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Message from our Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we draw the curtain on another fantastic school year, we want to take a moment to thank all our students, families and staff for their continued support and partnership. Your commitment to our **HEART** values, particularly Excellence, has been evident in every area of school life.

From a significant rise in attendance to vibrant House Celebration Assemblies, fieldwork in the Forest of Dean, a virtual visit from National Geographic Explorer Dr Rosa Vásquez Espinoza, sporting triumphs and artistic brilliance, this last week exemplifies a year has been packed with achievement and pride.

Particular congratulations this week go to:

- All students recognised for outstanding attendance this term
- Year 10 geographers for their hands-on fieldwork at Wenchford
- Jessica Trotter and Lillie Cartledge – joint winners of the prestigious Art Oscar
- The sports leaders who helped run a dozen primary events across the year
- The library and book club teams for ending the term with a creative flourish
- Our students and staff for securing our status as a Tourette's Friendly School

Clubs and Activities

Thursday, 14th August

* A-Level results day

Monday, 18th to Friday, 22nd August

* Summer School for new Y7

Thursday, 21st August

* GCSE results day

Monday, 1st September

* INSET day

Tuesday, 2nd September

* INSET day

Wednesday, 3rd September

* Start of term 1 for Y7, Y10 and Y12
8.40am registration. Individual photographs

Thursday, 4th September

* All students in school 8.40am
registration



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We also thank Newent Cricket Club, Gloucester Rugby, Gloucestershire Cricket and Newent Panthers for their incredible community support.

A few important dates for the start of the new academic year:

Wednesday 3rd September – school starts for Years 7, 10 and 12 (8.40am registration, individual photos)

Thursday 4th September – all year groups return (8.40am registration)

Whether you're heading abroad, staying local, working, relaxing or exploring, we hope you all have a safe, restful and refreshing summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Newent.

With best wishes from the whole team at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre.

Rhys Phillips
Acting Principal



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Attendance Matters - Celebrating Excellence: A Rise in Attendance and a Bright Future Ahead!

We are thrilled to announce a significant rise in student attendance during the 2024–25 academic year. This is a fantastic achievement that reflects the dedication, resilience, and commitment of our entire school community. This positive trend is more than just a number; it's a powerful indicator of the vibrant, supportive, and ambitious environment we are building together.

Why Attendance Matters

Excellent attendance is a cornerstone of academic success and personal growth. When students are present and engaged, they are more likely to:

- Achieve higher academic outcomes
- Build stronger relationships with peers and staff
- Develop consistent routines and positive habits
- Access a wider range of enrichment opportunities

This year's increase in attendance is a testament to our students' growing understanding of how showing up every day lays the foundation for future success, both in school and beyond.

Celebrating Our Students

To recognise this achievement, our end-of-term House Celebration Assemblies will be extra special! Students with outstanding attendance will receive individual attendance certificates and entry into the Annual £150 Bike/Multi-Voucher Raffle for the top attenders in each House. Not forgetting the top attending tutorial treats and the celebration break and ice lollies enjoyed by students on Friday. This is our way of saying thank you for their excellent attendance and behaviour throughout the term. Congratulations to everyone who joined us!

Linking Attendance to Our HEART Values

This rise in attendance beautifully reflects the 'E' for **Excellence** in our **HEART** values. Excellence isn't just about grades, it's about striving to be your best every day, showing up, and making the most of every opportunity. By attending regularly, our students are demonstrating a commitment to excellence that will serve them well in every aspect of life.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, we know that strong attendance will continue to drive positive outcomes for individuals and for our school as a whole. Let's keep this momentum going and aim even higher next year.

Thank you to all our students, families, and staff for making this year such a success. Together, we are building a culture of excellence one day at a time.





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Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to Wenchford

On Monday 14th July, our Year 10 Geography students visited Wenchford in the Forest of Dean as part of their GCSE fieldwork preparation. The focus of their investigation was the question: "To what extent does the Blackpool Brook follow the Bradshaw Model?" During the trip, students conducted a range of measurements including river width, depth, velocity, and pebble size and shape. These observations will support their responses to Section B of the GCSE examination, which assesses their ability to apply fieldwork skills and geographical knowledge. This hands-on experience provided an invaluable opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of fluvial processes and the changes that occur from a river's upper course to its lower course. Observing these features in a real-world setting, rather than solely through textbooks, significantly enriched their learning.



Virtual Visit from National Geographic Explorer Dr. Rosa Vásquez Espinoza

On Thursday 16th July, we were thrilled to welcome Dr. Rosa Vásquez Espinoza to our classroom—virtually—via Microsoft Teams. Dr. Vásquez Espinoza is a Peruvian chemical biologist, National Geographic Explorer and founder of Amazon Research International. She spoke passionately about her ground-breaking work in the Amazon rainforest, where she carries out her investigations, studies medicinal honey from stingless bees and advocates for conservation and indigenous rights. Her presentation brought to life key geography themes such as rainforest structure, biodiversity, climate significance and the human pressures facing this vital ecosystem. Students were especially inspired by her message of hope and empowerment and the role that science, storytelling and community action can play in protecting our planet.



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End of Year Sport Review

We started September with year 8 girls forming a guard of honour at the England versus France women's rugby International at Kingsholm. Both the year 8 and year 11 boys football progressed to round two of the national football cup. rugby fixtures started for both boys and girls. We had six year 11 boys selected for the forest district rugby squad. We were also playing netball, basketball, and hockey fixtures.



November and December saw the cross country season start. Mountbatten were crowned house cross country winners. We would go on to win the District competition with the junior boys first, junior girls second, inter boys first, minor girls first and minor boys first in the overall competition. We would once again go on and host the County event, Callum Yates came third in the county in the junior boys race.





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Our U16 boys were crowned Tri-County rugby challenge cup winners, a tournament held at Ledbury RFC. Boys and girls under 13s and under 15s did well in the chance to shine indoor cricket tournaments.



We have had some great support this year from Gloucestershire cricket running sessions in core PE lessons for our girls. Gloucester rugby provided us with a coach for girls rugby in year seven. We also ran a successful hits on track project through Glos rugby for our year 9 and 10 students. Newent cricket club have been fantastic in providing us with a grass wicket throughout the summer. Newent Panthers netball goes from strength to strength. Newent Rugby also helped to provide coaching for our year 7/8 boys rugby teams. Many thanks to all.

A real highlight this summer was our under 13 boys cricket team making it through to the county cup final losing to a very strong STR School.

Throughout the year we have hosted a dozen primary events. This is enabled many of our students to become excellent young sports leaders. We were once again successful with a £10,000 bid from the OSF fund which enabled us to convert a small room into a gym, kitting it out with weights and CV equipment.

Students have also had the opportunity to play house sport. Our Swimming gala is a real highlight, along with our final activity of the year, sports day.

A big thank you to everybody that has contributed to NCS sport this year. I wish you all a safe and restful summer, we go again in September.





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Exciting News from the Music Department!

We're thrilled to share that **Newent Orchestra** have very kindly approved our recent grant request, allowing us to **refurbish all of the guitars** in the music department. Thanks to their generosity, we will be able to bring all of our guitars back into full working order—just in time for students to enjoy high-quality, fully functional instruments in lessons, clubs, and performances in the new academic year.

This is an **incredible grant** that will make a real difference to so many students, and we're extremely grateful to Newent Orchestra for their partnership and support of music education in our school (and community).



Library news

With thanks to some lovely and talented students, the library is summer ready! They have been creating origami butterflies and paper art inspired by shells and much more... There are some great books on display for students to grab last minute, for reading over the holidays.

In other news, book club came to a close on 15th July to start again next term. Miss Newcombe put on a "tea party" of sorts, with squash and biscuits for the book clubbers and library helpers, who enjoyed talking about the book over light refreshments.

Miss Newcombe would like to thank all of the students that have helped in the library in the last term and those who attended book club. Look forward to welcoming new and existing students to the library in September!





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Art Competition Winners Announced

We couldn't decide between these 2 brilliant pieces. Both students will receive the celebrated ART OSCAR

Jessica Trotter Year 8



Lillie Cartledge Year 10



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School Uniform

We are already preparing for the new academic and we're especially excited to welcome our new students to the school. As always, we are ensuring that their transition is a positive one that builds their confidence in the future. Part of this is making sure that they feel pride in their school uniform and the values that they present. To help you and our new starters get ready for the new school year, here is information about our suppliers:

Gooch Sports

Stock a full-size range of garments, and with many years of experience working with Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre, we can sell you exactly what you need in the correct sizes. All garments are carefully selected from reputable School Uniform Suppliers; school uniform lists are available on the schools own website. All online orders are paid in full with two delivery options available: - Customer Pickup from the Shop, will also give you the opportunity to make sure the uniform is the correct size. - FREE Delivery Service to School in Term Time Only – please complete the school's address details in the 'Shipping Address' when completing your order.

www.goochsports.com

<https://www.facebook.com/goochsports>

01531 821084



Monkhouse

Monkhouse, has a website is full of useful information to help you get ahead and buy your brand-new uniform. The Monkhouse website hosts important information, such as: Our school uniform and prices - How to order online or in-store - How to book a personalised 1-1 store appointment - Lower prices for essential uniforms and additional accessories - Click and collect info - Parent newsletter sign-up - Extended free returns until 15th September - Weekend shopping times

0161 476 7216 (Mon to Fri, 8:30am to 5pm)

Email: web@monkhouse.com



Affordable School Uniform

As well as our two suppliers, Gooch Sports and Monkhouse, our website has a preloved section which offers donated gently-used uniforms at a fraction of the price, with funds from sales going directly back to the school. When you buy on the platform, you are not only investing back into the school but also contributing to a more sustainable future, reducing the amount of wearable uniform going to land-fill. Click the image below to visit our preloved page.

Preloved

PLEASE NOTE: All orders placed on our preloved site during the summer holidays will be available to collect between 20th & 22nd August, or from 1st September 2025.



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We are a Tourettes Friendly School

We are proud to announce that our school has officially joined the TS Friendly Scheme, a national initiative dedicated to raising awareness and promoting inclusion for individuals with Tourette syndrome. As part of this, we've been awarded our TS Friendly School certificate and digital badge, recognising our ongoing commitment to creating a supportive and understanding environment for all students.

A range of staff have also recently completed targeted training in supporting students with Tourette's, further strengthening our inclusive practice. You'll now find us featured on the TS Friendly website alongside other inclusive schools and organisations across the country. Thank you to everyone in our community for supporting this important work—we're excited to continue making a positive difference together.





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Suggested Summer Reading List 2025

A variety of fiction suitable for engaging a wide range of readers this summer. Make use of your local library, visit an independent bookshop or find an audio version to listen to.

There are many fantastic books out there to explore. We hope you make use of this list as a starting point to read something different and consider an alternative perspective.

You can find our suggested reading list [here](#)

A parent voice survey about literacy

Please take a few minutes to complete the parent/carer survey below

Literacy Parent/Carer Quick Three
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A New Annual Festival in Newent

NEWENT CELEBRATES
The English Civil War
2025

Newent returns to
the 17th Century
on
SEPTEMBER 13th & 14th 2025

A New Annual Festival
in Newent town centre & the lake area

FREE ENTRY ON SATURDAY

Tickets at:

Including the world renowned
Sealed Knot

www.newentonionfayre.net

"In 1644 a cannon was fired at
St Marys Church steeple..."

Saturday 13th September

COME TO A 17th CENTURY STREET FAIR!

Experience Newent as a Civil War garrison town on market day, soldiers roaming the streets keeping order, as visitors peruse the goods on offer from the local traders. Keep an eye out for the vagabonds looting a cart of onions. They are sure to be caught by the militia and taken for trial!

There will be music from local musicians, local food and drink, and plenty of family entertainment all through the centre of our medieval town. The park and lake will host many more activities, including a fun dog show.

It's 1644 so dress to impress!
A prize for the best

Free Entry

Sunday 14th September

COME AND SEE THE BIG BATTLE!

The Earl of Manchester's Regiment of Foote, part of the **Sealed Knot** will be camped at their Living Village on the Newent Community School playing field, just a stone's throw from the actual camp of 1644.

Come and experience life in the camp, watch the soldiers drilling, and preparing for battle. They may even let you practice with them! The day builds to the main battle in the afternoon when 200 soldiers will be fighting with pike and musket. There will also be cannon fire!

Adults £5, Children £2, Family £10

Tickets Required

An exciting fun filled day out for the whole family!

Thanks to our many sponsors, including:

MKM **Sealed Knot Cider** **perpetua design/print**



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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:

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Attendance and Absence Queries	attendance@newent.gloucs.sch.uk
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Finance Queries	finance@newent.gloucs.sch.uk
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