



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 2025

Wednesday 11th

SEN Transition afternoon

Wednesday 18th

SEN Transition afternoon

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We've had a very productive half term here at Nova, despite the short nature of this half term an awful lot has been crammed into a small space of time.

Year 11 students are now halfway through their exams and we have been hugely impressed by the hard work and resilience shown by this cohort of students. They have put their all into these exams and we are very proud of them.

It has been fantastic to be able to end this half term with another set of reward events for highest merit earners, this time involving over 400 students in total. Our Gold award winners had a trip to the trampolining park which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students who took part.

This week also saw our inter-house rounders competition take place at lunch time which has been a fantastic event with lots of students stepping up

to represent their houses in this important competition.

On the theme of fun and rewards we are constantly trying to improve the provision for students at lunch and break times and so have installed lots of new benches for students to sit at in the atrium during social times as well as installing four outdoor table football tables which have been extremely popular at break and lunch time.

After the holidays we return to our final set of Best in Everyone exams (BiEs) which are a brilliant chance for the students to demonstrate everything they have learnt this year. We then have lots of exciting events coming up including Sports Day, Year 8 camp and Year 10 work experience.

I hope you all have a very restful half term break.

James Harding-Mbogo

Principal



**Tsunami Girl Art
Exhibition**

See page 8

SUPERNOVA GARDENING CLUB

Nova's (community) garden is an embodiment of the school's community spirit. From the site team who levelled the land, to the dedicated band of student gardeners, from the staff and students who have donated seeds and equipment, to the team who gave the (approval) go ahead and funds to reclaim the wild, weedy wasteland.

We are so lucky to have such a wonderful space and everyone is pitching in to help create a beautiful, peaceful and abundant garden for us all to enjoy.

Gardening club students have busy planting spring onions, beetroot, tomatoes, strawberries, courgettes, rhubarb and potatoes. We have seed trays full sunflower, sweet pea and marigold seedlings as well as beans, squash and onions. All will be planted out shortly together with a raspberry cane.

As well as preparing and planting our current veg and flower beds, we are hoping to create mini a wildflower meadow towards the bottom of the garden to encourage the bees and butterflies. Future plans include laying a patio from the well being message stones past and

present students designed with Mrs Bekir and incorporating some sensory planting around a seating area.

It is a work in progress and, to quote The Carpenters, we've have only just begun. (But if you would like to help, come and join us in Gardening Club on Wednesdays.) In the future, once the garden is more



established we look forward to sharing the space the wider Nova community of parents, carers and siblings. It is then that we truly will know we have all created a community garden.



PAINTING THE SHED



NOVEMBER 2024



MAY 2025

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDEERS

This week saw the House Championship Rounders competition with Year 7-10 students competing for the points. The rounds were played over two lunchtimes, with the final on Friday. It was fantastic to see so many supporters cheering on their teams.

Pegasus and Orion House were in a very tightly fought final, with Orion winning by just one rounder.



IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM VISIT

Many of year 9 were lucky enough to take a History trip to the Imperial War Museum in London. The visit started with a workshop based on the events of the Holocaust before and during WWII. This was followed by an activity using ipads to locate and gather information on Jewish people who were victims of the Holocaust as Year 9 walked through the Holocaust Gallery in the museum.



In the afternoon we were lucky enough to also spend some time in the WWI gallery, where students were able to try on uniform, take a WWI fitness test and experience what it was like to be in a WWI trench. The students that went had a fantastic experience and despite the serious subject still managed to have fun. They were thoughtful and considerate throughout their tour of the galleries and respected the people around them and the serious subject matter.





During the workshop, students were asked why they think the Holocaust is still in today's curriculum and why they believe it's important to continue to learn about it.

I think we still study the Holocaust today to teach us to stand up for what is right and not sit back and watch horrible things happen just because some people can't accept others. We are all human no matter our differences - H

to minimise the chances of mass genocide like this happening again. If taught from a young age about the different interpretations and horrors of the Holocaust, it helps reduce prejudice behaviours towards different groups.

To ensure that something like this doesn't happen again and reduce discrimination in society. Knowing that something so horrendous stemmed from religion hate / antisemitism

It was such a traumatic event that we can't just forget about what happened to people and how badly they were treated.

We need to continue to explore the Holocaust to ensure that we don't repeat history and so that we can continue to understand people's influence on society and the consequences of extremism.

I feel we continue to study the Holocaust because of how horrific and tragic it was. The fact that the Jews were wronged and how the Germans did not care. I feel we learn it to raise awareness and to never forget the people who were lost in that time.

We need to continue to study it so people never repeat the past and so people can understand the consequences of extremism.



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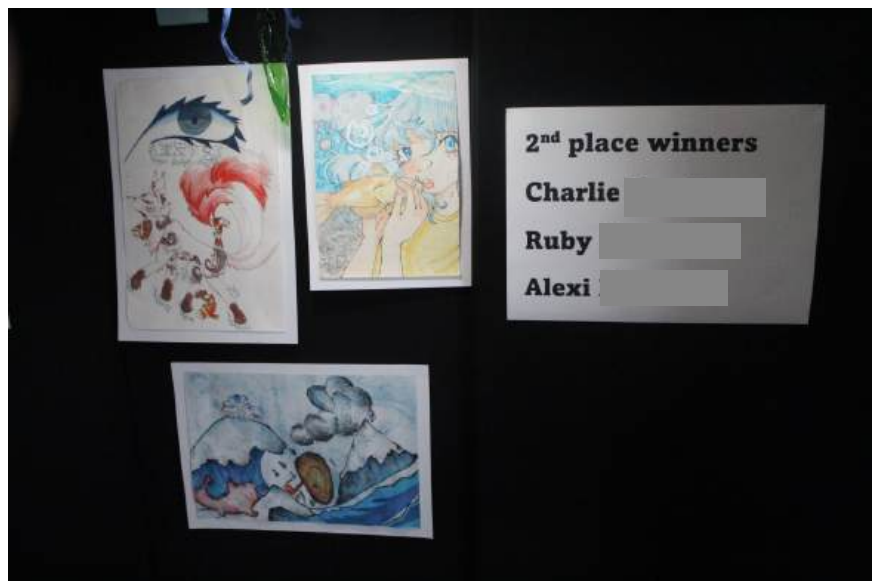
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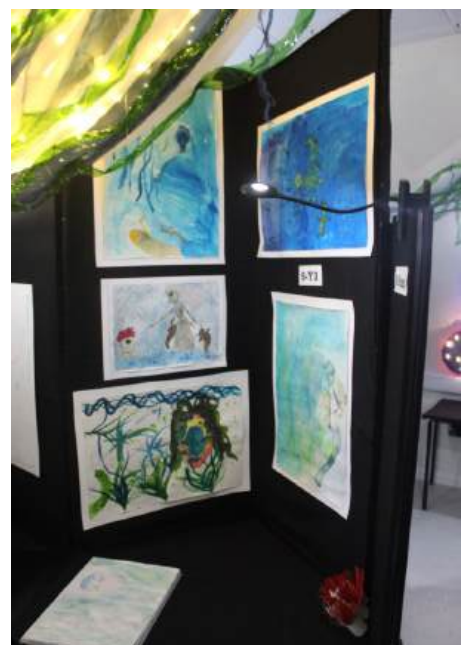
Promo starts Monday 19th May

TSUNAMI GIRL ART EXHIBITION



This term we've proudly showcased the superb work of our students in an incredible art exhibition featuring entries from the Swindon Youth Festival of Literature *Tsunami Girl* competition. The exhibition was a fully immersive experience including light and sound as well as the fantastic artwork.







OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 8th July
9.15am-11.15am

CATALYST STEM STREAM OPEN MORNING

Thursday 10th July
9.15am-10.15am

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP UPDATE

As we go into the May half term after what's been a short but crucial 5 weeks, I'm so proud to see the gains of student leaders playing a key role in their peers and our school community. Students actively want to be in leadership roles, and I've had Y7-10 students have discussions on how they can help out in school events and get more involved.

Students actively covet responsibility and are willing to give up time during social time for this (before school, break, lunch and after school).

I just absolutely love this, I'm so proud how our students want to step up to help and it makes my role as Head of Student Leadership so fulfilling. I look back over the memories collated onto our School social media and it's wonderful to see so much activity that's happened and continues to happen over the course of the academic year.

Mrs Shurley, our fantastic librarian, is in charge of the student librarians and all roles within the wonderful set up we have in FC wing. She has been instrumental in helping me interview for Wellbeing Ambassador (WBA) team this year who deputised wonderfully for Prefects Term 1-4. I'd like to thank the WBA team for their efforts and their last task will be to combine forces with the other leadership groups for initiatives and events happening after BiE2s.

Y10 WBA isn't just limited to a short duration of a role. They've actively alleviated Y11 prefects of duties and responsibilities so that they can focus on their crucial GCSE exams. Our 10/10 Hello Yellow event for Young Minds is something I look forward to every year, because what could be funnier

than Inflatable Sumo Suits in the atrium? It's caused chuckles every time and the ever-popular Mario Kart and Inflatable football have made returns too for other events.



Student leaders have a positive influence and impact on their peers and our school in numerous ways, from leading enrichment clubs, encouraging and supporting Sparx completion (Annual summer rewards will be launching 🚀), to driving up attendance (our most recent being the Y9 Options cohort buddied with their House reps).

There's so much more yet to come in Term 6 before we break up for the summer holidays. So, rest, relax and recharge during the last week of May, see you all back at school Monday 2nd June.

Mrs Malik

Head of Student Leadership



YEAR 8 RESIDENTIAL CAMP TRIP

Mendip Activity Centre, Somerset

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

Mon 23rd June - Wed 25th June 2025
or
Wed 25th June - Fri 27th June 2025

A 3-day, 2-night residential camping experience for our Year 8 students at the Mendip Activity Centre in the spectacular Mendip Hills National Landscape. The year group will be split into two camp parties and attend on one of the date ranges shown above.

Enjoy a range of daytime and evening activities led by qualified instructors. Examples of these activities could include rock climbing, abseiling, caving, target sports, bushcraft, team building, night walks, orienteering, frisbee golf and campfires.



Transition Roadshow

Mr Gordon and Mr Harbour visited Rodbourne Cheney Primary School this week for the first of our transition roadshows, where we visit Year 6s who are joining Nova in September to support them with the transition from primary to secondary school.

Our Year 7 students Frankie and Alexander did an excellent job of answering questions and talking about their experiences of moving to secondary school when they left Rodbourne Cheney last year.



NOVA HREOD ACADEMY TRANSITION COFFEE AFTERNOONS



19 JUNE
23 JUNE
30 JUNE
3.30PM TO 4.30PM



For parents, carers and Year 6 students.

Meet key members of staff, and have your transition questions answered. Please visit our website if you would like to join us

www.novahreodacademy.org.uk

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

At Nova Hreod we place a high value on consistent attendance to school because we know that this is essential in ensuring that our students can achieve success. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child is regularly attending school.

There is a clear correlation between students achieving the highest outcomes and also having the best attendance.

Imagine the puzzle to the right are the pieces of knowledge that your child needs to learn within a subject curriculum. If a student misses one, or a number of lessons, a gap opens up in the memory. Each puzzle piece is precious. The more puzzle pieces your child has, the more fully they are able to understand their learning and to apply this knowledge.



Every lesson matters and each day builds on the learning that came before.

It has been pleasing to note that attendance has improved since the last academic year and that, during the year, it has been very stable with a slight upward increase. We have made a strong push on revamping our rewards offer and prioritising the role of the form tutor in this. We have started an Attendance Premier League which creates an element of competition between tutor groups. We have just completed the first week of this and we will continue it after Half Term.

Premier League		Nova Hreod Academy <small>The best in everyone!</small>		
Tutor Group	Weekly Attendance %	Weekly Points	Overall Points in the Half Term	
1 10C	99%	10	10	
2 9G	99%	10	10	
3 7A	98%	8	8	
4 9H	97%	7	7	
5 7H	97%	7	7	
6 8A	97%	7	7	
7 7I	97%	7	7	
8 7F	95%	3	3	
9 7G	94%	2	2	
10 7B	93%	1	1	

Welcome to the Attendance Premier League!

Each week, the **Attendance League Tables** are updated and your form tutor will share these with you.

If your tutor has the best attendance in the league for the previous week, you will receive 9 points. Second place will receive 8 and so on.

After a Half Term, the points will be added up and there will be promotion and relegation depending on how you perform in your league. The bottom three forms will be relegated to the division below.

The winner of each league will win a half termly prize for your tutor group!

Look out for the knockout Attendance World Cup also...



Premier League

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The best in everyone!

We have also added to our rewards offer that any students with 100% attendance in the previous week will gain a merit.

Each week, tutors also select one student to receive their Attendance and Punctuality Star Slip which is equivalent to five merits.

We have also created short one page slides to inform students of different attendance coding (not all), our rewards offer and what an attendance percentage means.

Attendance Codes	
The student is counted as present.	
/ or \	Present in school
L	Late arrival to school
P	Sporting activity approved by the school
V	Educational school trip
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Attendance Codes	
The student is counted as absent and therefore gets no attendance marks.	
N	The reason for the absence has not been given to the school.
O	If no reason has been given or if the school is not satisfied with the reason for absence.
I	The student is ill and we have confirmation of this from home.
M	An agreed and authorised medical appointment with proof seen.
G	A family holiday during term time (not agreed).
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Rewards	
Weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merits for 100% attendance in a week (form tutor). Attendance and Punctuality Star Slip (form tutor). Assembly Rewards - 'Spin the Wheel' and Tutor Group prizes. Attendance Officer Awards. Attendance Tutor Premier League and World Cup competitions. Tutor Attendance Raffle (next year).
Half Termly	Attendance awards for students who have made between 5%-10% progress and above 10% from one term to the next.
Termly	Prizes for students who achieve 100% in the term and have 100% across the year.
Yearly	Attendance Rewards Trips.
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Absences	
Persistent Absence	Severe Absence
Any student who has an overall attendance percentage of below 90% .	Any student who has an overall attendance percentage of below 50% .
<p>If a student's attendance falls below 90% or below 50%, we will intervene to ensure the attendance increases. This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance Meetings Attendance Report Cards Daily phonecalls Monitoring and tracking attendance 	
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Every half term, we recognise and celebrate the students who have worked hard to improve their attendance from the previous half term.

Congratulations to the students below who will receive certificates and chocolate on the last day of term.

TERM 5 2024-2025

20% IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Aaraque K	Theo P	Freddy W
Sophia V	Oliver S	Alexander W
Emily B	Dexter B	Lola B
Samuel P	Mateusz K	Kai S
Evie F	Valentina L	Ella F
Jack M	Esli F	Ella M
Tomasz K	Skye H	Arrow R
Layton P	Thomas A	Hope W
Sophia M	Bella S	Zeliton G
Jayden T	Olivia M	

15% IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Darnel W
Dainton A
Tyler H
Logan G
Cameron K
Megan I
Almir T
Jahbari S
Iustin C
Ricky R
Gutu T
Harley R



INTRO TO PUMP TRACKS

Moredon Sporting Hub, Swindon, SN2 2QJ

Fun, coached, beginner sessions on the pump track for kids aged 6- 16.

Girl's only - Tuesday 27th May
9:30 - 10:30am

Mixed - Wednesday 28th May
9:00 - 10:00am

FREE sessions funded by Sport England

Bring your own bike & helmet or borrow one

To book, visit the [Moredon Sporting Hub website](https://www.moredon-sporting-hub.co.uk/)



LIMITLESS FAMILY CYCLING

Moredon Sporting Hub, Swindon, SN2 2QJ

Thursday 29th May 12:00 - 13:00

Cycling for SEND kids & families

£4.50 per child (one adult FREE per child ticket), extra adults £5.50*

*Discounts available for CSNPC Green Card holders

Adapted cycles & helmets included

Book via [Moredon Sporting Hub website](https://www.moredon-sporting-hub.co.uk/).

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Moredon Sporting Hub Half Term Cycling Timetable

	Monday 26 th	Tuesday 27 th	Wednesday 28 th	Thursday 29 th	Friday 30 th	Saturday 31 st	Sunday 1 st
8:55 - 10:00		Whizzy Wheelers	Kid's Intro to Pump Tracks				First Gear
10:00 - 11:00		Girls' Intro to Pump Tracks	Knobby Tyres Junior MTB	Limitless Cycling - Adults	Family Cycling	Knobby Tyres Junior MTB	
11:00 - 12:00		Ladies Learning to Cycle & Rusty Riders	Kids' Learn to Cycle & Next Steps	Limitless Family Cycling (SEND families)		Family Cycling	
12:00 - 13:00			Family Cycling	15-17 Knobby Tyres MTB		Girls' Knobby Tyres MTB	
13:00 - 14:00				Private session	Family Cycling	Limitless Family Cycling (SEND families)	
14:00 - 15:00							
15:00 - 16:00							
16:00 - 17:00							
17:00 - 18:00							
18:00 - 19:00							

MSH Mini Roads	Main Cycle Track	Pump Track	Cyclocross Course
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The pump track, MSH Mini Roads and Cyclocross areas are FREE to use anytime while Moredon Sporting Hub is open, apart from when sessions are scheduled.

The enclosed cycle track is available for use anytime, apart from when sessions are scheduled. £5.00 per adult, £4.00 per child (bike hire is not available at open sessions).

Session	Details
Whizzy Wheelers	Fun balance bike sessions for 2-5 year olds. Balance bikes available to borrow. £5.00 per child. Book via: https://whizzywheelers.com
Girl's/Kid's Intro to Pump Tracks	Join a fun, coach-led session for beginners aged 6-16 on the pump track. Bring your own bike or borrow one of our BMX bikes (limited bikes available). FREE - reserve your space via the Moredon Sporting Hub website.
Kid's Learn to Cycle & Next Steps	Fun, thr coached sessions to help kid's of primary school age learn to ride a bike and improve their cycling skills. Dedicated session available for SEN children. Bikes & helmets available to borrow. £5.00 per child. Book via: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/swindon-cycle-campaign-101575400983
Learn to Cycle & Rusty Rider	A dedicated session for women and girls helping to teach you how to ride a bicycle and improve your cycling skills on our traffic-free track. Bikes and helmets available to borrow. £5.00 per adult, £5.00 per child. Book via the Moredon Sporting Hub website.
First Gear	Bring your own bikes and enjoy cycling around our traffic-free track at the discounted price of £2.50 per person. Book via the Moredon Sporting Hub website.
Pedal & Pastries	Full track exclusive for over 80s, bring your own bikes and enjoy a social spin around the track followed by a hot drink and cake. £8.00 per person. Book via the Moredon Sporting Hub website.
Knobby Tyres Junior MTB	Fun, coached sessions for kids aged 6-16 introducing off-road cycling skills, including different terrains and ramps. Mixed sessions £8.00 per child (buy one get a sibling free). Girl's only sessions FREE (funded by Sport England). Book via: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/swindon-childrens-bike-coaching-106907231581
Family Cycling	Exclusive use of the traffic-free track for kids and their families to enjoy cycling together. Childseats, trailers and bikes available to borrow. £5.50 per child (one adult FREE with every child ticket). Book via the Moredon Sporting Hub website.
Wings BMX (SEN)	A fun, inclusive, coached session on the pump track for neurodivergent kids. Bikes & helmets available to borrow. £5.00 per child. Book via the Moredon Sporting Hub website.
Limitless Cycling (adults)	Inclusive cycling for those identifying with a disability or long-term health condition. Try our fleet of adapted cycles and enjoy cycling around our traffic-free cycle track. £5.50 per adult (supporting adults free). Book via the Moredon Sporting Hub website.
Limitless Family Cycling (SEND families)	Inclusive cycling for SEND families. Try our fleet of adapted cycles and enjoy cycling around our traffic-free cycle track. £4.50 per child, (supporting adults free) £5.50 additional adult. Book via the Moredon Sporting Hub website.

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- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.



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- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.



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- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

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You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting:

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HALF TERM FAMILY CYCLING

Moredon Sporting Hub, Swindon, SN2 2QJ

£5.50 per child (One adult goes FREE per child)

Wednesday 28th May 12:00 - 16:00

Friday 30th May 10:00- 12:00

& 14:00 - 16:00

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Book your place via [Moredon Sporting Hub website](#) or pay at reception on arrival.



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FRIDAY CHALLENGE



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SATURDAY SESSIONS

- 3RD MAY - 10.30 to 12pm MIXED SESSION - £8
- 17TH MAY - 10.30 to 12pm MIXED SESSION - £8

HALF TERM SESSIONS

- 28TH MAY - 10.30 to 12pm MIXED SESSION - £8
- 28TH MAY - 1 to 2.30pm *Girls Only* SESSION - FREE
- 31ST MAY - 10.30 to 12pm MIXED SESSION - £8
- 31ST MAY - 1 to 2.30pm *Girls Only* SESSION - FREE



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