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Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Fantastic Start to the New School Year

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre. Our students have returned enthusiastic, smartly dressed and eager to learn. In particular, it has been wonderful to see our new Year 7 students settling so positively into secondary school, alongside our Year 13 students beginning the final stage of their school journey.

We also have plenty to celebrate following our summer results. Year 11 improved their Attainment 8 score by two points, while our Year 13 students achieved our highest results in over 5 years, with a 100% pass rate and 64% A*-C. We are incredibly proud of every one of our students. Whatever they achieved in Year 11 and Year 13, we know that they worked hard, persevered and gave their very best.

This year sees the introduction of our new school strapline:

Ambition. Opportunity. Success.

Everything we do is now underpinned by these three words. We want every student to have the ambition to achieve highly, the opportunity to discover and develop their talents, and ultimately the success that they deserve.

Alongside this, our HEART values, Honesty, Excellence, Accountability, Respect and Teamwork remain fundamental to our day-to-day life. It has been fantastic to see our students demonstrating these values in their interactions with one another and with staff.

We are also delighted to have a record number of students joining our Sixth Form. We wish all of our students the very best as they begin their GCSE, A-level and Level 3 studies.

Next Tuesday, we will be holding our Year 11 and Year 13 Information Evening.

I strongly encourage all parents and carers of students in these year groups to attend. The evening will provide valuable information about how you can best support your child as they work towards the specific success they deserve.

October will also see the return of our Open Events, including three Open Mornings and an Open Evening, followed by our Sixth Form Open Evening in November. During the whole-school Open Evening (8th October), Mrs McClay and her team will be hosting the Newent School Art Showcase.

Clubs and Activities

Monday 14th September:

Tuesday 15th September:

* Y11 Parents' Information Evening - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

* Y13 Parents' Information Evening - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 16th September:

Thursday 17th September:

Friday 18th September:



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Further information about these events will be shared shortly. Please encourage anyone you know whose child does not currently attend Newent Community School whatever their year group to come and see for themselves why we believe Newent is such a fantastic choice for young people in our community.

During our recent INSET days, staff focused on three new strategies that we have added to the Newent Teaching and Learning Framework.

The first is **READS**, a strategy developed by Alex Quigley to support students whenever they are presented with a passage of text. It provides a structured approach to help students read, understand and engage with challenging material.

We have also introduced **Verbalisation of Learning**, which encourages students to talk about their learning in a structured way. We know that being able to articulate what they are learning can help students to embed and deepen their understanding.

Finally, we have introduced a **Voice o meter**, which provides students with a clear visual indication of the level and volume of talking expected for different activities. This is another strategy designed to create a calm, purposeful and positive climate in our classrooms and corridors.

On 2 September, we opened The Bridge, our new bespoke SEND area. This provides a dedicated space designed to improve the support we offer and ensure we can better meet the needs of all our learners.

We have also completely revamped our Inclusion provision, which is now called The Harbour. Both spaces are very different from the provision that existed previously. They provide purposeful, time-limited and effective interventions, supporting students both pastorally and academically and helping them move towards **Ambition, Opportunity and Success**.

I would also like to warmly welcome our new members of teaching staff.

- In Art, we welcome Miss Basham and Miss Prior.
- In English, we welcome Miss Kear.
- In Science, we welcome Miss Slee and Mr Peters.

We also have a brand-new Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Mr Evans, who has already planned a fantastic programme of activities to celebrate the European Day of Languages.

Newent Community School is on a steep and exciting improvement journey, and our summer results are clear evidence of the progress we are making.

However, results are only one part of that journey. We are building a school where students are ambitious, where opportunities are abundant and where every young person is supported to achieve success.

I hope you will continue to encourage others in our community to get behind the school and join us on this journey.

We have a school that we can all be proud of and we will continue to move forward together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards
Mr B Dumayne
Headteacher



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Attendance Matters:

Attendance – Make Every Lesson Count

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful and enjoyable summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. We're looking forward to another fantastic year of learning, progress and opportunities together.

Every school day matters, and every lesson is an opportunity to learn, make progress and stay connected with your teachers and friends. Every day you are absent means missing six valuable lessons — six opportunities to learn, six opportunities to make progress and six opportunities to be part of your school community.

Our Friday Five celebrates great attendance and encourages everyone to make the most of every opportunity school has to offer. Students who achieve 100% attendance for the week will be entered into our weekly Skip the Queue raffle for Meet 'n' Eat. And, for this term, there's also the chance for one student each week to win a Fitbit or Bose headphones!

We kindly remind families to plan holidays during the published school holiday periods and to refer to the school calendar when making arrangements. This helps ensure that students can attend as much of their learning as possible and make the most of the opportunities available to them. We thank you for your ongoing support.

School term dates can be found here: [Term-Dates-26-27.pdf](#)

Every lesson counts. Every day matters.

Be a Newent Student:

Be a Newent Student – Building Our Community Together

At the start of the new term, we were delighted to welcome all our students back to Newent Community School through "Be a Newent Student" assemblies for every year group. These assemblies provided an opportunity to remind students of what it means to be part of the Newent community and, importantly, the expectations we have of every student. We want every young person at Newent to have the opportunity to achieve their very best. To do this, we need a school community where everyone feels respected, supported and able to learn. Our HEART values – Honesty, Excellence, Accountability, Respect and Teamwork – provide the foundations for this.

We expect all our students to work hard, be engaged in their learning, attend school regularly and punctually, take pride in their uniform, challenge themselves and show respect to others. We also expect students to take responsibility for their actions and choices and to work together to support one another. These expectations are not simply about rules; they are about creating the culture we want for our children. When students demonstrate HEART, make positive choices and understand that their actions affect those around them, we create a community in which everyone can thrive.

Our ambition is for every student to leave Newent having made the most of the ambition, opportunity and success that our school community offers. We know that this is strongest when school, students and families work together, and we are grateful for parents and carers' continued support in reinforcing these expectations at home.



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Be A Newent Student

Be the best version of yourself. Every lesson. Every day.

SHOW HEART

We always show
HEART in everything
we do.



- H** **Honesty**
We are truthful and
do the right thing.
- E** **Excellence**
We aim high and always
strive to be our best.
- A** **Accountability**
We take responsibility
for our actions and
choices.
- R** **Respect**
We respect ourselves,
others, our learning
and the school.
- T** **Teamwork**
We work together and
support each other
to succeed.

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Be in school, on time,
every day.

- Arrive on time – every lesson,
every day.
- Attend every day –
only absent for genuine
illness or emergencies.
- Good attendance =
good progress and more
opportunities.
- Be ready to learn.



ENGAGED

- Be present. Get involved.
- Listen actively.
 - Ask questions.
 - Take part in lessons.
 - Be part of the learning
community.



EFFORT

Work hard in
everything you do.

Consistent effort
leads to achievement.



PUSH YOURSELF

Challenge yourself
every day.

Step out of your
comfort zone and
keep improving.



EXCELLENT UNIFORM

Wear your uniform
with pride.

Smart, tidy and
Newent-ready.
Every day.



MOBILE PHONES OFF

Phones off and in
the bottom of
your bag.

Out of sight.
Out of mind.
Focused on learning.



*In all decisions,
remember the adult
that you are training yourself to be.*



Honesty



Excellence



Accountability



Respect



Teamwork

BE KIND. BE PROUD. BE NEWENT.



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MFL News:

This September, our school will be celebrating European Day of Languages, recognising the many languages, cultures and traditions represented within our community. Throughout the week of 21st to 25th September, students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting activities designed to inspire curiosity, promote inclusion and celebrate linguistic diversity.

A particular highlight of the week will be our Great Newent Bake Off. Students are invited to showcase their creativity by designing and baking a cake inspired by a language, country or culture of their choice. Whether drawing inspiration from traditional recipes, national colours or cultural symbols, entrants will have the chance to demonstrate both their baking skills and cultural knowledge. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and original entries, and we are looking forward to seeing an array of colourful and imaginative creations.

Alongside the Bake Off, students will be encouraged to discover new languages, celebrate the talents of their peers and learn more about the diverse backgrounds that make our school such a vibrant place to learn.

We look forward to a fantastic week of celebration and would like to thank all staff and students who will be helping to make this year's European Day of Languages a success.

Year 10 Work Experience:

Year 10 Work Experience Week will take place during the week beginning Monday 21st June 2027. Work Experience provides students with a valuable opportunity to experience the world of work and develop important skills such as communication, teamwork, independence, problem-solving and time management, while also helping them to understand how the skills they develop in school can be applied in the workplace.

Last year, all of our Year 10 students participated in Work Experience, and our expectation is that all Year 10 students will take part again this year.

Further information about the programme and the process for arranging a placement will be shared with students during a Year 10 assembly. The process of gaining authorisation for placements through school takes place via Unifrog. We will work through this process with students during PSHE lessons in the new year, including ensuring that the necessary placement details and approvals are completed.

In the meantime, please encourage your child to start thinking about the type of placement they would like to undertake and begin making contact with potential employers or organisations. Please be aware that other schools will also be doing work experience in the same term therefore it is important to make early contact with employers.



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The Newent Journey Awards:

We are delighted to launch The Newent Journey Awards, a fantastic opportunity for students to be recognised for embracing the values that underpin life at Newent Community School. In partnership with the Hollie Gazzard Trust, the awards encourage students to take advantage of the many opportunities available both in and beyond the classroom. Students can work towards Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards by completing a range of academic, extracurricular, character, leadership and accountability challenges throughout the year. From achieving excellent attendance and reading regularly, to representing the school, participating in clubs, demonstrating leadership and supporting the wider community, there are opportunities for every student to shine. The awards celebrate our core journey of Ambition, Opportunity and Success, inspiring students to dream, explore, grow and achieve their full potential.

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students as they progress through the awards and make the most of everything Newent has to offer

Newent Community School & Sixth Form Centre

Hollie Gazzard Trust

The NEWENT JOURNEY and The Hollie Gazzard Awards

BRONZE Achieve 5 Challenges by Christmas			SILVER Achieve 10 Challenges by Easter			GOLD Achieve 15 Challenges by end of Summer Term		
1 Commendation Letter Xmas Celebration (Average effort 4.5+) ACADEMIC	2 Commendation Letter Easter Celebration (Average effort 4.5+) ACADEMIC	3 Merit Badge Summer Celebration: 3 x Commendation letters ACADEMIC	4 Be awarded an end of term treat ticket in Autumn term (100% attendance and zero behaviour points) ACCOUNTABILITY	5 Attendance (97%) at Easter ACCOUNTABILITY	6 Have a school reading award signed by a member of staff ACADEMIC			
7 Represent your House in an event (signed by HoH) EXTRA-CURRICULAR	8 Represent your school at an event such as open evening or sports team EXTRA-CURRICULAR	9 Take part in an extra-curricular club at lunch or after school for at least one term EXTRA-CURRICULAR	10 Take part in a school trip or visit, production or concert EXTRA-CURRICULAR	11 Maintain punctuality for a term (no punctuality detentions) ACCOUNTABILITY	12 50 House Points ACCOUNTABILITY			
13 Be awarded a Headteachers High 5 Award ACCOUNTABILITY	14 Be awarded a HEART values badge by a member of staff CHARACTER	15 Complete a reflection identifying your ambitions, opportunities and successes CHARACTER	16 Achieve or exceed your benchmark in at least three subjects on your report ACADEMIC	17 Demonstrate leadership by taking on a responsibility such as sports captain, prefect or buddy LEADERSHIP	18 Be awarded an end of term treat ticket in Spring or Summer term (100% attendance and zero behaviour points) ACCOUNTABILITY			

Your Journey:

AMBITION	OPPORTUNITY	SUCCESS
DREAM PLAN AIM HIGH	EXPLORE TAKE PART GROW	BELONG BELIEVE ACHIEVE

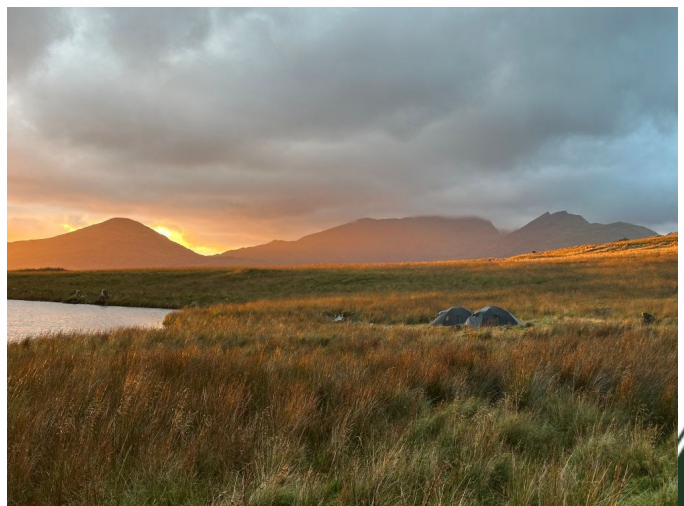


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DofE Gold Expedition:

Our DofE Gold assessed expedition went to Snowdonia. There has been, sunsets, rain and everything in between. The group have been amazing - well done!. Here are a few pictures:





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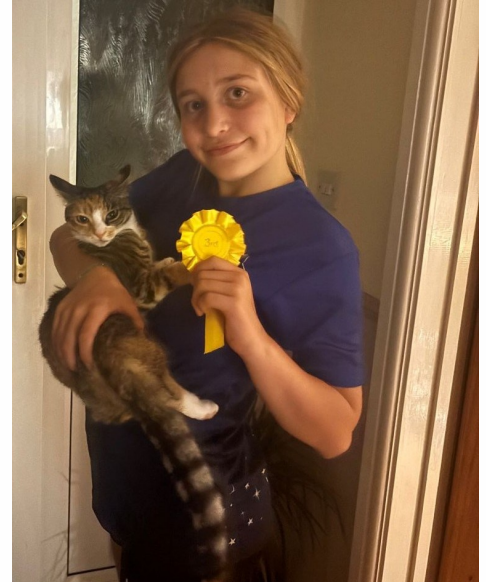
Student News:

Congratulations to Ruby on a Fantastic Achievement!

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about Ruby, who recently competed in the South West Baton Twirling Competition. Not only did her team perform exceptionally well, but Ruby also achieved an incredible personal success.

Competing in the Individual Basic Strut event against 21 other competitors, Ruby secured an outstanding 3rd place. This is a particularly remarkable achievement, as only six awards are presented in this category, and it is the first time Ruby has placed in the top three.

Ruby's dedication, hard work and determination are clearly paying off, and we are incredibly proud of all that she has achieved. Congratulations, Ruby, on this fantastic accomplishment!





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Drama News:

NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

DRESS UP DAY

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

DRESS UP AS A CHARACTER
FROM A NOVEL, FILM, TV
SHOW OR STAGE SHOW

SUGGESTED DONATION £1 TO RAISE MONEY
FOR STAGE LIGHTING

PRIZES FOR THE
BEST DRESSED!





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PE News:

PE CLUBS TERM 1 – SEPT 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 12.55- 1.30pm	GCSE Catch Up 106	Football Club Year 7 Boys and girls Mr Britten Astro (trainers no boots)	Boys Rugby Club Year 8 Lower Field Mr Edgell (Will need to change)	Boys Rugby Club Mr Edgell Year 7 Lower Field (Will need to change) Football Club Year 8 Boys and Girls Mr Britten Astro (trainers no boots) Badminton Club Years 7/8/9 (16 places only) Mrs Jiles Sports hall (just need trainers)	Girls Rugby Club All welcome Miss Phelps (Will need to change) GCSE Catch Up 106 PE Detention H22
After school 3.30- 4.30pm	Year 10/11 Boys Rugby (Week 1 only) Lower Field Mr Edgell		Netball Club All years (will need to change)		

Do I need to bring my kit? – Yes and no. If you are outside there is a chance you may get wet/muddy, so please bring your PE kit. If you are playing table-tennis or badminton, you don't need full kit, just remove your blazer/tie and change into your trainers. Full uniform need to be worn to period 5.

Do I have to sign up? – No. We should have plenty of room. Some smaller clubs, like table-tennis may operate on a first come first served basis if lots of players turn up.

When do I eat? – Most students bring a packed lunch on their club day. You can maybe eat a bit extra during your morning break and leave a snack/drink to have at the end of the club.

How do I get into the school team? – Come along to practice every week and let your teacher know you want to be part of the team. We don't always guarantee to, but where possible we will try and get everyone involved in intra or inter school sport throughout the year.

After School – You will be responsible for getting home after the practice/matches.



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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 1 we will be studying the following:

Year Group	Topic	Lessons to include
7	Resilience and Self-Esteem	Personal identity, British values, positive thinking, confidence, self-esteem.
8	Identity and Relationships	Positive, healthy relationships Persuasion, pressure and coercion Sexting.
9	Peer Influence and Gangs	Healthy and unhealthy social groups, assertiveness, gangs, exploitation.
10	Financial Decision Making	The impact of financial decisions, debt, gambling and the impact of advertising on financial choices.
11	Health choices and independence	Responsible health choices, reproductive health, miscarriage, self-examination and screening. Also, menopause and endometriosis.

If you have any [questions](#) please email:

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