

Message from our Principal

Dear Newent School Community,

Christmas sights and sounds are around the school. Seeing the Christmas Trees, hearing the carols and seeing the Newent lights, all mean we know we are in December. We also have a cheeky elf I see roaming around the place. I believe Ms. Hood may know his whereabouts!

Ms Hood has also been working with staff and students on Shrek, which has opened with a bang this week. To see how it has all come together is a delight to see. Months of rehearsing, dancing and making have finally all come together. The whole team, I hope, feel so proud of themselves. If you haven't got your tickets yet, there are a few left I am told and are well worth it! Thank you to everyone in our community who has helped make this happen. There are so many students on stage from so many areas of school life - you are all brilliant! Well done!

The Year 11's will start their mocks next week so can I ask that we are all mindful of the noise as we move around the site and exam areas. There will be times when the boards will be out, and you will not be able to walk past the hall. Please be aware. They have all been working so hard and this trial period is important as they start to see how it will look and feel in the summer. Thank you for your support with these students and this time.

Have a good weekend

Take care

Mrs D. Burke

Monday, 9th December

Activities * Y11 & Y13 Mock Exams *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, 10th December

- * Y11 & Y13 Mock Exams
- * 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

Wednesday, 11th December

- * Y11 & Y13 Mock Exams
- * Science Club, Rm G1, 1.00-1.30
- * Bugs, Bees and Houses Y7-9, Rm T10, -1.30pm
- * Programming Revision Y10/11, Rm 105, 1-1.30pm
- * Graphics & Media, Rm106, 1-1.30pm
- * Boys Football, Y7, Field, 3.30-4.30

Thursday, 12th December

- * Y11 & Y13 Mock Exams
- * Badminton, Sports hall, 12.50-1.30pm
- * Choir Y7-9, Rm H20, 1-1.30pm
- * Strength & Conditioning, Gym, 12.50-1.30pm
- * Boys Football Y7, Field, 3.30-4.30pm,

Friday, 13th December

* Y11 & Y13 Mock Exams



Library News



Year 7s helped decorate the Christmas tree and I think you'll agree it looks TREEmendous! The library has been buzzing during break times with activities and competitions too!

Book Buzz

Year 7s ordered their "Buzz Books" and they have now arrived! Bookbuzz is a programme developed through the Book Trust which encourages young people to get reading. Bookbuzz gives students an exciting opportunity to choose and keep a book they'll love from a selection of 16 fantastic titles! Miss Newcombe, the school Librarian, has been busy sorting the books into classes and she will be delivering them to students very soon.





Design Technology Department Careers Week

This academic year each department has been allocated a Careers in the Curriculum Week. The purpose of the week allows all subjects to demonstrate the links to the world of work from the curriculum covered in lessons. It is a great opportunity for our students to see the career prospects linked to the lesson content with practical examples given throughout. This week the first subject to participate in Careers in the Curriculum was our Design and Technology department.

Within the department, there are a wide range of subjects taught including Design Technology, Food, Hospitality and Catering, Child Development, Textiles and Health and Social Care. During our recent Careers Week, students had the opportunity explore a variety of careers related to the curriculum area.

Our Health and Social Care sixth form students had an informative talk by Dean Jenkins, Social Worker. They were able explore the routes to becoming a social worker and the role of a social worker. Key Stage 4 Food students explored the various careers available within the Food Industry with Mr Carter explaining his role as a Quality Systems Coordinator in a seafood company. Year 7 Textile groups enjoyed Mrs Peake speaking about her time working abroad in Africa on textile/art community projects showing them examples from her portfolio of work. Mr Wild, Design Technology technician, spent many years as a self-employed Furniture designer and maker. Year 7 were fascinated to hear about the items he had designed and made and what it means to be self-employed.



Result of Parent Trustee Election

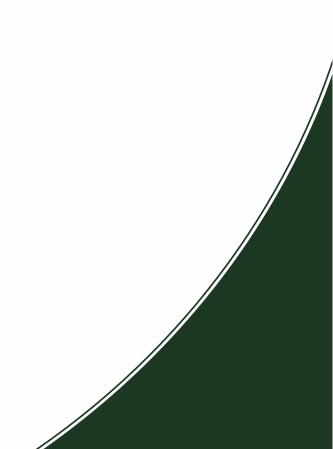
I am pleased to let you know that as a result of the recent parent trustee election, the following two parents have been elected to the Board of Trustees:

Mrs Jo Vizor

Jo has a child in Yr8 and is Deputy Head of Upton upon Severn Primary School. She has 20 years teaching experience and is a current SENDCo.

Mr Steve Jeffree

Steve has a child in Yr8. He works in senior management, as a Chief Information Officer, Chief Operating Officer and as a Consultant. His most recent role was as Director of Digital Transformation at the University of Chester.



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FESTIVE FUNAT 21 WELLBEING

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER 9.30AM - 1.30PM SATURDAY 27th, MONDAY 30th & TUESDAY 31st 10am-12pm £12.50 THURSDAY 2nd JANUARY & FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY 10am - 1pm £20

BOOKING REQUIRED

HAF FUNDED FREE FOR ANY CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS! INCLUDES LUNCH! PRICE PER PERSON 21ST - £25 27TH - £12.50 30TH- £12.50 31ST - £12.50 2ND - £20 3RD - £20



Music News

Our Christmas Concert will be taking place next week on Wednesday 11th December. Please come and join us for an evening of music, carols, readings and Christmas treats. As always, we will be joined by Newent Orchestra, which we are so thrilled about. The evening will start at 6pm and finish at approximately 7pm.





Visit from Unite

On Friday, as part of their PSHE programme our Year 12 students welcomed Brett from Unite. Brett delivered an interactive presentation to the students that focussed on their rights at work and the support in place as they progress into the world of employment. A very useful session for our Sixth Form students that contributes to their enrichment sessions.



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