



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Principal

Dear Newent Community School Community,

Well, it seems that as term moves on the pace gets even quicker. In amongst the assessment feedback, and moderation visits for the exam groups, we have trips and experiences running, a plenty!

Year 10 have been exemplary in their approach to their exams in the hall under full exam conditions. Staff have commented on how they have carried themselves and responded to the regulations. Well done and thank you for all your support in this experience.

Year 9 camp ran last week at a different venue, and it was amazing to see and hear about what happened. There is more on this below.

Thank you for all the messages of thanks for staff as they returned, I have passed each one on.

Last week was 'Thank a Teacher Day,' and I have been receiving responses on the form that I have been able to pass on to our staff.

I have continued to receive responses to the 'Thank you to staff' survey and have been sharing these with staff who have been commenting how lovely it is to see and hear that the efforts they are going to are appreciated. Please keep them coming in, but I will close the form next week. Here is the link in case you need it:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ydr6X70iPUKODSgZbwzXLDpo7b0uYe5KqV-nrvMfRXpUQlc1MzhYMKxSVTEzQVBFREdSVENQQIZPMi4u>

Have a lovely weekend,

Take care

Mrs D Burke

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 1st July

- * Cross Stitch Club, Rm110, 12.45pm – 1.30pm
- * Online Chess Club, 106, 1pm – 1.30pm

Tuesday, 2nd July

- * 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
- * Shrek Auditions 3.30pm – 5pm

Wednesday, 3rd July

- * Dance workshop 'Strike a Light' 9.30am – 10.30am
- * Yr 5 Open morning 10am – 12pm
- * 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
- * Shrek Auditions 3.30pm – 5pm

Thursday, 4th July

- * Yr 6 Move Up day 1
- * Shrek Auditions 3.30pm – 5pm

Friday, 5th July

- * Yr 6 Move Up Day 2
- * GCSE Devised Performances
- * Popular Music Club, G10 1pm – 1.30pm
- * Y7 & Y8 Choir, H20, 12.45pm – 1.30pm



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Year 9 Camp



Last week 115 students visited Mendip Base Camp Activity Centre in Somerset for our annual year 9 Camp. The weather was very kind to us and we enjoyed sun-filled days under canvas in beautiful surroundings. Activities were designed to aid team work, co-operation and communication and some of the challenges were pretty tough. The groups worked together to puzzle out how to defuse bombs, clear mines and cross lava fields (metaphorical bombs, mines and lava!)

The extensive grounds allowed students to brush up their map-reading skills on an orienteering course and their target accuracy by playing frisbee golf in stunning flower meadows and woodland.

Students got to try their hand at some bush craft activities including building shelters (which needed to protect them from buckets of water) and fire lighting. Some were more successful than others!

Evening activities included wide games and campfires and we finished the camps with some combat archery which got pretty competitive, especially between the staff.

I would like to thank all of the students for their energy and enthusiasm at camp and the accompanying staff for ensuring that our year 9's had the opportunity to make some new memories outdoors to round off their school year.

Mrs Taylor – Trip Leader





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Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire.

The holiday vouchers are designed to support the families of eligible children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (income-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire, where no other support is available.

Gloucestershire County Council is committed to supporting families with 2 weeks of vouchers at £15 per eligible child, per week for the Summer 2024 holiday.

The other 4 weeks of the holiday are supported through the HAF programme, which provides a meal for children attending the activities they are booked onto. For more information, please visit [Gloucestershire HAF](#) where you can also sign up to the Children's Activities Booking System (CABS). The HAF programme is a separate scheme, and vouchers cannot be issued as an alternative.



Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for Summer 2024 holiday will be open until midday on 09 July 2024. We will be unable to accept any applications after this date. Vouchers will be distributed to families the week commencing 15 July 2024.

You can apply to the holiday voucher scheme via our website here:

[Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#).

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure you have registered the child beforehand.

Those who have signed up previously do not need to re-register.

If you need to update details of an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk by 10 July 2024, so we can update your account before the voucher codes are issued.

If you do not receive your vouchers by 17 July 2024, please check your spam/junk mailboxes for an email from selectcode@select-your-reward.co.uk, as well as ensure your mailbox settings allow junk mail.

To find out more about the scheme, please visit [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)



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History Trips

Year 7 visit 17th Century Gloucester

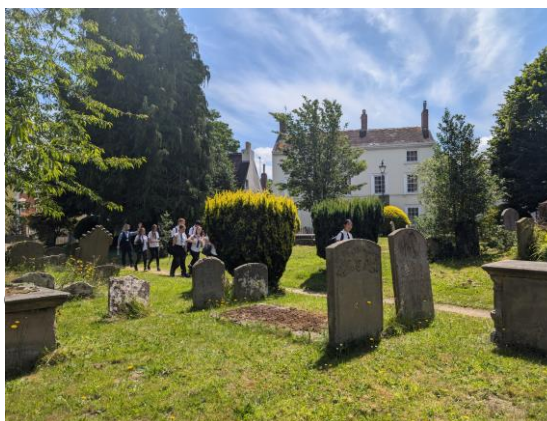
Our current Year 7 are studying the English Civil Wars of 1642-1651, and the walled City of Gloucester was a major flashpoint in 1643. King Charles I had secured the whole of the South West of England, except for Gloucester, where the forces of Parliament chose to make a stand. Our guides from the Civic Trust took five groups of students around the perimeter (shown in red on the image), of what would have been the city walls at the time, with plenty of entertaining stories being told at key locations. All of the students represented themselves and the school very well, and I would like to thank them for their excellent attitude and behaviour. My thanks also go to the other school staff involved - Mr Walsh, Mr Brown and Miss Smith.



Mr Woodward (Head of History)

Year 9 Walking Tour of Newent

Twenty Year 9 students were given the opportunity to do a walking tour of Newent. They used maps created by the Gloucestershire Dendrochronology Project, which has employed new technology to date the wood in all the houses around Newent. The students also stopped by



Mary's Church to view the Saxon Cross, which provides evidence of settlement in Newent

AD. They then walked to the lake to learn

about its past as a fishery for the Priory,

with a quick trip to Newent's most famous landmark, 'The Tudor Fish and Chip Shop!'

Mr Walsh (Teacher of History)



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School Uniform

We are already preparing for the new academic and we're especially excited to welcome our new students to the school. As always, we are ensuring that their transition is a positive one that builds their confidence in the future. Part of this is making sure that they feel pride in their school uniform and the values that they present. To help you and our new starters get ready for the new school year, we are sending you new information on our uniform and purchase options.

Gooch Sports

Let us help you make shopping for Newent School Uniform an enjoyable experience!

We stock a full-size range of garments, and with many years of experience working with Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre, we can sell you exactly what you need in the correct sizes. All garments are carefully selected from reputable School Uniform Suppliers; school uniform lists are available on the schools own website.

All online orders are paid in full with two delivery options available:

- **Customer Pickup** from the Shop, will also give you the opportunity to make sure the uniform is the correct size.
- **FREE Delivery Service** to School in Term Time Only – please complete the school's address details in the 'Shipping Address' when completing your order.

Shop early to avoid the rush at Gooch Sports, Newent!

www.goochsports.com <https://www.facebook.com/goochsports> 0153



Monkhouse

One of our uniform suppliers, Monkhouse, has made sure their website is full of useful information to help you get ahead and buy your brand-new uniform. You can find all the information here.

The Monkhouse website hosts important information, such as:

Our school uniform and prices - How to order online or in-store - How to book a personalised 1-1 store appointment - Lower prices for essential uniforms and additional accessories - Click and collect info Parent newsletter sign-up - Extended free returns until 15th September - Weekend shopping times

1-1 Personalised In-Store Appointments

Many new starters prefer to visit a store for fitting and advice, Monkhouse will be continuing with their popular 1-1 personalised store appointments with their expert staff.

Should you have any queries about your requirements, please contact Monkhouse's customer service team: **0161 476 7216 (Mon to Fri, 8:30am to 5pm) Email: web@monkhouse.com**



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If you're looking for something for your child to do in the summer holidays, you might like them to participate in this fabulous workshop, run by the mum of one of our year 8 students. All details on the poster.

Hill Top Lane Art Club!

Are you **aged 8 years or over?** Do you have a passion for **ART?** Then this new **ART CLUB** could be for YOU!

As a professional children's illustrator, I have worked in the art industry for over 25 years - and now I want to share my **LOVE** of drawing, painting and character creating with YOU!

I will be running some small taster workshops over the **SUMMER BREAK** at **THE HIVE** Recycling Shop, Newent and starting regular weekend classes in September

@ THE HIVE!

FIRST workshop!
Sat 27th July
 10 - 12.30pm

£25 per child - includes all materials, tuition and a snack

Please message for more info
 OR contact Victoria on: 07769813242
 email: vic.ann.taylor@gmail.com

* fully insured and DBS checked



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Art News

Lots going on in the Art Department on the 11th July. All welcome to see our exhibition and participate in one of our FREE art workshops. **See poster for details.**

ART WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES



CLAY TILES WORKSHOP
FOR PERMANENT SCHOOL DISPLAY
3.45-4.45 PM

NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM CENTRE
ART DEPARTMENT

THURSDAY 11TH July 2024

Watery Lane
Newent
GL18 1QF

Come along and make some art
with us and then have a look
around our

ART EXHIBITION celebrating the
work of our students in Fine Art,
Photography, Graphics,
3D Studies and Technology

**MAKE AND TAKE
CLAY ANIMALS**
3.45 - 4.45 PM



Spotlight on Sixth

Year 12 Work Experience

Well done to all of our Year 12 students who took part in work experience last week. An example of the insightful placements that were sourced by the students was Sofia who spent time with local MP Richard Graham. We received outstanding feedback from Richard Graham's Chief of Staff who described Sofia as 'delightful, punctual, hardworking and impressive in her approach to public engagement. Her attitude shows maturity beyond her years, and she represented the quality of Newent's pupils and education offered'. As part of her placement she also managed to meet ex-Prime Minister Theresa May.

Well done Sofia!

