



# NEWENT NEWS

## Message from our Principal

As I said at the beginning of the month, January is traditionally a month for change. As we reach the end of the month, it feels like things are improving. Lighter mornings and afternoons are becoming noticeable. There has been a lot to celebrate this week, whether it's Year 9's baking, drama trips taking place, the ongoing rehearsals for Antony and Cleopatra taking shape under the expert direction of Mr Wagstaff, Year 13 Parents' Evening, or sporting fixtures, we've certainly managed to cram plenty into the past five days.

This week also features a piece from our new SENDCO, Mrs Cunningham-Smith and some news about National Careers Week from Miss Jones.

Before all of that, in line with our value of Respect, this week saw some major issues in world news, not least **Holocaust Memorial Day**.

We would like to thank you on behalf of all staff and Trustees for your continued support of everything we do at Newent to fulfil our HEART values.

Mr Nicklin  
Vice Principal

## Clubs and Activities

### Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February

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

### Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February

- \* Girls Cricket, Sports Hall, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- \* Football vs Severn Vale, 3pm

### Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February

- \* Science Club, Lab G17, 1.00pm
- \* Rehearsals Antony & Cleopatra, Hall, 3.20-5pm
- \* 6<sup>th</sup> Performance of 'The Long Road'
- \* Yr 10 Football vs JK
- \* Yr 7 & 8 Girls football
- \* Yr 11 Girls Football

### Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February

- \* Eco-Committee, T6, 1.00 – 1.30pm
- \* Girls Football, Astro, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- \* Badminton Club (All), Sports Hall 12.55pm
- \* Yr 9 Football 3pm
- \* Yr 9 & 10 Girls Football 3pm
- \* Yr 12 Parents Evening 4.30-6pm

### Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February

- \* Yr 10 Business trip to Cadbury World  
Meet in hall at 8.40am
- \* Basketball Club (All), 12.55pm
- \* Boys Football 12.55- 1.25pm  
Years 7/8 Week 1  
Years 10/11 Week 2



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## Attendance Matters

Thank you to our Assistant Heads of House who have been running our 'What a Difference a Day Makes' (WADADM) programme and congratulations to all the students who have improved their attendance as a result. The programme runs every term and gives our young people additional support and guidance to help them to overcome any barriers that they are facing with their attendance. During the sessions 'push and pull' factors are discussed and strategies are put in place to try to reduce those things that are pushing our youngsters away from school or pulling them to be at home. We also look at what can be done to 'pull' students to be in school such as the involvement in an extra-curricular club or activity. We hope that this intervention is helping our young people to move towards our value of EXCELLENCE with their attendance. The Assistant Heads of House are already looking forward to the WADADM celebration breakfast that will take place at Easter for the students who participated in the programme during the spring term.

## Library News

Book club started Monday 27th January lunchtime this week! Watch this space for updates of how we're getting on...

## Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is 3-9 Feb 2025. The event creates awareness around mental health and was launched by children's mental health charity, [Place2Be](#). The charity aims to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK.

In the library, we are promoting this event by displaying books on various themes, such as anxiety, OCD, dyspraxia, PTSD, anger management and grief and many more. We will be asking students to take part by taking a paper heart and writing down something that makes them happy. These hearts will then be put on display in the library.

## National Careers Week

National Careers Week is w/c Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 7th March 2025 from 10am - 2.30pm. We are asking local businesses to support our school by offering up their time for one day during this week to present their business and provide information on the journey it took them to achieve the position they are in today. Do you know of any friends, family members or contacts who may potentially be interested in showcasing their business that week at our school?

If so, please contact at [kjones@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:kjones@newent.gloucs.sch.uk)

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## Year 9 Bake Off

Year 9 Food students enjoyed a cake 'bake off' in their practical lessons this week. They perfected their cake making skills and took pride when decorating the cakes demonstrating piping skills. All Key Stage 3 students will rotate within Design Technology/Food after February half term. Year 9 students are welcome to discuss options available within the Design Technology Department with Mrs James or their DT/Food teachers.





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## Holocaust Memorial Day

### Holocaust Memorial Day - A Time to Remember

Each year on **27th January**, we observe **Holocaust Memorial Day** to honour the **six million Jewish people** and millions of others who were murdered during the **Holocaust**, as well as those affected by **more recent genocides**. This day marks the anniversary of the **liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau** and reminds us of the consequences of **hatred, intolerance, and conflict**. This year's theme, "**The Fragility of Freedom**," encourages us to reflect on how easily rights and freedoms can be lost and why we must work to protect them for everyone.

## The Library

# Teen Craft Event: Making Key Rings

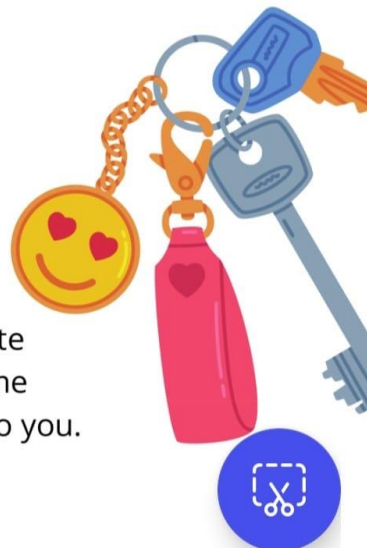
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Thursday, 20th February

14:00 - 15:30

Whether you're looking to personalize your keys or create a gift for a friend, you will come away with a key ring unique to you.

Free to attend.



Booking is **essential** - scan QR code, visit [gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk](http://gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk) or enquire at the library.



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## Football News

The Year 7 Girls football team entered the District tournament held at Forest High School on 29<sup>th</sup> January. The squad of 10 girls showed excellent teamwork and resilience in their matches to produce some superb performances and as a result successfully secured qualification to the County Finals. Congratulations girls!

Results for Boys football:

Year 8 beat John Kyrle 7-3

Year 9 drew 2-2 v John Kyrle

Year 11 (GCSE team) lost 5-1 to John Kyrle

Seniors lost 3-1 to John Kyrle

Confirmed Boys Football Fixtures:

Year Group	Date	Opponents	Venue	Score
9	27-Jan	John Kyrle	A	D 2-2
8	28-Jan	John Kyrle	A	W 7-3
Seniors	28-Jan	John Kyrle	H	L 1-3
10	29-Jan	John Kyrle	H	Can
Seniors	03-Feb	Kings	A	
8	04-Feb	Severn Vale	A	
10	04-Feb	Severn Vale	H	
9	06-Feb	Severn Vale	H	
7	11-Feb	Dene Magna	A	
9	11-Feb	Dene Magna	H	
8	25-Feb	Dene Magna	H	
10	25-Feb	Dene Magna	A	
7	26-Feb	Five Acres	H (astro)	
8	26-Feb	Five Acres	H (astro)	
8	04-Mar	Five Acres	A	
10	05-Mar	Five Acres	A	
9	06-Mar	Five Acres	A	
7	10-Mar	Severn Vale	A (astro)	
7	01-Apr	District comp.	Dene Magna	
10	03-Apr	District comp.	Five Acres	
9	08-Apr	District comp.	Dene Magna	
8	10-Apr	District comp.	Five Acres	

# Spotlight on Sixth

## SIXTH FORM LIFE SKILLS

Since returning from the Christmas break our Year 13 PSHE lessons have had a 'life skill' focus. Two weeks ago, the students took part in a CPR and AED training session from the British Heart Foundation. The practical activities allowed the students to be confident delivering CPR in an emergency situation. This week our focus was on the domestic side of life with the students having the opportunity to hone their ironing and sewing skills following a masterclass from Mrs Etheridge. It has been great to see the students engage in the different activities so far - next week we will be moving onto car maintenance.





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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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