



# NEWENT NEWS

## Message from our Principal

Happy New Year!

There's an old expression that if March comes in like a lion, it will leave like a lamb. I don't know about that, but what I do know is that this week came in like an otter and seems to want to leave like a penguin!

It's been a busy first week back but a lovely one. We started the term with an INSET day for staff that was somewhat disrupted by the floods in the local area! As we move to the end of the week, the mercury in the thermometer seems intent on staying below 0! We hope that everyone is well and safe in these adverse conditions.

This week, year 12 have emerged from their winter hibernation straight into the exam process and we have been really pleased with the way in which they have conducted themselves. The high levels of professionalism and commitment to this is absolutely brilliant.

Talking of professionalism, Mr McCarthy and the team have been running Year 11 interviews this week and these have been brilliant with the students demonstrating their very best qualities as they discuss their next steps.

Next week, we will be delighted to have the Hollie Gazzard Trust in, conducting Knife Crime Awareness workshops. This is powerful training and is geared towards helping our students to feel safe in the community. Speaking of the Trust, it was truly wonderful to see Nick Gazzard awarded an OBE in the most recent New Years Honours list for all the exceptional work he has done through the Trust. Congratulations Nick!

## Clubs and Activities

### Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January

- \* Sew Crafty Club, G4, 12.55m
- \* Fitness (All), Gym, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- \* Table Tennis Years 7/8, Sports Hall, 12.55pm

### Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January

- \* Girls Cricket, Sports Hall, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- \* Yr 11 Football, 3.00-5.00pm

### Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January

- \* Science Club, Lab G17, 1.00pm
- \* Rehearsals Antony & Cleopatra, Hall, 3.30-5pm
- \* Drama Trip to Romeo and Juliet, Bristol Hippodrome, 5.00pm

### Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January

- \* Eco-Committee, T6, 1.00 – 1.30pm
- \* Girls Football, Astro, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- \* Badminton Club (All), Sports Hall 12.55pm

### Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January

- \* Basketball Club (All), Sports Hall, 12.55pm
- \* Boys Football 12.55- 1.25pm  
Years 7/8 Week 1  
Years 10/11 Week 2



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We look forward to catching up with him later this term to look at the Hollie Gazzard Awards, as there are many students who have already achieved their Bronze Awards. As we move forward into the New Year, it is a great time for us to establish new routines and practices and to become the best version of ourselves. We wish you all the very best in 2025 and thank you for your continued support.

*Mr Nicklin,*  
Vice Principal

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## PSHE Corner

As a part of your child's education at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

During Term 3 we will be studying the following:

### **Year 7**

Your changing body Puberty, body image, FGM

Unifrog: What is a career?

### **Year 8**

Identity and relationships Relationship abuse, Gender identity and sexual orientation

Unifrog: Challenges and rewards of work

### **Year 9**

Citizenship Your rights and responsibilities, Knife crime

Unifrog: Decision making: choosing what to study

### **Year 10**

Relationships: Interactions Positive relationships, revenge porn, public sexual harassment

Unifrog: What type of career is best for me?

### **Year 11**

Relationships: Families Fertility and routes to parenthood, pregnancy outcomes, inc. safe sex, pregnancy choices, abortion, sexual health, honour-based violence and forced marriage

Unifrog: Money Talks: apprenticeships and higher education

If you have any questions, please email:  
[lgibbs@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lgibbs@newent.gloucs.sch.uk)





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## Year 8 Work Shadow Day and Year 10 Work Experience

**Year 8 Work Shadow Day** will be taking place on **Thursday 1st May 2025**.

Please be aware that the deadline for completing the online **consent form** is **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**. We hope that all students are able to arrange a placement for this day but if you have any concerns, please email me - [kjones@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:kjones@newent.gloucs.sch.uk).

**Year 10 Work Experience** will be taking place from **Monday 16th - Friday 20th June 2025**.

- **Monday 24th February 2025:** Deadline for securing a placement and completing the work experience forms via 'Unifrog'.
- **January to April 2025:** Each PSHE class will be seen by Miss Jones with support on 'Unifrog' forms.
- **Week commencing Monday 2nd June 2025:** Students should contact the employer to confirm final arrangements.

If you have any queries or concerns, please email me - [kjones@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:kjones@newent.gloucs.sch.uk).

## Meet n Eat

It seems a while since we all sat down to enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner. Our Christmas Dinner Day was held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024. A delicious turkey lunch, freshly cooked from scratch by our wonderful catering team enjoyed by our students and staff.

A reminder, then, that our Catering team do a remarkable job of producing a really tasty menu every day with a range of hot and cold snacks, as well as main meals and desserts. Please can you ensure that you keep an eye on your ParentPay account and keep it topped up. Students should have their fobs with them and lost fobs can be replaced at the Finance Office.





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## Attendance Update

We would like to extend thanks to you for your support in ensuring that your children are in school every day possible. Your commitment to your child's education really is invaluable, and as a result, our Autumn term attendance has significantly improved compared to last year. Regular school attendance is vital for your child's academic success, social development, and overall well-being, as every school day provides valuable opportunities for learning, friendship and growth. Together, let's continue prioritising attendance to help our children thrive and reach their full potential.

If you have any concerns about your child's absence please contact their tutor, Head of House or our attendance team on [attendance@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@newent.gloucs.sch.uk)

## HITZ On Track

We were really fortunate last term to be involved in this fantastic scheme run by Gloucester RFC. This program is designed to engage young people in sport and develop positive attitudes, mental resilience, and a healthy outlook. We are so proud of the cohort of girls that completed this course last term and we are really looking forward to the second group starting next week!

# Spotlight on Sixth

## Sixth Form News

In the last week before Christmas our Sixth Form students organised a disco for Year 7. The disco was DJ'd by Hayden and Tommy from Year 11 with the students taking part in fun activities to celebrate the end of their first term at Newent. The Sixth Form leadership have chosen Great Oaks Hospice as their charity for the year. Therefore, we will be making a donation to them as a result of the disco. Many thanks to Gia (Y13), Gracie (Y13), Grace (Y13) and Mr Britten for their hard work in organising the disco. We look forward to the Sixth Form team running more community events in the new year!





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**For information or queries about your young person and school please do contact their tutor in the first instance.**

**For other queries please use the emails below:**

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