



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It's been an exciting start to the new school year at Nova for both our students and our staff - from Year 7 just setting off on their secondary journey, to our Year 11s who have already sat their first set of mock exams. All of our students have been studying hard to achieve the targets they've set for themselves at the end of the year.

Over the last few weeks, we've been looking at the concept of leaving a legacy at Nova as a way of helping

students understand their aspirations and ambitions.

In these newsletters, you'll see a number of ambitions achieved – Josh's achievements in scuba diving this Summer is particularly impressive. You'll also be able to read about the contribution our students made to Jeans for Genes Day through fundraising as well as our support to the Swindon Save a Life Fortnight campaign during PSHE lessons and assemblies.



There's been plenty to share from the students at Nova already this year and we enjoyed welcoming so many of parents to our Year 6 Open Evening recently. There are more events like this for the parents of prospective students coming up. If you'd like to visit, do check our website for further details.

Nick Wells
Headteacher

SAVE A FRIEND FORTNIGHT



For the last two weeks we have been supporting Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Police with their initiative to help your child - "Save a Friend" in helping children realise the dangers of getting involved with drugs or knives and how it impacts on their long term outcomes, the obvious risks to their health and wellbeing and how they can signpost their friend or themselves to agencies who can help them.

As part of raising awareness of 'Save a Friend' we had guest speakers in including Josh Connolly, a life coach with a passion for embracing change who spoke about tackling the Konica Crime Culture and the behaviours surrounding an action to a feeling and how to deal with it.

In PSHE lessons and assemblies children were shown videos and information on how to spot the signs of danger, if they are making bad/risky decisions, or feel the need to carry a weapon and how to support a friend and contact the relevant agencies that can help them.

OPEN EVENING

We were thrilled to meet all the Year 5/6 pupils and their parents at last week's Open Evening. Students had the chance to experience 'real-life' lessons in Food Technology, Science, English and PE whilst the parents had the chance to hear from the Headmaster.

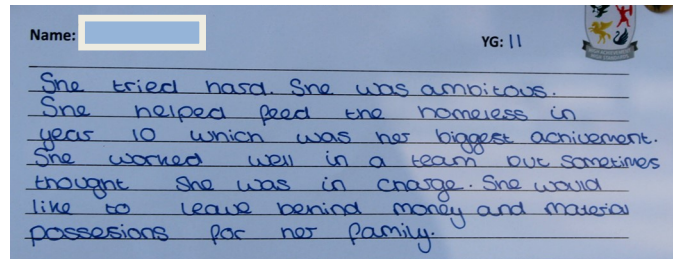
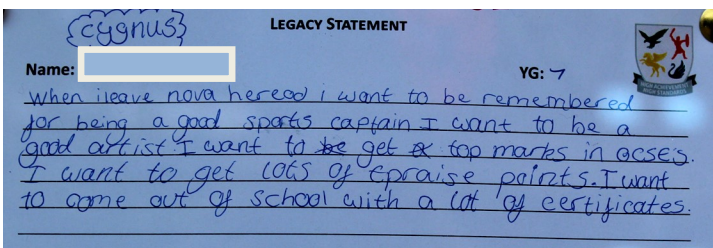
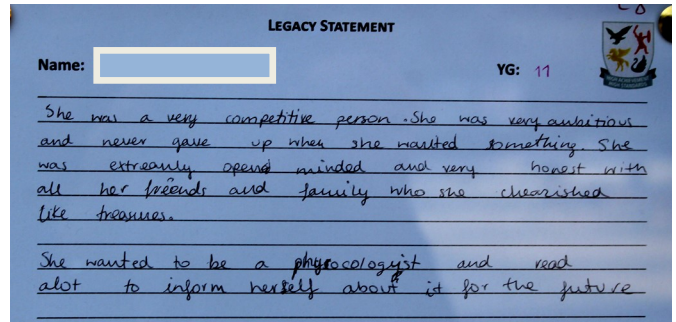
Our Year 11 Prefects were available to conduct tours around the school and answer any questions and along with our professional young caterers were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

If you missed our Open Evening, or would like another chance to look around the school our next Open Mornings are on Wednesday 2nd and Tuesday 15th October.



LEAVING A LEGACY

At the start of term, students of all years were asked if they wanted to contribute to leaving a legacy at Nova as a way of helping students understand their future aspirations and ambitions. We were very impressed to see the Legacy statements.



JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Friday 20th September

Well done to all those that wore jeans on Friday, we also raised £760 for Jeans for Genes Charity! Alan even cut up multiple 'jeans' and sewed them on to make one pair, representing the multiple 'genes' we have in our body!

The next Non Uniform day is **October 10th** supporting 'Hello Yellow' for Young Minds on World Mental Health Day.



Nova Sports Fixtures

Girls Netball Team

Year 7 lost 4-1 to Lawn Manor POM Bethany
Year 8 won 6-1 to Lawn Manor POM Reisha
Year 9 won 15-1 to Lawn Manor POM Bella
Year 10 won 18-0 to Lawn Manor POM Tiya



Boys Rugby Team

Year 9 Won v Kingsdown 29-12 POM Ben & Aston
Year 8 won v Kingsdown 30-0 POM Oriol & Naphtali
Year 7 lost v Kingsdown 40-10 POM Jayden



Student Achievements



Scuba Diving certificate

Congratulations to Joshua (Orion 4) who completed his PADI Open Water Junior Scuba Diving certification during the Summer, showing pure courage and determination.

Dates for your diary

October

Open Morning—Wednesday 2nd October

YR10/11 GCSE Maths Masterclass—Thursday 3rd October

Futures Evening—Wednesday 9th October

Hello Yellow Non Uniform Day—Thursday 10th October

Open Morning—Tuesday 15th October

Year 7 Review Evening—Thursday 17th October

A full calendar of events and more information can be found at
www.novahreodacademy.org.uk



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YEAR 5 & 6
OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 2nd October

Tuesday 15th October

9.00 to 11.00

Register at www.novahreodacademy.org.uk

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