



# NEWENT NEWS

## Message from our Principal

As the Spring Term draws to a close, it feels like a great opportunity for us all to pause and reflect on a time of significant change in school.

As you know, Mrs Burke leaves Newent at the end of this term and we wish her every success in her new role and thank her for all her work as Principal over the past three years.

I'd also like to thank Mr Hussein for his kind invitation, extended to staff and students, to attend a party in celebration of Eid Al-Fitr in H19 at lunch time on Thursday. The food, much of which had been prepared by students and their families, was absolutely delicious and it was a lovely atmosphere. Great to see so many staff and students there! Sadly, my time at the event was limited as I had to get out on duty but the feedback has been lovely.

Further to that, a big thank you to Mr Britten and the Sixth Form Leadership Team for organising a year 7 disco which ran yesterday after school. It was great to see so many of our students enjoying themselves. As ever, Mr Britten's dance moves raised a few eyebrows!

Well done to our Year 11 cohort who have begun to complete final assessments for Art, Drama and PE. The main series of exams commence next term. There are some sessions running over Easter and we encourage all of our Year 11 cohort to complete some revision over the holiday period.

As ever, there are many things going on that you can read about this week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support in all that we do at Newent Community School.

Happy Easter!

*Rob Nicklin*  
Vice Principal

## Clubs and Activities

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**

\* INSET DAY

**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April**

- \* Girls Cricket, Sports Hall, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- \* MyMaths, Room 106, 12.50-1.30pm

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**

- \* Science Club, Lab G17, open to all interested  
In Science, 1.00pm
- \* U14 County Cup Cricket, 1.30pm

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May**

- \* UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, 8.30am
- \* Girls Football, Astro, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- \* Badminton Club (All), Sports Hall 12.55pm

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

- \* 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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## DRAMA CAREERS WEEK

This week we celebrated Drama Careers Week. Miss Jones our Careers Coordinator, was lucky enough to be invited by Mrs. Hood - Head of Drama to watch some of the Year 13 girls perform their act in the Main Hall called **Devised**. It was a moment where it felt as though time stood still for the audience because they were all so captivated by what these girls had created. It was a really powerful, thought-through performance within such a short space of time. Well, done to you all. Great effort.



## ART CAREERS

Mrs Woodward shared her CV and career journey with Year 12, illustrating with images of her own work and stories of her considerable teaching experience. Students were able to see the content of a successful CV and listen to how her career evolved and the reasons behind it.





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## ART DEPARTMENT CAREERS WEEK

As we come to the end of another busy week in the art department, we are reflecting on all the superb careers enrichment we offer our students.

Our wonderful technicians and artists, Penny Clayton and Claudia Peake, spoke to our Year 10 and 12 students about their varied career paths and the things that inspire them. Penny previously worked as an Architectural Technician, before changing her career by studying art at Hereford College of Art. She has a love of book-making, illustration and walking and she shared many of the beautiful and varied projects she has been involved with. Claudia studied Textile Design in Dundee and her varied career has taken her to Africa, to work as a Primary school teacher, community work with The Wye Valley River Festival and a Life Drawing Tutor in Monmouth - to name but a few.

Year 9 students have been focusing on aspirations as part of their 3D Human Condition project and Ms McClay regularly shares examples of her own practice as an artist and her Monmouth Studio. The department is decked with plenty of careers information and details of the successes of many of our past students. And of course there is the Art Oscar Competition, still running, with a deadline of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. This is a fantastic opportunity for any of our students to showcase their amazing art and the competition has been opened to include any artwork; it could be beginning of a great art career!





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## 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 5 we will be studying the following:

Year Group	Topic	Lessons to include
7	Political Systems	Political system in the UK, Parliament, voting and elections, liberty.  Term 5 Unifrog - What is an entrepreneur?
8	Equality and Discrimination	Discrimination in all its forms, including: racism, sexism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia, and visual differences.  Term 5 Unifrog, - What does success mean to me?
9	Respectful and Intimate Relationships	Consent, introduction to contraception, the risks of STIs, and attitudes to pornography.  Term 5 Unifrog - Working and earning: managing your money
10	Addressing extremism and radicalisation	Communities, belonging and challenging extremism.  Term 5 Unifrog - Wellbeing in the workplace
11	Revision	Revision strategies and revision opportunities for the GCSEs

If you have any questions please email:  
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## ART OSCARS !



### NEW COMPETITION RULES

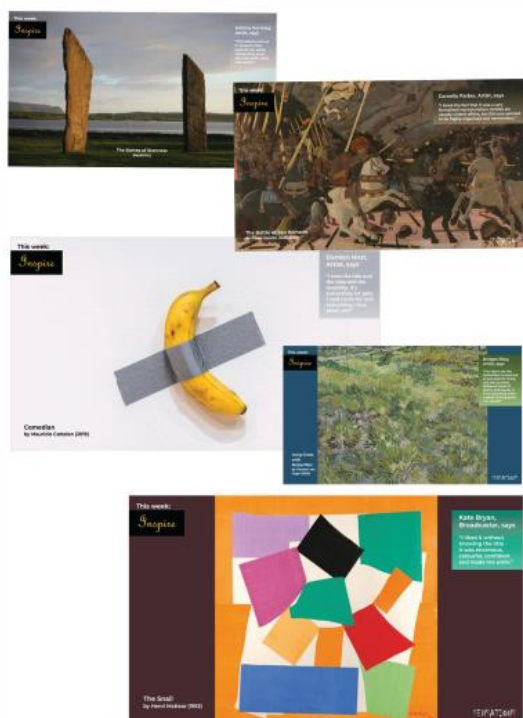
We are looking to celebrate your art skills so we have opened the competition to include any artwork that you would like to create. It doesn't need to relate to the 5 images below, but you could use those as starting points.

All entries to be handed in to Ms McClay by FRIDAY 2nd May 2025

**FAME & RECOGNITION** Entries will be celebrated by posting in Newent News and Instagram. **YOU COULD WIN AN ART OSCAR !!**

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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**JAMES HOPKINS TRUST**

## *Easter Extravaganza*

**SATURDAY 12TH APRIL  
1-5PM**

**ABBEDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**STALLS, GAMES, CAKES,  
FACE PAINTING,  
SPECIAL GUESTS,  
RAFFLE AND MORE!**

**CHILDREN  
FREE ENTRY  
ADULTS £3**



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## SPORTS NEWS

Well done to all the students who represented their house in the recent round of House matches.

The girls netball tournament saw record numbers of students signed up to play, and the boys football tournament saw some very exciting encounters in the sunshine, including a tense penalty shoot-out in the Year 10 competition.

Games were played in a great spirit and the winners will be announced in the end of term assemblies today (no spoilers here!)



## YEAR 7 EASTER DISCO

It wouldn't be the end of term without a Year 7 Disco! On Thursday night our Year 7 students gathered in the hall after-school in their best outfits for an evening of dancing and disco games. The evening was fantastically organised by our Year 12 students Alys, Fin, Gabby and Isla who ran a tuck shop and also got the students on their feet participating in party games and classic dances. A big thank you also goes to Hayden and Tommy from Year 11 for their music and lights production.





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## CONGRATULATIONS !

Collingwood, and the whole school community, are incredibly proud of Emily Simpson who is an incredible competitor in the sport of Kickboxing. She recently went to the British Championships to qualify for the World Cup in Australia later this year. Emily was the overall winner for her category and will be representing England. This is the most incredible achievement and we wish her the very best as she continues her competitive journey.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL REMINDER

All students return to school on **Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April** as there is an INSET day on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

This is **Week 1** of the school timetable.





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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	<a href="mailto:reception@newent.gloucs.sch.uk">reception@newent.gloucs.sch.uk</a>
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