



### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It's been a fantastic end to a great Spring term, with visits from international sports players, theatre groups, trips and visits, and it's really started to feel like the start of something new.

After a number of years where we have not been able to put on our usual array of school performances we are very excited to announce that we will be staging a Nova production of High School Musical next year! This was announced on Friday and has already created a stir - the production will debut in February next year but preparations will be starting in earnest next term and we can't wait!

The Pegasus House Easter bake off was a huge success this week, with so many mouthwatering entries that Mr Foster had a difficult task judging a winner. Congratulations to Abigail Park, winner of the student category, and Mrs Sweeney for winning out of all the staff entries. A lot of hard work and creativity went into all the cakes, but you'll have to wait for the next newsletter to see the photos. After the judging at lunchtime, all the cakes were sold in the atrium, raising £107 for the Pegasus House charities.

We're thrilled to be returning to vertical tutor groups after Easter and everyone's been getting used to their roll call lineups, culminating in a whole school rehearsal on Friday afternoon. It was so good to see the whole school back together, and it was also a great opportunity to present the Bronze Charter Awards. Congratulations to the 11 students who earned these by reaching the milestones in the Nova Charter this term.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, and I wish everyone a happy and healthy Easter break and look forward to seeing our students return on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

*Nick Wells*  
Headteacher

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### APRIL 2022

Monday 11th—Friday 22nd  
Easter Holidays

#### MAY 2022









Monday 2nd —Bank Holiday  
Wednesday 18th —Head  
teacher's parent forum  
Monday 30th May—Friday  
3rd June—Half Term Holiday

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## EPRAISE LEAGUE TABLE

## EPRAISE TOP STUDENTS APRIL

	Total points	Attendance
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2nd		
3rd		
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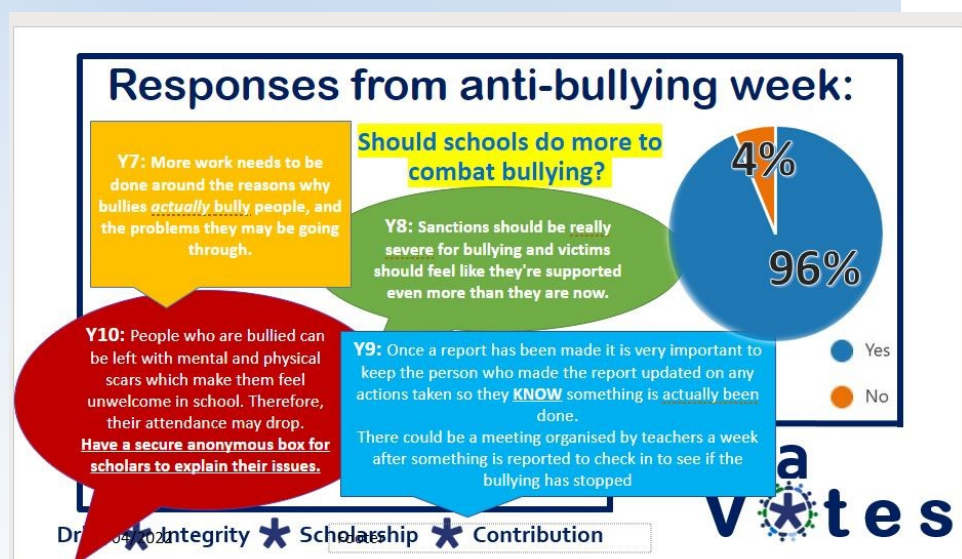


## THE WORLD AROUND US

Each week in the World Around Us, tutor groups talk through a new topic based on what is happening in the world and around school. At the end of each discussion, scholars are invited to vote based on their own opinion. Each new week starts with a discussion of the previous week's results.

The World Around Us covers a variety of topics. Here is a list of topics and questions discussed in tutor sessions so far in term 3. Term 4 will continue with these vital discussions and student/tutor votes and comments will feature on the Big Screen's mini screens around the school.

- ⇒ Should more females be actively encouraged into STEM studies and jobs?
- ⇒ Have LGBTQ+ people achieved equality?
- ⇒ What is the most important reason for daily reading?
- ⇒ Are resolutions beneficial?
- ⇒ What should be done to tackle racism and discrimination in sport?
- ⇒ Do you know about World Braille Day?
- ⇒ Should we accept more asylum seekers/refugees/immigrants into the UK?





## PEGASUS HOUSE UPDATE

It has been a very busy term with the exciting University Challenge House Competition and lots of fun Friday Challenges.

Unfortunately for Pegasus, since the last newsletter update we haven't had great success in those! Bino, David and Charlie did so well and took us all the way to the University Challenge final but unfortunately didn't quite win us the trophy.

We also made it to the final of the staff Bad Joke Competition for the Comic Relief Friday Challenge, thank you to Mrs Clare for reaching second place on behalf of Pegasus with this gem: ***"When I was younger I didn't like maths, but now that I'm an adult I can see that decimals have a point."***

One thing that has been won this term was by Mr Hudson on behalf of Pegasus. He took part in an SLT Friday Challenge where he released his inner Picasso and drew a fabulous caricature of Mr Foster! As you can see later in the Newsletter, he played close attention to perspective and proportion.

This week we have the Pegasus charity event which is the Great Easter Bake off, I am looking forward to seeing all of your amazing entries and raising lots of money for our House charities.

After Easter is the return of the vertical tutor groups and therefore, we will be spending much more time back in our houses. I can't wait for our first face to face assembly and being able to stroll along FD wing and see all of you back together again after what has been such a long time!

Mrs Moore

Head of Pegasus House





## NETBALL INTERNATIONAL PLAYER VISITS NOVA



Our scholars were excited to have a visit from Layla Guscoth, England Netball player, who is also a UL sports ambassador. Layla gave a coaching session about creating space to our scholars, a question and answer session with our Y10 sport Studies scholars and played against one of our brave scholars Harrison who tried hard to beat her in a shoot out. As well as playing netball for Team Bath, Layla is also an NHS Doctor.

In the Q&A session, our scholars asked her about her superstitions, what sacrifices she had made for her sport, her greatest achievement, biggest rivals and injuries.









# UNDER THE SEA

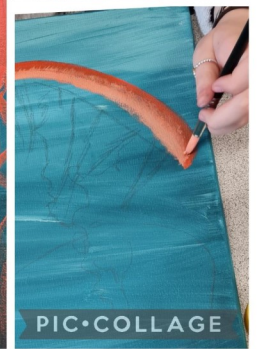


Well done to the Year 10 Art scholars who sat their mock exam for the "Under the sea" project. Students worked on a sustained piece of Art taking inspiration from their aquarium trip and artists from our project.

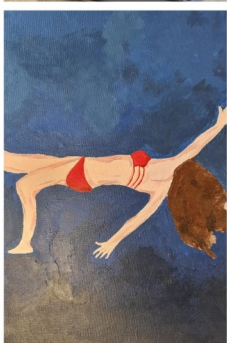




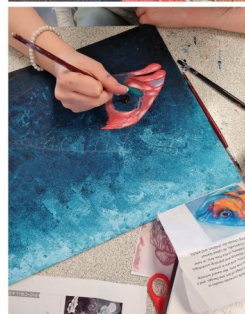
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# ROMEO AND JULIET

The Young Shakespeare Company returned to school last week with their unique version of Romeo & Juliet. This is one of the texts studied at GCSE English and the performance brought the story to life for our Year 10 students.



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## YEAR 11 VISIT TO PGL LIDDINGTON

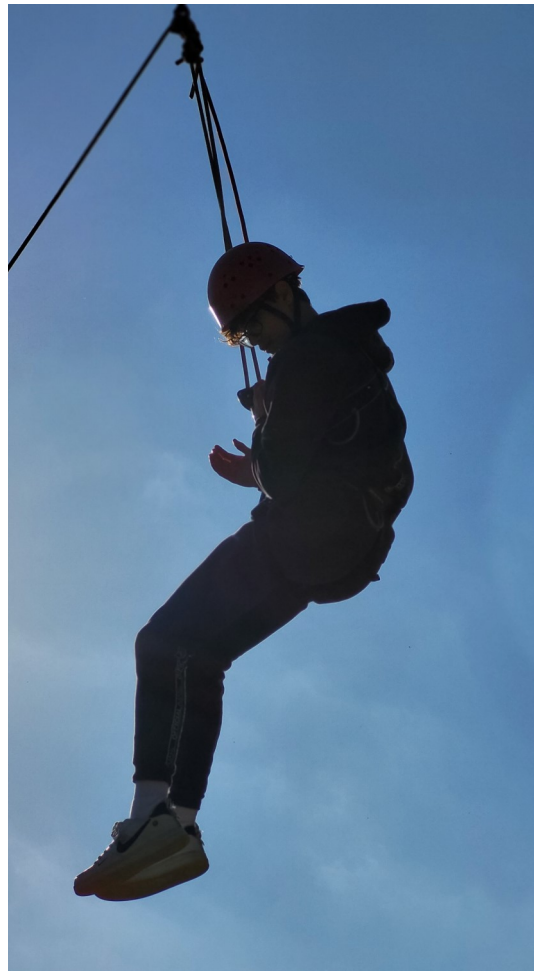
A group of dedicated year 11 scholars and their maths teachers attended a maths revision weekend at PGL Liddington. The trip involved over 5 hours of additional maths revision organised by the maths team focused around key exam skills. In each of these sessions our students performed brilliantly, displaying high levels of Drive and Scholarship.

In addition to the revision sessions, scholars were able to take part in exciting outside activities including raft building, zip-wiring and the giant swing. There was even evening entertainment where our year 11s competed in groups to be the best weetabix eater, catwalk model or even Egyptian mummy!

The maths team will be looking to run this trip again for future year 11 groups to allow as many scholars as possible to access additional revision sessions and hopefully make lasting memories that will stick with them as they progress through their bright futures.







*It was fantastic to be able to take some of our brilliant scholars on a residential trip this term. The attitude throughout the weekend was exemplary and the additional high-quality work will inevitably have an impact on their GCSE outcomes. I hope all attendees of the trip enjoyed themselves and feel the time was useful, whilst also being a nice opportunity to get to know their peers better. I also want to thank all the staff at PGL and our own staff for making this trip a success.*

*Mr Watkins  
Head of Maths*

[More photos and videos here](#)



## EX-NOVA STUDENT REACHES HIS GOAL

We were delighted to hear that former student Harrison Minturn has signed a professional contract with Swindon Town Football Club. Harrison played for the school team throughout his time at Nova, while working hard on his GCSEs, and also attended Swindon Town football academy from the age of 8, making his senior debut against Newport County in the EFL Trophy earlier this season. He has been playing at every level and impressing with his commitment and his work ethic.



Harrison always showed great promise as a footballer and has worked hard to develop his skills. From watching him play for the Nova team and more recently being called up to play for Swindon Town first team in friendlies, it's been wonderful to follow his progress and be rewarded with a professional contract.

*Mrs Mason,  
PE Faculty Leader*







CANCER  
RESEARCH  
UK

Nova scholars have produced their very own music download as part of their studies, with the proceeds going to charity. The project included market research as well as production, performance and creation of the tracks.

The download is available on ParentPay and all money raised goes to Cancer Research UK.

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*As part of our BTEC exams, our group, Limitless, have created and produced a digital download containing two popular tracks (Without You by Kid Laroi and Skyfall by Adele). This project has been fun to get involved with and we've learnt many new skills.*

Bethany Year 11

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## COUNTY CUP

This week the Year 10/11 football team played in the quarter final of the County Cup. Thank you to Rhys for his fantastic match review.

*We started off well with high confidence, scored in the first minute from the beauty of Kai G. The first half then became a little over-confident and quite rushed but the half ended 1-0 to us. The second half we approached pretty rushed again with the possession flying over both teams. Harry D missed a few open goals but finally got his goal to secure a 2-0 lead to us. In the last 7 minutes the other team caught on with a lucky shot sliding in to make it 2-1. We panicked and allowed them to secure an equaliser in the last second directly from a corner. It went to penalties and we lost 4-3 on sudden death penalties. We were massively disappointed as we'd dominated the match and should have won.*

Rhys M, Year 11

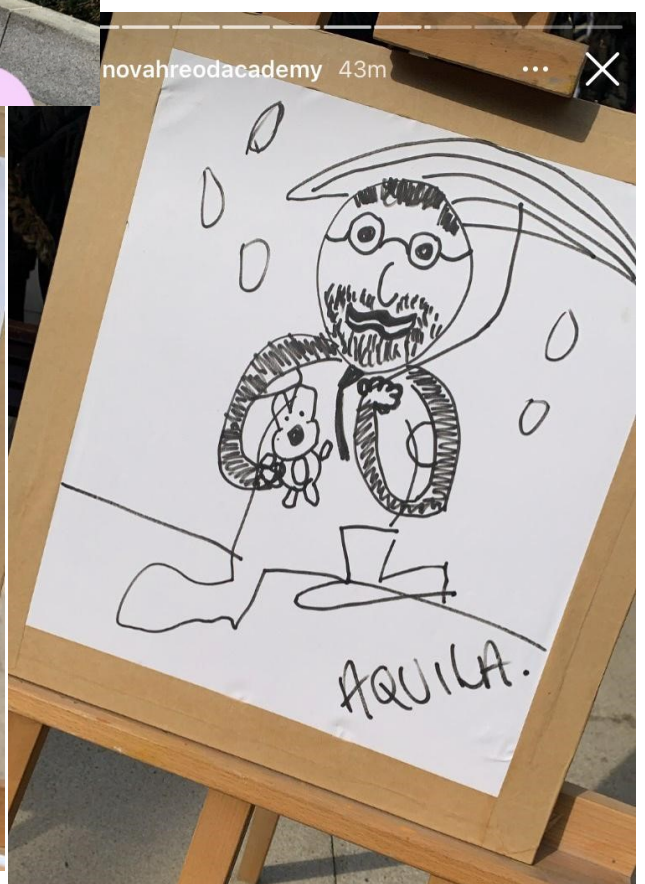
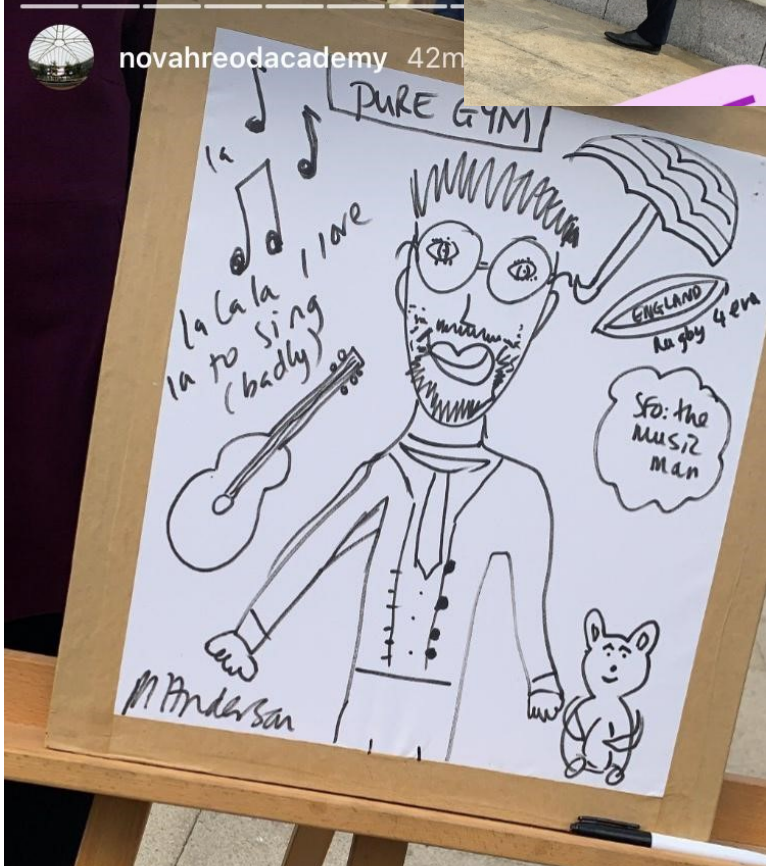
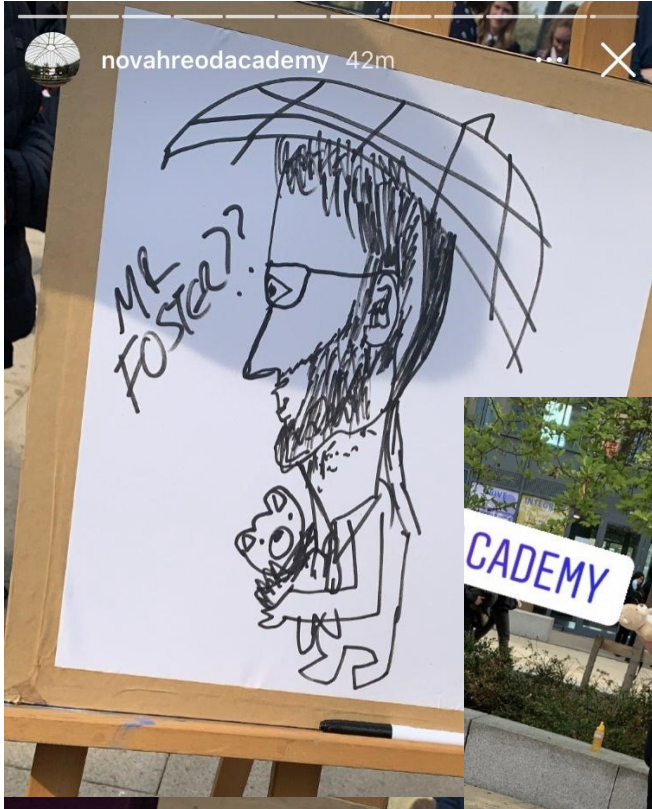




# FRIDAY CHALLENGE



In this Friday challenge, our staff had to draw a caricature of Mr Foster. It was won by Mr Hudson who really captured the essence of our Assistant Principal.





## SPORT STUDIES VISIT TO LYDIARD PARK

Year 10 Sports Studies scholars walked to Lydiard Park for a trekking trip, as part of the preparation for a trek up Pen Y Fan in Wales. After the long walk to Lydiard, the group took part in the high ropes course and walked back to school. It was a very tiring, challenging and really enjoyable visit, with lots of students facing their fears in the trees.

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*“The students were all amazing! It was hard walking all the way there and back (this is such good preparation for when we climb Pen Y Fan). We were really proud of how they overcame some fears and all faced a challenge.”*

*Mrs Mason and Mr Stevens, PE teachers*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



**HEADTEACHER'S  
PARENT FORUM**  
**WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY**  
**6PM**



**Open Mornings**  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Thursday 23rd June 2022  
9-11am

**Catalyst STEM Stream  
Open Morning**  
Thursday 23rd June 2022  
11am-12pm

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