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## Message from our Headteacher

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have had an incredibly busy start to this half term, but your children have returned with exemplary effort and truly impeccable behaviour. They have embodied our HEART values throughout the week and are a real credit to their families.

Our staff have also been working hard on a number of new classroom routines designed to further improve punctuality to lessons and smooth transitions between them, ensuring that we maximise every minute for teaching and learning. Students will have noticed staff at their classroom doorways at the start of each lesson, welcoming them in and guiding them straight into our standard retrieval starter. They will also have experienced a new one-way system in the main building tower block, introduced to ease congestion and improve the flow of students through French and Maths. These changes are already making a positive difference to the learning environment, and I am incredibly proud to lead such a dedicated team of professionals.

This week, our History department took groups of Year 8 students to Big Pit in Blaenavon, South Wales. The visit offered an immersive look into 300 years of Welsh industrial history through interactive and historic exhibits. Our students represented themselves and the school superbly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Next week will be even busier as our Year 11 and Year 13 students begin their very important examinations. These assessments mirror the rigour and expectations of their final summer exams, and masterclasses have been taking place all week to support students in feeling as prepared as possible.

On Tuesday and Friday, we are also proud to be hosting events as part of National Careers Week. Students will have the opportunity to meet representatives from a wide range of professions, including construction firms such as JCBS, and members of the police, fire, and ambulance services, among many others. These experiences play a key role in helping our students understand the breadth of pathways available to them.

## Clubs and Activities

### Housepoint of the Week:

\*Participation in House Sports\*

#### Monday 2nd March

- \* Year 11 & Year 13 March exams begin
- \* Theatre Film Club - 1pm in G7

#### Tuesday 3rd March

- \* National Careers Week - Events in Library & H5

#### Wednesday 4th March

- \* Year 6 Open Morning 10.00am - 12.00pm

#### Thursday 5th March

- \* World Book Day Author visit - Olivia Levez
- \* Year 9 Parents' Evening - 4.30pm - 7.00pm in Main Hall (appointments can be booked via School Cloud)

#### Friday 6th March

- \* National Careers Week - Events in Library & H5
- \* House Swimming Gala



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Finally, next week I will be writing to you, and introducing to students, two updated policies focused on strengthening our homework provision and improving in-day punctuality.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,  
**Mr B Dumayne**  
Headteacher



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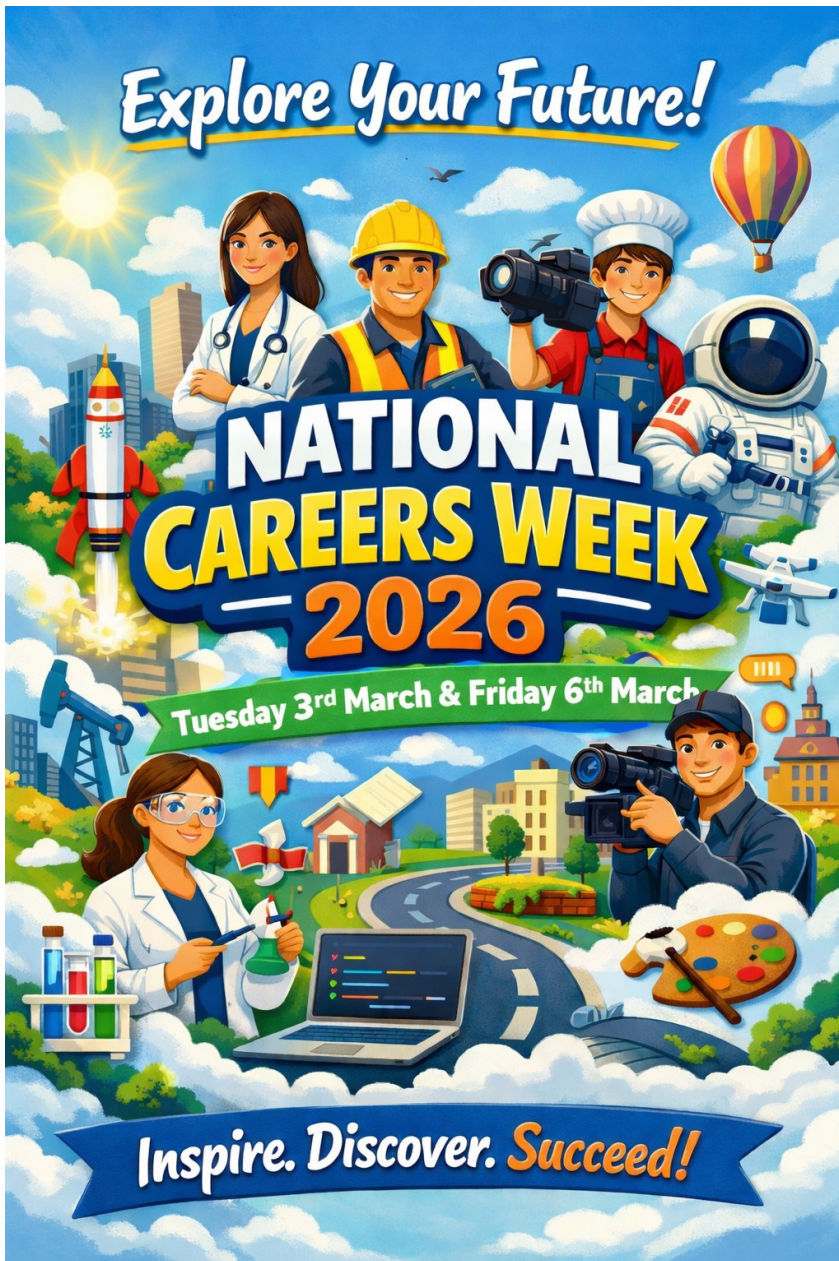
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## National Careers Week:

We're celebrating National Careers Week with our very own Careers Fair on Tuesday and Friday next week.

Students at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre will be visiting the library during PSHE and lunch-times to connect with a fantastic range of employers and providers, gaining valuable insight into career pathways and opportunities.

Would you like to be part of it? There's still time to join us! Please contact Miss Jones at [kjones@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:kjones@newent.gloucs.sch.uk) if you are interested.





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## World Book Day:

Local author Olivia Levez will be visiting next week, Thursday 5th March. Her most recent novel, Silver, was nominated for the Carnegie awards this year- one of the most important awards in young adult literature.

Following the Y9 workshops, Olivia will be selling signed copies of her books in the Library at lunchtime. These will need to be purchased with cash on the day. Single books are either £7.99 or £8.99. Students can purchase two for £15.

This is a fantastic opportunity not to be missed!



Carnegie Nominated Author Olivia Levez is visiting on World Book Day- Thursday 5th March.

Signed books available for purchase on the day in cash.  
The Island/Circus £7.99 Silver £8.99  
Any two book bundle for £15.



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## History News:

### Year 8 visit the Big Pit

Two groups visited the National Coal-Mining Museum at Blaenavon this week, which is known more commonly as "Big Pit". Big Pit is a colliery that once employed 1,300 people and produced over a quarter of a million tons of coal a year, and is now preserved for posterity as a world class museum. Despite this, Big Pit is still very much a coal mine: the buildings are much the same as they were when the mine closed in 1980 and the winding wheels still turn, but it is tourists rather than miners who descend the shaft. The weather was significantly better for the Wednesday group this time around, whilst the Thursday group had a more "typical" experience for this area and time of year. The trip's highlight was the underground tour, and as always, the guides were hugely entertaining and informative.



May I thank the students for their excellent attitude and behaviour throughout the day, as well as the staff members who participated too - Mr Walsh, Mr Santos, Miss Kelly, Mr Jenkins and Mrs Smith. Always a great day out and the current Year 7s will get their chance to go this time next year.

### Year 9 Careers Advice - History

On Wednesday this week we were delighted to welcome Jennifer Lewis from the University of Gloucestershire. Jennifer is the university's Education and Outreach Officer and delivers a short introduction about our local university's buildings and the courses offered, before moving on to use a variety of activities to get the students thinking about how history is being constantly reinterpreted as each generation comes along. Jennifer finished each session by telling the students about the transferable skills that the study of History helps to develop - those of organisation, relevance, critical thinking, and what we would call "people skills" today.

Thank you to all involved.



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## PSHE News:

### 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 4 we will be studying the following:

Year Group	Topic	Lessons to include
7	Building Relationships	Self-worth, romance and friendships (inc. online), relationship boundaries.
8	Equality and Discrimination	Discrimination in all its forms, including: racism, religious discrimination, disability, discrimination, sexism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia, and visual differences.
9	Respectful and Intimate Relationships	Families and parenting, healthy relationships, conflict resolution and relationship changes, consent, introduction to contraception.
10	Exploring Influence	The influence and impact of drugs, and the media, drugs and the law, sources of support.
11	Communication in Relationships	Personal Values, assertive communication (including in relation to contraception and sexual health), relationship challenges and abuse. Consent

If you have any questions please email:  
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## PE News:



A great afternoon of football against our friends from Dene Magna. Both Schools fielded two Year 7 teams. Both games were close, exciting and the effort levels of all the boys was superb. Well done gents!



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## Drama News:

### Newent Drama ALUMNI Milli Wilton

We are always delighted to hear from our ALUMNI students and today we hear from Milli Wilton who, since leaving Newent in 2017, has both studied and worked in the Performing and Production Arts industry.

"I wanted to tell you some of the amazing opportunities I had this year - number 1 being I worked on Paddington The Musical. I was a prop maker and got to see the dress rehearsal of the production as well as doing prop maintenance at My Neighbour Totoro! It was the best Halloween I've ever had! On Paddington I made the villain's spray bottle and bloody bottles, painted the marmalade sandwiches and bound many of the books for the production (no spoilers, but a blue telephone directory) and assisted on a few other bits and bobs.

Prior to that I worked on A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Bridge Theatre with the same group of makers, which was amazing as it was the revival of the 2019 production that I saw on NT live and it's designed by my favourite designer - Bunny Christie (who I've met and is lovely).

Back at the Everyman I was the dresser for Friends: The Musical, Blood Brothers (always a pleasure to work on), 2:22 Ghost Story and Mischief's Christmas Carol Goes Wrong - which was my favourite as I love the Mischief shows and the company was incredible"

As we are sure you will agree Milli's highlights from the last year are simply incredible and are inspirational to those of you considering a design career with the Performing and Production Arts Industry.

