



# NEWENT NEWS

## Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

This week the Year 13's made a start on their exams and as with Year 11 they have been immaculate in the way they conducted themselves. GOOD LUCK to all as we head into the last week before a well-earned rest. Thank you to all the parents and carers who are working with us to keep this last 'home straight' effective. If anything crops up, please do continue to be in touch and we will help in any way we can.

The school has been a little quieter as Year 10 had a week of work experience. Yet again this year it has been lovely having staff feedback on them doing so well and seeing some in the local community, supporting us and schools and businesses around us. Huge thanks to all the businesses that supported them in this. It is so needed to help with understanding career choices, work skills and the bigger world that is out there waiting.

Our Year 13's had their final assembly this morning. More details of this can be found below. We wish them all their very best with their exams and their future endeavours.

Mrs D Burke  
Principal

## Clubs and Activities

### Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May

\* External Exams

\* Cross Stitch Club, Rm110, 12.45pm – 1.30pm

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

### Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May

\* External Exams

\* DofE 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

\* External Exams

\* DofE 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> May

\* External Exams

\* Science Club, 1pm – 1.30pm, Lab 101

### Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May

\* External Exams

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

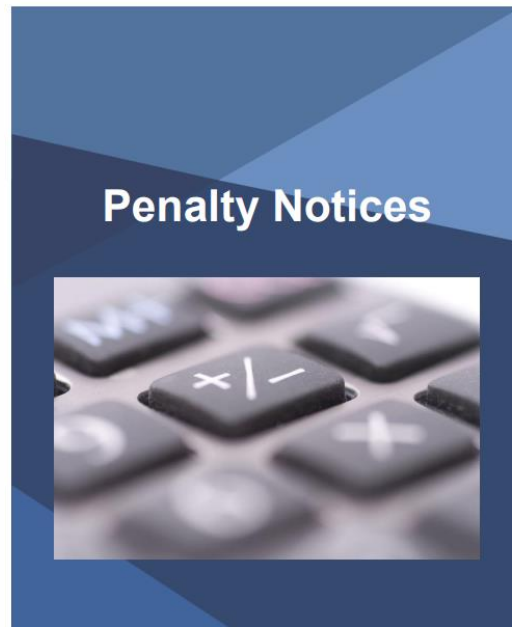
\* Y7 & Y8 Choir, H20, 12.45pm  
– 1.30pm



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## Attendance Updates

Good attendance is vital for children's success in the future. Being in school every day that it is open is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and their wider development. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care. Last week we shared with you Gloucestershire County Council's information for parents and carers around school attendance. This week's updated information can be located [here](#) and outlines information regarding penalty notices:



**Information for Parents and Carers**

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## Sporting Fixtures

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May

U15 Boys Cricket match v Severn Vale (Home), 3pm – 6pm

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Y7 County Cricket Cup Quarter Final v The Cotswold School (Away), 1.30pm – 6.30pm

Y9 District Rounders (Home), 3.30pm – 5pm

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May

U15 County Cricket Quarter Final v Cirencester Kingshill (Newent Cricket Club), 1.30pm – 5.30pm

## Anti-Bullying Charter

This term, we have been looking at how we manage our relationships and our use of language when defining negative experiences. One term that is often mis-identified is 'bullying'. During house assemblies, all students have been introduced to our new support materials which have been designed to help them assess their interactions and communicate about the situation effectively. Our whole staff team also have access to these materials so that we can be consistent in our use of language. We have outlined the support that students can access and what to expect when reporting negative peer interactions. Please find the key documents included below, including a [definition of bullying](#). Please do have a look at these with your young person/people and discuss it.

As part of this new guidance, we are also launching an [Accountability badge](#) that can be earned by meeting the key principles underpinning the new managing relationships guidance. All students will be given a card by their tutor which will allow them to evidence their work towards the badge and a completed card handed in to Miss. Harvey before the end of term will secure a badge being awarded.

Finally, we are launching our new [Anti-bullying charter](#), which will be displayed prominently in tutorial spaces and throughout the school.

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## Year 10 History students meet a Medieval Barber Surgeon

Last Friday we were delighted to welcome John Putley from Gloucestershire Archives, who gives historical talks to schools as part of their outreach service.

The barber surgeon, one of the most common European medical practitioners of the Middle Ages, was generally charged with caring for soldiers during and after battle. In this era, surgery was seldom conducted by physicians, but instead by barbers, who, possessing razors and dexterity indispensable to their trade, were called upon for numerous tasks ranging from cutting hair to pulling teeth to amputating limbs. In this period, surgical mortality was very high due to blood loss, shock and infection. Yet, since doctors thought that bloodletting to balance 'humours' (liquids in the body) would improve health, barbers also used bloodletting razors and applied leeches. The red and white poles displayed outside barber shops today is a reminder of their gruesome trade - blood and bandages!

John gave our students a 45-minute demonstration of the "tools of the trade", with many examples of incidents that had not gone so well.





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## Newent Orchestra Concert

The programme for this Saturday's concert can be found below. As a bonus of our collaboration with the orchestra, we can offer 20 per cent discount on the entry ticket. Students are free. Anyone interested in taking up this offer can simply say 'Newent School' at the ticket desk.

**CONCERT**  
**Romantic Revelations**  
**Newent Orchestra**  
**18 May 2024**  
**St Mary's Church Newent, 2:30 p.m.**

**Conductor, Tobias Lazenbury**  
**Leader, Christine Russell**  
*Tchaikovsky Prokofiev Grieg Fauré Bizet Beethoven*

**£10 on the door or online in advance**  
**Students free**

**[www.newentorchestra.org](http://www.newentorchestra.org)**

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## Duke of Edinburgh Garden Party

Mr Morley and Mr Naylor had the privilege of attending Buckingham Palace last Friday to celebrate the DofE award Gold achievers as a thanks for their involvement with the award.



# Spotlight on Sixth

## Year 13 final assembly

This morning our Year 13 students attended their final assembly before exam leave begins. The students came together in the Sixth Form common room for refreshments, shirt signing, speeches from their tutors and a final one of Mr Britten's famous quizzes.

The Sixth Form team have been hugely impressed by the work ethic and focus of our Year 13 students this year and wish them all the very best for their final few weeks of exams.

We look forward to a more formal celebration next Friday where our Year 13 students will be attending their leavers meal at Hatherley Manor.

Well done Year 13!

