



# NEWENT NEWS

## Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

With the weather being wetter again, we have had to monitor the use of the field at break times and so thank you to the student body who have worked with us to clear the field promptly at the end of break, when it has been open, and relocating back to the hard courts when it has been too wet. It looks like things will improve next week so can I take this opportunity to remind you that Blazers are a compulsory item of uniform, and jumpers are for underneath as an optional extra, on the colder days. Please check: [Uniform | Newent Community School](#).

We also received our draft OFSTED report which I cannot share but will as soon as I am able. It was the second short inspection since 2014 and as I said immediately after the visit, the key outcome of this inspection is that the school maintains its 'good' rating. The inspector has written the report as I shared at the time, highlighting areas of excellent practice, alongside some clear feedback to help us progress. We continue to move our key stage three curriculum and teaching forward as the exam season starts, with the same 'recall, reflect and relaunch' approach which has underpinned our review of key stages 4 and 5. Paul A. Kirschner, a professor in Educational Psychology, is quoted as saying 'Before you start something new, review the old'. Many areas have a good blend of knowledge and skills in the key stage 3 curriculum, but we will be looking at the balance and ensuring we are building knowledge and planning more retrieval exercises in lessons to mirror key stage 4.

The main exam season starts next week – I can't believe we have got there already.

## Clubs and Activities

### Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May

\* Bank Holiday

### Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May

- \* 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
- \* Ukulele Club, H21, 1pm – 1.25pm

### Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May

- \* 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, 9<sup>th</sup> May

- \* External Exams
- \* Science Club, 1pm – 1.30pm, Lab 101

### Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May

- \* External Exams
- \* Popular Music Club, G10, 1pm – 1.30pm
- \* Y7 & Y8 Choir, H20, 12.45pm – 1.30pm
- \* Y10 Meet a Barber Surgeon history talk, Sixth Form Study Room, 1pm – 3pm



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I am sure the year 11 and year 13 can't either but with the practice they have had at the end of year 10 and year 11, revision classes full and interventions showing some good impact they should feel confident as they start. Please do look at some of the resources included below that I have also included on our Twitter feed and be in touch if you need our support. If everyone could be mindful of exam areas which will be clearly signed that will be helpful too. Thank you in advance.

[Help your child beat exam stress - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Exam stress - Student Minds](#)

[Academic and exam stress : Mentally Healthy Schools](#)

## Sporting Fixtures

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Primary 7's football, Astro, 1pm – 5.30pm

## Newent Orchestra



We are very lucky to have an ongoing partnership with Newent Orchestra. As part of that, they join us to hold regular Open Rehearsals in our Main Hall over a lunchtime. Students are able to come in and listen, eat their lunch and enjoy the pieces being performed and perfected.

Each time the pieces are different, and we have been very fortunate to experience a range of different music over the course of the academic year. Currently, Year 7 are exploring the orchestra in their KS3 lessons so having a real-life orchestra on site to listen to live is a real treat! Our thanks go to Bill Anderton and all of the members of the orchestra who donate their time to enrich the experiences of our student community.



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## It's the Final Countdown!

For many months now, our Year 11 students have been given a countdown to their written examinations and this week the sound of Europe's 1986 hit 'The Final Countdown' could be heard playing in classrooms. This is, of course, because once our Year 11 student's return from the Bank Holiday weekend they then officially enter written exam season.

We would like to remind our students of the examination rules which include:

- Correct school uniform must be worn at all times during examinations.
- Students are responsible for ensuring they bring the correct equipment to their examinations and any pencil cases must be transparent.
- Water is permitted to be taken into examination rooms but must be in a clear bottle with no labels/writing.
- Mobile phones or other electronic devices (including watches) must be turned off and handed into Invigilators before the start of examinations.
- It must be made very clear that students who breach examination conditions will automatically be withdrawn from all examinations.

We also would like to take this opportunity to wish the 'Class of 2024' all the very best indeed with their forthcoming examinations.



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## Kings Award for Voluntary Service

Christopher Hancock Y10 volunteers for and won the Kings Award for Voluntary Service.

As part of his acceptance, Christopher addressed the celebration with a speech; including the town MP and mayor.

Christopher's family added that this was down to the teachers that have made a great impact on him at Newent: Mr Phillips, Dr Johns, Mr Britten, Mr and Mrs Woodward and many others.

Congratulations Christopher!



## Stagecoach Services 830 & 834

We have been advised of 2 road closures that will affect school bus services from next Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May:

1. St. Ann Way, Gloucester - affecting [service 830](#)
2. Dean Road from Newnham to Littledean - affecting [service 834](#)



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## Newent Panthers

**NEWENT PANTHERS**

**WOMENS NETBALL SESSIONS**  
STARTING 6TH JUNE 2024

THURSDAYS 6-7PM

NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

To book your place or for more info please  
email us at [info@newentpanthers.co.uk](mailto:info@newentpanthers.co.uk)  
Visit us at [www.newentpanthers.co.uk](http://www.newentpanthers.co.uk)



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## Year 7 Visit to Goodrich Castle



Ninety of our Year 7 students visited this English Heritage site over the mornings of Wednesday and Thursday this week, with one day's weather being significantly more pleasant than the other. The students learned about the next stage of castle development, as the Normans quickly replaced their original motte and bailey castles with far sturdier stone-built versions from the 1100s onwards. Goodrich Castle is the perfect example of "what came next". The students were given a two-hour tour of the main parts of the castle, and time was made for a visit to the gift shop. All students behaved well and represented the school in the best possible light. My thanks also go to Mr Brown, Mr Walsh, Miss Smith and Miss Phelps for their support during either/both days.

Mr Woodward



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## Newent Library Artwork

**The Library**

**Friendship Bracelet Craft**

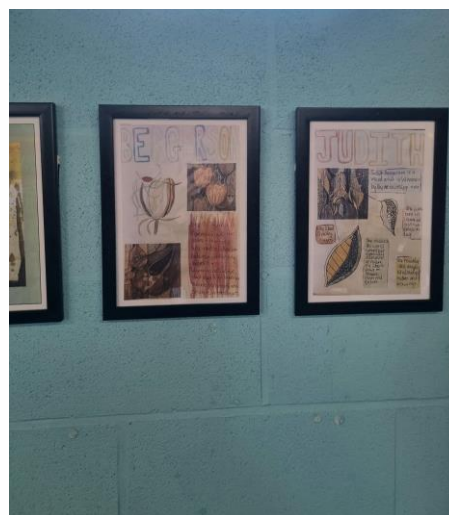
**Newent Library**  
Wednesday 29 May  
14:00 - 15:00

Free craft event for young people in secondary school **aged 11-16** to make friendship bracelets.

**Free to attend**

Booking is essential - scan QR code, visit [gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk](http://gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk) or enquire at the library.

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND  
Gloucestershire

It's great to see some more of our student's artwork on display in Newent Library. We will be refreshing the display soon, so watch this space to see our celebration of our talented students work.

Newent Library is holding a craft activity in half term. It's a free event with sweets and hot chocolate provided. There are only 10 places so make sure you book in advance.

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## Earth Day

Every day is Earth day but in line with Earth Day on 22 April the library has some fantastic new books, from non-fiction ones about plastic usage, to folk tales about caring for our planet and some great graphic novels as well. These books will be promoted to students, especially, through their library lessons and earth-themed activities to come!





# Spotlight on Sixth

**Jake Letchford**



*How long have you been at Newent?*

Since I joined year 7 in 2017.

*Describe what Newent Sixth Form means to you?*

Helpful - smaller classes allow teachers to provide support we need while careers advice allows us to understand where we can be successful with future plans.

Supportive - less lessons on our timetable gives us more time to study together and help each other in our subjects.

Connected - we get time to socialise with students and staff, for example, tutorial quizzes and football matches against the staff after school.

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

At Newent, I have been involved with many sports, including house and school matches and sports days. This year, I have been one of the sixth form student leaders for sport. As part of this role, I have helped with primary and secondary school sports events, such as football tournaments and cross country.

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

I am proud to have received offers from five universities to study sport and exercise science. Although unsure of where I would like to study at the moment, I am excited to begin higher education in a subject that I am passionate about.

Final fact about Jake....he has 100% attendance since joining us in Year 7!!!