



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Principal

As March draws to a close, it's hard to believe that we are a quarter of the way through 2025 already!

This week, Miss Harvey and Mrs George took a group to take part in Anti-Bullying Ambassador training. It was a great experience and something we believe will have lasting impact for students at Newent. Miss Harvey has included an article about this event in this week's issue.

Well done to our Year 11 Drama students who did their practical examination this week. A busy day for the students and for Mrs Hood and Mr Wagstaff! Next week is the turn of our Year 11 Art students. Tutor meetings will be available to book for Thursday 3rd April for all Year 11 parents and this can be done through the usual channel.

We'd also like to offer our thanks for all of the donations of pre-loved uniform. It all helps and we are always glad to receive items that your kids have grown out of.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to say Eid Mubarak to all of our Muslim community as the holy month of Ramadan draws to a close. I wish you all a very enjoyable time spent with family as you celebrate Eid together.

Thanks, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards

Rob Nicklin
Vice Principal

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 31st 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, 1st April

- * Girls Cricket, Sports Hall, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * Yr 7 District Football Competition (A)
- * Dene Magna 7 & 8 Netball (H)

Wednesday, 2nd April

- * U12 & U14 Girls Rugby Festival (A) 12.00pm

Thursday, 3rd April

- * Girls Football, Astro, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * Badminton Club (All), Sports Hall 12.55pm
- * Primary Netball Finals 2.00pm
- * Y10 boys district football comp (A) 3.00pm
- * Yr 11 Progress Evening with Tutors (in person) 4.00 – 7.00pm, Hall

Friday, 4th April

- * 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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ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

On Tuesday, we took 9 Year 9 students to Hayesfield Girls' School in Bath to undertake Anti-Bullying Ambassador training. Students followed a full day of training focusing on a detailed and balanced development of knowledge and skills:

SESSION ONE: Introduction, aims of the Day, understanding what It means to be an Anti-Bullying Ambassador
Break
SESSION TWO: Exploring what Bullying Behaviour is, the three types of bullying behaviour, the impact how to support your peers
Lunch
SESSION THREE: How to identify bullying behaviour and practical steps to addressing it as an Anti-Bullying Ambassador
Break
SESSION FOUR: Social Action planning, earning badges, next steps

This training is highly sought-after by Secondary Schools, and we have been attempting to get a place for 2 years! This was a very exciting opportunity to finally be involved with. We are now on an ongoing journey with The Diana Award and will keep you updated along the way. Students focused their initial next-step plans on Wellbeing and are looking forward to designing a range of projects to support the Anti-Bullying message and to gain further badges in support. These are similar in nature to the Blue Peter badges and have a particular focus or theme to be met.

Our students conducted themselves absolutely brilliantly throughout the day and were a credit to the school, their families and themselves. They were demonstrating our H.E.A.R.T. Values at all times of the day.

We look forward to taking our newly qualified ambassadors to local primary schools and House Assemblies next term to keep promoting and spreading the word about Anti-Bullying.

Stay tuned!

Special thanks to Mrs. George for driving the minibus.



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS - WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

This week assemblies were held to highlight the work of the team of staff we have to support our students with attendance. The students were reminded that in addition to their tutors, their Head of House and the SAFE team (Mrs George, Mr Careless and Mr Brabham) we have a team of additional support staff whose focus is solely on attendance and wellbeing:

Mrs Scott - Attendance Welfare Officer
Miss Woods - Home School Liaison Officer
Mrs Fletcher - Attendance and Family Liaison Support Assistant
Mrs Jevons - Medical and Student Welfare Officer

Miss Gordelier reminded students what a difference every day in school makes in terms of their progress, wellbeing and life chances. The recent governmental publication on 'The Impact of School Absence on Lifetime Earnings' is a difficult read as it evidences the negative impact of low attendance on the whole of our lives. Students were reminded that what they do now will become habitual.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67d2cf8f4702aacd2251cbae/The_impact_of_school_absence_on_lifetime_earnings.pdf



The Impact of School Absence on Lifetime Earnings

Research report

March 2025

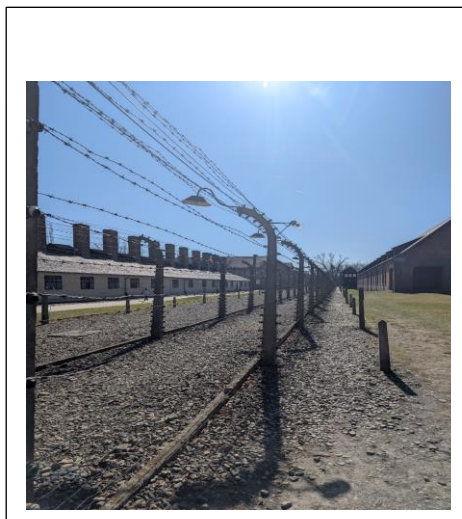
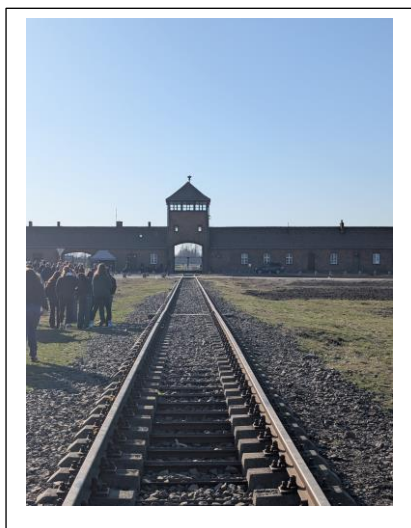
We would like to thank our families for communicating with the school when there is something happening at home or in school that is leading to a reduction in attendance. We are here to help and to offer support as we truly understand how important it is for your child to be with us every day possible. We are also looking forward to presenting many of our students with their Excellent Attendance Easter Eggs in our end of term celebration assemblies.



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AUSCHWITZ

"Last week, four Year 12 students were selected to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau as part of the lesson from Auschwitz charity. This intense one-day trip allowed students to tour both Auschwitz 1 and Auschwitz 3 camps, followed by a ceremony led by a Rabbi to conclude the day's events. The students represented the school in the highest light and will have experienced something that will stay with them forever."





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“WE HAVE CAUSE TO BE GLAD”

Antony & Cleopatra
by Newent Community School
at The Roses, 12th March 2025
appraised by Holly Meechan

It is my great pleasure to congratulate you, Newent Community School, on your brilliant performance of Antony & Cleopatra as part of Shakespeare Schools Festival this autumn. It was a joy to watch you shine on your performance night, and I'd like to spend some time now highlighting all the aspects of your production that I loved the most.

I loved the clever kitchen theme that you chose for your reimagining of this tale of love and power. The drama in the story translated so well to the world of the restaurant and the great attention to detail, from the 'delivery driver' messenger, to the kitchen utensils used as weapons made it very relatable and even humorous at times.

You had a large cast and used this to your advantage with some excellent ensemble work. This included lots of walk-ons and characters busy in the background of scenes cooking and cleaning, which cleverly reinforced the world of the play. The large battle scene was a particular highlight with everyone on stage together, invested in the action.

You had a great grip of Shakespeare's language, speaking your lines confidently with a clear understanding of what you were saying. I thought you handled wordless moments well too, Eros' death being particularly touching, their body carried away by the ensemble. In a play like Antony and Cleopatra, finding these moments of poignancy and stillness is so important and you handled this like professionals.

The cast were supported by a great technical team, making sure backstage was organised and designing and operating the lights and sound with great professionalism. I really liked the visceral sound effect you chose to use each time a 'sword' was drawn.

This was a creative and captivating Antony & Cleopatra by a vibrant company of young people

We are in awe of all your passion, hard work and creativity! What you have accomplished is something truly special, and we are already looking forward to reimagining Shakespeare with Newent Community School again next year.

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ROSS ROWING CLUB EASTER CAMP

Would you like to learn to row and join a successful and friendly sports squad?

Ross Rowing Club has spaces on its Easter camp for new starters.

Begins on Monday 14th April with a capsized drill and swim test in the afternoon, and then learning rowing skills on and off the water Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th April 9.30-4pm.

Cost is £60 per person. Please email junior.captain@rossrowingclub.co.uk if you are interested.

CONGRATULATIONS !

A huge congratulations to **MIA PAIN** who has passed her ABRSM Grade 3 singing exam with a good pass, just 4 marks off a merit! We are extremely proud of you Mia!

MONKHOUSE SCHOOLWEAR SPECIALISTS

We've got some exciting news from Monkhouse! For a limited time, enjoy FREE delivery on all orders over £30—perfect for getting ahead on your back-to-school shopping without the added delivery costs.

Offer Dates:

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- **End Date:** Midnight, Wednesday 16th April

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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.

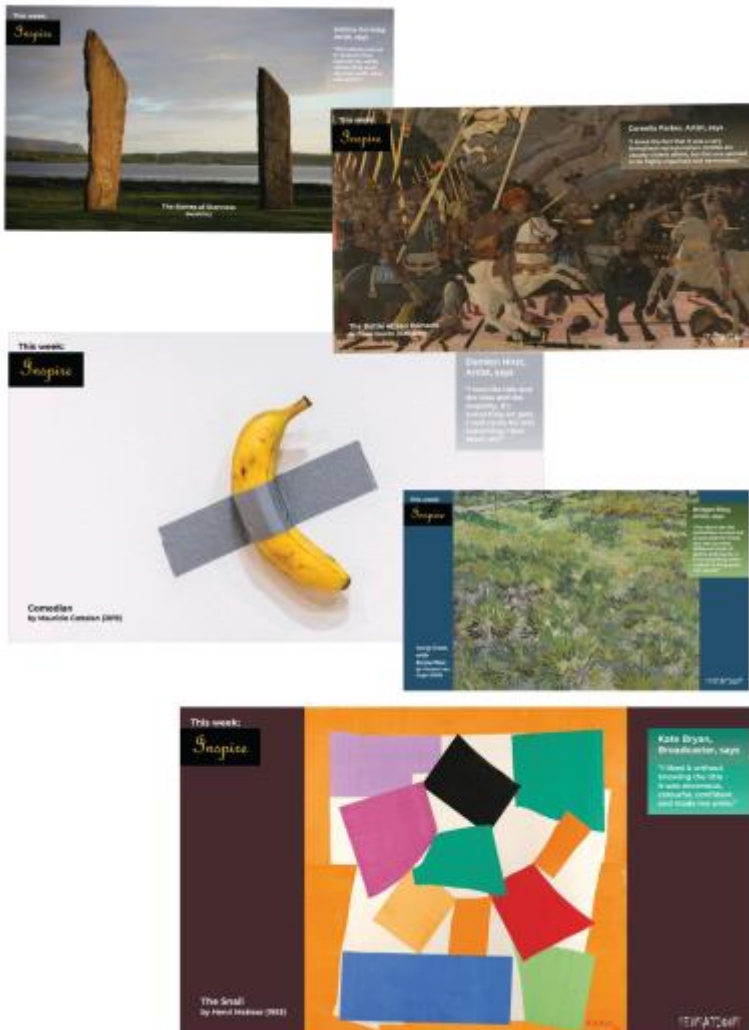
Be creative and have fun.

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:

General Enquires	reception@newent.gloucs.sch.uk
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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