



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

After a busy Thursday morning touring parents and evening having the school open to all, the site has seemed very quiet today! I cannot thank staff and students enough for all the support yesterday, helping in subject areas, guiding parents, and working well into the evening. I appreciate the honest and respectful feedback about the amazing guides and student speakers we had; alongside the note about me forgetting to introduce myself and the feedback about a couple of areas of organisation that we will look to improve for next year. Some parents were kind enough to share their feedback directly so I could pass it on to the staff and students. One parent said that the school seemed 'happy' and 'people were smiling'. Another emailed in and said their guides were 'knowledgeable, professional and willing to share their own experiences, which helped them gain a very positive impression of what it means to them to be students at Newent'. And commented 'It is hugely encouraging to meet such engaging and confident young women speaking up for their community.'

As I shared with the parents, it is the Staff that give their HEARTS and students that value our H.E.A.R.T. that makes us special.



Next week we welcome our Year 7 parents in for our 'Meet the Tutor' event and I know you will be signing up for times to visit us next Tuesday. It will be lovely to see you.

Have a lovely weekend,
Take care

Mrs. D Burke

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 14th October

- * Fitness (All), Gym, 12.50-1.30
- * Sew Crafty Club, Rm G4, 12.50-1.30
- * Girls Rugby Club (Y7/8/9), Field, 3.30-4.30

Tuesday, 15th October

- * Table Tennis (All), Sports hall, 12.50-1.30
- * Art Club, Rm T3, 12.50-1.30pm
- * Flute & Recorder (Intermediate), H21, 1-1.30pm
- * Homework Club, Rm 100, 1-1.30pm
- * Boys Rugby Y7, Field, 3.30-4.30
- * Boys Rugby Y8, Field, 3.30-4.30
- * Year 7 Parents evening, 6-7pm

Wednesday, 16th October

- * Science Club, Rm G1, 1.00-1.30
- * Bugs, Bees and Houses Y7-9, Rm T10, 1-1.30pm
- * Programming Revision Y10/11, Rm 105, 1.00pm - 1.30pm
- * Graphics & Media, Rm106, 1-1.30pm
- * Boys Football, Y7, Field, 3.30-4.30
- * Science Revision Club, Rm 100, 3.30-4.40pm
- * SHREK Rehearsal, hall, 3.30-5pm

Thursday, 17th October

- * Badminton, Sports hall, 12.50-1.30pm
- * Choir Y7-9, Rm H20, 1-1.30pm
- * Strength & Conditioning, Gym, 12.50pm-1.30pm
- * Boys Football Y7, Field, 3.30-4.30pm

Friday, 18th October

- * SHREK Rehearsal, hall, 3.30pm - 5pm



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Library News

Year 7 book club has started, and we are reading Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick.

Year 8 book club have nearly finished reading Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson and soon will be moving on to reading something a little more spooky - Just perfect for Halloween!

Year 9 book club will commence Wednesday 16th October so, watch this space...



Lunchtime Library Activities

Monday: Year 7 book club

Tuesday: Year 8 book club

Wednesday: Year 9 book club

Thursday: Year 10 & 11 book club

Friday: Homework club (all years)

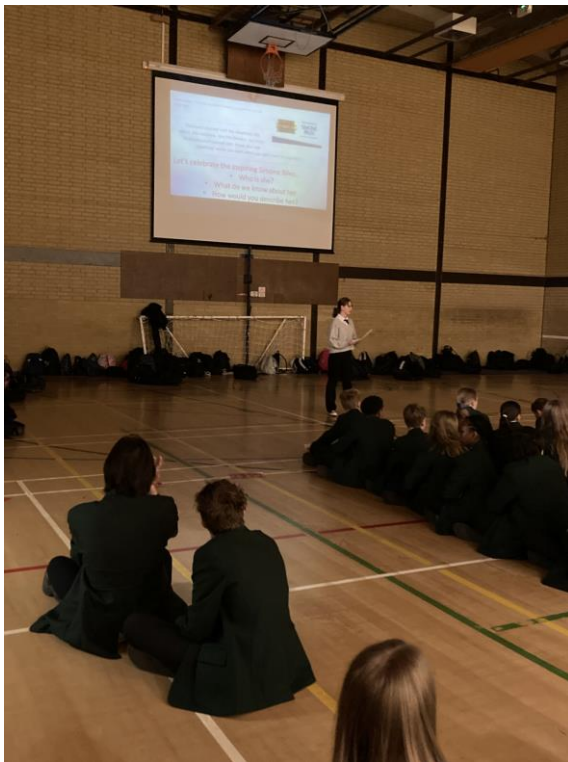


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Black History Month

Our year 13 Diversity and Wellbeing student leader delivered assemblies this week to celebrate Black History Month. They talked about our protected characteristics and shared the incredibly talented black gymnast, Simone Biles, narrative.

For more information on Black History Month please visit [Black History Month 2024](#)



Simone Biles, the highly acclaimed Olympic gymnast from the USA, once said:

"Surround yourself with the dreamers, the doers, the believers, and the thinkers; but most of all surround yourself with those who see greatness within you even when you don't see it in yourself."



Let's celebrate the inspiring Simone Biles...

- Who is she?
- What do we know about her
- How would you describe her?

Spotlight on Sixth

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Sixth Form Update

Whilst a student's intelligence is important when it comes to studying A Levels, their character and study habits are often much more important. This term we have been introducing our Year 12 students to the VESPA model of academic success. VESPA is a research based diagnostic and proactive tool designed to help support students to develop their own ideas, empowering them to take control over their future.

Last week we looked at 'Vision', the importance of having a clear goal, and making the connection between the work students are doing and the reasons for doing it. In simple terms it was them knowing the outcomes they want to achieve. As a starting point, students were encouraged to consider the job they wanted to do when they were 7 years old, the job their parents/carers want them to do now, and their dream job (if failure was not an option). The students were encouraged to think about a road map to success, and how to identify blockers early to overcome any potential hurdles.

This week we explored 'Effort'. Sometimes called "academic perseverance", effort refers to how much hard work you do. The students discovered that the absence of effort pretty much guarantees failure; however more effort on its own is not necessarily a guarantee of success. One of the most important messages we try to get across to our students is the 'myth of effortless success'. Students only understand this when they see the amount of effort that has generally gone into a successful performance. Our students explored ways of measuring effort, and we provided practical tools and ideas to help them improve their own levels of effort.

Year 12 have engaged well, and over the coming weeks I am looking forward to sharing how students can improve their 'systems' (organisation of study), 'practice' (how to revise and retain information), and 'attitude' (growth mindset, emotional control, confidence and dealing with feedback).

Mr Britten
(Deputy Director of Sixth Form)



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