



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

We have started to see some of our students in Year 11 and 13 rise to the challenge of the early exams. To help, we have shared on our 'X' feed some resources to support our students as we understandably see some have increased levels of anxiety at this time. Please do be in touch if you need support, or you find a resource that we can share with the wider community.

The Hollie Gazzard Trust have been in this week to work for the first time with our Year 7, who started their 'Active Bystander' training. Please keep an eye out later in the year as we run some more community and parent events with the trust so you can learn more about the sessions, if you missed the information evening at the start of the year.



Year 8 Scientists also started their Bronze Crest Award projects this week (more info below), alongside cricket, football and rounders fixtures which have led to finals places that are taking place today! We will update as soon as we are able.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs D Burke

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 29th April

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

Tuesday, 30th April

- * Y10 Hollie Gazzard Active Bystander training, P1 – P4
- * Duke of Edinburgh drop in, Library, 10.45am – 1pm
- * Newent Orchestra rehearsal, Main Hall, 12.30pm – 2pm
- * 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
- * Ukulele Club, H21, 1pm – 1.25pm

Wednesday, 1st May

- * Y7 Goodrich Castle trip, 9am – 1pm
- * Y10 Hollie Gazzard Active Bystander Training, P1 – P4
- * 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, 2nd May

- * Y7 Goodrich Castle trip, 9am – 1pm
- * Science Club, 1pm – 1.30pm, Lab 101

Friday, 3rd May

- * Popular Music Club, G10
1pm – 1.30pm
- * Y7 & Y8 Choir, H20
12.45pm – 1.30pm



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Sporting Fixtures

Monday, 29th April

U15 Boys County Cup Cricket match v Wycliffe (Away), 1pm – 6pm

Tuesday, 30th April

Y7 & Y8 Rounders v John Masefield (Home), 3.30pm – 5pm

Wednesday, 1st May

U14 Boys County Cup Cricket v Leckhampton (Newent Cricket Club), 2pm – 5.30pm

Thursday, 2nd May

U13 Boys Indoor Cricket Finals, all day

Ukulele Club

Ukulele Club

Who? Any Year

When: Every Tuesday Lunchtime! First session 30th April.

Time: Lunchtime: 1-1.25

Location: H21

Q and A:

Do I need my own ukulele? No! The school has ukuleles you can use.

I've never played before can I come? Yes! Everyone is welcome, come and give the ukulele a go!

Can I bring my lunch? Yes, if you have a sandwich/ packed lunch.





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Crest Club



Photo left to right

Jessica, Florrie, Flea, Edison, Amber, Mr Boundy, Bess, Willow, Holly, Ms Warburton

Over the past few weeks, a group of very talented Year 8 Scientists have been attending Crest Club, to work towards their Bronze Award. Their project work has centred around Global Sanitisation, to include microbiology, handwashing and hand drying.

These students have set out to solve the problem of spreading disease and how best to limit the spread of microbes on the hands. A number of different hand washes have been tested to see which inhibited the spread of E. coli.

Furthermore, hand drying methods were explored such as hand towels, hand driers and just 'wafting' your hands in the air! This was to see whether we actually put more microbes onto our hands when drying them!

In addition, surface cleaners were looked at, in terms of which was better at cleaning a worktop.

While the results of their experiments aren't in yet, the next stage is to evaluate our findings and relate them to the real world. However, it is clear to see that these young Scientists have a promising future. It has certainly been a pleasure to work with them!



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Western Counties Champion

Lucas Clark-Savage Y9 boxed in the Western Counties Final in Dorset last Saturday and won the championship!

He had to fight an unbeaten fighter last week in the semi-finals and then boxed a more experienced boxer and won. He has had 3 fights in 3 weeks and won them all.

He will now fight as the Western Counties champion in the England Finals over the next few weeks.

Well done Lucas!



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Bug, Bee and Birdhouse Club

A group of keen DT students in year 8 have been helping Eco- Committee with the aim of increasing the biodiversity in the school grounds. So far this year the club has created some bug houses which we hope to position in the school grounds to support our insect friends.



Litter Pick

7Kg of litter was collected by KS3 Students as part of a litter pick organised by Eco-Committee together with Emma Nice and Natalie Morgan from Forest of Dean District Council who provided all the equipment needed. Before the students got to work, Natalie gave a talk on the problems and consequences of litter in the environment to Year 7 students and the 22 litter pickers. Some of Year 7 showed they are clearly aware of the impacts by answering the questions posed to them.

Grace Trigg-Hogarth a year 12 leader of Eco-Committee who also joined the litter pick said, 'It's really great to see something happening.' The 7Kg of litter was weighed down by two water bottles and a broken-up thermos but it was still an impressive haul that the student standing on the scales could only just hold onto by himself.





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Spelling Bee

Dear parents,

This Wednesday, we held the postponed Spring Spelling Bee term final and what an amazing final it was!

The tutor groups who made it through to the final were C5, C6, C8, M4, M5, M6, N3, N5 and N8. They all stepped into the spelling arena, ready for word-battle. After 17 spellings from the second list of Tier 2 words, C8, M4, M5, N3, N5 and N8 had found themselves lexical casualties of our spelling war, leaving C5, C6 and M6 heavily bedded in their spelling trenches. In a twisted turn of fate, M6 became the overall Spelling Bee winners as C5 and C6 were fatally wounded on the 18th spelling. The pressure of lexical mortars began to intensify until on the 58th word, and after *much* debate about how 'allegiance' should be spelt, C6 were too badly wounded to continue, securing 3rd place.

I hope you will all join me to congratulating the efforts of all our participants, regardless of where they found themselves in the competition; to repeatedly spell, in front of an audience, and in some cases for over an hour, is no mean feat.

I certainly am looking forward to our spring round of Spelling Bee competitions now!





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Read for Good, Readathon

In addition to the fantastic Spelling Bee news, I would like to draw your attention to a mammoth reading challenge we have now set for our Y7 and Y8 students. Starting Monday 29th April, both year groups have been invited to read as often as possible for the following 4 weeks and track the time they spend reading; our aim is to reach a collective target of 40,000 minutes. They do not need to simply read books to help reach the target: comics, newspapers, magazines, recipes, instructions and audio books all aid reading and so all count! If your child is reading at any point, please remind them to note the time spent on the activity and log it in their tracker.

In completing this challenge, we also hope to support a national charity, Read for Good, in raising money specifically for Gloucester Royal Hospital's children and education department. During this week and next, Y7 and Y8 students will be given Read for Good 'Track My Read' logins, bookmarks and sponsorship forms. It would be wonderful, if possible, for as many of our students to raise as little, or as much, sponsorship as they are able to, to help benefit Gloucestershire's children when in hospital.

Please find [attached](#) a letter which explains the 'Readathon' and [details](#) on how you could help promote and support your child at home to read as widely and as much as possible.

Mrs Jackson, Literacy Lead.



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Sealed Knot

The Sealed Knot is a re-enactment society who are dedicated to historical education about the period of the English Civil War. For further information about us, please visit [The Sealed Knot](http://TheSealedKnot.org.uk) to view our website.

Their event at Much Marcle over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend, will be a fun-filled day for the whole family as well as being educational.



Spotlight on Sixth

Year 12 UCAS Convention

All of our Year 12 students attended the UCAS careers convention at the International Convention Centre in Newport this week.

The event gave our students the opportunity to meet over 100 different universities in one place, and the chance to meet admissions staff, course leaders, current students, and job recruiters.

Students were also able to explore alternative routes such as employment, degree level apprenticeships with companies like Dyson, and apprenticeship roles in areas from accountancy, to the RAF and Royal Navy. Experts were also on hand to give the latest advice and information on different career choices. The vast majority of students came back with renewed vision and are hopefully inspired to work towards their future goals.

