



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2025

Tuesday 20th

Y9 Immunisations

Wednesday 21st

Year 8 Parents' Evening

26th-30th

Half term

JUNE 2025

Wednesday 11th

Y6 SEN transition session

Wednesday 18th

Y6 SEN transition session

Thursday 19th

Y6 Coffee afternoon for parents

w/c 23rd

Year 8 camp

Monday 23rd

Y6 Coffee afternoon for parents

Thursday 26th

Y9/10 Immunisations

Friday 27th

Year 11 Summer Ball

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We are already over halfway through this very short Summer term. Students have made a brilliant start back, we have seen positive increases in

both the number of Merits awarded and students' attendance.

We continue this half term with our tradition of end of term reward events for the highest Merits earners.

Currently at the moment we have over 400 students on track to be eligible for these reward events—this is brilliant and is essentially almost half of Year 7 –10 students.

In terms of attendance we have seen increases in attendance across all year groups so far this term, this is great to see. We know that attendance is one of the most important factors in how students achieve at school and so it is really pleasing to see this improving over the course of this term.

Year 11 students have begun their public exams this week. We cannot commend them enough for how hard

they are working and for the effort that they are putting into their exams. Year 11 students now all have a personalised weekly timetable over the exam period where we ensure that they receive warm up sessions before each exam as well as additional booster revision sessions designed to give them the best possible chance of success.

Given that it is the exam season we run fewer trips and visits at this point in the year, however it has been brilliant to be able to run PGL for Year 11 a few weeks ago. This was a great opportunity annually organised by the Maths team to provide the chance for Year 11 to enjoy one final trip away as well as a chance to do some important revision. In other year groups we have enjoyed trips to the Imperial War Museum and to the Globe Theatre, which will be covered in the next issue.

I hope that you enjoy reading this fortnights newsletter.

James Harding-Mbogo

Principal



**Rounders teams
updates**

See page 6

CHARITY DOG FUN RUN!

Sat 14th June
10.30am - 1.30pm

Christ Church
& The Lawns

A family fun day (for dogs and their humans!)

Competitive Race

11:00am start
5km distance

The Fun Run

11:15am start
2km distance

Tickets To Join The Race:

Adults: £6 | Children: £4
Family (Upto 5): £15

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW : 
ccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets

Family entertainment,
refreshments and
dog show after the race!

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In partnership with the Young Entrepreneurs From Nova Hreod Academy



Christ Church
Swindon



WE ARE PROUD OF...

Amelia in Year 8 plays football for Abbey Meads FC. Her team won this year's ESF Tournament at Butlins Minehead.

Here she is with the trophy—well done Amelia and team!



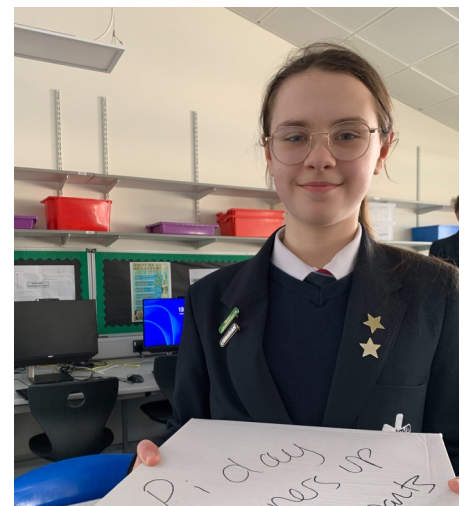
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF DEDICATION

At the end of last term, all the staff joined together to celebrate with Mrs Howell, who has reached a remarkable 25 years of working at Nova Hreod Academy. Mrs Howell's kindness and patience has supported generations of students and staff throughout the years as a teaching assistant, and on behalf of the entire Nova community, we extend our gratitude to Mrs Howell for her exceptional service.

PI DAY

We had a fantastic display of hard work on Pi Day as students stepped up on National Pi Day to recite 100 digits of Pi from memory to win an amazing chocolate cake!

Reigning champion Max was the overall winner (*"I'm only in it for the cake"*), Alice L is this year's Year 7 Winner, Natalia S is Runner up and we saw some great efforts from Filip T and Esli F. All have been given Star of the Term merits last term as well as House goodies and House Championship points this term with Certificates.



Early Help Navigators

**Here to Help Parents Thrive:
Support and Signposting**



Drop In Sessions:

Tuesday 27th May 2025

West Swindon Library: 10am - 12pm

Central Library: 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday 28th May 2025

North Swindon Library: 10am-12pm

Park Library - 2pm-4pm

Mental Health. Finances. Community Groups. Youth Projects.SEND. Domestic Abuse. Substance Misuse. Food Banks. Prenatal and perinatal support.

PGL MATHS REVISION WEEKEND

It was a wonderful weekend with Y11s at PGL Liddington filled with 4 bespoke revision sessions where we planned 9 types of revision sessions based on PPE2 data for the Y11s to do Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon.



Students were also able to take away resources to complete independently and all Year 11 have been told that if they collect, complete and show completion of additional revision, plenty of star slips and merits will be awarded for their hard work.

Sessions covered were designed to push all Y11s to aim for grades higher than PPE2 and there were Maths4Science sessions (biology and physics) as well as geography students given Maths4Geography work.

PGL weekend was a chance for Y11s to make some memories and have some down time together (off of gadgets) with fun activities such as Giant Swing, Axe Throwing, Archery Tag, Disc Golf, hide and seek, sardines, hunt the teacher, footy, and rugby.



ROUNDERS FIXTURES

YEAR 7



Nova 10½, Kingsdown 21½

The score did not reflect their performance for their first ever rounders game! Some excellent fielding and batting on show during the game.

Fielding MVP—Isobel B

Batting MVP Simran K

YEAR 8



Nova 7½, Kingsdown 6½

The team played excellently both in fielding and batting to secure the win after a close game. Amazing teamwork and tactics used throughout from the girls.

Batting MVP—Sophie S

Fielding MVP—Lily J

YEAR 9



14-7 win against Swindon Academy.

Best fielder—Elizabeth

Best batter—Olivia

Lovely match, both teams were supportive of each other.

UNDER 16



RWBA 25 Nova 4½

First game of the year for the U16s who put in a great effort against a very strong side.

Fielding MVP—Jennifer

Batting MVP—Laila

YEAR 7/8 BOYS



Year 7 boys narrowly won by 6 runs. **Ben** scored about 40 runs on his own, and a couple of others were fantastic at bowling.

Year 7/8 combined team 60-54

STUDENT WELLBEING



Anna Freud
building the mental
wellbeing of the
next generation

Anna Freud have kindly offered to host a webinar for parents and carers at United Learning schools on **Monday 12th May at 4pm – 5pm**. The webinar aims to provide a toolkit to help you support your child through what they may be going through.

You can expect guidance on:

- Understanding mental health and wellbeing
- What can I do to support my child/ young person
- How parents and carers may feel
- When might we need to talk more
- Where can I find more information

If you cannot make this date, but you are interested in attending, please do sign up via [the form](#) and you will be sent a recording of the session.

EXAM TIME

YOUNGMINDS

There is a helpful section on the Young Minds website about how parents and carers can help their child during the exam season. This can be particularly useful for parents of Year 11 students.

An example is below; the full article can be found at

[Exam Time & Exam Stress | Parents Guide To Support | YoungMinds](#)

Guide Menu

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[View our guide for young people](#)

SUPERNOVA ENRICHMENT

Gardening Club

Come and help us create a garden

Every Wednesday 3.15pm

Meeting in FE3

Ms Philpott & Ms Burman



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 10 Supplementary Club FD4 JRE	Study Base Library Ms Hyde 15:00-16:00	Minecraft and D&D club Ms Vandervalk SD5	Lego Robotics Club Ms Clare SB4	Year 10/11 Football Mr Close
	Come and See Film Club Ms Vandervalk GB3	K-Pop Dance Dance Studio Ms Trivett 15:00-16:00	Study Base Library Ms Hyde 15:00-16:00		Creative Lego Club Ms Clare SB4
	Study Base Library Ms Hyde 15:00-16:00	Gardening Club FE3 Ms Burman 15:00-16:00	Sparx Early Bird Support SB9 – Break time		
	Mary Poppins Rehearsal GA1 15:00-16:15		Mary Poppins Rehearsal GA8 15:00-16:15		
			Debating Society FD7 Mr. Willis		
			Taekwondo GA7 (Dance Studio) Mr. Bjarkan		

Term 5 Extra-Curricular

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Athletics 	-Tennis 	- Cricket - Rounders 	- Football (KS4) 

Cricket/Football/athletics fixtures

Rounders/athletics fixtures

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

All interviews are now complete and Year 10 Prefect candidates have started the probation period where they are completing duties, such as tutor time equipment drop off to tutor groups, lunch duties, etc. and they are also completing Weekly Appraisal forms where staff in school, and adults at home can weigh in on their Hard Work, Excellence and Kindness.

I cannot wait to see who will step up to be a great leader for the remainder of Year 10 and who will put themselves forward from this group of 30 students to become Head Students (School Captain and Vice Captains).

Well done to all so far and watch this space for Prefect updates!

Thank you to the Year 10 Wellbeing Ambassador team, your efforts and

support have been great this year and I wish you all the best of luck in future roles. Many of you deputised brilliantly in terms 2 to 4 and have gone on to apply to become Prefects now, showing how well our KS4 leadership opportunities overlap.

Years 7 and 8 will have a chance to step up for Student Leadership roles as well. Watch this space for details.

Year 9 will be able to apply to become WBA for Year 10 after BIE2 in July. You'll get interview experience and deputise for prefects after October Half term so that they can focus on PPE1-2 and GCSEs. You will also put together Hello Yellow in October and collaborate with other student leadership groups for other cultural events.

Mrs Malik

PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING TRIPS

Y10 Drama—War Horse 4th June—**8 spaces left**

Y10 Geography—Bristol walking tour 30 June & 1 July

Y10 Business & iMedia Cadbury World 7th July

Year 8,9, 10 Noughts & Crosses Regents Park Open Theatre 23rd July

LOOK OUT FOR TRIPS COMING SOON

Y7 Geography—River Cole, Buscot & Coleshill 15-18 July

Y8 Science—Silverstone 17th July

Y9 RAF Fairford Air Tattoo—18th July

Y11 English—A Christmas Carol Barn Theatre 8th December

To book any trip visit www.parentpay.com

YEAR 9 VISIT BATH UNIVERSITY WITH STEM

We had an eye opening and immersive day to Bath Uni for Year 9s this term who got to see a guided tour of the spectacular University of Bath Campus (did you know Mr Miller is an Alumni?).

We then had brilliant informative sessions especially for student Q&A as we had over 70 questions which Mrs Malik brought back to school to add to PSHE later this year.

Huge thank you to Mr Miller, Ms Vandervalk and Mrs Tate for helping throughout the day for the trip.

Students were able to envision themselves in further education, and with such great Universities in close proximity to Swindon it is such a highlight to show our students that the future is full of endless possibilities.

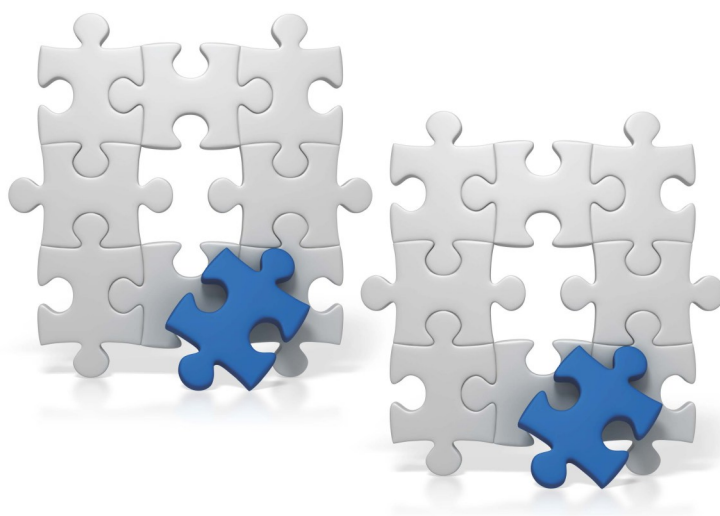
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



For your child to attend school

- **Book medical, dentist and hospital appointments outside school times**
- **If an appointment is unavoidable, come into school before or after your appointment**
- **Holidays in term-time are not permitted**
- **Lateness to school or any lessons will result in a detention the same day**

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