



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Principal

This week has been really lovely, with a number of key events taking place in the warm spring sunshine. The change to the weather has meant we have been able to open the top field for students to use at lunch and the mood of everyone has been positive and bright.

Yesterday, Alan Beard from Forest Schools Games was on site delivering an excellent set of activities for many of our primary school students and it was brilliant to see them on site. Many of our students were involved in supporting that event and we were fortunate to have a visit from our local MP to check out the action. Thanks for all that you do, Alan!

Elsewhere this week, information about our Year 10 trip to Hatherley Manor, our Year 7 Careers event, an update about this year's Carnegie prize, and some information from Mrs McClay about our art competition.

Firstly, though, we would like to update you regarding the changes to school leadership at Newent and Chris Germaine, our Chair of Trustees, will kick this issue of Newent News with the detail.

In the meantime, thanks for all of your continued support!

Best Wishes,

Rob Nicklin
Vice Principal

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 24th March

- * Sew Crafty Club, G4, 12.55m
- * Fitness (All), Gym, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * Table Tennis Years 7/8, Sports Hall, 12.55pm
- * Girls Rugby practice, 3.30pm

Tuesday, 25th March

- * Girls Cricket, Sports Hall, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * Yrs 7 & 8 Football (H)

Wednesday, 26th March

Thursday, 27th March

- * Girls Football, Astro, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * Badminton Club (All), Sports Hall 12.55pm
- * Yr 7 Boys Football v Severn Vale (A) 3.30pm

Friday, 28th March

- * 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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APPOINTMENT OF ACTING HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that, following the resignation of Mrs Burke from her position as Principal, the Trustees have appointed Mr. Rhys Phillips as Acting Headteacher of Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre.

Mr. Phillips will assume the role from next week.

Mr. Phillips is an extremely experienced senior leader who, alongside other members of the Senior Leadership Team and members of staff, will continue to drive school improvement forward. He will be supported in this role by Mr. Nicklin and other senior colleagues, ensuring stability and strong leadership for the school community.

The Trustees are committed to a thorough and careful recruitment process to appoint a permanent Headteacher. Further details regarding this process will be shared in due course, and we will ensure that parents and carers are kept updated in a timely manner.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gourlay, Clerk to the Trustees, at the school.

Best regards,

Chris Germaine
On behalf of the Trustee Board



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Year 7 Careers Activity: Exploring the World of Computing

This week, our Year 7 students embarked on an exciting journey into the world of computing careers. As part of our career's activity, students were tasked with researching various computing jobs and creating informative posters about the roles they found most intriguing. The activity aimed to broaden students' understanding of the diverse opportunities available in the computing field. From software development and cybersecurity to game design and artificial intelligence, the students explored a wide range of professions. Many were surprised to discover just how integral computing has become in the modern world.

Highlights of the Activity:

Research and Discovery: Students utilized various resources, including the internet, library books, and interviews with professionals, to gather information about their chosen careers.

Creative Poster Making: Each student created a poster showcasing their findings. The posters included job descriptions, required skills, educational pathways, and potential employers.

Presentation and Sharing: Students presented their posters to the class, sharing their newfound knowledge and insights. This not only enhanced their understanding but also improved their presentation skills.

Student Reactions:

"I had no idea that computing was involved in so many different jobs. It's really cool!"

"Learning about cybersecurity was fascinating. I might want to pursue a career in that field."

"Creating the poster helped me understand what I need to study to become a game designer."

"You can play games, and get paid"

The activity was a great success, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm among the students. It highlighted the importance of computing in various industries and encouraged students to consider future careers in this dynamic and ever-evolving field.

We look forward to seeing how this experience will inspire our Year 7s as they continue their educational journey.





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The Carnegie Contenders are in the Library!

The Carnegie Medal is a literacy prize awarded by children's librarians for an outstanding book written in English for children and young people.

The "Carnegie Contenders" have been shortlisted to the following 8 titles:

All That It Ever Meant - Blessing Musariri
 King of Nothing - Nathaniel Lessor
 Treacle Town - Brian Conaghan
 The Final Year - Matt Goodfellow
 Play - Luke Palmer
 The Things We Leave Behind - Clare Furniss
 Little Bang - Kelly McCaughrain
 Glasgow Boys - Margaret McDonald

A theme of some of this year's books is very much an honest look at issues children and young people face such as, identity, loss and love.

All students are welcome to read these books but some of these titles are aimed at 14+ years due to the content and theme. Students under 14 will be challenged before being allowed to take these books out.

The overall winner of the Carnegie award will be announced on 19th June at an award ceremony, which will be live streamed in the library/h5.





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"HAVE A GO" DAY

Another fantastic event was hosted by the school and delivered by the Forest Schools Games co-ordinator, Alan Beard

Students enjoyed riding the bikes, swimming, boccia, smart gym, football, power chair football, cricket, golf, table tennis and much more.

20 of our students attended the event and each of them had an amazing experience.

Our students 'had a go' at all sorts of different activities that they had never attempted before, and had a blast!. They were given a free rein to try the activities they liked the best over and over again, coming back only to eat and drink occasionally and say what a brilliant time they were having.

It was especially pleasing to hear one of the facilitators complimenting our group on how well behaved they had been and being so helpful to other children.



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Hatherley Manor Trip

This week Hatherley Manor Hotel & Spa kindly invited some of our Year 10 students along for a tour of the hotel, function facilities as well as the spa. This was then finished off with juice and biscuits in one of their private dining rooms to answer any questions that the students may have had regarding hospitality, catering and events management.' It certainly surprised them all as to how many career opportunities there are in hospitality.'





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ART COMPETITION

These are the **5 images** for this week's Art Competition. Further information about them can be found on Satchel.

CREATE AN ARTWORK THAT IS INSPIRED BY ANY OF THE 5 DISPLAYED IMAGES.

You could combine the colour of one with the shape of another or take part of the images and blend them together into something **SURREAL**. Use any art materials – photo, drawing, painting, sculpture, digital work etc.

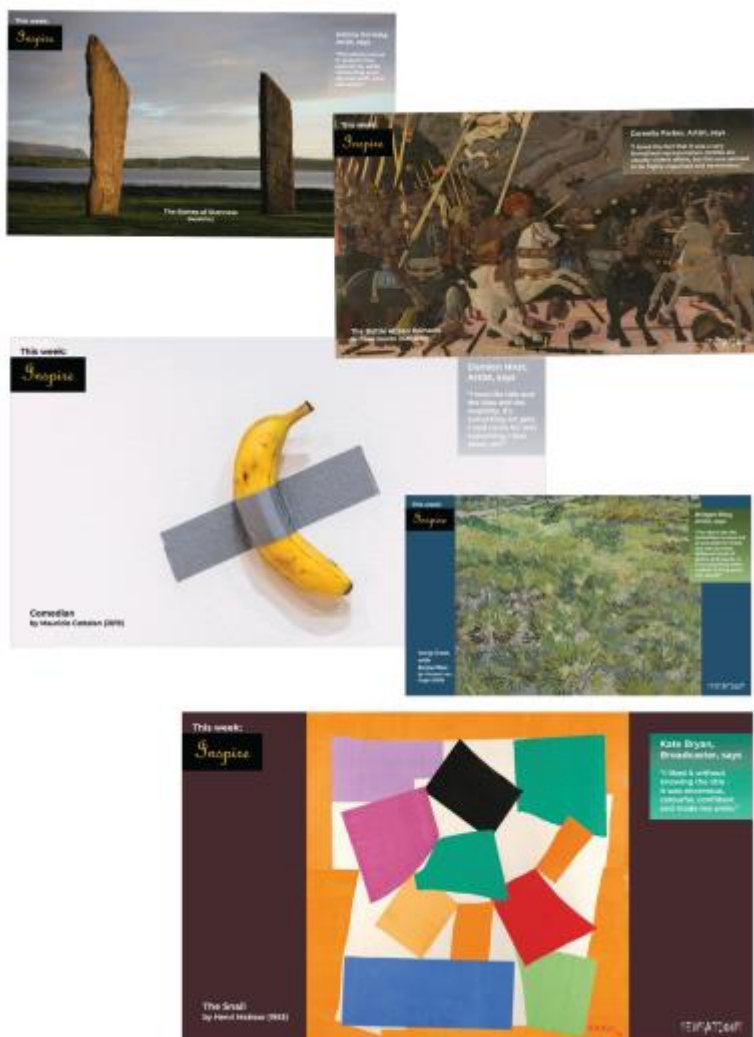
Be creative and have fun.

All entries to be handed in to Ms McClay by **FRIDAY 4th APRIL 2025**

FAME & RECOGNITION!! Entries will be celebrated by posting in Newent News and Instagram

For more information – see details on Satchel and follow us on Instagram newentart.

T3 Art Room is open every lunchtime if you wish to work on your art competition submission independently. Art Club is every Tuesday lunchtime and Ms McClay and Penny will be available to support with ideas and materials.





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NEWENT ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT



On The Side!



F. Schubert, Overture in the Italian Style
C. Saint-Saëns, Rapsodie Bretonne
W. Herschel, Symphony No. 20
A. Dvořák, Symphony No. 8

29 March, 2025, 2:30 p.m.
Newent Community School

Tickets £10, students free
Includes interval refreshment

Conductor, Tobias Lazenbury-Halliwell
Leader, Bill Anderton

Book a table and bring your own picnic!
(see website)

www.newentorchestra.org/concert.html

Programme:



Tickets:



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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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Attendance Queries	attendance@newent.gloucs.sch.uk
Safeguarding Queries	dsl@newent.gloucs.sch.uk
Finance Queries	finance@newent.gloucs.sch.uk
Bus Pass Queries	buspass@newent.gloucs.sch.uk
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