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Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had!

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we welcomed colleagues from Ofsted into school as part of their visit. I would like to begin by talking about our students because they were simply amazing.

Our students went out of their way to show our visitors how proud they are of our school. They spoke openly about how safe they feel, the high standards they experience and the opportunities available to them. They represented themselves and our school incredibly well, and I could not be prouder of them.

I would also like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the parental survey. Most parents and carers who responded said that they would recommend our school to someone else, which is incredibly positive and means a great deal to us.

You also helped us to identify communication as an area where we can improve. I want to reassure you that we have heard this message and will continue to work hard to make sure communication with parents and carers is as clear, timely and effective as possible.

Finally, I want to thank our amazing staff. They have worked incredibly hard to demonstrate the significant improvement journey that we have been on since I joined the school as Headteacher in September last year. I am immensely proud of the commitment, determination and teamwork they have shown.

I cannot share the outcome of the Ofsted visit with you until the report is published, which we expect to be in approximately three weeks. At that point, I am duty-bound to share a copy of the report with every parent and carer, ensuring complete clarity and transparency about where we are on our school improvement journey.

What I can say is that I agree with the judgements made by Ofsted, and I am genuinely looking forward to sharing some of the comments they have written in their report.

We are now in Year 2 of our improvement journey, and the results we achieved this summer have already demonstrated what this school is capable of. We are determined that next summer our results will be even stronger.

Our ambition is simple: that every child has the highest ambition, multiple opportunities and achieves success, whatever success looks like for them.

Clubs and Activities

Key dates/Events:

Wednesday 30th September:

* Rehearsals for Cinderella - Main Hall - 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Tuesday 6th October:

* Open Morning - 10.00am - 12.00pm
Book via Eventbrite: [Book Open Morning Places](#)

Wednesday 7th October:

* Open Morning - 10.00am - 12.00pm
Book via Eventbrite: [Book Open Morning Places](#)
* Rehearsals for Cinderella - Main Hall - 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Thursday 8th October:

* Open Morning 10.00am - 12.00pm
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* Open Evening - 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Friday 9th October:

* INSET Day - Closed to students



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In just two weeks' time, we will also be holding our Open Evening, welcoming prospective Year 7 students and their families to come and experience what makes Newent such a special place to be. Of course, students interested in joining us in other year groups are also very welcome.

Please encourage friends, family and other parents who may be considering secondary schools to come and see us. We know we have more work to do; we know what we need to improve, and we are working together incredibly hard to achieve it.

But most importantly, this is an amazing school and our students are at the heart of everything we do.

So, once again, **a massive thank you to your children.**

I am incredibly proud of them.

We could not have done this without them.

Ambition. Opportunity. Success.

Warm regards
Mr B Dumayne
Headteacher



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Open Events:

Newent Community School & Sixth Form Centre

AMBITION
OPPORTUNITY
SUCCESS

OPEN EVENTS

BE PART OF OUR JOURNEY

"I look forward to welcoming you to our Open Events"

Mr B Dumayne
Headteacher

We can't wait to welcome you!

Calendar Icon	Date	Event	Time
Calendar	TUES 6TH OCT	Open Morning	10.00am – 12.00pm
Calendar	WEDS 7TH OCT	Open Morning	10.00am – 12.00pm
Calendar	THURS 8TH OCT	Open Morning	10.00am – 12.00pm
Calendar	THURS 8TH OCT	Open Evening	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Calendar	WEDS 4TH NOV	Sixth Form Open Evening	5.00pm – 7.00pm

Icon	Value	Description
Mountain	AMBITION	High aspirations for every learner
Lightbulb	OPPORTUNITY	A wider future within reach
Trophy	SUCCESS	Achievements that last a lifetime

NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

AMBITION | OPPORTUNITY | SUCCESS

Please book your place on one of our Open Mornings via Eventbrite:

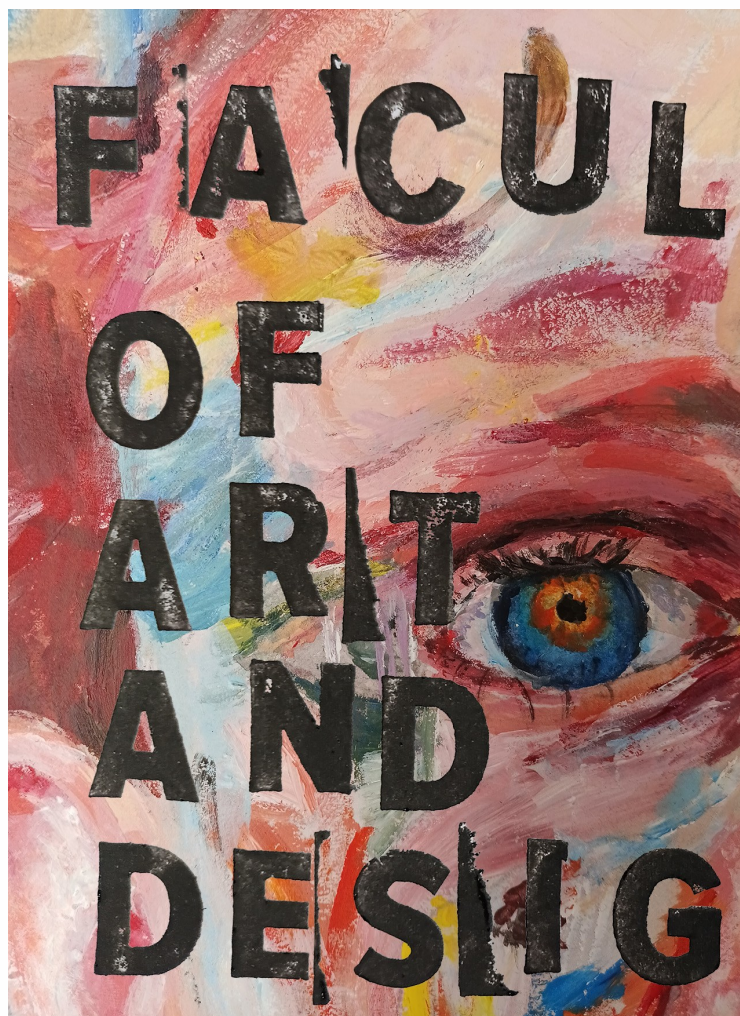
[Book Open Morning Places](#)



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Art Exhibition:



OPEN EVENING
8th October 2026
6-8pm Main Hall

We welcome you to
our Art & DT
Exhibition from 4pm





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Medical:

Keeping Our Students Safe: Allergies and Benedict's Law

Our School Allergy Policy is now published on the school website. It sets out how we work together to reduce the risk of allergic reactions and support students with allergies and can be located here:

[NCS-Allergy-Policy.pdf](#)

We ask parents and carers to **inform us if their child has a known allergy and to keep us updated about any changes**. Please also help us reduce the risk of exposure by **avoiding sending lunchboxes or snacks containing nuts, sesame or other known allergens into school**. Our policy identifies nuts, nut-containing products, peanut-based sauces and sesame as high-risk foods.

Our HEART values are central to making this work:

- Honesty – sharing accurate and up-to-date information about allergies with school.
- Excellence – following our allergy procedures carefully and consistently.
- Accountability – taking responsibility for the food we send into school and the impact it may have on others.
- Respect – recognising that some students can experience serious reactions to allergens and considering their safety.
- Teamwork – working together as students, families and staff to create a safe and inclusive school community.

By putting our HEART values into practice, we can all play our part in keeping students safe. Please take a moment to read our Allergy Policy on the school website and contact us if you need to update us about your child's allergy.



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MFL News:

On behalf of the whole languages team, I would like to thank the many children who have got involved in one way or another over the first few days of Languages Week, we have already had BSL and German this week, attended particularly by our Year 7s who have taken to opportunity to learn something new, and have brought an extra degree of youth and enthusiasm to the sessions. I would also like to thank the parents that supported our students participating in Newent Community school's first ever Bake Off. We had some really creative entries and some that really represented the culture of the country or region. We are all really looking forward to Haka in the Hall later this week and learning a bit of Greek and Ukrainian. This kind of week is so important in celebrating the many languages that we have as part of our community and in giving pupils the opportunity to share some things that are important to them.

We are looking forward to other exciting things happening in languages this year





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Art & D&T Clubs:

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Create
Explore
Belong

ART CLUBS

 **Monday lunch**
Key Stage 3
with Miss Basham in T16

 **Tuesday after school**
Key Stage 4 & 5
with Ms McClay in T3
3.30 - 4.30 pm

 **Wednesday lunch**
Key Stage 4
with Mrs Herring in T1

 **Wednesday after school**
Key Stage 4 & 5
with Miss Prior and Ms McClay
in the art block
3.30 - 4.30 pm

 Honesty

 Excellence

 Accountability

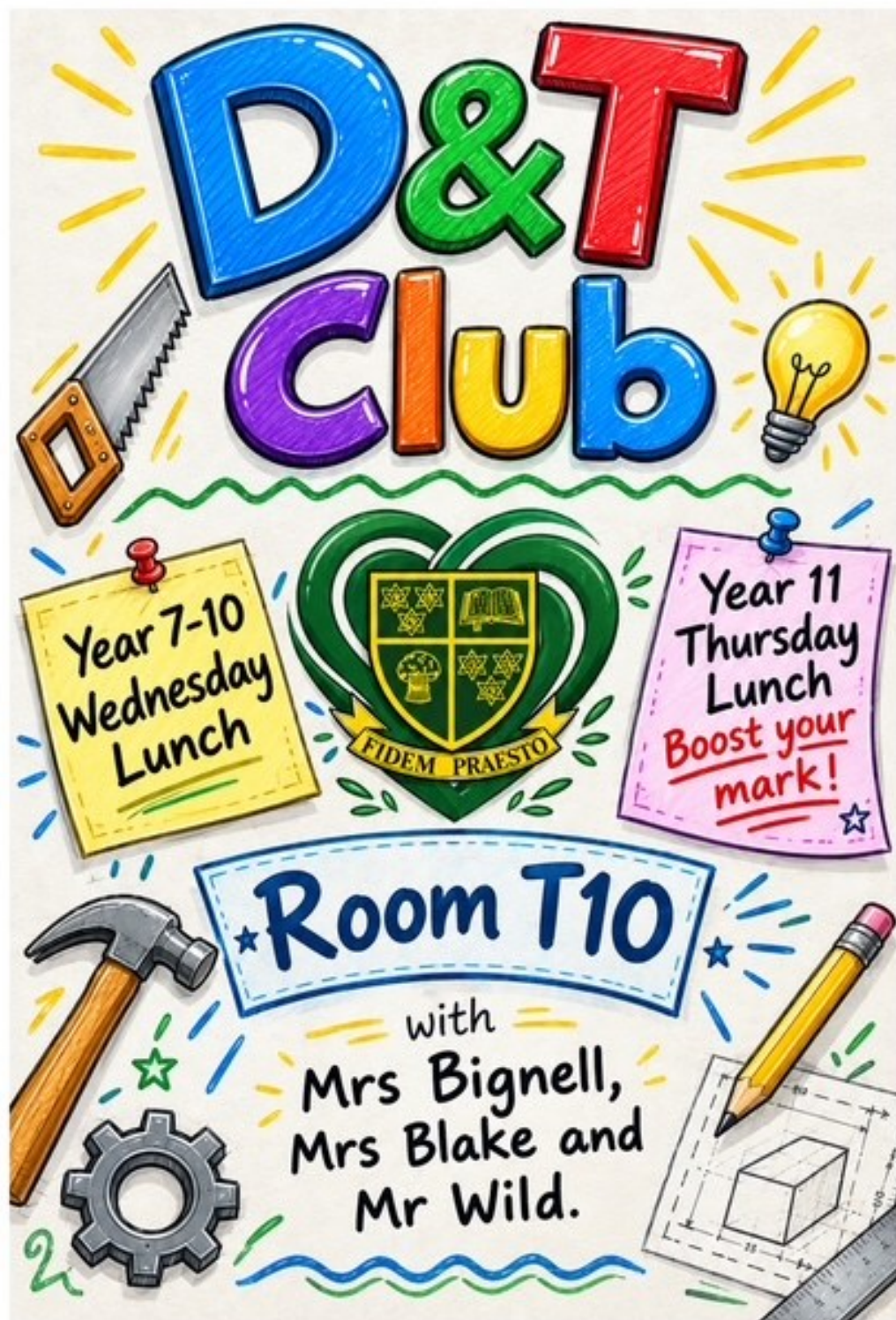
 Respect

 Teamwork



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Scouting:

Please see below details for Highnam Scouts. If you would like to find out more details of Scouts nearer you please visit: [Scouts](#)

