



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As ever, our Nova students and staff have been working hard this half term. Year 11 have begun their final GCSE exams and are focused on securing the best possible grades in each of their courses. We have been supporting them with their revision and studying in school; we would like to thank parents and carers for the support they are giving at home too.

51 Year 11s spent a weekend at PGL Liddington where they took part in a maths revision weekend. The weekend got off to a surprising start when a huge limo arrived to take one group of students to Liddington! Throughout the weekend, students split their time between revising for their upcoming GCSE maths exams and trying new activities. The students conquered their fear of heights with trapeze and abseiling before taking part in a raft building exercise and fencing.

Even after busy activities and late evening entertainment sessions, all the students were dedicated to their revision throughout the weekend with our dedicated team of maths teachers and great support from our science teacher Miss Dominy.

Over the coming weeks, we have sessions running during half term and a GCSE Maths masterclass on Thursday 23rd from 6.00-7.00pm which is open to Year 10 and 11 students and parents.

Alongside all of this studying, we're continuing to provide a really wide range of extra-curricular activities, which you can find out more about here. We've had some fantastic success with our handball team; some international achievements in ice-hockey and fencing; and our Duke of Edinburgh students are going off on their practice expedition this weekend.

We're very keen to hear from you and your child if they do something outside of school which we can acknowledge so that we can celebrate the full range of our Nova students' achievements.



Nick Wells
Headteacher



SECOND IN WILTSHIRE

The U15s girls' handball team have had a successful season, reaching the County Final of the **Wiltshire Schools' Cup**, where they played against St Augustine's at Sheldon School. The girls played very well in the final; their technique and skill is improving with experience, but the St. Augustine's team were stronger and older and won the match 16-6 (10-3 first half and 6-3 second half), meaning that the Nova Handball team are now **2nd in Wiltshire**, qualifying for the South West Finals.

In the **South West Regional Handball Finals**, the girls played against the best teams in the South West at the Community and Sports Academy in Paignton, Devon. Eight other teams reached the finals; each team played three matches to reach this stage. Nova's first match against Stroud High School (Gloucestershire) was difficult and against the team who went on to win the tournament. Our girls played hard but nothing went into the goal. The second match against Bishop Fox's School (Somerset) was very tight, being played more at our level. Unfortunately we lost 5-4 in the last minute. The third match against Abbeywood Community School (Stoke Gifford) was the last game of the day before the finals, which we lost 6-2.

At the end of the day the team were rewarded with a trip to the beach! Congratulations to the Nova team, they played very well and have shown improvements in every game they've played. We didn't win the competition but we learnt a lot, ready for next year, and it was a very good experience for everyone. Well done to all girls involved in the team.



- Awa (Pegasus 7) Most valuable player
- Tiya (Cygnus 7)
- Sophie (Pegasus 5)
- Isobel (Orion 8)
- Shelby (Aquila 7)
- Lacey (Pegasus 7)
- Lucy (Pegasus 4)
- Hanna (Orion 2)
- Charlotte (Aquila 5)
- Kirstyn (Pegasus 3)
- Megan (Cygnus 3)
- Layla (Cygnus 1) Great goal keeper



INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR NOVA STUDENTS

After attending five trials over a six-month period, Year 8 Ruby (Pegasus 2) was selected for the U13s England Girls' Ice Hockey team. Over Easter the team played in an international boys' tournament in Belgium and brought home the Bronze medal after playing Belgium A and B teams, Denmark, Austria and two teams from the Netherlands.

This is a massive achievement to represent our country.

"We are incredibly proud of all the hard work Ruby puts into ice hockey whilst putting as much effort into her school work."

Ruby's mum



Year 9 Morgan and Year 8 Rhianna (Orion House) are members of the Abingdon Vale Fencing Club and recently represented England in a competition in Poland. Morgan entered into two weapons, first Boys' Epee where he came 159 out of a field of 250 and finished 20th British Boy. He also entered Foil, coming 185 out of a field of 228 and finishing 28th British Boy.

Rhianna finished 64 out of a field of 212 in the Girls' Epee and was 4th best British Girl.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Iain Perkins Memorial
Charity Golf Day**
in aid of the
British Heart Foundation



Friday 6th June 2019
South Cerney Golf Course GL7 5QD

Iain Perkins who died suddenly in April 2016 was well known by many in the area as a dedicated family man, PE teacher and as a very able sportsman. This is the third running of the annual event organised to commemorate and celebrate his life whilst also raising much needed funds for his widow Jill's chosen charity.

The British Heart Foundation

We are looking for participants as

- **Golf Players @ £35 (£7 discount for SCGC members)**
- **Non Players @ £20**
- **Sponsors of holes, raffle prizes or auction items.**

To participate please contact
Charlie Foster 07899 301736
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We look forward to having fun on the day in true Iain tradition.

May

18th-19th DofE expedition
Thursday 23rd Y10/11 GCSE Maths
masterclass 6pm-7pm
Monday 27th—Friday 31st Half term

June

Thursday 13th Year 6 new parents' welcome evening
Thursday 20th Year 5 Open Morning
Thursday 20th Year 11 trip Thorpe Park
Thursday 20th Y10 GCSE Science
masterclass 6pm-7pm
Thursday 27th Summer Arts Showcase
Friday 28th Year 5 Open Morning

A full calendar of events and more information can be found at
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**YEAR 5
OPEN MORNINGS**

Thursday 20th June

Friday 28th June

Please register at 01793 528800 or at
www.novahreodacademy.co.uk

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 19th September from 6.00pm



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