



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The start of a new academic year marks the start of many new opportunities for our scholars and we have many who have wholeheartedly embraced these. It has been so great to see the children of our community come back to Nova after the summer break, stepping up, taking on new responsibilities and really having pride in themselves.

It was a particular delight to see so many of our scholars supporting at open evening last week, really showcasing just how phenomenal the scholars here are.

Our school vision is not only to achieve the highest possible outcomes, but also to nurture responsible young citizens who care for their communities and are committed to bettering them. It is fantastic to see so many of our scholars taking responsibility for their actions and the people around them. For example, this week we

have appointed nine new Wellbeing Ambassadors from Year 10. They will be overseeing various projects during the course of the year relating to the wellbeing of our school community. Our first event will be Hello Yellow Day on 10th October. On this day, scholars will be allowed to wear a yellow clothing *with* their uniform. There will also be some linked activities and discussions in tutor and social times.

As I walk around Nova I also see our scholars working incredibly hard, taking responsibility for their learning. I would like to take this time to thank all those scholars who are working hard to support our community. It really does give me such pride to see them growing in confidence as they step up to their responsibilities.

Mr N Wells
Headteacher



SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2023-2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2023

Thursday 28th

Catalyst STEM Stream Open Evening

OCTOBER 2023

Tuesday 3rd

Year 5/6 Open Morning

Tuesday 10th

Hello Yellow (wear something yellow)

Wednesday 11th

Futures Evening

Thursday 12th

Open Morning / Catalyst Open Morning

Friday 13th

Last day of term / Deadline for school photo orders

THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE SCHOLARS



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The Nova ATTENDANCE League Table



Will your tutor **triumph**?
Will you be a house **hero**?
Can you join the **100% club**?

100% in a week = 1000 credits for your team!
95% in a week = 500 credits for your team!

**LIVE WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT
EVERY FRIDAY!**



GCSE RESULTS DAY

On 24th August, the class of 2023 returned to school to collect their GCSE and vocational results. There were lots of happy faces and much excitement, with students celebrating with their friends and family. Some of the top performers include:

Yee Ting, who achieved eight grade 9s and three grade 8s;
Lily, who achieved five grade 9s, three grade 8s and two grade 7s. Lily is set to join United College Sixth Form in September;
Grace, who achieved four grade 9s and five grade 8s;
Ciaran, who achieved three grade 9s, four grade 8s and two grade 7s;
Adam, who achieved two grade 9s, seven grade 8s and one grade 7.

“Many congratulations to all students celebrating their GCSE results today, including our high performers at Nova. It is fantastic to see these results enabling our students to secure places at their Sixth Forms of choice, including United Learning’s United College Sixth Form, with some of our students set to take up their well-deserved spots on high achiever programmes.”

*Nick Wells
Headteacher*



GCSE RESULTS DAY



HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP—THE 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.

- **29 Sep – After Eight Challenge (Y7 & Y9)**
- **06 Oct – Pin the star on Nova (Y8 & Y10/11)**
- **13 Oct – Balloon Racing (Y7 & Y9)**



THIS WEEK'S SPORTS NEWS

Our rugby teams have got off to a great start this term, with the Year 7 team winning 35-30 this week, and Year 11 winning 30-25.

Fantastic results—well done everyone.

Mr Stevens and Mr Cook



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AQUILA HOUSE UPDATE

Aquila have started the year strong. Our aim as a house this year is to take the house championship from the hands of Orion. That means earning the most amount of star slips, disc points and competitions throughout the year.

We got off to a good start last week by winning the build a balloon tower challenge and claiming the 250 points. We are currently in third place, however, if the fantastic Aquila scholars keep signing up for every Friday challenge, I am sure we can climb our way up to first place by the end of the term.

We have also had many Aquila scholars signing up for Supernova clubs that are on offer this term, with the Warhammer and Lego clubs proving to be very popular.

Congratulations to Aquila 2, who have had the highest attendance for two weeks running, claiming the box of chocolates on the previous two Friday celebration assemblies.

Mr Silvester
Head of Aquila House



MRS UNWIN'S REVISION CORNER

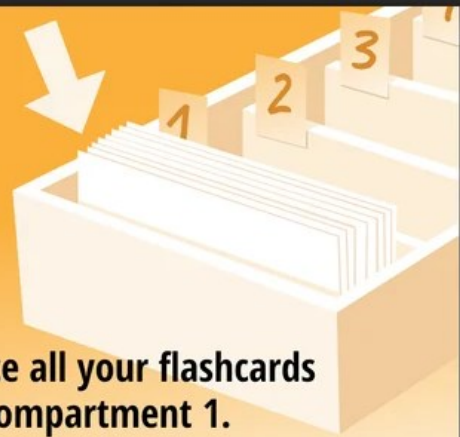
Each issue I will be sharing one great revision technique your child could be using at home. Sometimes scholars want to revise but don't know the best way to go about it – Mrs Unwin's revision corner is here to help!

Remember, revision is not something just to be done the night before an exam, the science of learning says spaced practice is important, or in other words; little and often. This issue is all about flashcards.

1 Split a box into 5 different compartments and label them 1 to 5.



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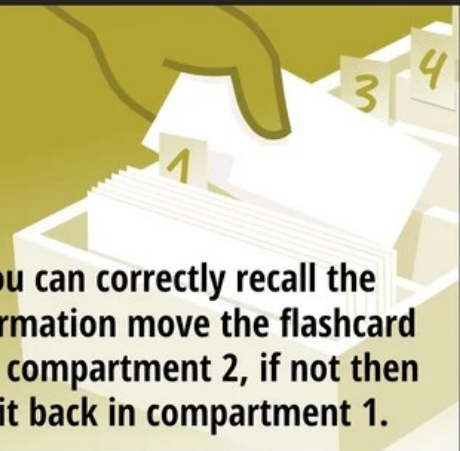


Place all your flashcards in compartment 1.

3 Test yourself on a flashcard



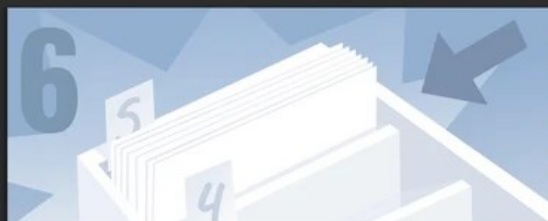
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If you can correctly recall the information move the flashcard into compartment 2, if not then put it back in compartment 1.

5 Continue to test yourself and each time you correctly recall the information, move the flashcard into the next compartment. Flashcards from compartment 1 should be reviewed daily, with flashcards from compartment 2 being reviewed every other day, compartment 3 every third day and so on.

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Eventually, all your flashcards will have been transferred to compartment 5 and the information they contain stored in your long-term memory.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We are proud to introduce our new prefects for 2023-2024. Congratulations to them all, we're looking forward to working with them.



Welcome to our sports captains for 2023-24, who will be working with Miss Parsons to encourage all students to participate in sports and organize the house sport competitions this year.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our sports ambassadors are sporting role models within the school. They all represent their sport at regional level or above, and represent excellence in their chosen sport.



Sports Mentors are scholars who have shown full commitment to being a sports captain. They have shown 'Excellence in Leadership' and dedication to the role. This role has only been given to pupils who have already shown their dedication as a sports captain previously, and excellence in their leadership capabilities.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

*School Captains
Noah and Madison
are the most senior
of our student
leadership team and
are supported by
four Vice Captains.*

*All six have been
selected for their
contribution to
school life over the
past 4 years and are
fantastic role models
to the rest of the
school.*



OPEN EVENING

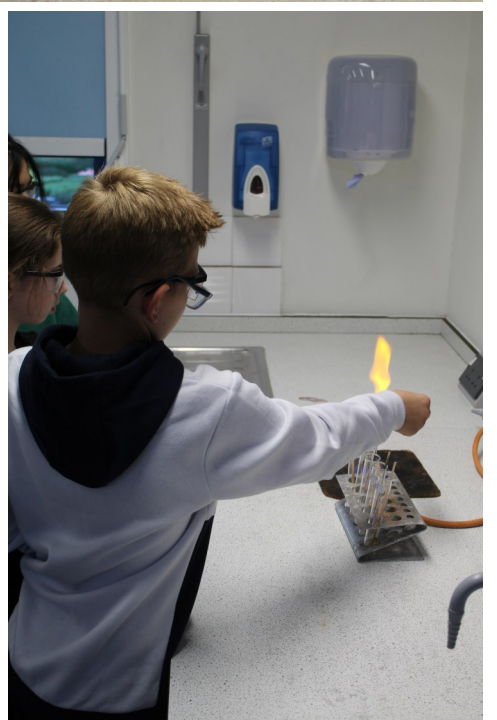
We were incredibly proud to welcome over 250 families to Open Evening.

Our student ambassadors and student leaders spent the evening with our dedicated staff running taster sessions, performances and tours around our magnificent building.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make it such a huge success.

To register for one of our Open Mornings to see the school during a working day, visit www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/about-nova/admissions







SUPERNOVA ENRICHMENT

Supernova clubs have started and there's lots of opportunity to try something new. You can sign up using Epraise Activities.

Here's some photos of Year 8 Space Engineering Club, who are making amazing space machines with Dr Spreadbury on Thursdays. There are still spaces if anyone else wants to join.




Keyboard Club on Tuesday was great fun. Scholars from years 7-10 used the time to rehearse new songs, compose their own songs, and choose new pieces to learn. It was so nice to hear each other play as well and see what everyone has been working on.



Mrs Griffiths



SUPERNOVA ENRICHMENT

Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Lego Robotics Club Miss Clare 15:35-16:30 SB4	Keyboard Club Mrs. Griffiths GA8 15:35-16:30	Choir Mrs. Griffiths GA8 15:35-16:30	Guitar Club Mr. Silvester 15:35-16:30 GA10
Creative Writing Miss Weeks 15:35-16:30 FD2	Imagine Chaplaincy Team 15:35-16:30 Dance Studio	Book Club Mrs Shirley Library 15:35-16:30	KS3 Band Club Mr. Griffiths 15:35-16:30 GA8
Ceramic Gift Making Mrs Martin 15:35-16:30 FA1	Carrom Board Club Break time 10:40 – 10:55 SB6	Creative Lego Club Miss Claire 15:35-16:30 SB4	Maths Circle (invitation only) Mr. Watkins 15:35-16:30 SB8 - Fridays
Warhammer Club Mrs Martin FA1 15:35-16:30	Sparx Support Club Lunchtimes in SB9 and after school Faculty run 15:35-16:30 SB9	Craft Club Miss Wincer 15:35-16:30 SC4	Tassomai Miss Brogden 15:35-16:30 SB9
Study Base Every Day Monday and Friday: 14:40-15:35 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 15:35 – 16:30 SA6/7			Year 8 Space Engineering Club Dr. Spreadbury 15:35-16:30 SD7 Year 8 only
Super Nova Term			


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ity  Scholarship  Contribution

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Rugby Fixtures Boys: Y7 & Y11	Rugby Fixtures Boys: Y8	Rugby Fixtures Boys: Y9 & Y10	Football Boys & Girls: All Years
	Netball Fixtures Girls	Netball Fixtures Girls	Netball Fixtures Girls	
		Rugby Boys: All Years		
		Netball Girls: All Years		

These activities can be used as your "physical" section of



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

9am-11am

Thursday 12th October 2023

9am-11am

Tuesday 12th October 2023

11am-12pm

Catalyst STEM Stream Open Morning*

Open Morning is the perfect opportunity for Year 5 pupils and their parents to visit Nova Hreod Academy.

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



REGISTER HERE



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

FUTURES Evening

Wednesday 11th October 2023

6pm-8pm



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