



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Principal

As we move further into the Summer Term, the school is a busy and focused place. GCSE and A-level examinations are now fully underway, and I'd like to take a moment to thank all members of our school community, students, staff, and families, for their support during this important period. In particular, I am grateful to everyone who has helped maintain the calm and respectful environment across the site, especially around exam rooms, where the need for quiet and focus is crucial. Your consideration is helping to ensure that every student has the best possible chance to succeed.

Our Mobile Phone Policy, introduced recently, continues to be an outstanding success. The consistent approach from staff, and the support of families, have contributed to a noticeable difference in the atmosphere throughout the school day. Lessons are purposeful and focused, and it's fantastic to see students making the most of our beautiful outdoor spaces at break and lunch. Whether it's sport, music, or simply enjoying conversations with friends, the positive impact has been clear to see.

With the warmer weather now upon us, please ensure your child brings a refillable water bottle each day. Staying hydrated is essential for concentration and wellbeing. We are currently installing more water fountains across the site, which we hope will make it even easier for students to access drinking water throughout the day.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all colleagues supporting our Year 11 and Year 13 students. From revision sessions to extra coursework guidance, the dedication and commitment shown by staff is hugely appreciated. These additional efforts do not go unnoticed, and they are making a real difference to students during what can be a challenging time.

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 12th May

- * Yr8 History Trip – Harvington Hall
- * Fitness (all), Gym 12.55 – 1.25pm

Tuesday, 13th May

- * Yr10 Trip to Oxford
- * Girls Cricket, Sports Hall, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * MyMaths, Room 106, 12.50-1.30pm

Wednesday, 14th May

- * Science Club, Lab G17, open to all interested in Science, 1.00pm

Thursday, 15th May

- * Girls Football, Astro, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * Badminton Club (All), Sports Hall 12.55pm

Friday, 16th 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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Parents and carers will shortly be receiving further information about end-of-year assessments for students in other year groups. These will play an important role in helping us understand progress and guide support in the coming year, so please keep an eye out for those communications.

A particular highlight of this week was the excellent Year 8 Work Shadow Day. Thank you to all the staff, students, families, and employers involved in making it a valuable and engaging experience. Opportunities like these help broaden horizons, and give our students a real sense of the world beyond school. We're proud to have such a committed and forward-thinking Careers Team helping to bring these opportunities to life.

In this week's Newent News, you'll also read about a number of fantastic student achievements in both the arts and sports. We are always keen to celebrate the successes of our young people, both in and out of school. If your child has achieved something you would like us to share with our wider community, please do let us know by emailing admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support of our school.

Rhys Phillips
Acting Principal



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Year 8 Work Shadow Day 2025

Through student voice in July 2024 it was highlighted by students that they would like further careers-based opportunities in Key Stage 3. As a result, we are pleased to share that all of Year 8 took part in Work Shadow Day on Thursday 1st May. The day itself gave the students a brilliant opportunity to spend the day with a family member to develop their understanding of the role and in turn begin to consider their own future aspirations and career plans. The students attended a variety of placements such as estate agents, local primary schools, hair salons and an equestrian centre. Thank you to our local community for hosting the students throughout the day. Please see below some of the feedback from our Year 8 students:

"It made me more determined that I wanted to do something in science or biology"

"It made my choice to be an accountant stronger and I really enjoyed the day"

"It helped me because now I know the skills involved in being an estate agent"



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Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2025

We are delighted that 7 entries from Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre were Selected for Inclusion in an Audio-Visual Presentation that will be circulated amongst participating schools.

Congratulations to the following successful entrants:

Frankie McMillan	Horizon
Harriet McMillan	A Summers Day
Leo Soda	Who Let the Cat Out the Bag
Ollie Curtis	Feeling Blue
Sharan Kunnumpurath	Gloucester Cathedral
Stanley Bayfield	Memories
William Shayle	The Brightest

Particular congratulations go to **Ollie Curtis** whose image, *Feeling Blue*, has also been given an **Award of Commendation**.

We are so proud to see Ollie receive his certificate at the Awards Evening at Cheltenham Playhouse on Tuesday 29 April. Congratulations to all our wonderful photographers.





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Art Competition Winner

Our recent art competition has been so difficult to judge as all the entries were of such a high standard. We are delighted to announce that Archie Beard in Year 9 has been selected as the overall winner. The judges were very impressed by his highly unique response, showcasing a series of superb videos with sound. The poster cannot begin to describe how superb this work was. Well done Archie and huge congratulations to all the entrants. The Art Oscar will be awarded to Archie and highly commended awards to Verity Taylor, Talisa Hill, Jessica Trotter and Lillie Cartledge; this will take place in house assemblies over the next 2 weeks.

Watch this space for the next competition!



And finally

Save the date **Thursday 10th July** for our upcoming **Art and Technology Exhibition** where we showcase the superb work of our GCSE and A level students. You will be amazed by the talent displayed across the whole of our art block; seven rooms of creativity and individuality from our young people. If your child is considering their career options or GCSE options please do bring them along to see the show and inspire them. Many thanks to Owen Morgan in Year 12 who designed the winning poster and thank you, too, to Hali Patel and Gabby Vesma for their excellent designs; it was so hard to choose a winner!





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Attendance Matters

We would like to extend a grateful thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in raising attendance across the school. Your efforts in getting your children into school each day are making a real difference—not only in their academic progress but in their personal growth and social development too.

Regular attendance is vital to ensure every child reaches their full potential. Being in school consistently helps children build strong friendships, stay engaged in learning, and develop routines that set them up for future success. It reflects the very values we uphold as a school community:

- **Honesty** in recognising the importance of education,
- **Excellence** through consistent effort,
- **Accountability** for our responsibilities,
- **Respect** for learning and one another, and
- **Teamwork** between home and school.

We would also like to remind families that, in line with guidance from the Department for Education and Gloucestershire County Council, we are not permitted to authorise holidays during term time. We ask for your continued cooperation in avoiding any unnecessary absences, so that every child can benefit from the full range of educational opportunities available to them.

Thank you once again for the value you bring to our school community.



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Sporting News

Congratulations to our U15 rugby team who played at the iconic Kingsholm stadium this week. This was a fantastic opportunity and a chance to make lifelong memories.

Gloucester rugby hosted a 10 a side tournament to celebrate their work in the community with local schools.

The boys played superbly in some incredibly hard-fought games against Crypt, Cleeve and Dene Magna. Thank you to Gloucester Ruby and well done to the boys involved.

Mr Britten





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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 and Absence 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
Data protection Queries	dpo@newent.gloucs.sch.uk