



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 2025

**Wednesday 2nd**

*SEN Transition afternoon*

**Thursday 3rd**

*Year 6 Induction Day*

*New parents' welcome evening*

**Friday 4th**

*INSET Day*

**Tuesday 8th**

*Y5 Open Morning*

*Mary Poppins Jr*

**Wednesday 9th**

*SEN Transition afternoon*

*Mary Poppins Jr*

**Thursday 10th**

*Y5 Catalyst Open Morning*

*Nova Offer Evening*

**Friday 11th**

*Sports Day*

**Wednesday 16th**

*SEN transition afternoon*

**Tuesday 22nd**

*Year 10 Parents' Evening*

**Thursday 24th**

*Last day of term*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



What an incredible couple of weeks we have had here at Nova. We want to ensure that we give our students as many opportunities to develop their character and these last two

weeks have certainly been full of opportunities.

Year 8 students had a brilliant time on camp at Mendip Base Camp last week. This is the first time we have used this as a location for Year 8 camp, students had a great time there and we look forward to returning with our Year 8s next year. Photos will be on the website this week.

Year 10 students spent three days out of school last week on work experience. This is a really important opportunity for the students and I want to publicly thank Mrs Gawthorn for all of her hard work over the past few months organising this.

In school last week, a number of Year 9 and 10 students took part in activity days with the Army, these days are designed to develop team work skills. The students found these activities challenging but rewarding.

Meanwhile a number of Year 8 students not on camp got to take part in a Young

Enterprise day, the students had a brilliant time taking part in the activities organised. In all cases our visitors commented on just how well behaved, polite and well mannered our students were.

At the end of last week we had Year 11 Summer Ball. It was brilliant to be able to celebrate with Year 11 their completion of their time at Nova. A big thank you to Ms Sayers for all of her work organising this over the last few months, ensuring this was a really special night for all the students.

We have had a number of students throughout Year 7 – 10 competing in the Swindon School Athletics competitions over the past couple of weeks, the students have done brilliantly with a number of medal finishing positions across a whole range of sports. Well done everyone!

In the coming weeks we still have our Paris trip to look forward to, our Year 10 geography students are out this week doing fieldwork in Bristol and we, of course, have Sports Day coming up on Friday 11th July. In addition to this we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 6 students for their transition day this coming Thursday.

*James Harding-Mbogo*

*Principal*



**Farewell Year 11**

**Pages 7-8  
and 14-16**

# SOUTH WEST JUNIOR CHEF 2025

Isabella in Year 10 won through to the Wiltshire final of this competition by creating a recipe using ingredients that were grown, reared or produced locally, wherever possible. She decided on using duck, which we were able to source locally along with the chicory. These were paired with some home-grown Swiss chard, radishes and herbs.

Competitors are also asked to keep waste to a minimum when preparing their dish and so ingredients were purchased in minimum and weighed and measured exactly.

The judges selected entrants to invite to the county finals based on:

- the creativity of the recipe – they are always interested in why you have chosen a particular recipe.
- the balance of the ingredients used in the recipe
- the skills required to create the dish
- the use of ingredients produced locally to you or from the wider South West region wherever possible.

Unfortunately for us, we had to travel to Wiltshire College in Trowbridge and cook in the stifling kitchens on the hottest day of the year. However, Isabella's enthusiasm shone through and she was able to talk knowledgeably with the judges. She put in a tremendous effort of which we are extremely proud.

Mrs Camm



## Isabella's menu:

Spiced Roasted Duck Breast  
Miso Maple Sauce  
Braised fruit & nut slaw  
Duck fat fondant potatoes  
Pickled radishes  
Chicory petals



# CHRIST CHURCH DOG FUN RUN



You may remember last year that three of our students came up with an idea to raise funds for Christ Church in Old Town. Phoebe, Marley and Ryan created a proposal, as part of a competition, to hold a Dog Fun Run. It went so well last summer that Christ Church decided to run it for a second year, and invited our students to help run it again.

It was a fantastic day with lots of runners and their dogs taking part in a fun run and a dog show. Thank you to Chris at Christ Church for inviting us back, thank you to Phoebe, Ryan, Marley and Hamilton for taking time from their GCSE revision to help. Chris at Christ Church said that they were a credit to the school once again.

Christ Church are hoping to continue to run this event in future years too. This is amazing - an idea that was developed in their Business lessons has come to life. I'm very proud of the students.

*Ms Evans*

*Teacher of Business Studies & Creative iMedia*

## LORD OF THE FLIES VISITS NOVA

For the past few years we have visited Cirencester College to watch their drama students perform their spring production. This year, their performance was during our Easter holidays so they visited us instead. Year 9 were enthralled by their performance of William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*, about a group of boys stranded on an island and their descent into savagery.

Thank you to the staff and students of Cirencester College for putting on this performance for our students.



# SWINDON SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Our Year 9 and 10 athletes competed in the Swindon Schools' athletics competition. We competed against 13 schools across Swindon, our Year 9 team had a depleted team due to lots of athletes attending the DofE expedition, but there were some outstanding performances.

Year 10 girls—3<sup>rd</sup> in Swindon

Jesse B—800m - 1st

Serwaa—100m 3rd in Final

Dexter—3rd in Final

Leah P—300m 3rd

Rielly D—300m 2nd

Serwaa—High Jump - 1.32m

Cillian T—Triple Jump 9.25m 3rd

Holly T—Discus 1st 17.5m

Judith—Triple Jump 1st

Harley R—3rd in 400m

Relay—Year 9 boys—2nd overall





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# THE MAGIC FLUTE

Members of the Nova Hreod Academy choir took part in an incredible production of Mozart's The Magic Flute at the Royal Opera House in London. The performance was made possible by United Learning in collaboration with other schools across the south of England, featuring professional opera singers and a student orchestra from United Learning schools led by a professional conductor.

Our students were made to feel really special by having seats in the boxes at the venue. They had been practicing for months to learn the opera songs, which they performed to an audience of parents and visitors at the Royal Opera House. It was a packed day, the rehearsals were very intense with the actual performance starting at 5pm.

The students were a credit to the school and it was a truly memorable incredible experience for them.



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# JUNE OPEN EVENTS

**NORTH STAR CAMPUS - 18 JUN 5-7PM**

**QUEENS DRIVE CAMPUS - 25 JUN 5-7PM**

**FINAL EVENT OF THE YEAR**



# LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY









# YEAR 5 OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday 8th July

9.15am-11.15am

## CATALYST STEM STREAM OPEN MORNING

Thursday 10th July

9.15am-10.15am

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# WE ARE PROUD OF...

Year 8 Timothy took part in the annual Ensign Ewart Trophy ice hockey tournament in Scotland with his Oxford Junior Stars U14 team. They played against very strong teams from Scotland and Northern Ireland. Oxford comfortably negotiated the group phase and then won the semifinal against Murrayfield (6-1) before losing to a very strong and well rested Belfast Giants (5-2) in the final thus earning 2nd place.





# YEAR 8 CAMP PHOTO GALLERY





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## SHARING EVENT

Sunday 6th July  
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Sat 5th July

8-12yrs  
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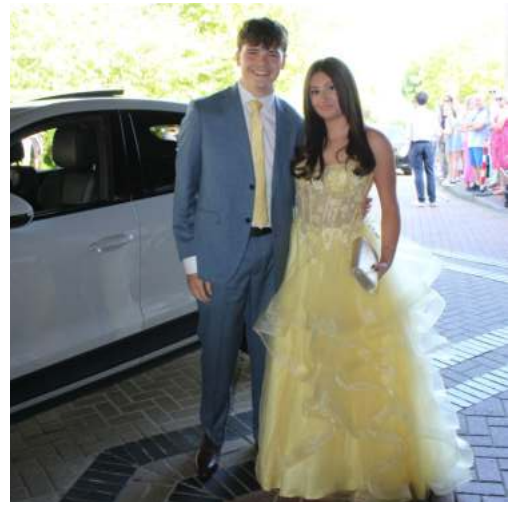
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# SUMMER BALL PHOTO GALLERY













**NOVA HREOD ACADEMY PRESENTS**



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Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman  
Book by Julian Fellowes  
New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe  
Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh  
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**8th & 9th July 2025**

**Doors Open 6.00pm / Show Starts 6.30pm**



**Adult Tickets £5 / Child Tickets £1**  
**Available on Parent Pay**

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