



# NEWENT NEWS

## Message from our Principal

As term three draws to a close, Mr. Phillips and I would like to extend our thanks for the support received by colleagues, students, parents, Trustees and other members of our wider community over recent weeks. Looking back over the past few issues of Newent News, the school has been involved in so much great work and so many positive initiatives in 2025 already.

House matches and school fixtures have been running and it's delightful to see so many of our students engaged in sporting activities and pursuing a healthy lifestyle. The world of performing arts has also been thriving at Newent. It seems that no sooner had Archie removed his donkey ears, he was donning his imperial robes in order to command the stage in the role of Antony, supported by a large cast of talented young people!

We have been delighted to welcome most of you in to meet with us to discuss your child's academic progress and we look forward to Year 7 parents' evening in the first week back after half term.

With one final set of mock exams fast approaching, it seems unbelievable to think that year 11 only have 7 school weeks left before the live examinations start in May. Where has the school year gone?

Later in this edition, you'll be able to read about the Safer Internet event that took place this week. There is also an update regarding our PSHE curriculum, and a piece about National Apprenticeship Week which is coming up. In addition, applications for the Channel 4 Junior Bake Off competition, and Miss Newcombe, our school librarian, has provided some information about reading groups that are running in school.

I'll leave you with this thought: when I started at Newent back in September 2022, I introduced an end of term reward for students with excellent attendance and exemplary behaviour. Qualifying students are entitled to use their ticket to access an extended break with a snack and a hot drink at the end of term. It was delightful to see how this event has grown with well over 300 students enjoying a small, good thing at the end of a long, dark term.

## Clubs and Activities

### Monday, 24<sup>th</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, 25<sup>th</sup> February

- \* Girls Cricket, Sports Hall, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- \* Yr 7 & 8 Mixed Hockey 3.30pm

### Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February

- \* Yr 8 Trip to Big Pit, Group 1, 8.45am to 3.15pm
- \* Rehearsals Antony & Cleopatra, Hall, 3.20-5pm

### Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February

- \* SEND Parent Coffee Morning, Hall, 9-10am
- \* Girls Football, Astro, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- \* Badminton Club (All), Sports Hall 12.55pm
- \* Yr 7 Parents Evening, Hall, 4.30-6pm

### Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February

- \* Yr 8 Trip to Big Pit, Group 1, 8.45am to 3.15pm
- \* 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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As ever, thanks for your support in all that we set out to achieve at Newent, and your continued engagement with our HEART values.

Kind regards

Mr R Nicklin  
Vice Principal

## 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 4 we will be studying the following:

Year Group	Topic	Lessons to include
7	Building Relationships	Self-worth, romance and friendships (inc. online), relationship boundaries. Unifrog:
8	Identity and relationships	Gender identity, sexual orientation, consent and 'sexting'. Unifrog:
9	Intimate Relationships	Families and parenting, healthy relationships, conflict resolution and relationship changes, consent, introduction to contraception. Unifrog:
10	Exploring Influence	The influence and impact of drugs, and the media, drugs and the law, sources of support. Unifrog:
11	Financial Decision-making	Payslips, tax, mortgages Unifrog:

If you have any questions please email:  
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## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Across the country this week was the annual National Apprenticeship Week. This is the biggest week in the apprenticeship calendar with the aim of celebrating everything that is brilliant about apprenticeships.

On Monday we started with an assembly delivered to Year 11 by Gloucester College who shared key information on the variety of apprenticeships on offer to the students. As a follow up to the assembly our Year 11 and 13 students were able to attend a 'Search and Apply' workshop on Tuesday with Sarah from Workpays (formerly ASK Apprenticeships).

Throughout the week we also developed our Key Stage 3 student's understanding of apprenticeships through the tutor programme and tailored PSHE lessons for students in Years 9 and 10.

Thanks to Miss Jones for her hard work in organising the event and our students for their engagement in the variety of activities on offer.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Our library heart display is full of messages from staff and students and has made quite an apt feature in time for Valentine's Day!



Year 7 book club are enjoying reading *Running on the Roof of the World* by Jess Butterworth. Year 8 book club are enjoying reading *Tunnel of Bones* by Victoria Schwab.

The Year 9 book club is yet to commence so, Year 9 students please come along on Wednesday lunchtimes, if you would like to. We have a fantastic book lined up about a girl, Megara, who dreams of being an Astronaut!



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## JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Love Productions; the production company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down have recently opened applications for the 11<sup>th</sup> series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

Interested bakers can apply online at - [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

Budding bakers need to be between the ages of **9 - 14 years old**.

Filming will take place from July 2025, but **applications close on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**.

**JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!**

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-14 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!

IF YOU'RE BONKERS ABOUT BREAD OR HAVE A PASSION FOR PASTRY, THEN YOU COULD BE BAKING IN THE FAMOUS WHITE TENT IN 2025! 🍞

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 23RD MARCH**

**APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK**

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**



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## SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day 2025, and Y7 had a special assembly from a Microsoft representative.

*Gemma A in Year 7 said, "It was really helpful and now I know the signs to look for if something isn't right or real."*

*Mr. Worgan, Head of ICT, noted, "The students were excellent all session and were very well behaved. They did the school proud."*

To really highlight the theme and message, pupils in all years also took part in tasks, quizzes and activities during tutorial during this week.

The theme this year is, **'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'** The initiative is led by the UK Safer Internet Centre, a collaboration between Childnet International, the Internet Watch Foundation and South West Grid for Learning. Its goal is to promote online safety to young people and raise awareness of related issues.

If you would like to discuss safer internet usage at home, please find some helpful tips here: [Safer Internet Day 2025 Top Tips - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

This initiative forms part of our wider anti-bullying focus to support and promote safe online spaces for our young people, and our ICT curriculum and enrichment offer. Thank you to the ICT team for their work on this.





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## MUSIC UPDATES

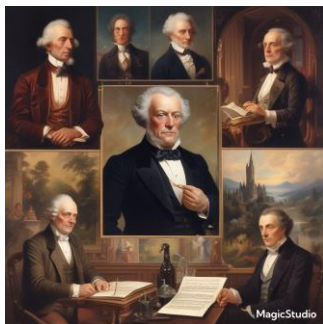
This week, we have been very fortunate to welcome Bill Anderton and William Saad into school. Bill leads Newent Orchestra, is a composer and peripatetic teacher and William is a local peripatetic teacher and performer. Performing in the community as the Jazz Bossa duo 'Bistro Blue', they have a huge wealth of musical knowledge between them. They have kindly given up their time to come and work alongside our young people.

Year 11 benefitted from their advice and guidance as part of 2 extended coursework days. These additional 1-2-1 sessions allowed for additional feedback and a 'fresh ear' to their work to support them towards exam success.

The whole school was then invited to bring their lunch to the department and watch them perform a 'jam session', we fondly named 'The Jam Sandwich', during lunchtime on Thursday.

Our local community is a wonderful musical resource. We are very lucky they are so generous with their time! Thank you to them both.

*You can hear some of Bill's composing work in Newent Art Gallery from next month and Newent Orchestra have their next concert on the 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30 p.m. The concert will take place here at Newent Community School and tickets are £10, **but students go free**. For more information visit: [www.newentorchestra.org/concert.html](http://www.newentorchestra.org/concert.html)*



### [Newent Orchestra Concert 'On The Side'](http://www.newentorchestra.org/concert.html)

Newent Orchestra's next concert is on Saturday, 29th March, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., Newent Community School Hall. The theme is 'On The Side', famous composers who had other day jobs!  
[www.newentorchestra.org](http://www.newentorchestra.org)



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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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Safeguarding Queries	<a href="mailto:dsl@newent.gloucs.sch.uk">dsl@newent.gloucs.sch.uk</a>
Finance Queries	<a href="mailto:finance@newent.gloucs.sch.uk">finance@newent.gloucs.sch.uk</a>
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