



A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL



Year 11 have been working diligently on their PPEs over the last couple of weeks; these examinations are designed to prepare them for their GCSEs in the summer. The results will be used to inform their college applications and will provide

us with accurate predictions which will help to determine what interventions can be put into place to support the scholars in achieving the best possible outcomes in the summer.

Year 11 also had a visit from Quantock Theatre Group who performed Macbeth in the school theatre. It was lovely to see scholars engage in this production and no doubt this will have stimulated deeper thought into this text, part of the GCSE syllabus.

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Our sports stars have continued to do well this week, with the Year 10/11 boys football winning 5-2 against GWA, while Year 8 drew 2-2 with GWA. In basketball, the U-14 girls drew 14-14 against Swindon Academy and lost to Commonweal 10-8.

The Year 7 girls' basketball team played in a tournament and despite the fact that they haven't started playing basketball in PE yet, were able to win one of their three matches, purely on talent.

All the best to Jesse Bryant who is representing Nova in the national cross country finals this weekend. We're looking forward to seeing how he gets on.

A reminder to parents and carers that Mrs Penfold hosts drop-in sessions every morning from 9.40am-10.35am to support parents who

are concerned about their child's school attendance or punctuality. Please encourage scholars to be on time for school to avoid missing their statutory registration mark for the morning.

We're looking forward to the silent disco that's happening in the last week of term as a reward for scholars who have had 100% attendance between January and March. To be on track for this, scholars should ensure they are in school every day, to be invited to this fun event. Scholars whose attendance has improved during the term will also receive a small gift to recognise their improvement.

This week we have celebrated our second interfaith Iftar, a beautiful celebration which brings together our school community. We wish all our Muslim scholars, colleagues and families a blessed and happy Ramadan, with special thanks to Mrs Malik for all her hard work in organising the Iftar.

Mrs Fox
Vice Principal – Student Support

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 19th—Catalyst STEM Stream Open Morning

Wednesday 27th—Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 29th to Sunday 14th April (inc) —
Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April—Inset Day —*school closed for students*

Tuesday 16th April—*first day of Summer Term*

THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE SCHOLARS



THIS WEEKS SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our U14s Basketball Team on their 8-0 win against Commonweal School. Miss Parsons most valuable player went to Maddison. Well done everyone!

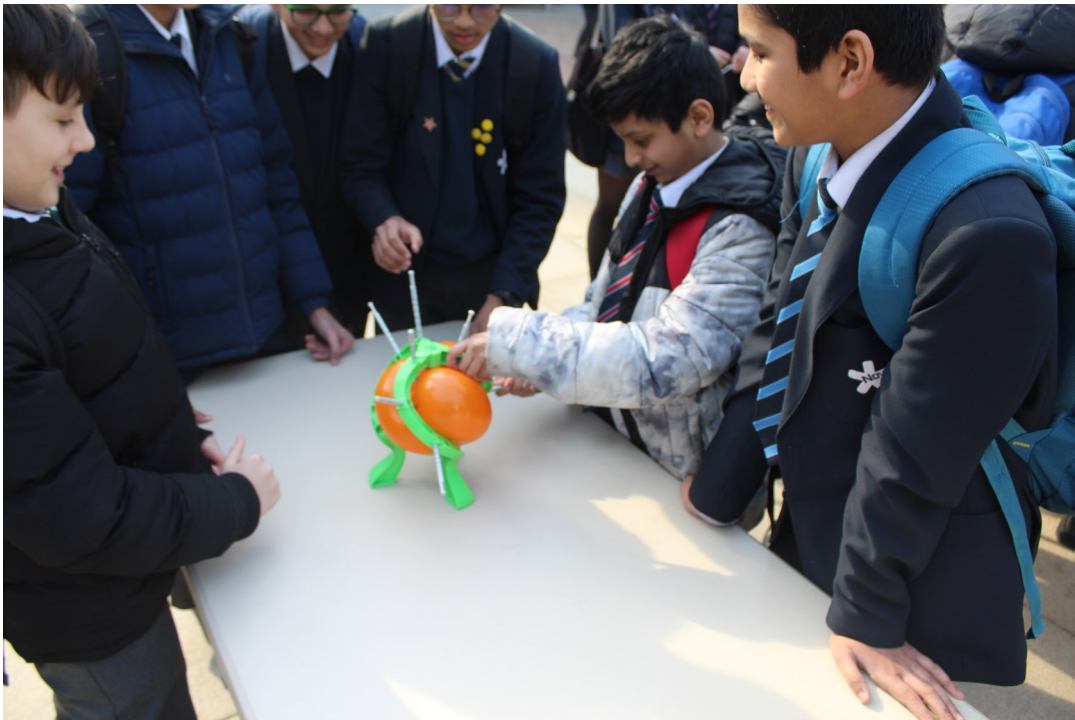


HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP FRIDAY CHALLENGE

Every Friday lunchtime, scholars compete in a fun challenge to earn points for their house which go towards the house championship totals.

Scholars can sign up using Epraise Activities to take part in any of the challenges.

Congratulations to Orion who won 250 points for their house after taking part in the boom boom balloon challenge where scholars had to put sticks into a balloon whoever popped the balloon lost a point for their house. Mr Harbour's most valuable player was Yashwanth from Cygnus House.



UPDATE FROM CYGNUS HOUSE



Terms 3 and 4 have been incredibly successful for Cygnus! At the end of January we won the Beanbag toss in the atrium with some incredibly accurate throwing. Following on from this in term 4 we won the ring toss competition with some more accurate throwing with the most points accumulated overall!

We also proved to be amazing aeronautical engineers as we won the paper aeroplanes competition with some huge distances achieved because of our amazing designs.

Our sports teams were also successful, initially in the KS4 Futsal where we beat all of the Houses in an incredibly tight competition. Well done to all involved in the Futsal, the KS3 games were also really close and we almost had winners there as well!

The success was all rounded off in a dramatic tug of war game where Cygnus were by far and away the strongest team. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of those who contributed to these wins and also to those who contribute week in week out even when we end up a close second. I have been hugely impressed by the contribution of scholars and I look forward to supporting them through their upcoming competitions which include the House Quiz and the Sports competition.

*Mr Griffiths
Head of Cygnus*



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you are likely to drop a whole grade

21+
Days Absence

Poor attendance means
drastically reduced life chances

MACBETH

Year 11 attended a production of Macbeth performed by the Quantock Theatre Company. The performance is designed to help their understanding of the play, which they are studying for the GCSE english



My favourite part was when Macbeth and Macduff fought and it was also the bit where Macbeth killed one of the soldiers

*Charlie
Year 11*



PGL LIDDINGTON YEAR 11 MATHS REVISION

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One of the best trips i've been on at my time at nova, it brought us all together as a year group and I spoke to so many different people. Not only that but team holding activities bought us together and the revision really helped especially around exam time!

Macy
Year 11



I absolutely loved it. i have never laughed so much in my life. it was just amazing to be with loads of people before we go out different ways in life. absolutely loved spending time with every student and teacher there. what a weekend!!

Luke
Year 11



This trip made up for all the years of not having any trips

*Sophia
Year 11*

Definitely one for the memory book

*Jordan
Year 11*

The trip was a great way to create memories with my peers and the friendly staff (Liesa) brought the trip together in an unforgettable way,

*Madison
Year 11*



The trip was a great last little trip with nova ! It was great to speak to new people who you wouldn't usually at school and be able to speak to the teachers as well . The revision sessions helped a lot and weren't too tiring or annoying with great help from the teachers !

Lily-May Year 11



#ONSOCIALMEDIA

An update on some of the stories we've shared on social media in the last fortnight.



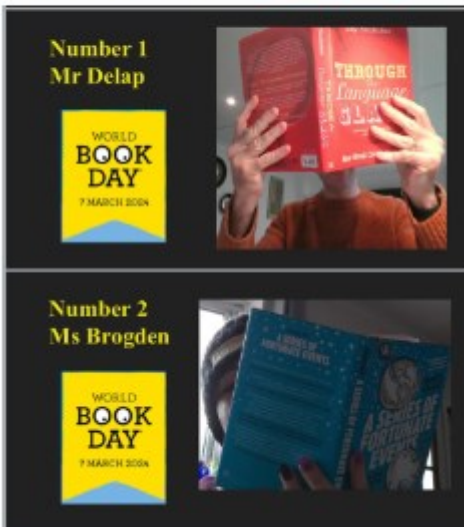
Nova Hreod Academy
5 days ago

Its International Women's Day and this week our scholars were asked to reflect on women who have inspired them and add their thoughts onto a board...

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Nova Hreod Academy @novahreodacademy
2 days ago
Did you guess correctly? #worldbookday



Nova Hreod Academy
Mar 6

"Present fears are less than horrible imaginings." Shakespeare's tale of #ambition and #consequences came to Nova this morning with a great production of Macbeth

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LIVE AUTHOR EVENT

Andy Briggs an author and screenwriter spoke to our year 7 scholars via a live teams event. Andy told them about his career to date, his books and how he worked on scripts in America. The year 7 scholars were given an opportunity to ask him questions at the end. Various questions were asked and one question was 'Do you have to pay for your travel to America'. His answer was 'no he gets it all paid for'. Hopefully in the future Andy will be in school to visit us all.

Mrs Shurley
Librarian

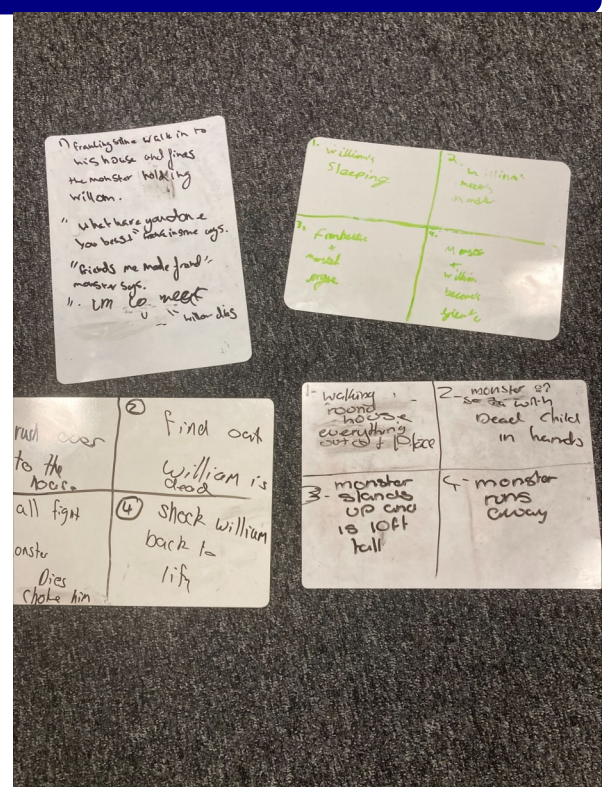


LATEST NEWS FROM DRAMA

This term, year 9 scholars have been looking at how to write a script. They've learnt about Intra and extra dialogic information, the structure of scripts and how to create ideas.

In this lesson, 9-6 were thinking of "What Happens Next," after watching a scene from Frankenstein.

They devised 4 possible plot points and then wrote a script for their selected scene. Awesome!





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NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY



A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

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Charity Bake Sale

Thursday 28th March
last day of term - during break

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**MACMILLAN
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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OPEN MORNINGS 2024

Open Morning is the perfect opportunity to visit
Nova Hreod Academy during a school day

Join us for a short presentation, meet staff and current scholars and have a tour of the building.

Catalyst STEM Stream Open Morning



Tuesday 19th March 2024

9am - 10am

The Catalyst STEM Stream is Nova's specialist provision for ambitious scholars who have a strong interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Year 5 Open Morning

Thursday 6th June 2024

9am - 11am



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YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING

**Wednesday
27th March
2024**

4.30pm - 7pm

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