT**
- **DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS/GROUP CHATS WITHOUT CHECKING IF YOU KNOW THE PERSON/PEOPLE**
- **BLOCK ANY ONLINE COMMUNICATION THAT IS NEGATIVE**
- **COMMUNICATE HOW YOU REALLY FEEL IN A RESPECTFUL MANNER**
- **UNDERSTAND OTHERS WILL GET THINGS WRONG**
- **ONLY SAY THINGS ONLINE THAT YOU WOULD SAY IN PERSON**

ACTIVE BYSTANDER

BEING AN ACTIVE BYSTANDER MEANS BEING AWARE OF WHEN SOMEONE'S BEHAVIOUR IS INAPPROPRIATE OR BULLYING AND CHOOSING TO CHALLENGE IT. IF YOU DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE DOING THIS DIRECTLY, THEN GET SOMEONE TO HELP YOU SUCH AS A FRIEND OR SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY.

SUPPORT

IN SCHOOL: SAFE TEAM, HEAD OF HOUSE, TUTOR, ANY ADULT

- **CHILDLINE: PHONE AND ONLINE, 24 HOURS A DAY. CALL 0800 1111.**
- **EACH: EACH HAS A FREEPHONE HELPLINE FOR CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMOPHOBIC, BIPHOBIC OR TRANSPHOBIC BULLYING OR HARASSMENT: 0808 1000 143 MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10AM-5PM.**
- **YOUNG MINDS MATTER: TEXT CHAT 07480 635723**