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## Message from our Headteacher

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have had another strong week of high-quality teaching and learning, alongside excellent behaviour from our students. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have been working particularly hard during their examinations, supported by staff who continue to prepare them thoroughly for each upcoming paper. It is essential at this stage that Year 11 and Year 13 attend school every day, as our subject specialists are providing high-quality revision that simply cannot be replicated when working independently at home.

Next Monday, we are delighted to welcome a new maths teacher, Mr King, who joins us from a secondary school across the border in Wales. We look forward to the positive impact he will bring to our Maths department.

This week, the Senior Leadership Team carried out a marking and feedback review, focusing on the quality of staff feedback and the progress evident in students' books. We were pleased to see many excellent examples of marking from our talented staff, reflecting their commitment to supporting every learner's development.

After half term, students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will sit exams, enabling us to report clearly on the progress they have made this year. This year, we are introducing a change to our reporting process. Rather than receiving individual subject reports, parents and carers will receive a detailed, personalised report written by your child's tutor. This report will outline progress across all subjects, summarise behaviour, highlight rewards achieved, and comment on attendance. We believe this approach will provide a more meaningful and high-quality insight into each student's experience and achievements, reflecting how well we know and support your children.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and the kind feedback you continue to share with us.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Warm regards,

**Mr B Dumayne**  
Headteacher

## Clubs and Activities

**Housepoint of the Week**  
**For w/c 18th May**  
\*Homework\*

### Monday 18th May

\* External GCSE and A Level exams continue

### Tuesday 19th May

\* Duke of Edinburgh Break & Lunch in Library  
\* Year 9 Immunisations - further details sent on Satchel including consent form

### Wednesday 20th May

\* Duke of Edinburgh Break & Lunch in Library

### Thursday 21st May

\* Knife Arch Visit by Gloucestershire Constabulary

### Friday 22nd May

\* Year 13 Celebration Assembly  
\* Year 11 Celebration assembly  
\* Year 13 Prom



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## Attendance Matters:

### Attendance on the Rise

This year has seen a clear improvement in attendance across the school, with more students in lessons and fewer absences compared to last year. This positive trend shows a growing commitment from students to make the most of every school day.

Better attendance is already having an impact on progress and achievement. Being in school consistently helps students build knowledge, stay on track with learning, and feel more confident in their work. These habits also prepare students for the future, where reliability and commitment are essential for college, apprenticeships, and careers.

Miss Ferry, our Family Support Worker, has been enjoying her new role working closely with families to support their children's attendance, and we would like to thank all families for giving Miss Ferry such a warm welcome during home visits.

This success reflects our HEART values in action:

- Honesty – taking responsibility for attendance
- Excellence – striving to do our best every day
- Accountability – making positive choices about learning
- Respect – valuing education and each other
- Teamwork – working together as a school community

By continuing to improve attendance, students are not only boosting their achievement now but also building the skills needed for a successful future.

## Teamwork in Action - Mobile Phones and Exam Respect

We would like to remind families that mobile phones should be kept in the bottom of school bags and not in pockets during the school day. Since introducing our new mobile phone policy, we have seen a positive increase in students talking and socialising at break and lunchtime, which is great to see. Thank you for supporting this new policy throughout this year, it really has made a difference.

We would also like to thank our students for showing excellent respect around exam rooms during this exam period. This thoughtful behaviour demonstrates strong teamwork, helping our Year 11 and Year 13 students to focus and succeed in their exams.



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## Knife Arch Visit by Gloucestershire Constabulary:

### Gloucestershire Constabulary Knife Arch Visit

We are pleased to inform you that on Thursday next week, our school will be welcoming officers from Gloucestershire Constabulary, who will be bringing their knife arch detection equipment as part of an important educational visit. This session forms part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our children safe and well-informed. The visit is designed as a proactive and preventative measure to help educate pupils about the dangers and serious consequences associated with knife possession and knife-related crime.

### What will happen on the day?

During the visit, students will:

- Have the opportunity to see how a knife arch detector works in a controlled, educational setting
- Take part in age-appropriate discussions led by trained police officers
- Learn about the legal, social, and personal consequences of carrying knives
- Be encouraged to ask questions and reflect on how to make safe and responsible choices

The sessions will be delivered in a sensitive and supportive manner, ensuring that all children feel comfortable and able to engage positively.

### Why is this important?

Knife crime is a growing concern nationally, and early education plays a crucial role in prevention. By working in partnership with Gloucestershire Constabulary, we aim to:

- Raise awareness of the serious risks and consequences involved
- Help students understand the difference between perceived safety and real safety
- Empower young people to make safe, informed decisions
- Reinforce our school values of accountability, respect and teamwork

This visit is part of a broader safeguarding and personal development programme. The focus is on education, prevention, and open dialogue, we hope our young people will appreciate and benefit from this opportunity.



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## Sixth Form News:



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# YEAR 12 APPLICANT DAY

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2026

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL APPLICANTS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR SIXTH FORM OFFER



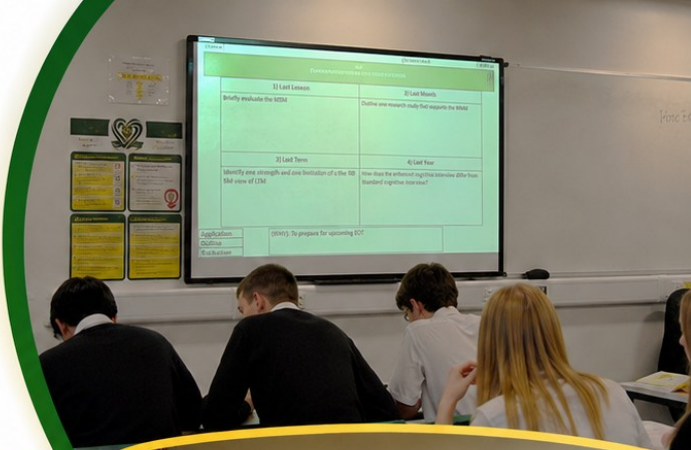
Discover our wide range of A Level and Level 3 courses



Meet our staff and current Sixth Form students



Explore pathways to university, apprenticeships and beyond



YOUR FUTURE. YOUR CHOICES. YOUR NEWENT SIXTH FORM.



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## History News:

### Year 7 trips to Goodrich Castle -Wednesday 6th May (Mr Woodward) & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May (Mr Walsh)

Sixty-two of our Year 7 students visited this English Heritage site over the course of these two days. The students learned about the next stage of castle development, as the Normans quickly replaced their original motte and bailey castles with far sturdier stone-built versions from the 1100s onwards. Goodrich Castle is the perfect example of "what came next". The students were given a two-hour tour of the main parts of the castle, and time was made for a visit to



the gift shop. All students behaved well and represented the school in the best possible light. Our thanks also go to Mr Hussain, Mrs Smith, Miss Kelly and Mr Santos for helping out on one of the days.

Mr Woodward & Mr Walsh





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## Art News:



Many congratulations to all our Year 10 Fine Artists who entered the recent London Trip Art Competition. The sketchbook pages were superb and full of inspiration and skill. Big congratulations to Year 10 Archie who won the overall £20 prize



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## Half Term Heroes:

Staff at our school have been working incredibly hard to improve the quality of teaching, learning, and support for our students. Every member of staff deserves recognition for their dedication and commitment.

To celebrate those who consistently go above and beyond, I am delighted to introduce a new staff recognition initiative called "Half Term Heroes."

For this half term, nominations will be made by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), but I would also like to invite nominations from parents.

If you would like to nominate a member of staff, please email with:

- The name of the staff member
- A brief explanation of why you are nominating them

Please submit all nominations by **Monday 18 May** by emailing: [headspa@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:headspa@newent.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you for helping us celebrate the hard work and dedication of our staff.



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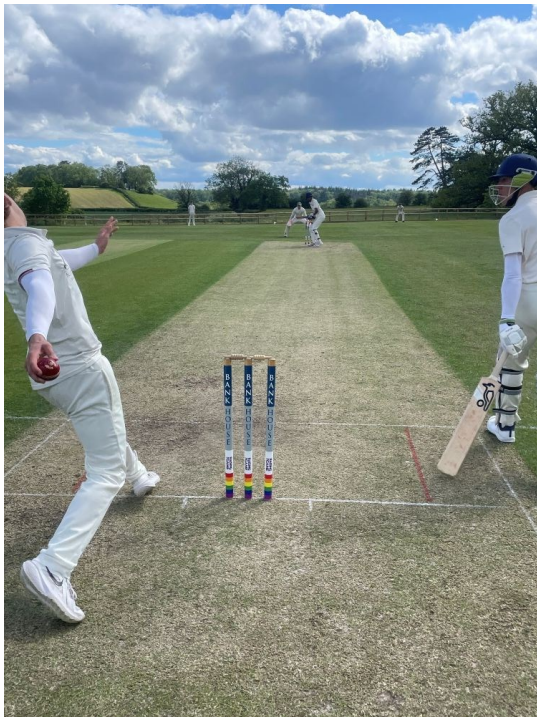
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## PE News:

### Cricket:

Two narrow cricket losses this week, firstly U14 lost by 10 runs to Crypt in the County Cup and the U15 lost by 4 runs to Kings. Sadly our U13 match at Kings and U15 match v STR were rained off.

Well done to all players!





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Izzy competed at the Staffordshire County Netball Tournament as part of the Gloucestershire U14s squad. The competition was tough and even though they weren't placed we are very proud of Izzy to be representing the County team - Well done Izzy and team, this is amazing!





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## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:

At our school, we are continuing to strengthen our commitment to creating a safe, respectful and supportive environment for every student.

As part of our renewed focus on anti-bullying and positive relationships, students and staff are revisiting our key messages around managing relationships, reporting concerns and supporting one another.

We are also excited to share opportunities for students to get involved, including our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors programme and upcoming Wellbeing Club.

Please take a look at our Anti-Bullying Ambassador advert and encourage students to get involved and help make a positive difference across our school community.

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## WE ARE SEARCHING FOR ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

**Open to all Year 8 & Year 9 students**

**Write a letter of application**  
Tell us why you would be a great Anti-Bullying Ambassador.

**CLOSING DATE: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 9pm**

Send your letter to:  
[eharvey@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:eharvey@newent.gloucs.sch.uk)

HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL A **KIND, RESPECTFUL AND INCLUSIVE** PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

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## Year 10 Examinations:

# YEAR 10 END OF YEAR EXAMINATIONS

★  **DATES:**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** ★

*Preparation today.  
Success tomorrow.* ★



### PLAN AHEAD

Create a timetable and stick to it.



### REVISE SMART

Use a variety of resources and techniques.



### STAY FOCUSED

Minimise distractions and stay on track.



### LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

Sleep well, eat well, take breaks.



### BE CONFIDENT

Believe in your abilities. You've got this!



**HARD WORK. FOCUS. RESILIENCE.**

*Show what you're made of!*

*You've got this, Year 10!* ★