



## WELCOME BACK



We already know that this academic year will be unlike any other, and in this first newsletter of the term we're proud to celebrate some of the things that have been happening around the school this month. I've been incredibly proud to see how everyone has adapted to the changes forced upon us by the pandemic. In particular, our new Year 7 students who would normally have the opportunity to visit the school for induction day at the end of the summer term, where they'd learn to find their way around the building, meet their teachers and peers, and experience some lessons. At the start of September, many of these students entered the building for the very first time and we were incredibly impressed by the maturity they displayed; they were a credit to themselves and their families.

At the other end of the school, our Year 11s have been heroic in the way in which they've conducted themselves in returning to take on the challenge of their exam year.

I'd also like to thank everyone for their patience as we've adjusted to the return to school. We recognise that there have been many unavoidable changes in the past couple of weeks as we've set up new routines to keep staff and students safe, and we will continue to work together with our parents and the community to try to keep these to a minimum as the term progresses. I hope you were able to join me online for the Headteacher's Forum, but if not you will find a recording of my presentation on the school website and I hope you'll find it helpful and informative.

Nick Wells  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

Tuesday 6th—Year 5/6 Open Morning

Tuesday 13th—Maths Masterclass

Thursday 15th—Year 5/6 Open Morning

Friday 16th—last day of term 1

A full calendar of events and more information  
can be found at

[www.novahreodacademy.org.uk](http://www.novahreodacademy.org.uk)

## BEST IN EVERYONE ASSESSMENTS



Who can know the limits  
of any child's potential?



## EPRAISE LEAGUE TABLE

	Total points	Attendance
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
4th		

## EPRAISE TOP STUDENTS — SEPTEMBER



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Are you in Year 9?

Do you love trying new experiences?

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Scheme is for you!

All students in Year 9 are invited to join the DofE Bronze Award and there's a wealth of information about the scheme on the school website at [www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/information-for-students/enrichment/dofe](http://www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/information-for-students/enrichment/dofe), including an introductory video from Mr Stevens.

For more information please see Mr Stevens in PE.



The Year 7 band club began with 4 students, all eager to improve their instrumental expertise through a collaborative group environment. After 4 weeks our band now features 13 performers playing keyboard, bass guitar, guitar, drum kit and vocals. Students are performing a child friendly version of Price Tag by Jessie J and are currently half way through creating their arrangement. By the end they will be able to perform the entire piece with brand new lyrics written by the vocalists. With a maximum of 30 students able to take part in the band we are always looking for new members, come along and make some music! On Tuesdays after school!



In Dance Club we are learning fun street dance routines, practicing technique and building confidence. Dance Club is open for all Year 7s on Fridays after school in the sports hall. Please bring water, PE kit and a positive attitude!

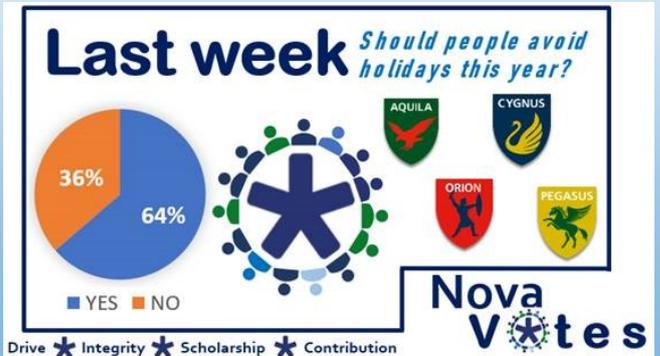
Mr Sheehan

## THE WORLD AROUND US

Each week in tutor group, students debate a new topic which is linked to the school theme for the week. The programme is designed to not only engage students in key debates happening outside of school, but to encourage students to have opinions on these important issues and to make their voices heard. The sessions are designed to enable our Nova scholars to critically challenge the world around them.

In the first session, Nova debated "should people avoid holidays this year." 64% of Nova voted that it was safer and more responsible to stay home for now. The second debate was about whether scientists should design "better babies" as genetic science has unlocked new possibilities. Nova voted overwhelmingly that babies should not be designed based on

chosen genetic traits. Our third debate for this term has focused on whether "cancel culture" is just another form of online bullying and it has been fantastic to see students vocalising their opinions across all year groups.



## KEY STAGE 3 TEXTILES

Key Stage 3 students have been working on a project about performance textiles. They are exploring and discussing different Olympic sports, TEAM GB kits and events that have taken place, and researching the logos and kits of past Olympics and famous designers such as Stella McCartney. After extending their research into the performance textiles used in creating sports kits, they have designed their own range of outfits for the TEAM GB Olympics in Japan 2021.



## INTRODUCING OUR NEW HEAD STUDENTS

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"I was very excited when we heard the news. We thought we'd have to compete with each other for the position so we were happy to hear that it didn't have to be a boy and a girl this year for the first time. Helping other people makes me happy so I'm looking forward to being able to support other students as much as possible. I'd like people to remember me for setting a good example."

Hanna,  
Head Student

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We are very proud to introduce our new Head Students, Sophie and Hanna.

Year 11 prefects were invited to apply for the roles of Head Students during lockdown and following a rigorous application process including a socially distanced interview, Sophie and Hanna were selected to be Head Students for this academic year. The Head Students will play an active role in the school community, they have both developed through the school leadership programme during their time at Nova, and have already represented the school at events, Open Mornings and helped interview new staff.

Both girls hope to be good role models to other students; they are already good friends and are looking forward to the challenge of being Head Students during a very unusual school year.

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"We've been helped to grow and develop through the school and I want to be able to offer this to everyone else. Obviously it's difficult at the moment not being able to mix with other year groups but I'm looking forward being able to do this. We want to be a bridge to ensure that all students' voices are heard. I want to be someone who helps the school improve even more than it already has—creating a good environment and being a good example. I hope that I'll be someone to look up to."

Sophie,  
Head Student

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# THE HUB

At Nova Hreod, additional support is provided for any student who has temporary, or more long standing behavioural, social, and emotional or health needs. Each House has a dedicated House Manager who will work with students in a variety of ways in order to help support and improve a student's behaviour so that learning is more effective.

Support is offered through a graduated support system that responds proactively and effectively to the student's level of need. House Managers ensure that support strategies and interventions are put in place through school-based provision and the support of external agencies.

## The House Teams



**MS DOMINY**  
HEAD OF HOUSE/ YEAR 10



**MR GRIFFITHS**  
HEAD OF HOUSE/ YEAR 8



**MR THOMAS**  
Assistant Principal &  
Student Development



**MRS LANPHIER**  
HEAD OF HOUSE/ YEAR 7



**MR ASKEW**  
HEAD OF HOUSE/ YEAR 9



**MS CONVEY**  
House Manager/ Year 8



**Mrs SERRATORE**  
House Manager/ Year 7



**MRS KING**  
Head of APSC &  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs STEPHEN**  
House manager/Deputy  
Safeguarding Lead/ Year 10



**Ms LUDLOW**  
House Manager/ Year 9



# DUNGEONS DRAGONS

As part of our Super Nova offering this year myself and Miss Sayers are offering year 10 a mystical experience in dungeons and dragons!

Dungeons and Dragons is a fantasy role-playing game set in an imaginary world based loosely on medieval myth. This term we have spent time constructing our characters and have everything from a wood elf to a halfling dragon born. We are excited to get started again after half term and start our first adventure!

Year 10, if you are interested get in touch with either me or Miss Sayers through E praise.

Miss Dominy.



## SEN and Year 7 Virtual Coffee Mornings

Mr Wilkinson will be hosting a drop in session

each term to update parents about the support for SEN students. The first of these coffee mornings was presented live on Microsoft Teams with a follow up on 25th September where he answered questions that had been raised. A recording of the presentation is on the website at [www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/news-and-events/send-and-year-7-parents-virtual-coffee-morning](http://www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/news-and-events/send-and-year-7-parents-virtual-coffee-morning). These drop in sessions will continue to be held on Teams until further notice. The next session is on Friday 11th December.

# TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

All students had their school photographs taken at the start of term. Parents will receive an email from Tempest Photography with instructions about how to order.



## LAUNCHPAD EVENINGS

In the first week back, a Launchpad Evening was held for parents in [Year 7](#) and [Year 11](#). Both events were live on Microsoft Teams and a recording of the sessions can be found on the website using the hyperlinks above.



On 30th September, Mr Wells presented a termly update to parents and carers, which can be found on the events page of the website [www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/headteachers-forum-virtual-1](http://www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/headteachers-forum-virtual-1)

## Open Evening 2020

One of the highlights of the year is our annual Open Evening, when we invite Year 5 and 6 and their families into school to help them decide whether they'd like to become a part of the Nova family. Students and staff work together to welcome hundreds of visitors and show them around the school. For obvious reasons, this year's Open Evening had to be held online with information being shared on the school website and a live presentation from Mr Wells on Microsoft Teams. Please visit [www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/news-and-events/open-evening](http://www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/news-and-events/open-evening) to watch the presentation and introductory videos from our Faculty and Subject Leaders, and immerse yourself in our wonderful new online virtual tour.

**VIRTUAL OPEN MORNING**

Tuesday 6th October 2020  
Thursday 15th October 2020  
9am-10am

Visit the school website or facebook page to register for this event.

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