



NEWENT NEWS

Message from our Headteacher

Dear parents/carers

What a fantastic and busy half-term it has been at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre!

As we continue our second year of our school improvement journey, there has been much to celebrate, alongside the continued hard work taking place to ensure every student has the opportunity to achieve their very best.

We were delighted to welcome so many prospective families to our three open mornings and our Open Evening. It was fantastic to see such a positive response, with one of our mornings welcoming 75 visitors. Feedback highlighted the calm atmosphere around the school and the excellent behaviour of our students. Thank you to our staff and students for showcasing Newent so positively and demonstrating our values of Honesty, Excellence, Accountability, Respect and Teamwork.

We have recently received our Ofsted report, which provides valuable recognition of the work taking place across the school and identifies areas where we can continue to improve. We welcome this feedback and remain focused on ensuring that every student benefits from consistently strong teaching, an ambitious curriculum and the support they need to succeed. Importantly, the report recognises leaders' capacity to make the necessary improvements, supporting our determination to keep moving forward together.

Our focus on improving the quality of education remains at the heart of everything we do. Through our Newent Three approach, we are continuing to strengthen instruction, explanation and modelling, alongside effective checking for understanding and responsive adaptation. This half-term, our senior leaders and Heads of Department have been working together through learning walks and professional dialogue to identify what is working well and where we can make further

WHATS ON THIS WEEK

Mon 2nd Nov – Start of Term 2

Weds 4th Nov – Sixth Form Open Evening – 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Fri 6th Nov – Whole School Remembrance Service

Weds 11th Nov – House Cross Country



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improvements. Our emphasis is on ensuring that students genuinely understand their learning, are challenged appropriately and make strong progress in every lesson.

We are proud of the progress being made. GCSE outcomes have improved for two consecutive years, with Attainment 8 increasing by nearly two points. Our Sixth Form has also celebrated strong A-level outcomes, with a 100% pass rate and improvements in the proportion of students achieving higher grades. We are determined to build on this momentum, with a continued focus on English and mathematics, supporting disadvantaged students and ensuring that our most able learners achieve the highest grades possible.

We have also been developing new ways to encourage students to take greater ownership of their learning. Our new Year 11 SIDE QUEST revision incentive brings a gaming-inspired approach to revision, rewarding students for completing focused revision activities using Sparx Maths and Educake. Running before school, the initiative encourages regular practice, builds positive study habits and helps students prepare confidently for their examinations. More information for Year 11 students and parents to follow.

Alongside academic achievement, we continue to strengthen the support available to students who face barriers to learning. Our inclusion provision, including Harbour and The Bridge, reflects our commitment to ensuring that students feel supported, safe and ready to learn. Literacy remains a key priority too, helping students develop the reading skills, vocabulary and confidence they need across every subject.

As we look ahead to next half-term, our priorities remain clear: high expectations, excellent teaching, strong relationships and the right support for every student. Thank you to our staff, students, parents and wider community for the part you play in making Newent such a special place to learn and work.

Together, we continue to live our vision: Ambition, Opportunity, Success.

Warm regards

Mr B Dumayne
Headteacher



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Attendance Matters:

Every Day Counts!

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping your children attend school every day whenever possible. It is fantastic to see attendance at Newent continuing to improve, and this is something we should all be proud of! Your support makes a real difference, and we are grateful for the part you play in helping our students make the most of every school day.

We know that **every day in school counts**. Evidence shows that regular attendance is closely linked to stronger academic outcomes, better examination results, positive social relationships and improved emotional wellbeing. Every day provides another opportunity to learn, build friendships, develop confidence and achieve success.

Our students have certainly been embracing the challenge this term! We have loved seeing the excitement around our **Friday 5 raffle**, and a huge well done to everyone who has maintained their five-day attendance streak week after week. Your commitment deserves celebrating!

Last Friday, we also rewarded students for their excellent attendance and behaviour with our extended breaktime chocolate treat celebration. It was wonderful to recognise and celebrate the positive choices so many of our students make every day.

We understand that sometimes there can be challenges or barriers that make regular attendance difficult. If there is anything affecting your child's ability to attend school, please get in touch with their Head of House or our Attendance Team. We are always keen to listen, offer support and work in partnership with families to find solutions.

Together, we can continue to make improvements, build positive habits and ensure every student has the best possible opportunity to achieve their ambitions.

Thank you again for your continued support. Let's keep the momentum going – **every day counts at Newent!**



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Online Safety:

Safeguarding and Online Safety

With the school holiday beginning next week, we recognise that young people may spend more time online and on social media. If you become aware of a specific safeguarding concern relating to unsafe behaviours or online trends that may put a young person at risk, please share this with our Designated Safeguarding Lead team via dsl@newent.gloucs.sch.uk.

We are aware of the pressures that online trends and social media can place on young people, and the potential impact these can have on their safety, wellbeing and mental health. It is important that concerns are shared so that we can respond appropriately and provide support where needed. We are always keen to adapt our PSHE curriculum to address emerging issues and contemporary concerns, ensuring that our students receive relevant education and guidance to help them make safe, informed choices.

Thank you for helping us to keep our young people safe, both in school and beyond. Working together, we can ensure that our students feel supported, informed and safe.

Ambition. Opportunity. Success.



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Music News:

We are delighted to announce that our school has once again been awarded the Music Mark of Recognition for 2026 – marking our seventh consecutive year of recognition!

The Music Mark is awarded by the UK Association for Music Education and celebrates schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to music education and to ensuring that children and young people have meaningful opportunities to experience, enjoy and succeed through music.

Receiving the Music Mark is a wonderful recognition of the place music continues to hold within our school community. We are proud to provide opportunities for pupils to perform, create, listen, develop their skills and discover a lifelong enjoyment of music, both within and beyond the classroom.

As a Music Mark school, we continue to champion:

- The importance of music within our curriculum and wider school life
- An inclusive and diverse musical experience for all pupils
- Opportunities for pupils to perform, collaborate and develop their musical confidence
- Partnerships with our local music community to broaden musical opportunities and experiences

A huge thank you to GSW Music Hub (Gloucestershire) for their continued support, and to our pupils, families, Mrs Hooper, and our fantastic peripatetic and visiting staff for the time, enthusiasm and commitment they give to music throughout the year.

We are particularly proud that this is our seventh consecutive year of Music Mark recognition – a reflection of the sustained commitment of our whole school community to keeping music thriving at Newent.





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Come and join
CHOIR

Sing • Make Friends • Be Part of Something Special


FRIDAYS
(TERM TIME)


1:00PM


ROOM H20

Performing at
Gloucester
Cathedral!

- 🎵 Build confidence
- 🎵 Learn new music
- 🎵 Make new friends
- 🎵 Be part of a team
- 🎵 Perform at exciting events!

Calling all
YEAR 7

We'd love to see
you there!
♥

★ Lots of fun performances
coming up...

Including a very special one at
Gloucester Cathedral!



— — — — — All are welcome – everyone has a voice! — — — — —



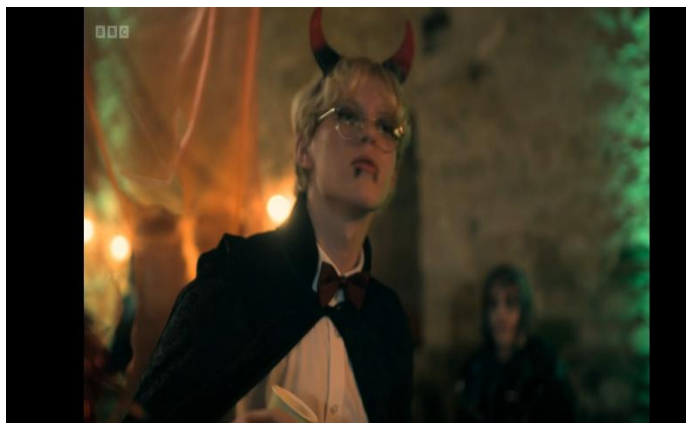
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Drama News:

Our Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre students continue to excel on stage and screen.

James Sayles, currently studying Performing Arts in Year 13, can be seen alongside Tom Davis and Lenny Rush in the BBC adaptation of the children's novel 'The Reluctant Vampire'. Episode 2, where you can spot

James, is due to air on Sunday 11th October at 6.40pm with all episodes also available on the iplayer.



James is also starring as one of our Fairy Godmothers in 'Cinderella' in December and will also appear in our Spring production of Jim Cartwright's 'Two' so there are lots of opportunities to see him at work!

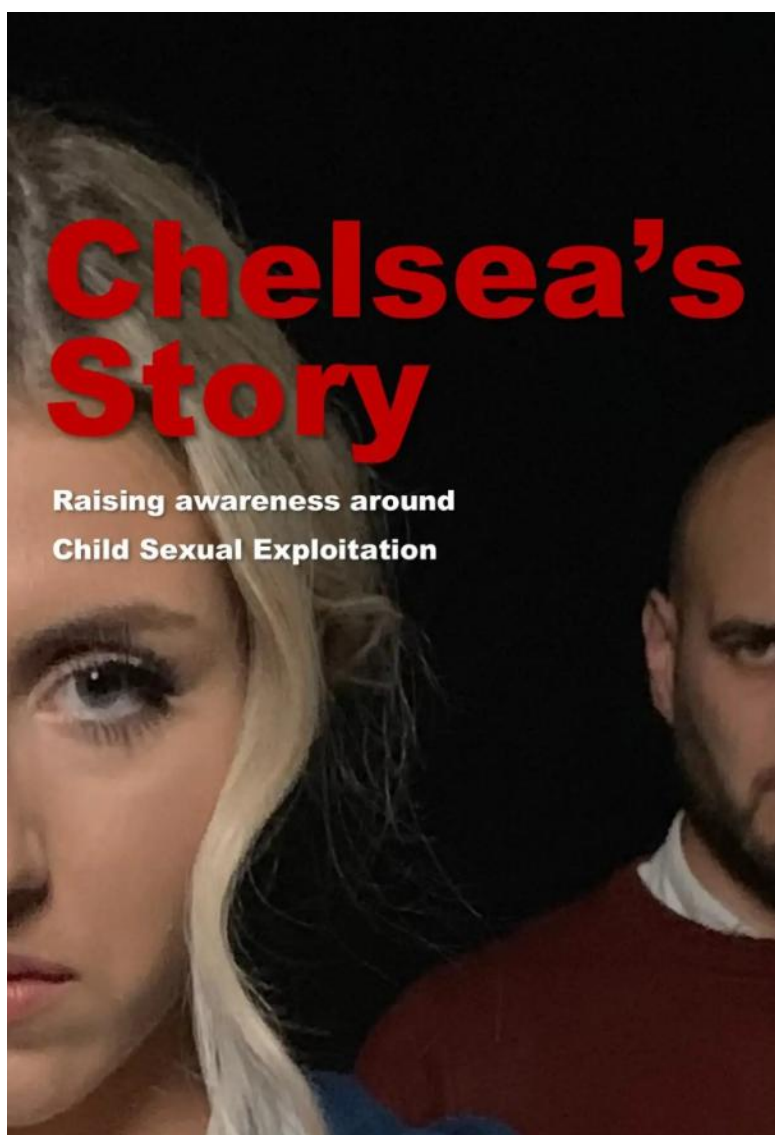


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PSHE News:

Chelsea's Story

On Tuesday 13th, our Year 9s watched a theatre production by Narrative Alchemy who performed Chelsea's Story. This is aimed to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation. It's a true story of a 15 year old girl who meets Gary who appears to be a caring and understanding man, but things take a turn as he is not at all what he seems. Chelsea finds herself alone and exploited. This year, the production had been updated and also included details of male grooming and online grooming. Our students listened attentively and were superbly behaved. The themes in the play will be followed up in PSHE lessons in the near future. In the meantime, we have people at the school students can talk to if they have any concerns or would like to discuss anything further. Or contact Barnardo's, Child Exploitation and Online or Protection Command (CEOP) Education.





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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 2 we will be studying the following:

Year Group	Topic	Lessons to include
7	Diversity and relationships	Stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination The Equality Act Bullying Relationships with parents
8	Identity and relationships	Sexting Relationship abuse Agender and sexual orientation Diversity and tolerance Unifrog: Job applications: superhero CVs
9	Respectful and Intimate Relationships	Families and parenting, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, and relationship changes. Unifrog: What comes after school?
10	Mental Health	Wellbeing and stigma Signs of emotional and mental ill health Strategies to promote mental and emotional health Mental health and suicide Unifrog: Exploring employer profiles
11	Families	Fertility and routes to parenthood Pregnancy choices Pregnancy outcomes Sexual health Forced marriage Unifrog: Post 16 Choices

If you have any questions, please email:

lgibbs@newent.gloucs.sch.uk



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PE News:

Year 7 boys have made an excellent start to their rugby journey with wins against Dene Magna and John Kyrle plus a draw with Kings school.

Well done!





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SEND:

Supporting children and families works best when we work together! Miss Brown is pleased to share this opportunity for our SEND families to connect with others, build relationships and access additional support within our local community.



**SEND
PARENT
SESSION**

**For parents of children with
additional needs**

**FREE
EVENT**

Join Forest Voluntary Action Forum and Gloucestershire Gateway Trust for a relaxed and friendly session where you can meet other families.

While parents and carers chat, children can enjoy a range of sensory activities and tuff trays.



 Newent Memorial Hall,
Bury Bar Lane - GL18 1PT

 **Wednesday 18th November 2026**
4:00pm - 5:00pm

 Gloucestershire
Gateway
Trust

Welcoming Families, Connecting Communities



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Supporting Your Child with Autism:

Newent Community School
& Sixth Form Centre

AMBITION,
OPPORTUNITY,
SUCCESS

Supporting Your Child with Autism

Working together – at home, and at school!

Join us for an informal and supportive session to learn more about autism, hear from our guest speaker PEAK, share experiences with other parents and carers, and pick up practical ideas to support your child.

With guest speaker

PEAK will be joining us to share their expertise, practical advice and experiences to help you support your child.

Practical strategies for home
Ideas to support everyday routines, communication, sensory needs, regulation and independence.

How we support in school
An overview of our inclusive approaches and the support available at Newent, including The Bridge, The Harbour and our wider inclusion offer.

Network with other parents
Meet other parents and carers, share experiences and build a supportive network.

Signposting to further support
Information about local and national services and organisations that can help.

Date: Wednesday 11th November

Time: 9.30am – 10.30am

Venue: The Main Hall

Tea and coffee provided

All parents and carers are very welcome!

If you would like to join us for this parent session, please complete the Microsoft Form:

[Parent Session - Supporting Your Child with Autism – Fill in form](#)



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Newent Lantern Workshop:



**FREE DROP IN WORKSHOP
FOR ALL AGES**

**BETWEEN 10AM - 4PM
MON 26TH OCT & SAT 14TH NOV**

**Help create lanterns for the
Newent Lantern Parade
for Christmas Lights Switch On**
(21st November 2026)

**St Mary's Church, Church St
Newent, GL18 1AB**

**No need to book, just turn up
Children must be accompanied
by an adult**



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