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Message from our Principal

Dear students, parents and carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be a vibrant and busy final term at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre. I hope that all members of our community had a restful break and are now ready for the opportunities and events that lie ahead.

This edition of Newent News gives you a flavour of just how much is happening across the school this term. From enriching curriculum experiences to exciting extra-curricular activities, the energy around the school is inspiring. We are especially looking forward to our transition events for new Year 7s and a range of summer term celebrations showcasing student success.

We are also keen to hear from you. Two important surveys are now live and we would be hugely grateful for your feedback:

[The HEART Survey](#), which allows students, parents, and staff to reflect on how well we are living our core values of Honesty, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, and Teamwork.

[The Trustee Stakeholder Survey](#), which provides our Board of Trustees with crucial insight into the views and experiences of our school community.

Your voice helps shape our next steps as a school so please do take a few minutes to complete these surveys.

We are always keen to keep open communication with parents and carers. Whether it's through surveys, conversations at events, or direct contact with the school, your insights, support and challenge are valued and essential to our continued improvement.

As always, thank you for your continued support and engagement. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Newent News and feel the same sense of pride that we do in the progress and achievements of our students and staff.

Best wishes,

Rhys Phillips

Acting Principal

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 9th June

- * Yr 12 Exams week
- * Fitness (all), Gym 12.55 – 1.25pm

Tuesday, 10th June

- * MyMaths, Room 106, 12.50-1.30pm

Wednesday, 11th June

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

Thursday, 12th June

- * Girls Football, Astro, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * Badminton Club (All), Sports Hall 12.55pm
- * Yr 6 Parents Information Evening

Friday, 13th June

- * 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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Careers in the Curriculum: Geography Week: 2nd- 6th June 2025

This week we have been looking at how Geography and its related skills have helped in teachers' careers and everyday lives. Here are some of the anecdotes from staff members:

"Geography helped me in the workplace when I worked as an intern for a group of crafts people. I visited various sites throughout the county I lived in, to learn more about how these crafts were created, such as glassblowing, goldsmithing etc."

"Geography helped me when I worked in marketing for an agricultural firm. I would use social media to post about international exhibitions, promote products as well as raise awareness around issues such as climate change."

"Geography has helped me in my personal life whilst travelling through Europe using a map (not satnav!)."

Geography is not just something we learn about, it is something that people do. Geography opens doors to a wide range of careers, thanks to its blend of analytical, spatial, and environmental skills. Geography skills—such as spatial awareness, data analysis, and problem-solving—are highly valued in industries like business, environmental science, government, and education.

A recent headline stated that 'Labour must put sustainability at the heart of its opportunity mission' and that the Government is discussing how schools can begin building the green workforce of the future; 'a new generation of workers in green careers will be required, estimated to make up 50% of new jobs'.

A YouGov survey (June 2024) identified that '70% of all UK adults agree that young people need to study geography to prepare them with the skills & knowledge needed to work in "green jobs".'

We are thrilled that Rosa Vásquez Espinoza, Ph.D. will be giving a talk regarding her career and her passion for conservation and sustainable development to several classes in the next few weeks. Rosa is a Peruvian scientist, explorer, author and also the founder and director of Amazon Research International (ARI). As a National Geographic Explorer and BBC 100 Women 2024 honoree, she leads high-impact Amazonian research, uncovering new species and pioneering conservation efforts and we are excited to hear her stories.



The Independent has released a list of the top 10 highest paying jobs in 2025 that come with the least amount of stress – 'Geographers' came 9th with many geography-related roles, therefore showing its importance.



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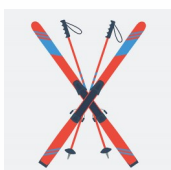
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Ski Trip 2026 - Last few spaces remaining

We have 10 places remaining on the 2026 Ski Trip which are open to all students and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

To reserve a place please pay the deposit via ParentPay.

See flier for more details or email vtaylor@newent.gloucs.sch.uk with enquiries.



Newent School Ski Trip 2026

An unforgettable alpine adventure to the Wildschönau Valley, Austria



Friday 13 - Friday 20 February 2026

Letter to follow on Satchel - booking opens after half term

Cost approximately **£1,300** for **5 full days** of skiing to include:

- ◆ Coach Travel
- ◆ Food - Full Board
- ◆ Hotel Accommodation
- ◆ Ski Tuition (5 full days of skiing - from complete beginners to advanced skiers)
- ◆ Ski and Boot Hire
- ◆ Lift Pass
- ◆ Exciting evening activity programme

**Deposit of £200 (payable via ParentPay) on Thursday, 4 June,
opening at 9am, to secure a place!**

Limited to 40 students only

(Hosted by SkiTeam4)



More information / leaflets from Mr Britten, Mr Worgan, Mr Walsh, Miss Gordelier, Mrs Taylor



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Cotswold Farm Park trip Tues 3rd June

As part of the Geography careers week, 50 Year 8 students visited Cotswold Farm Park. In class, they have been learning about climate change and Asia so this was a fantastic opportunity for the students take part in activities relating to renewable energy, animal adaption and finding an animal from Asia, with the chance of winning a prize!

The group were also lucky enough to meet with the director of the farm, Duncan Andrews, who gave a talk about how the farm is adapting to climate change and exemplified the different types of jobs/ careers where Geography can lead them. Students had great fun finding out about the animals and even feeding/handling some of them!





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All Very Cricket

Students enjoyed a fun filled two hour cricket session on our astro pitch.

The session was delivered by a Jeanette from Gloucestershire Cricket, who gave up her time to support our SEN students.

They all had a great time and managed to avoid the rain.





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Attendance Matters: Thank You for Supporting Excellence

We'd like to extend a sincere thank you to all our parents and carers who choose to take family holidays outside of term time. This thoughtful decision supports the Excellence in our HEART values, helping every child make the most of their education.

Every lesson matters. The material we cover from Year 7 onwards lays the foundation for success at GCSE, and regular attendance ensures no key knowledge is missed. As highlighted by the Department for Education, being in school every day possible is one of the best ways to help secure a bright and successful future.

We wish all of our students the very best in their end of year exams and congratulate them on the efforts they put into their revision both in school and at home.

Thank you for working with us to support your child's journey to excellence.

Kirsty Gordelier
Assistant Principal



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Brand New Art Competition - IDENTITY

The New Art Competition will be launched in next week's Newsletter and on NewentArt on Instagram. The theme is Identity so you can start thinking about ideas for that now.

Details to follow next week - another ART OSCAR is up for grabs! Woohoo!!

Ms McClay
Head of Art





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Year 13 Leavers Prom

What a privilege to spend one final evening all together before everyone goes their separate ways. A fantastic evening was had by all involved at the Hatherley Manor Hotel - a big thank you to Josh Ellis (former NCS student) and his staff team for hosting us, and for giving Ms McClay an extra brownie and Mr Walsh extra ice-cream!!

As always the food was great, the awards were a giggle, the speeches were emotional, the ball gowns were impressive, the dancing was very questionable, but the atmosphere was nothing short of incredible.

We wish this amazing group of young adults all the very best for their upcoming exams, and we hope that they go on to fulfil their potential and be the best they can be.

Class of 2025 - you will be missed, thanks for everything, be good and stay in touch.

Sixth form team





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Trustee Board - Parental Survey

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

In order to ensure we are providing the best standards of education for your children; we'd like to know how you feel about our school. This will help us find out what we are doing well and where we want to do better.

Please take the time to complete the survey to help us make Newent Community School the best it can be.

This survey is audited by MS Forms and will be open for one week until Friday 13 June 2025, 12 noon. Please click on the link to complete the survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/WZinK3T8zx>

Replies will be treated in the strictest confidence.

We would like this to be the first in a series of Parent Voice surveys moving forward.

The Board of Trustees are also considering the use of Parent Focus Groups to gain a deeper understanding of parental views than can be captured on a survey alone. If you would like to be part of this group, please complete the final section of the survey.

Your feedback is important to us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chris Germaine,
Chair of Trustees



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BECOME A YOUTH TOWN COUNCILLOR!

Newent Town Council is inviting young people to put themselves forward to become a youth councillor.

You will be given a real voice and have the opportunity to decide how the town should be run on behalf of young people.

There will be regular meetings and activities for you to participate in.

If you want be a youth councillor or be involved in other ways please come and see Mr Carter (Councillor Carter) in D&T to sign up. Anyone can join!



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Ross Rowing Club - Junior Learn to Row Camp

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

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

Begins on Tuesday 22nd July with a capsized drill and swim test in the afternoon, and then learning rowing skills on and off the water Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th July 9.30-4pm.

Cost is £60 per person.

Please email junior.captain@rossrowingclub.co.uk if you are interested.





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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