

# News from Nova Hreod Academy

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—TERM 1**

### September 2020

Thursday 3rd September	First day of term Year 7
Friday 4th September	First day of term Year 11
Monday 7th September	First day of term Year 10
Tuesday 8th September	First day of term Year 9
Wednesday 9th September	First day of term Year 8
Tuesday 15th September	<u>Year 5/6 “virtual” Open Evening</u>
Wednesday 30th September	DofE presentation for parents

### October 2020

Tuesday 6th October	Year 5/6 “virtual” Open Morning
Thursday 15th October	Year 5/6 “virtual” Open Morning
19th-23rd October	Half term

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# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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During the school closure, we've really enjoyed seeing the photographs that students have been sending us of their home learning, including work set on Epraise, some of the school competitions and their extra curricular interests. Key worker children have been attending school and Year 10 returned in their bubbles at the end of last month. We've been extremely proud of the ways in which students have engaged with their school work from home, and communicating with their teachers using Epraise messenger.

It's likely that things won't be back to "normal" for a while and I have written to parents to outline what school is likely to look like when we return in September.

I have also created a series of videos to explain about some of the key changes that will happen in school from September. If you haven't already watched the videos, I would encourage you to do so, as they contain some important messages for students and their families, including changes to the curriculum and the school day. Please visit the online assemblies section of the school website to watch these videos: you will find them at <https://www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/for-students/assemblies-online>

In the pages of this newsletter you will see examples of some of the fantastic work that students have produced during the closure. We have received some impressive entries to the competitions that have been set by teachers, and I'd like to congratulate each and every student that has worked hard on these, and to their families for supporting them with these fun challenges.

At the end of this term we say a fond farewell to the staff that are leaving us – I'd like to thank Mrs Haynes, Mr Jones, Mrs Lloyd, Miss Logan, Miss McCaig, Ms Pickering, Mrs Thomas and Miss Wood for their hard work during their time at Nova and wish them all the very best for the future. Congratulations also to Head of Maths Mrs Ford who has been promoted to a senior leadership role in another local school, and Assistant Principal, Mr Wilson, who is leaving us to take on a Deputy Headteacher role at a school in Devon. Lastly, I'd like to thank Mrs Mills who is retiring after many years of service to Nova as our Attendance Officer. We wish them all every success in their new ventures.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support over the past few months. I wish you all a happy and healthy summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

Nick Wells  
Headteacher



*The amazing artwork used on the cover was created by former student Connie Maclennan as part of the #portraitsforheroes project by Nova staff, students and alumni. There are more portraits on Page 12.*

## NOVA HREOD ACADEMY EQUESTRIAN TEAM

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### ISSY AND JAMES'S FINAL APPEARANCE

Year 11 Issy and her horse James competed in their last One Day Event this weekend, representing the Nova Hreod Academy equestrian team, completing show jumping and cross country challenges. Issy and James have been great ambassadors for the Nova NSEA team and we wish them success in their future competitions.

We'd like to thank Issy and her family for their support in running the Nova NSEA team. If anyone is interested in joining the team, please contact the school office.



## NOVA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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There are many ways to follow Nova Hreod Academy on social media—please click on the icons below to find our updates.



There is also a facebook group to help parents buy and sell used uniform, which can be found [<<here>>](#)

## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Everyone has worked hard during the school closure, learning from home and taking part in the many competitions to earn epraise points despite not being in school.

Congratulations Orion, winners of this year's House Championship.



"Fantastic work Orion! House Champions for 2 years in a row, what an achievement!"

Pride in Perseverance!"

- Mr Watkins

# Top Students by House



**HANNA**

516 points



**KC**

477 points



**SOPHIE**

462 points



**TIYA**

409 points



# CHARITY AND FUNDRAISING

At the start of the academic year, each house selected a charity to support, and students can convert their Epraise reward points into money to donate to their house charity. Although our students haven't been in school for the whole academic year, they have still successfully raised almost £700 for their chosen charities. A huge "thank you" to all the students who have generously donated their Epraise points to their house charity.



Help for Heroes

£199.08



Diabetes UK

£181.05



CALM

£158.52



Alternative Angels

£142.38



£ 742.25



£ 126.00



£ 81.25



£ 740.24

## 100,000 STEPS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

During lockdown, RE teacher Miss Owen has raised over £650 for Swindon Domestic Abuse Support by walking 100,000 steps in just one day.

Miss Owen had signed up for a variety of fundraising events this summer which were all cancelled due to COVID-19. She enjoys challenging herself physically and ran her first half marathon for MIND in September. When the government relaxed the social distancing rules, she challenged herself to walk 100,000 steps, which she predicted would be equivalent to 45 miles.

Here's her diary for the day:

- 4:30am – a two hour walk along St Andrews Ridge - we tried to watch the sunrise but it was too cloudy! I did this part with my fiancé (Simon) and my dog (Blue).
- 6.30am – after dropping off Simon and Blue off at home, I headed straight back out, walking around Shaw Country Park where I spotted a baby deer!
- 9am – a 3½ hour walk into town, around Old Town, and along the old railway track.
- 2pm – a lunchbreak at home was followed by another 3½ hours walk to Purton, through Mouldon Hill. At this point, I got lost exploring some fields and started to panic as my phone battery was starting to get low.
- 6.20pm – walked to Tadpole Village. This is where it started getting tough. I was sunburnt, sore, and tired and still felt I had loads left to do.
- 8.50pm – I picked up Simon and Blue and walked along the cycle path round the back of Nova Hreod Academy, where we saw more deer!
- 11.20pm - The sun was setting, it was gorgeous and nobody was about. I was exhausted, limping, but I finally did it!



If anyone would like to make a donation to Swindon Domestic Abuse Support, the fundraising link is: <http://gofundme.com/f/100000-steps-over-domestic-abuse>

# CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

One of the first competitions for students during lockdown was the Creative Writing Competition. We received some fantastic entries, including this letter that was written by Darcy.

*Dear Children of the future,*

*It is March 2020 and my name is Darcy. I am nearly 15 years old and I live in a "boring" place called Swindon. It's a place where you would think nothing exciting or life changing would happen. I guess I got that wrong, didn't I.*

*We had heard on the news, social media and radio, that there was a new virus called Covid 19, it had originated in China and that it had spread to other countries across the world. My friends and I didn't really worry about it much. In fact we all laughed and joked about it. It wasn't like it was going to affect us, was it? There had been previous viruses before such as Avian flu and SARS and they hadn't affected us, so why should this Covid19?*

*How wrong we were.*

*Things started to change slowly. They started off as little things. We were now being told to wash our hands more often and thoroughly. Then the news started reporting about all the people across the world who had died or were dying of it. Countries started shutting their borders and going into lockdown. People were stranded in countries that were not their homelands and they didn't know if or when they could return to England. The news started calling it a pandemic. This virus had now taken over the whole of the world.*

*Suddenly things started changing for us as children too. We were now being sent home from school if we had a temperature or a cough. Then our parents were notified that the schools would be closed to all of the pupils with the exception of key workers' children. We had to learn social distancing. Adults the world over started panic buying food and toilet rolls. There were videos all over the media, showing people fighting over a toilet roll. It was madness - the world was going mad!*

*The Prime Minister went on the news and declared a lockdown. Everyone apart from the NHS and key workers was to stay home. We had to stay in our own houses and only leave to get shopping, walk our dogs or go for exercise. Overnight busy roads, streets and parks became eerily empty. Gone were the children laughing and playing in the streets. No more meeting our friends at the park or going into town. No more seeing them at school because we were all now being home-schooled. Our only contacts now were video chats on Whatsapp and Facetime but it wasn't the same was it?*

*More and more people were dying every day. In England alone there had been over 20,000 people who had died. That was enough to fill the whole of the O2 stadium. My gran said the last time things were this bad, it was because of one of the world wars, though I could't remember which one. My mum said it was like the plague or black death but, as I said to her, the Great Fire of London sorted that out and it wasn't like we could set the world on fire to kill the Covid19, was it?*

*Then suddenly out of all this craziness, we started hearing about the selflessness of people, all working together to help each other. The key workers risked theirs and their families' lives by going above and beyond their job descriptions. Teachers and support staff were going to work on rotas, so that the key workers' children could go to school while their parents worked, as well as planning work for those of us at home. Loads of funny videos and messages from stars started to appear online to cheer us all up. Then, instead of fighting over food and toilet roll, people started getting food for others who were vulnerable and leaving it on their doorsteps. Every Thursday at 8pm we opened our front doors and clapped for the NHS and key workers. It was just to say we knew what they had done and continued to do for us.*

*I didn't know how much longer it would be until we could get back to our normal, everyday "boring" lives but one thing I did know was that I couldn't wait.*

*So, children of the future, there really is only this left for me to say.*

*Don't take this wonderful life or planet for granted. Please live every day as if it's your last. And, finally, ALWAYS remember to tell your loved ones how much you love them, no matter how annoying they can be.*

*Love from Darcy,*

*Year 10*

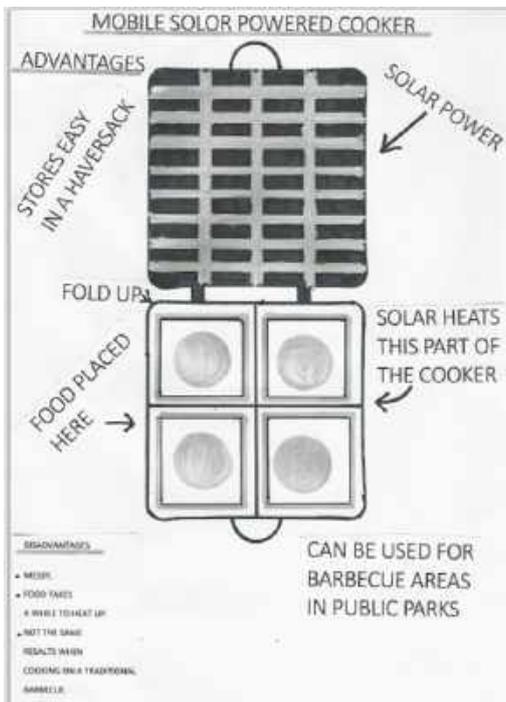
# LEARNING FROM HOME



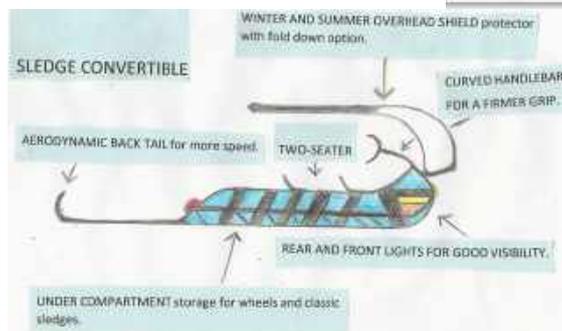
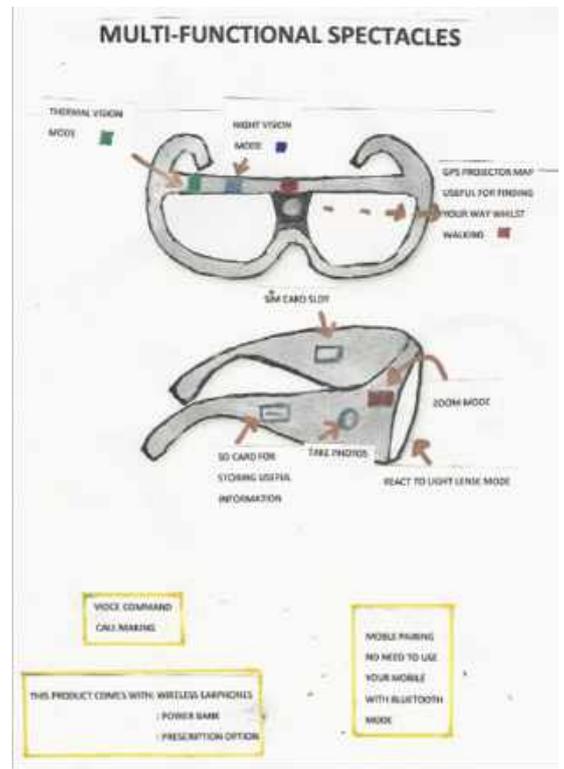
**Ruby  
Y8 Art**



**Scarlett  
Y8 Art**



**Lewis  
Y9 Technology**





# LEARNING FROM HOME



Excellent pieces of work from Mrs Moore's year 8 students this week!



**Nova Hreod Academy**  
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Lily Adams



Daisy Carroll



Luke Dawkins



Ava Robinson

Excellent presentation of work and very creative ideas for future Apps, Well done from Mrs Moore.



Alyssa Evans



Amelia Husband



Andrei Bucuresteanu



Maddy Evans

Task: (Using the tin from Baked Beans Challenge - or any tin you like)



- Task:  
Using an empty tin - create something for the house or the garden. Possible ideas are
- Candle holder
  - Desk tidy
  - Vase
  - Plant holder
  - Bird feeder
  - Garden ornament



Upload a photo of your work to epraise or email to your teacher!



Leah Matthews



Grace Bell



Layci Norman



Holly Bennett



Alfie Lay



Jack Whittaker



Francesca Steward



Emily Dance

**Tinred food challenge**  
(Using the tin from Baked Beans Challenge - or any tin can)

**Task:**  
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Harvey George



Ellie Jofroit



Lewis Kane



Hollie Sargeant



Emma-Louise Rigby



Ieuan Parry

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
French worksheet

**COCO CHANEL**

age: 87  
Born: August 19<sup>th</sup> 1893  
died: January 10<sup>th</sup> 1971  
Born in France-Saumur  
Full name: Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel

▶ Coco Chanel was a famous fashion designer, she was known for her timeless designs, bodemark suits and little black dresses. In the 1920s, she launched her first perfume and eventually introduced the Chanel suit and the little black dress, with an emphasis on making clothes that were more comfortable for women.

▶ This French fashion designer was worth \$100 million in 1971.

▶ She started her company in 1910, Paris, France.

▶ At around the age of 20, Chanel became involved with Etienne Balsan who offered to help her start a millinery business in Paris.

▶ opened her first shop in Paris in 1910 just selling hats, but later moved on to sell gowns and open more shops.

J Higgins

**STROMAE**

Il s'appelle Stromae.

Il a trente cinq ans.

Il est un musicien, rappeur, chanteur et compositeur belge.

Il vient d'Etterbeek, Belgique

Il est grand et mince

Je m'intéresse à lui parce que j'aime sa chanson "Papaoutai".

Son vrai nom est Paul Van Haver.



A Agrawal

**Zinedine**

**WANTED**  
DEB 1 or 2/10



NEWS  
\$10 000

il m'intéresse car j'aime le football  
il s'appelle Zinedine Zidane  
il ans 48  
il est footballeur professionnel, il est deux fois champion du monde  
il habite à Marseille  
il gère Real Madrid

**Zidane**

O Abbott-Watts

### Audrey Tautou

Elle s'appelle Audrey Tautou, et elle a quarante-trois ans. Elle est un acteur. Elle habite à Paris.



Elle a les cheveux courts et noirs, les yeux bruns et est assez courte.

I chose to write about Audrey Tautou because I enjoy films and drama lessons at school. Some fun facts about her include that she has won many awards, including being nominated at the European Film Awards, as well as winning four César Awards and two BAFTA Awards. She has also modelled for Chanel, Montblanc and L'Oréal in addition to her acting career and is an active supporter of multiple charities.

L Adams

Languages students have completed excellent research projects on French personalities this term.

Here are some examples, which will be displayed in the Languages wing together with the others projects.

Well done from Ms Holtom!

# THANK YOU NHS

To thank members of our local community for their contribution during the COVID-19 crisis, art students, staff and some former students created some beautiful portraits for **the #portraitsforNHSheroes** campaign. We have been so impressed with the portraits which will be displayed in school later in the year.



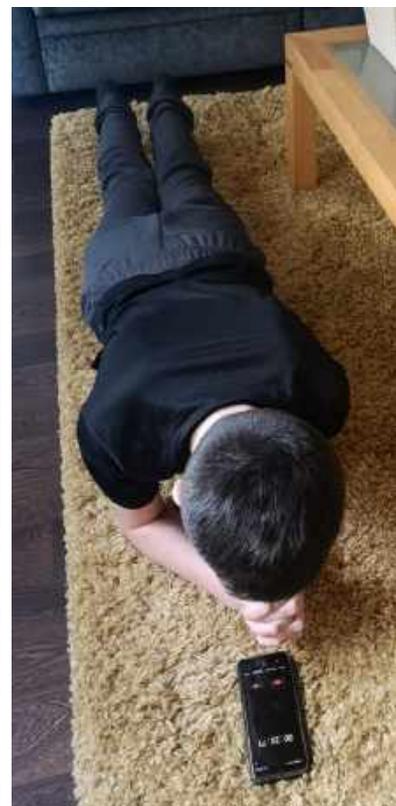
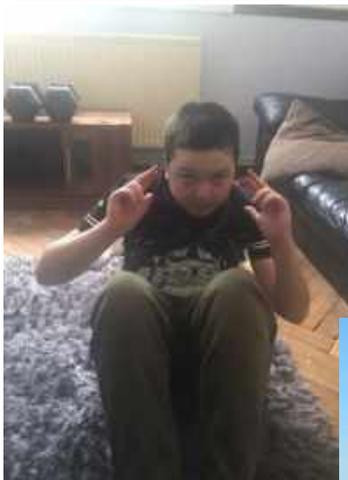
# VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY



Our virtual sports day gave students the opportunity to get involved in a series of challenges and physical activities from home. Students were able to represent their houses and compete against fellow students for fun and to be named Virtual Sports Day Champions.

There were a total of 12 activities for students and their families to participate in, all explained in a set of videos by their PE teachers. Points were awarded for completing an activity and students who completed all the activities received an additional 20 praise points.

Some of the activities were held in the school for Frontline School students.



# FRONTLINE SCHOOL

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We are hugely grateful to the keyworkers in our community who have continued to work during the pandemic.

Throughout the closure, the children of our keyworkers have been attending school while their parents continue to support the community. Students have been able to complete their home study in school while following social distancing measures. This group of students were proud to show off the bird feeders that they'd made in their Technology lessons.



## UK MATHS TRUST

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Well done to the Year 7 and Year 8 students who took part in the UK Maths Trust JMC this term, particularly to Year 7 Karolina (Orion 6) who was awarded Best in Year, and Oriol (Pegasus 4) and Logan (Pegasus 6) who both achieved Silver – Best in School.



*Best in Year*



*Silver – Best in School*

# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Based on the work of Javier Perez, students were challenged to mix everyday objects with line drawings, creating balloons out of grapes, porcupine quills out of nails, or lightbulbs from balloons.

All entries received 5 praise points, with the winner receiving 20 praise points and an art materials pack.



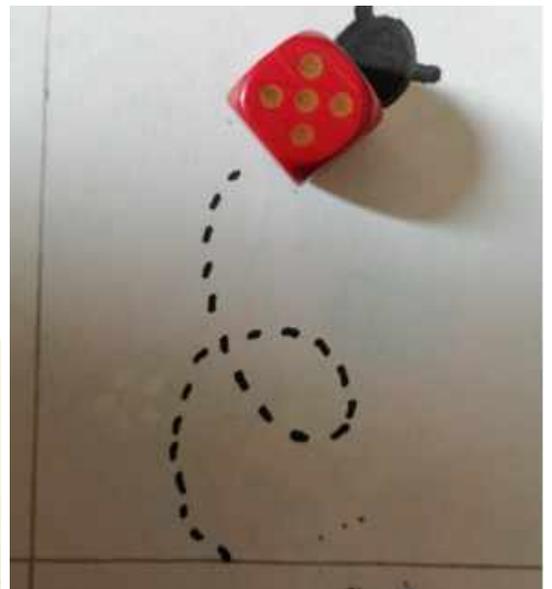
Winner - Harvey



Runner up - Julia



Runner up -  
Melissa



# SOCIAL DISTANCING HAT COMPETITION

Mrs Camm set a challenge for students to design and make a social distancing hat. We were very impressed with the entries and the overall winner was Francesca and her family, with their multi purpose sports theme, who was awarded the prize for best design and the best family participation.

Francesca will receive a DIY STEM kit on her return to school. Shayla, Charlie and Oriol were highly commended and received 15 praise points each, and Rhys received 15 praise points for the most comical entry.

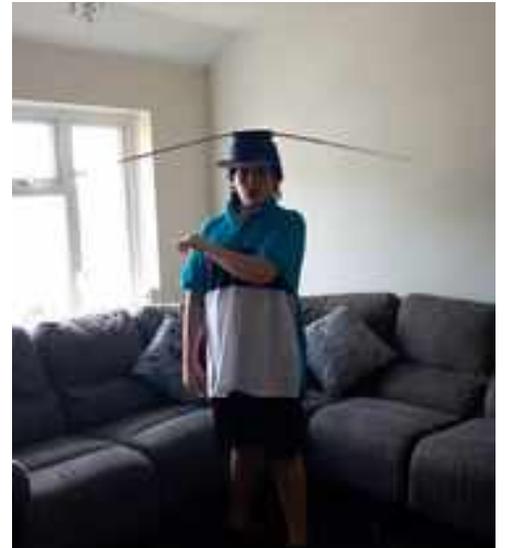
Everyone who entered received 10 praise points.



**Overall Winner for BEST DESIGN & BEST FAMILY PARTICIPATION**



**Most Comical - Rhys**



**Charlie**



**Oriol**



**Shayla**

# GETTY MUSEUM ART CHALLENGE

Thank you to all of the wonderful entries to our Getty Museum inspired competition. We had so many amazing and creative responses. Well done to our winner Keir and all of our runners up!

**Keir has won an art pack and each entrant received 10 Praise Points.**



1<sup>st</sup> place - Keir



Oriol



Francesca



Rhys



Tate



Leah



Jack



Jack



Ashleigh

# DRAMA COSTUME CHALLENGE



Students were invited to recreate a scene from a popular film or dress as characters.

# EASTER BAKE OFF COMPETITION

## Year 7



1st Hope



2nd Courtney

## Year 8



1st Lauren



2nd Chantelle

**Year 9**



**1st Ethan**



**2nd  
Francesca**

**Year 10**



**1st Sophie**



**2nd  
Hanna**

**Staff  
1st  
Mr Palliard**



**Well Done! They all look delicious!**

"Epraise has been a **huge success!** Thank you!"

Epraise is the system we use for setting home study, communication and rewards. It has helped us tremendously in supporting students and parents during the school closure and we encourage all parents to download the Epraise app from their Appstore.

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The school has not been the same without our students and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again in September. Please keep an eye on the website for the latest updates regarding our return to school.

Have a great summer!



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