



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Principal

Ramadan kareem and happy Lent!

Despite the frost on the ground as I leave the house in the mornings, I feel that spring is well and truly on its way. Daffodils and crocuses are appearing on the verges. I was always taught that the first crocuses mark the start of spring. It is nice to feel the sun on my face during break and lunch duty slots. I look forward to opening the main field up for our students to enjoy that green space in their free time in the coming weeks.

This week, the annual swimming gala took place as part of our interhouse competitions. As always, it was great to see so many of our young people signed up to represent their house in sport. This is particularly true of our senior competitors who are increasingly conscious of their exam commitments.

Also, this week, National Careers Week. A big thanks to Miss Jones for organising a series of events so that our students can gain some understanding of the world of work. It was absolutely brilliant to have a police dog on site today as part of this event. Also, Mrs George took a group of year 10 students to Gloucester Crown Court to get a taste of the legal process in action.

You will also be able to read about a brilliant new Art initiative that Ms McClay and the team are involved in. This will be a great opportunity for all our students to get creative and be part of something really exceptional.

Mr McCarthy has provided some information about She Talks Science, while Miss Harvey has a delicious update on the Choir Bake Off. Finally, we had the opportunity to work with Jennifer Lewis from the Educational Outreach team at the University of Gloucestershire.

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 10th March

- * Yr 11 and 13 Mock Exams
- * Sew Crafty Club, G4, 12.55m
- * Fitness (All), Gym, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * Table Tennis Years 7/8, Sports Hall, 12.55pm
- * Yr 7 Football (A) Severn Vale 3.30pm
- * Girls Rugby practice, 3.30pm

Tuesday, 11th March

- * Yr 11 and 13 Mock Exams
- * Girls Cricket, Sports Hall, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * Dress Rehearsal Antony & Cleopatra 1.30pm
- * Yr 8 Netball (A)

Wednesday, 12th March

- * Yr 11 and 13 Mock Exams
- * Shakespeare School Festival with performance, Roses, Tewkesbury 12.30pm
- * Yr 10 Netball (H)

Thursday, 13th March

- * Yr 11 and 13 Mock Exams
- * Girls Football, Astro, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * Badminton Club (All), Sports Hall 12.55pm
- * Yr 9 Parents Evening, 4.30 - 7.00pm

Friday, 14th March

- * Yr 11 and 13 Mock Exams
- * 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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Next week, our year 11 students will engage in their final set of mocks before the real thing in May and we wish them all the best in their studies. This is a last chance to show what they can do and where they need support so that we can tailor our teaching and resources effectively in the final weeks.

Best Wishes,

Rob Nicklin
Vice Principal

Library News

The Library was the venue for National Careers Week and although there were no library lessons or book club, it was lovely to see the space so busy during World Book Day on Thursday 6th March!

Miss Newcombe, the school Librarian, organised all sorts of activities to mark the occasion. Students had fun guessing how many "bookworms" were in the jar - the closest guess winning the jar of sweets! We also had bookmarks made by some of our very talented and creative Year 7s up for grabs and, not forgetting the opportunity of getting a free book! A selection of books being available in exchange for a World Book Day token (which Tutors gave out to their Tutor groups earlier this year). The incentive, to make reading accessible for all, was extended to the Friday as well, in case students had forgotten their book token or missed out.





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Choir Bake Off !

Bake-Off returned for choir this week, following a postponement at the end of last term. Our theme was 'Maleficent' and it proved challenging! Badly behaved bats, broken scales and super long decorating marathons have all threatened the final submissions, but Meg's cake won in the end. Well done everyone!!



Outreach Education Team

We were delighted to welcome Jennifer Lewis from the University of Gloucestershire's Outreach Education Team to the school on last Tuesday. Attendance was voluntary for all of Year 9 and Year 11 students who are considering moving onto GCSE/A level History courses from September. There were around 150 students present, which clearly shows the popularity of History as a subject within the school.

Jennifer kept the session lively by getting the students to debate both sides of certain historical characters such as Fidel Castro, Malcolm X, Margaret Thatcher, Winston Churchill and several others. Jennifer finished off by highlighting the skills that the study of History promotes, and how these are useful in all modern careers.

A very successful event, which we hope to repeat next Year.

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Who: Tailored for Gloucestershire parents & carers of ages 11-18

When: These workshops meet weekly for four weeks, with an optional fifth week, and last 1.5 hours

Where: In person or online via Zoom

BOOK NOW!

March - April 2025

DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
11 Mar - 08 Apr	Tuesday	10:00am - 11:30am	Stroud
11 Mar - 08 Apr	Tuesday	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Zoom
12 Mar - 09 Apr	Wednesday	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Zoom
13 Mar - 10 Apr	Thursday	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Zoom





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Year 8 History Students Trip to Big Pit, 26th and 28th February

Big Pit is a former coalmine near Blaenavon that went out of use in 1983, and has since been the site of the National Coal Mining Museum. Two groups of fifty Year 8 students made the one-hour journey to the museum last week and were greeted by ex-miners on arrival. We were then split into three groups and each given a hard hat, headlamp and battery plus a "self-rescuer", which is a type of emergency breathing device. Each group then entered the cage and was transported 90 metres down into the darkness of the mine. A one-hour tour then followed, with a highlight being the turning of all lights and the experience of "absolute darkness". Other highlights were the Pithead baths exhibition and the "King Coal" virtual mining experience. Despite being very cold days, the students were all incredibly well behaved and were a real credit to the school - well done all.





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She Talks Science Student Conference

Last week one of our Year 12 students, Jessica Curson-Smith, attended the She Talks Science Student Conference at the University of Cambridge. This was a fantastic opportunity for Jessica who was able to participate in after applying to attend. Please see below a write up from Jessica on her day at the University of Cambridge.

On Tuesday, 25th February 2025, I had the incredible opportunity to attend the She Talks Science Student Conference at Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge. As a woman in STEM, I was excited to be part of an event dedicated to encouraging and supporting women in science. The day started with an introduction to the college and a presentation from an alumni panel, where former Murray Edwards students, now working in STEM industries, shared their career journeys. They spoke about overcoming barriers, finding supportive networks, and how they navigated male-dominated fields. Hearing their stories was inspiring.

We then attended another presentation from Dr Olivia Remes, a Mental Health Researcher, Author and Life Coach, who discussed how to succeed in STEM industries and the necessary factors for shaping your career interests. It was brilliant to hear from such a strong female figure who is very passionate about her field of work.

Next, I attended a subject taster session in Mathematics, led by a Murray Edwards academic. The session was engaging and felt like a real undergraduate seminar, giving me insight into what studying at Cambridge might be like. Other students attended taster sessions in subjects such as Biochemistry, Physical Sciences, and Medicine. It was a great opportunity to explore topics in more depth and see how university teaching differs from Sixth Form.

Lunch in the Dome Dining Hall was another highlight. Not only was the food delicious, but I also got to chat with other attendees and current students. It was a fantastic chance to make connections, exchange experiences, and hear firsthand what life at Murray Edwards is like.

In the afternoon, we attended a session about applying to Cambridge for STEM subjects, led by the Director of Admissions. This was particularly helpful, as it broke down the application process, personal statements, and admissions tests. The advice felt tailored to us as aspiring STEM students, which made it even more valuable.

Overall, attending She Talks Science 2025 was an unforgettable experience. It reinforced my passion for STEM, gave me insight into university life, and surrounded me with a network of like-minded young women. I left feeling inspired and more confident about pursuing science as a career.



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Welcome to our new Art in Schools project!

Each week we will introduce you to a new set of 5 images and some information about them that makes them easy to understand and help you learn a bit more about the world of ART.

There will be a weekly competition based on the images, with an opportunity to win an ART OSCAR! You will have a full month to create your entry for the art competition and the ART OSCARS will be awarded in assemblies.



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.

These are the 5 images for this week. Further information about them can be found using these links:

[Overture Part 2 EXHIBITION NOTES.pdf](#)

[Overture- Welcome to Sensations- p2 2023-04.mp4](#)



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



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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.

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