



# NEWENT NEWS

## Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

Sports Day today was rather uncharacteristically grey and unsunny in the weather, but bright and enthusiastic as the staff and students supported the day. It was lovely to hear and see the students taking part today and more pictures and results will follow next week in assemblies. Luckily the weather stayed favourable during the Art Showcase and Achievement Evening, which was an achievement in itself, last night. I spoke about the meaning of success at the evening, taking the definition from the Cambridge Dictionary - 'achieving the results wanted or hoped for'. Over the year we have seen many results that have been wanted and hoped for which leads me to think we have had a successful year'. We also awarded our first ever Hollie Gazzard Award, presented by Nick Gazzard, from the Hollie Gazzard Trust, who joined us for the evening.

Success was clearly seen in the Art, Design and Technology Show with the creative and emotive work on display from across the Year groups. We have a talented team of teachers who nurture students wherever they are starting from. I am so grateful to them and appreciative of their efforts, as I am sure you are - Thank you.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and students who attended and to all the staff who read or dedicated some beautiful words to our students.

Thinking of staff, we have some of our team moving on to pastures anew. I would like to thank and wish every good will to the following staff:

Ms K Steger, who has been our valued SENCo for a number of years,

Ms King who has been an established member of the Drama and English teams,

Mrs J Mackay who has supported the SEND team for the last year as well as delivering Business and having

## Clubs and Activities

### Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July

- \* Year 7 History trip to Harving Hall
- \* Cross Stitch Club, Rm110, 12.45pm - 1.30pm
- \* Online Chess Club, 106, 1pm - 1.30pm

### Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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

### Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July

- \* Dance workshop 'Strike a Light' 9.30am - 10.30am
- \* 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
- \* Year 12 Enrichment Activity

### Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July

- \* Popular Music Club, G10, 1pm - 1.30pm
- \* Y7 & Y8 Choir, H20, 12.45pm - 1.30pm
- \* Term finishes at 1.30pm



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## Message from our Principal (continued)

Mrs J Bartlett and Ms Miller who will be missed by the DT team,  
Mrs A Maxwell who will be missed by the maths team,  
Miss O Van Den Bergh and Miss K Nicholson who established themselves quickly in the geography team, and Miss A Farmer who has been our Psychology specialist.

As these staff leave, we welcome new staff. The English team will be joined by a new Head of Department, Mrs D Duncan and the addition of Mrs H Kear. Miss S Evans joins our growing science team, and we add to our Drama team with Mr J Wagstaff. Mr K Carter joins the DT team and Mr A Taggart joins us as a teacher of Business. Mr Mark Newton-Hill joins as our Psychology teacher and the Geography team is completed with Mr Shawn Jones and Mr Craig Fenton-Musty. The SENCo role has also been taken on by Ms. T Jenkins, who joined us a few weeks ago.

There continues to be no changes to the uniform policy at the present time.  
Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that we finish at 13.30 next Friday.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Take care

*Mrs Dawn Burke*

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## Sports Day

The 3 Heads of Houses would like to thank all students who have volunteered to take part in Sports Day this year! Sports Day will feature in more detail in the next Newent News, but for now we just want to send our thanks and let you know how proud we are of your commitment to our HEART values (especially teamwork!) and your Houses. Well done everyone! Thank you also to the PE team for their hard work and organisation of a much-loved school event.



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## Affordable School Uniform

As well as our two suppliers, Gooch Sports and Monkhouse, our website has a preloved section which offers donated gently-used uniforms at a fraction of the price, with funds from sales going directly back to the school. When you buy on the platform, you are not only investing back into the school but also contributing to a more sustainable future, reducing the amount of wearable uniform going to land-fill. **Click the image below to visit our preloved page.**



## Further help...

The Forest Baby Bank is committed to helping all families who approach them for help with school uniform. You will find their useful information [here](#).

They will have all their school uniform stock, including school shoes, on display on the 20th July at the Lydney Community Event at Bathurst Park. Buy a large shopping bag for £5 and fill it up with what you need of the school uniform.





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## Attendance Matters

We are looking forward to celebrating our students who have maintained excellent attendance in our end of year House celebration assemblies next week. Who will be the lucky winners of this year's mountain bikes in the Outstanding Attendance Raffle? A big thank you, to you as parents and carers, for helping your children to be in school every day possible. Evidence shows that good attendance at schools improves the wellbeing and life chances of our young people, what you do really does matter.

Please also be reminded of the updated attendance documentation that has been provided from Gloucestershire County Council and highlighted in our previous issues of the Newent News. The changes being implemented for the year ahead are in place to improve attendance across our school, the county and wider country. As always please contact your child's tutor or our attendance team if you require support regarding your child's attendance, we are here to help.

**Click the images for more information**

### School Attendance



[Information for Parents and Carers](#)

### Penalty Notices



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### Prosecution for Non-Attendance at School



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## Year 6 Move Up Days

It was a pleasure to welcome our Year 6 students for the Move Up Days last week, we hosted over 200 Year 6 students who will be joining our school community in September. They met with their tutors, buddies, teachers and prefects, all of whom have a role to play in the smooth transition to secondary school. The welcome was warm and supportive with great role-modelling from our existing students and engaging activities provided by our talented staff. These relationships will develop and nurture our new students throughout their school journey and allow them to make best possible progress in their time with us. Thank you all, staff and students, for digging deep at the end of term to give our new year group the best possible start to 'big school'!

The students had a great time experiencing a range of subjects that they will study next year. From English to Maths taster sessions to Psychology and Food Technology hands on workshops (and everything else in between!). When they were not in classrooms, they had fun doing a range of PE activities outside. Each morning our fabulous Heads of Houses organised fun ice breaker activities as well as orienteering and teambuilding challenges.

And of course, the two days not only allowed the Year 6's to get to know their school and their teachers but also meet brand new people and make new friends before arriving in September. We look forward to seeing them then!





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## Eco-Schools Award

To thank all the schools taking part in the Eco -Schools Award, Forest of Dean District Council supported by the Forestry England ran an activity morning and celebration event at Beechenhurst. Sid Hayward, Morgan Nash and Freddie Pimm who have been working hard all year in Eco-club making bug and bird boxes attended the event to represent the school. Great fun was had joining many local primary schools to create fern head dresses and clay animals. The boys even demonstrated their presentation skills by giving a video interview. Sadly, two lead members of the Eco-Committee Grace Trigg-Hogarth and Zachary Powell were unable to attend due to being on an 'A level' field trip.





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## Geography Field Trip

Last Monday, as part of their GCSE exam preparation, Year 10 Geographers went on a fieldtrip to the Forest of Dean. We were dropped off at Wenchford and measured the width, depth, velocity, pebble size and shape of the Blackpool Brook; a tributary of the River Severn. Students observed and collected data in order to test 'Bradshaw's' Theory, which helps describe how a river changes from the upper to the lower course. It really helped students to understand the different processes at work in the real world beyond the textbook. Back at school, they have been describing and analysing the results, ready for questions in the real exam.





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## Music News

This week will see a range of students taking part in Achievement Evening with musical contributions. We thank those students for their time and commitment to the Music Department and are really looking forward to watching them perform.

We are also going to be attending the Newent Food and Drink Festival to showcase our students with performances between 12 and 2pm. Our choir are also going to be collaborating with The Forest Treblemakers choir for an hour of songs. Please keep an eye out for our flute and recorder group, ukulele group and solo performers. We are so proud of the students for volunteering and preparing excellent performances for you and the community.

**Newent & District Rotary Club** | **Newent Town Council**

### Newent Community Food and Drink Festival

**FREE ENTRY**  
**FAMILY FUN**  
**LIVE MUSIC**

**Free Parking**

**Saturday 13th July**

**Newent Lake**

**12 Noon to 6 pm**

**CIDERS + BEERS**  
**LOCAL FOOD**  
**CRAFT STALLS**

[newentfoodfest.co.uk](http://newentfoodfest.co.uk)

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## Year 5 Taster Day

On Wednesday we welcomed Year 5 students from a range of our feeder primary schools for a taster day. Students experienced lessons in Art, Science, DT, PE, Music and more. They represented their current schools brilliantly and we had such a great time with them. We do hope they will choose Newent.

During this event, our Prefect team really shone. They role modelled our standards and HEART values and provided invaluable support to the Year 5 students. No request was too much trouble. We are really looking forward to thanking them for all of their hard work with our Year 5 and Year 6 days by rewarding them with an early break and treat next Friday at the end of term.





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## Year 12 Field Trips

The biology and Geography field trip took place this week from Monday to Wednesday. We took the year 12 Biology and Geography students to Aberystwyth.

The biology students' mission was to investigate zonation by measuring the structure and changes of species along a rocky shore. In addition to this we investigated the succession of sand dunes looking at the changes of landscape and species on embryo sandy dunes to semi-fixed dunes. Zonation and succession will be assessed in the A-level biology paper and is also part of a core practical write up which the students need to complete before the end of term. Overall, we had a fun time, despite the rain and worked hard collecting lots of data and looking at all the different marine life on Cardigan Bay.

The Geographers' mission was to spend time investigating the coastal defences; measuring beach profiles, the impacts of longshore drift and erosion to see how effective the groynes and sea wall were. We also looked at the impact of tourism and how important the industry is to the town; students conducted land use surveys, questionnaires and environmental quality surveys. We joined the Biologists on the last day, looking at succession in sand dunes where there are some cross-curricular links.

Both of these investigations have given students the opportunity to run through the different stages of fieldwork: planning, methodology, data presentation and analysis for either a physical or



# Spotlight on Sixth

## Sports Day

On Friday last week our Sixth Form took part in their own sports day! The students were put into small teams and participated in a selection of activities that included a classic egg and spoon race. The students demonstrated a fantastic attitude and it was great to see the students working well together, demonstrating a great community spirit. Many thanks to Miss Farmer for putting together a fun set of activities for the students to participate in.





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Youth Support Team

# Summer Activities

## Open Access

- ✓ Outdoor activities
- ✓ Interactive games
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- ✓ Free lunch

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