# **NOVA NEWS**



NEWS FROM NOVA HREOD ACADEMY

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **IUNF 2025**

Wednesday 18th
SEN Transition afternoon
Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 19th
Transition coffee
afternoon for Y6 parents
Monday 23rd

Transition coffee
afternoon for Y6 parents

Friday 27th

Year 11 Summer Ball

Monday 30th

Transition coffee afternoon for Y6 parents

#### JULY 2025

Wednesday 2nd SEN Transition afternoon

Thursday 3rd

Year 6 Induction Day

New parents' welcome evening

Friday 4th

**INSET Day** 

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



The first two weeks of this final half term of the year have absolutely flown by and we have nearly reached the end of the Year 11 exam season. We look forward to celebrating this achievement through our Year 11 leavers events and Summer Ball later this month.

Now that Year 11 are about to leave, our Year 10 students step up to be the oldest students in the school. Year 10

students will have their first set of GCSE style mock examinations over the course of this week, we wish them the best of luck.

Well done also to all Year 7-9 students who have completed their Best in Everyone assessments (BiEs) over the last week, we know that students worked really hard for these assessments and took them seriously. We look forward to sharing the results with families before the end of the term.

Now that the examination season is coming towards an end we have lots of exciting activities coming up in the weeks ahead with Year 8 camp and Year 10 work experience taking place during the week of the 23rd June. Later in the term we have our Sports day, the France trip and Culture day as well as our end of term reward events which we hope to invite as many students to as possible.

Finally I want to wish our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students the best of luck as they undertake their expedition on Thursday and Friday this week, I am sure that they will have a brilliant time.

James Harding-Mbogo

Principal



Aspiring sports leaders take on new challenge see page 9

## **WAR HORSE**

On 4<sup>th</sup> June we took 44 Year 9 and 10 Drama students to see War Horse at the Bristol Hippodrome. The impressive puppetry, sets, lighting and music gave a multitude of examples for the students to write about in their live evaluation written exam and the overall show is a true experience.

The story follows the journeys of Albert and his horse Joey through the war, where they encounter separation, bombs and true friendship. It was an incredible show.

#### Ms Derham









#### SUCCESS FOR NOVA ATHLETIC DUO

After qualifying at the Swindon Schools' Athletics Championship earlier this term, Year 9 Jesse and Year 7 Alieu represented Nova at the county ground this weekend, proudly cheered on by Miss Parsons and Mrs Malik.

Jesse came first in the 800m with an incredible time of 2.08, while his competitors struggled valiantly to keep up. He now goes on to represent Wiltshire at the South West Championships, and is hoping to repeat last year's success, where he made it to the National Finals.

This was Alieu's debut as a Nova student, having represented his primary school before, and he put on an outstanding performance in the 100m, making it through to the finals the same day.

Everyone at Nova is very proud of Jesse and Alieu's achievements and will be supporting Jesse as he competes in the South West Championship.





### Star of the Term



Kallum - Year 8 Mrs Thomas - Maths Excellent effort and dedication in every maths lesson



Harry - Year 10 Mrs Stubbs - Maths Outstanding effort and exceptional manners always



Thomas - Year 9 Mrs Clare - Maths Massive improvement in maths study



Alasdair - Year 9
Mr Clarke - Maths
Exceptional hard work in every
lesson and perfect behaviour



Mr Watkins - Maths

Fantastic work every lesson, almost always achieving top results in class and presenting work perfectly.

Exceptional homework record



Miss Liu - Maths For consistently working hard, displaying high levels of drive and integrity in all maths lessons



**Leo - Year 8**Mrs Malik - Maths
Top of class SPARX XP leaderboard
for consecutive months! SUPERB!



Mrs Evans - Business Fantastic drive in Business, iMedia and Computer Science. Catching up really well on missed content



**Kyran - Year 10**Mrs Evans - iMedia
Amazing drive and fantastic quality
of work for the practice project



Laiba - Year 11

Sparx - Maths

Top of the school leaderboard for SPARX this month with 5509 XP!

(Gold)



Oakley - Year 8
Sparx - Maths
Fantastic scholarship in Sparx,
top of the leaderboard!
#Excellence in action



Akshaya - Year 8

Sparx - Maths

Top of the school leaderboard for

SPARX this week with 1830 XP!

(Gold)



Gaddiel - Year 7

Sparx - Maths

Top of the school leaderboard for

SPARX this week with 1450 XP!

(Silver)



Mohammad - Year 8
Sparx - Maths
Top of the school leaderboard for
SPARX this week with 1425 XP!
(Bronze)



Maryam - Year 10 Sparx - Maths Highest ever independent study as of May 2025. #Hard Work and #Excellence in Action (38040)

# Star of the Term Special Mention



## **CAREERS WEBINAR**

Careerpilot are hosting a webinar for parents and carers of Year 12 and 13 students about the range of choices available to students after 6th form/college. To register for the event visit the link below:

Parent/carers session: What are the choices for students at 18? Tickets, Mon 23 Jun 2025 at 17:30 | Eventbrite

This webinar will take parents and carers through the choices available to students when they leave 6th Form. We will show you the many routes to degree level study and all the other options too, such as , apprenticeships, courses at your local college, etc. We will explain some of the key points to bear in mind and explain how you can use Careerpilot to find out lots more - so you can effectively support your young person in making a positive progression decision.

The session will be run by experienced career advisers from the Careerpilot Team based at the University of Bath.

There will be an opportunity to ask question through the chat function.





# NOVA SEN OFFER

## Thursday 10th July 2025 5.00pm - 6.30pm

## Do you want to learn about the 'Nova Offer'?

Hear from the SEND team about our ethos on inclusion, meet key staff and leaders in the school.

Meet representatives from local agencies and organisations to find out what support is available and how we work with them.



All parents and carers are invited to attend, as well as current Year 6 students joining us in September.



Register at tinyurl.com/Nova-Offer-Jul2025 or scan QR code.

## **ROUNDERS ROUNDUP**

## YEAR 7

Year 7 team won 13 1/2 to 12 vs Swindon Academy.

Fielding in particular was exceptional!

Fielding MVP: Millie W

Batting MVP: Libby P



## YEAR 8



Year 8 win 16-14 rounders against Swindon Academy

MV Batter: Ava

MV Fielder@ Olivia

Awesome result!

## **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB**

Launching Summer 2025!

- Summer club led by our experienced mentors

-Daily sessions involving fitness, music creation, arts and crafts, team-based gaming, and sport activities

-A diverse, fun, safe, inspiring environment where children develop confidence, character, and connection





#### **Extras & Flexibility**

- Early Drop-Off from 8:30 AM
- Optional Late Pick-Up available until 5:30 PM for a small fee
- Healthy snack options and hydration support

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- Flexible hours designed to support working families

Where Fun, Meets Focus Powered by our Iprovefit Mentors

#### **Location & Dates**

Venue: 32a Ganton Way, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey park, Swindon, SN2 8ES

Dates: Monday - Friday, July 28th - August 22nd 2025 Time: 9:00-17:00 (with optional extras from 8:30-17:30)

Age Group: 8-13

Price: £20/day, discounts available for full-week bookings and siblings

For any enquiries please email:Referrals@iprovefit.com



## SPORTS LEADERS TAKE ON NEW QUALIFICATION

A group of Year 8, 9 and 10 Sports Captains, sports ambassadors and mentors took part in the first day of a Level 1 Sports Leader Qualification. The Level 1 Qualification in Sports Leadership is a nationally recognised qualification that enables successful learners to assist in leading purposeful and enjoyable sport/physical activity.

Day one was a success with a variety of theory and practical knowledge gained. The content included an introduction to the 5 main skills that pupils would need to succeed in a leadership role, as well as in a workplace: communication, self-belief, teamwork, self-management and problem solving. All of these skills were presented both practically and theoretically, with the pupils completing team building and communication activities practically, and self-belief, problem solving and selfmanagement tasks theoretically in a classroom. The cohort were excellent on the day, displaying full effort and enthusiasm throughout the day and building new connections with their fellow sports captains. In the afternoon, pupils had an attempt at creating and leading on a conditioned invasion game to the rest of the group, which gave them a chance to demonstrate their leadership and communication skills that they had developed throughout the day. There was an excellent display of creativity and leadership throughout the day. It was great to see all

the sports captains thriving and being supportive of one another.

"It was really good to experience a bit of theory sports studies work as it was a good insight to what GCSE could be like, said Skye, Year 9. "It was great to meet new people with the same interests as me and it helped me branch out of my comfort zone. It was a great balance between practical and theory while exploring all the qualities we'd need to be good leaders. I think I successfully contributed my ideas for games and now understand all the things I need to improve."

Year 10 student Serwaa said: "I really enjoyed starting this course today. It was fun, interactive and I was given the opportunity to learn new leadership skills." Anh in Year 10 said: "The first day of the leadership course was so fun, we were all able to learn new leadership skills and warm up to different year groups and come out of our comfort zones."

Miss Parsons praised the students for their enthusiasm throughout the day, saying how impressed she was with their energy and enthusiasm. The next planned days to complete the course are 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July, where pupils will begin to plan and deliver a leadership lesson in order to gain their qualification.

**MORE PHOTOS** 











#### **NOVA HREOD ACADEMY PRESENTS**



A musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film 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 Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald



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