



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Principal

Dear Students/Parents/Carers,

Well, we have got to the end of another incredible year. We have been reviewing, and planning, as well as celebrating the successes from this year. Our HEART values (Honesty, Excellence, Accountability, Respect and Teamwork) and really becoming embedded in what we do. Helping us all travel in the same direction and focus on the key outcomes that we want for our local community. So that we can all achieve great things and be the best that we can be.

Some of these achievements can be things we celebrate as a community as we have worked on these together. Chronologically here are some highlights:

1. In September we were privileged to be awarded a Cyber First Gold Award. It is a huge achievement for us to be awarded this for the **THIRD YEAR IN A ROW**
2. In November, with Ms Harvey at the helm we were recognised for the fourth year in a row, as a 'Music Mark School' as we continue to provide a high-quality music education for our young people.
3. We have continued our partnership with the Hollie Gazzard Trust, raising awareness around knife crime, introducing students to the free HollieGuard App and the whole school has received the 'Active Bystander Training' that the Trust offer.
4. In December we had one of our biggest and most diverse casts perform 'Billy Elliot', which was amazing to see.
5. We had OFSTED visit who were pleased with the progress we were making and agreed with our next steps,

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 2nd September

* INSET DAY

Tuesday, 3rd September

* INSET DAY

Wednesday, 4th September

* Start of Term 1 for Year 7, 10 & 12

Thursday 5th September

* All students return for start of Term 1

Friday, 6th September

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6. In June we nominated many of our amazing support staff in the first awards of its type in Gloucestershire. We had multiple nominations across all the categories and Lisa Jevons was lucky enough to win the category at the end of the awards for 'Unsung Hero'.
7. In June we were nominated and 'Commended' (again) for the Community Award at the Education Business Awards, which was a huge achievement on a national stage.
8. Our links have grown with the Town as we have Artwork displayed in the library, students on work experience, employers support our students in mock interviews and students performing poems and music at various events.

Also, a reminder from last week, that there are no changes to the uniform policy for next year which can be found on the website (Uniform | Newent Community School). Both our suppliers have good stock of blazers and 'logoed' items. Thank you for your understanding with this. As results are given out over this time, please do let us know if you need any and support with next steps. We will be happy to support and help in whatever way we can. Year 13 on Thursday August 15th and Year 11 on Thursday August 22nd. Full details were issued on Satchel:1.

And finally, a reminder of next term start dates:

- Wednesday 4th September Years 7,10 and 12 only from 8.40am for registration
- Thursday 5th September All years from 8.40am for registration.

Have a lovely summer break,

Take care
Mrs D Burke



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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

Attendance Updates:

As you are aware over the coming year our school, Gloucestershire County Council and the Department for Education are changing their processes around attendance in order to ensure that all of our young people are given the best possible start in life. We have been sharing information around these changes with you throughout the summer term. Additional information can be located here: [Attendance Letter.docx](#)

Please contact your child's tutor, Head of House or our attendance team on attendance@newent.gloucs.sch.uk if you are concerned about your child. We are here to help support you to ensure that any problems arising are alleviated before they start effecting your child's attendance.





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Art News

We were delighted to celebrate the work of our Year 9 artists who entered the art competition this year. Work was proudly on display as part of the end of year Art Exhibition last Thursday. There was such a wonderful variety of responses as students were asked to select their own theme. The overall winner was Finley Floyd for his excellent depiction of a dragon. Finley received a beautiful sketchbook as his prize.



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The art department led two fun creative workshops last Thursday as part of the annual Art Exhibition. Visitors enjoyed making clay animals and beautiful garlands. Big thanks to Mrs Herring and Penny who supported these activities at the end of a normal teaching day.



The art department was incredibly proud to display the work of our wonderful students in the annual Art Exhibition last Thursday. On more than one occasion it was said that a lot of the work on display was art gallery standard.

Ms McClay would like to congratulate all students for their amazing and varied artwork this year and the whole art team for nurturing this superb creative talent.





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Year 7 trip to Harvington Hall - Monday 15th July

In our tenth and final trip of the year, 35 Year 7 students, visited Harvington Hall near Kidderminster, which is an old moated residence dating back to the later Middle Ages. The house was fully occupied during Tudor times but was then left uninhabited from the early 1600s until it was bought in the 1920s; therefore, it still retains the majority of its Tudor features. During the reign of Elizabeth I, Catholic priests were not allowed to perform services within the community and so these were carried out in secret. Various ingenious ways were used to hide such priests from arrest and the students were much impressed with these. Before lunch, the three groups did a carousel of workshops on Tudor "mystery objects", priest hides and the Tudor kitchen, all of which were much enjoyed. After lunch there was a guided tour of the house, which is particularly famous for its priest hides. I was very pleased with the behaviour of the group and hope to be able to take Year 7 again for a similar experience next Summer.



Spotlight on Sixth

Student Leadership Team 2024-25

We are delighted to introduce our Sixth Form Leadership team for the 2024-25 academic year:

- Joshua Chapman - Health and Wellbeing
- ETTY Mackay - Diversity and Equality
- Gia Sabey - Principal Student
- Gracie Theyer - Community
- Grace Trigg-Howarth - Sustainability



Over the next few editions of Newent News we would like to introduce each member of the team - this week we have started with Gia Sabey our new Principal Student Gia Sabey

What subjects do you study in Sixth Form?

I have chosen to study Business, Drama and Media Studies

How long have you been at Newent?

I joined Newent in 2018, so going into Year 13 marks my 7th year here.

Describe what Newent Sixth Form in three words?

Encouraging - Throughout Sixth Form we are encouraged to work to the best of our ability, being constantly reminded that what we put in, we get back.

Supportive - Both students and staff are extremely supportive. Staff have brought in guest speakers and a mentoring programme which has supported us with our current studies but also further education and career opportunities. Students are also supportive as the friendships you make are really helpful when having a rough day.

Fun - Over my first year in Sixth Form I have been invited to take part in many fun events and competitions. Including table football and tennis competitions, quiz nights, Easter egg hunts and many more. We also have many activities planned for next year that I'm very excited for.

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

Throughout lower school I always took part in house sports. Even though I wasn't very good at any sport, I was in Mountbatten House and we won everything, so it didn't really matter how I did. I have continued to take part in drama and music events at Newent, Shrek: The Musical will mark my 5th and final whole school musical.

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

Even though I am not 100% sure on what my future post Sixth Form looks like, I



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Youth Support Team

Summer Activities

Open Access

- ✓ Outdoor activities
- ✓ Interactive games
- ✓ Premier League Kicks
- ✓ Free lunch

And more!!!

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