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Message from our Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Newent Community,

Welcome to this week's edition of Newent News. It has been a vibrant and rewarding week across the school, full of positive experiences and proud moments.

Firstly, I'd like to thank our students and staff for their exceptional commitment and positivity during a very busy schedule. Year 10 students have been out on Work Experience this week, and the feedback from employers has been overwhelmingly positive. It is always a proud moment when our students step into the wider world and represent the values of Newent so well. Our Year 9s have also been enjoying the great outdoors at camp, braving the elements, building resilience, and creating memories together. In addition, our Big Bang Science trip offered another brilliant opportunity for students to explore the wider world of STEM.

For those students remaining in school, behaviour has remained exemplary, despite the warm weather. This is a real credit to their maturity and focus. To support wellbeing in the heat, we have now installed two additional outdoor water coolers on site. These are already proving popular, and we encourage all students to bring a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day.

Elsewhere in school, Year 12 students have taken part in a packed Progression Week, which included writing personal statements and CVs, mock interviews, and a three-day work experience placement. The professionalism and ambition they have shown bodes well for their next steps beyond sixth form.

It has also been a colourful week in the Library, where Miss Newcombe has curated a thoughtful and inclusive display in celebration of PRIDE month. This features titles that explore identity, diversity, and belonging, and highlights our commitment to ensuring every student feels seen and supported.

Clubs and Activities

Monday, 23rd June

- * Yr10 Exam week
- * Sixth form transition day (no yr12 students in school)
- * Fitness (all), Gym 12.55 – 1.25pm

Tuesday, 24th June

- * MyMaths, Room 106, 12.50-1.30pm
- * Cricket club, all years, Astro
- * Tennis Club, Yr7/8
- * Yr12 start Y13

Wednesday, 25th June

- * Science Club, Lab G17, open to all interested in Science, 1.00pm
- * After school rounders club, all years, 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Thursday, 26th June

- * Girls Football, Astro, 12.55 – 1.25pm
- * Badminton Club (All), Sports Hall 12.55pm
- * SEN Yr6 Transition afternoon, 11-3.30
- * Yr11 Prom

Friday, 27th 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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Finally, thank you to those who contributed to our recent Parent Survey. Your feedback is greatly valued and will be discussed by Trustees at their upcoming Board meeting in July.

Thank you, as always, for being part of our school community. We hope you enjoy reading the rest of this edition.

Best wishes,

Rhys Phillips
Acting Principal

Parent Survey - Thank you from the Board

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all parents who took the time to take the survey sent out earlier this term and to those parents who offered to be part of a Parent Focus Group. Trustees will now look at the results and discuss them in more detail at their next Full Board Meeting in July.

Many thanks

Jodie Gourlay
Clerk to Trustees



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Library Pride

Here, in the library, students have helped create a colourful display to celebrate **PRIDE** month. Miss Newcombe has chosen some great books which include, "*I'll Give You the Sun*" by Jandy Nelson and "*Black Flamingo*" by Dean Atta. *Black Flamingo* follows Michael, as he comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen. There is a fantastic mix of fiction and non-fiction books about LGBTQ+ and as always, Miss Newcombe will happily recommend books that you might be interested in reading!

It is also worth mentioning that the school library has a section called "It's My Life", which shelves stories around self-discovery and where students would find books like the above when they are not on display.

Miss Newcombe
Librarian





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Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers – Sign Up Now!

Gloucestershire County Council is once again offering holiday food vouchers for families whose children receive income-related Free School Meals (FSM) during term time.

What's the offer?

- Families will receive £15 per eligible child, per week during school holidays to help with food costs.
- Vouchers are emailed to parents and can be used in most major supermarkets.
- The scheme is separate from term-time free school meals.

Who's eligible?

- Children in Reception to Year 11 who get Pupil Premium (income-based) FSM and attend a Gloucestershire school.
- College, sixth-form students and those only receiving universal free meals (Years R–2) are not eligible.

Already registered?

No need to do anything – you're already signed up!

New to the scheme?

- First, make sure your child is registered for income-related Free School Meals.
- Then, sign up for the holiday voucher scheme through the link on the council's website.
- Vouchers can't be backdated, so be sure to register in time!

Other holiday support:

In some weeks (e.g. over Easter or Christmas), instead of vouchers, support may be offered through the HAF programme – which includes free meals at booked activities.

Visit the Gloucestershire HAF website to learn more and sign up.

Important reminders

- Vouchers are valid for six months, but should be used in the holiday they're given for.
- If you don't receive your voucher, or need to update your details, use the Microsoft Form on the council's website.

More Information can be found here:

[Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Don't miss out! If you're eligible and haven't yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible.



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Year 12 Progression Week 2025

This week our Year 12 students took part in their progression week with the focus of supporting their post-Sixth Form preparations. The week began with the students setting up their UCAS accounts and a personal statement workshop which was followed by the opportunity to begin the first draft of their personal statement. For those students who are looking to applying for apprenticeships Miss Jones delivered a CV and covering letter session that supported a session delivered by ASK Apprenticeships. The other focus of the week was 'How to ace an interview' which involved a workshop on interview tips and techniques from Mr Britten followed by a formal interview with external companies. The feedback from the interviewers was extremely positive and it was a valuable experience for all students to participate in. As a reward for their excellent approach to the interview process the students participated in team building activities as part of the Year 12 Olympics on Tuesday afternoon. To complete the week the students then attended a three day work experience placement which provided them with an opportunity to spend time with employers that will support their post-Sixth Form applications.

Ian McCarthy
Director of Sixth Form





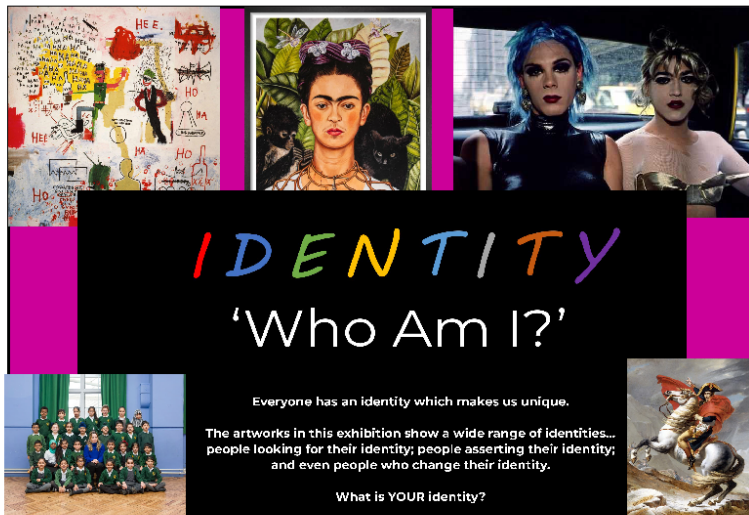
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ART NEWS & HEART VALUES

As part of our focus on raising awareness and addressing Racism, we would like to invite entries for our IDENTITY Art Competition that promote a positive and inclusive approach to all our diversity. All work will be displayed in the school reception during the week beginning 7th July 2025 so please submit your entries to Ms McClay before then.

Other entries exploring different aspects of Identity are still welcomed, so keep creating.



WHAT ? CREATE AN ARTWORK

INSPIRED BY ANY OF THE 5 DISPLAYED IMAGES

HOW? Combine ideas, use similar scene, colours.

ANY materials – photo, drawing, painting, sculpture, digital work etc.

WHY? FAME & RECOGNITION!!

Be creative and have fun ! ART OSCAR !

All entries to Ms McClay by FRIDAY JULY 11TH

Celebrated in Newent News and Instagram





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As part of our Art Exhibition on Thursday 10th July this year we are running a Spray Painting Art Workshop in the Art Department. Free to all! Details on the poster.

THURSDAY 10TH JULY

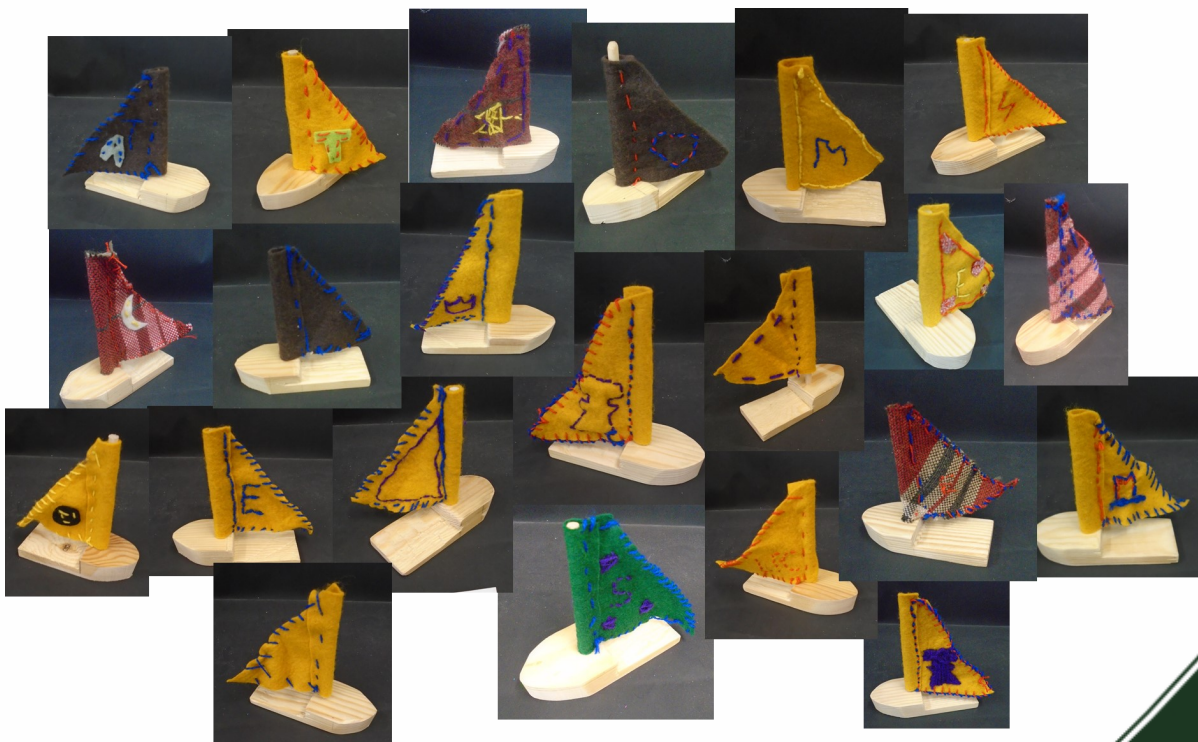
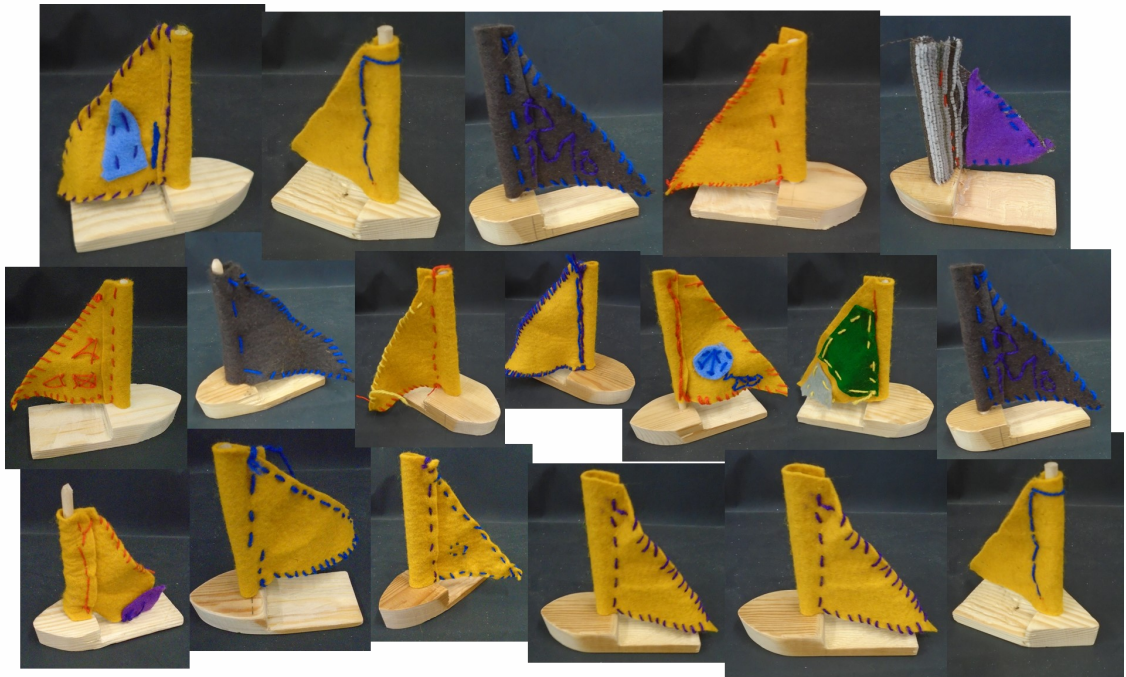
SPRAY PAINTING WORKSHOP

EDUCATION AGAINST RACISM

FREE WORKSHOP
NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE
ART DEPARTMENT
4-5 PM
TAKE HOME YOUR VERY OWN STREET ART STYLE POSTER!!
ALL AGES WELCOME

Ready to set sail for summer

Year 8 have been testing their manual dexterity with a bit of sail making of the toy boat kind with embroidery. The boats of course had to be made ship shape first by sanding and varnishing the bows and decks.





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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