



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

Well, it has finally happened! On Thursday of this week the Hall was set up, final systems were being checked and then the GCSE Drama students started off our Summer exam series. Our Year 11 students did us all proud! Today brought the first whole Year 11 cohort paper in the form of the Biology Exam. Billy had a roam around the quad to greet with anyone who needed a 'furry check-in' and then they, too, were off again, carrying themselves immaculately. There was a lot of relief in the air as the hard work of the last few months finally came to fruition. I hope they and you feel so proud.

We have had the notification of the final inspection report back and I will share the link with you as soon as I am able. As I said at the time, no surprises and so much positive was commented on. It comments on our values lying at the HEART of our school, and our ambition for our pupils to achieve academic success and that we offer a range of wider opportunities, such as sports and performing in the school musical. It mentions our house events, charity awareness and leadership opportunities, our broad range of subjects and our subject leaders knowing what students need to learn. It talks about us accurately identifying the needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and our personalised support that is provided for pupils who do not attend regularly. It describes our Careers education as well-designed and effective.

The areas for improvement centre around the next stage of our development plan as we mirror some of the teaching and curriculum improvements we have made in post-16 and Key stage 4, in our Key Stage 3; growing our reading strategy and tracking the use of the behaviour system.

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 13th May

- * External Exams
- * Y10 Work Experience Week
- * Cross Stitch Club, Rm110, 12.45pm – 1.30pm
- * Online Chess Club, 106, 1pm – 1.30pm

Tuesday, 14th May

- * External Exams
- * Y10 Work Experience Week
- * 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, 15th May

- * External Exams
- * Y10 Work Experience Week
- * Bug, Bee & Hedgehog houses, T10, 1pm – 1.30pm
- * Programming Workshop, Rm 106, 1pm – 1.30pm
- * Science revision, Rm 100, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursday, 16th May

- * External Exams
- * Y10 Work Experience Week
- * Science Club, 1pm – 1.30pm, Lab 101

Friday, 17th May

- * External Exams
- * Y10 Work Experience Week
- * Popular Music Club, G10, 1pm – 1.30pm
- * Y7 & Y8 Choir, H20, 12.45pm – 1.30pm



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Hopefully we will see the report published soon.

Have a lovely sunny weekend

Mrs D Burke
Principal

Attendance Updates

Congratulations to all students who received an 'Excellent Attendance' Easter egg at the end of the Spring term. We are looking forward to drawing our mountain bike raffle for each of the Houses at the end of the summer term in which three 'Excellent Attenders' will walk away with brand new mountain bikes. As we know being in school every day is the very best thing our young people can do to secure good friendships, gain excellent results and encounter the experiences that will set them up with bright futures.

Gloucestershire County Council have updated their guidance in line with the government's focus on improving attendance. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing with you their publications on:

School Attendance
Penalty Notices
Prosecution for Non-Attendance at School

Here at Newent Community School we aim to do all that we can to support our families with attendance matters prior to moving to penalty notices/fines and prosecution. We do however wish to share this new guidance with you in order to reduce the need for any legal action. Please find the GCC updated information for parents and carers on school attendance [here](#).



Information for Parents and Carers

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Sporting Fixtures

Tuesday, 14th May

Y9 & Y10 Rounders v John Masefield, 2pm – 6pm

Thursday, 16th May

Y10 District Rounders v Dene Magna (Away), 2pm – 6pm

Summer Requests

During the warmer months please can we ask that you send your child to school with a water bottle that they can refill at break and lunchtimes in order that they are hydrated and ready to learn. We ask that students do not use lesson time for this purpose. The usual uniform requirements remain throughout the summer term. Students will of course be permitted to remove blazers during lesson times should they wish. Thank you for helping with a smooth transition into the summer months.

Uniform

Firstly, thank you to all of you that have donated any uniform to the Preloved shop. Please consider us when getting rid of any uniform. We do have some vulnerable families that appreciate the donations. We are always accepting donations, and these can simply be handed in at reception. The link to the Preloved site can be found [here](#).

Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week, on the theme of "Movement: Moving More for Our Mental Health". We can't deny the benefits of movement for our mental health - moving more can increase our energy, reduce stress and anxiety, and boost our self-esteem, yet so many of us find it challenging to move enough/build it into our busy lives! Movement looks different for all of us, and it's important not to compare. We encourage you to take a moment to read some of these top tips for [moving more](#). We will be encouraging our school community to move more next week, and sharing ways we can support our mental wellbeing.



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Supporting Charities

On **Thursday 16th May** we are inviting everyone to get involved and donate in our charity drive! Students can choose to wear:

- 'Green' accessories to raise awareness for Mental Health Week and donate to the Mental Health Foundation [Mental Health Foundation | Everyone deserves good mental health](#) or
- 'Spots' to raise awareness for The Dalmatians Club deaf charity [The Dalmatians Club for deaf children and their families at GDA](#)

The link to donate to these can be found on ParentPay.

Full school uniform must be worn.

Spotlight on Staff

Ms Ellie Harvey (Head of Collingwood/Head of Music)



In September 2022, Ms Harvey embarked on a new, dual award CPD course with the National Institute of Teaching and Education, in collaboration with the University of Coventry and The Chartered Management Institute, that was only in its second year of running. On completion, the course awards a Level 7 Apprenticeship in Senior Leadership and a Masters in Educational Leadership following 2 years of study.

On 7th May, following the submission of a 4,000-word strategic business proposal and a half day Live End Point Assessment, Ms Harvey was awarded a Distinction to acknowledge successful completion of the Apprenticeship pathway. Alongside this, Chartered Manager status has been awarded with Chartered Management Institute membership at Fellow level. All that remains is a 10,000-word dissertation submission in August and she is on track to receive a Masters degree with Merit from Coventry University at graduation in October 2024.

She has been working hard in and around school to develop her leadership and capacity. This is an incredible achievement whilst working full time. We are so proud of her!

Spotlight on Sixth

Art and Design Exams

This week, our Year 13 students have been hard at work producing their final projects in Art and Design. The students have demonstrated excellent creativity when planning their piece and superb technical skills to develop the idea. We are lucky to have such a talented group of students and look forward to sharing their work with you once the exam season is completed.