



MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR VICE PRINCIPAL

We have had another exciting month at Nova. We have celebrated International Women's Day through our tutor time and assembly program. Our Rebellious Transformation Art and Photography Exhibition showcased a wide range of fantastic creative work from both scholars and staff. Year 10 and 11 GCSE Business scholars were excited to have a visit from Kathryn Burn, a contestant on this year's BBC TV programme 'The Apprentice'. A group of Y10 scholars visited Reading University to find out more about potential Higher Education options available to them in the future. Our Year 7 Girls football team took part in a tournament against three other schools and finished the victors. Congratulations to them and thank you to all the scholars and staff involved in these events over recent weeks.

I have greatly enjoyed visiting classrooms in afternoon reading sessions over the past month. It has been a pleasure to observe scholars having the opportunity to read a range of fascinating and thought-provoking texts with their tutors. Our Year 11 scholars have been completing their PPE2 mock exams which is another vital step on their journey towards examinations this summer. We look forward to celebrating successes with them and then carefully planning the next few weeks to help them maximise their time and opportunity.

I hope you enjoy reading through the newsletter and finding out more about life at Nova.

Dan Hudson
Senior Vice Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH 2022

Tuesday 15th—Open Morning

Friday 18th—Red Nose Day Non Uniform Day

Thursday 31st—Year 11 Parents' Evening

APRIL 2022

Friday 8th April—INSET Day









Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April
Easter Holidays

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EPRAISE LEAGUE TABLE

	Total points	Attendance
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
4th		

EPRAISE TOP STUDENTS FEBRUARY

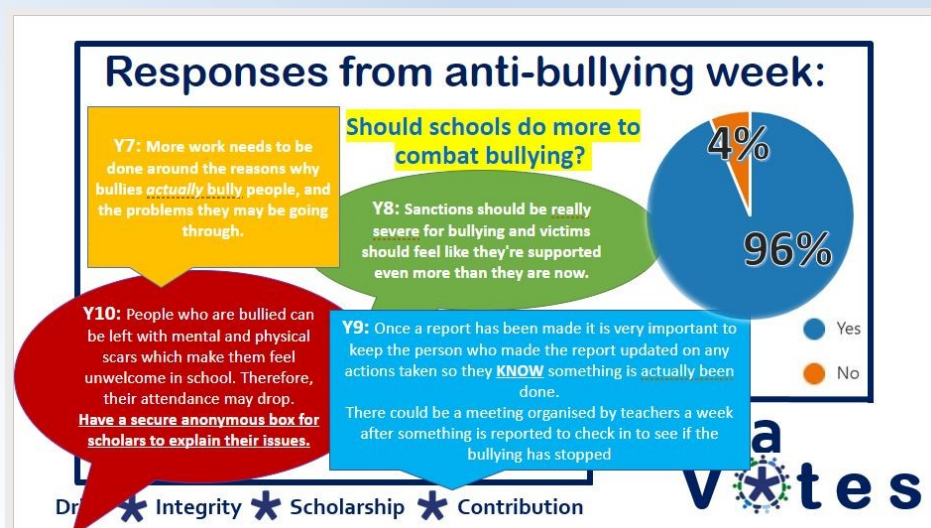


THE WORLD AROUND US

Each week in the World Around Us, tutor groups talk through a new topic based on what is happening in the world and around school. At the end of each discussion, scholars are invited to vote based on their own opinion. Each new week starts with a discussion of the previous week's results.

The World Around Us covers a variety of topics. Here is a list of topics and questions discussed in tutor sessions so far in term 3. Term 4 will continue with these vital discussions and student/tutor votes and comments will feature on the Big Screen's mini screens around the school.

- ⇒ Should more females be actively encouraged into STEM studies and jobs?
- ⇒ Have LGBTQ+ people achieved equality?
- ⇒ What is the most important reason for daily reading?
- ⇒ Are resolutions beneficial?
- ⇒ What should be done to tackle racism and discrimination in sport?
- ⇒ Do you know about World Braille Day ?
- ⇒ Should we accept more asylum seekers/refugees/immigrants into the UK?



ORION HOUSE UPDATE



Friday Challenge this week

Who's quick enough to save Olaf?!



Heads of House Challenge

- Competition is Friday Lunchtime in the Atrium (if open) if not location will be confirmed
- Heads of House against each other
- Come along and support your House!

20 HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS UP FOR GRABS!

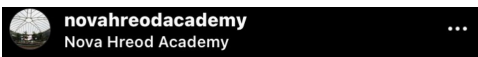
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Boost Post



20 likes

novahreodacademy #Frozen themed #funfridaychallenge this week where HoH have to rescue #olaf blindfolded. Last Friday competition of the term and of 2021! #novahreodacademy Come along to cheer and support your teachers



House Championship



Results:

Pudsey Challenge

Winners:



250 HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS!

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novahreodacademy #orion won the latest #funfridaychallenge and earned 250 points for the #housechampionship THANK YOU to all who participated and cheered the contenders on! #novahreodacademy #pudsey @bbccin

It has been wonderful maintaining Orion House Spirit through the Friday lunchtime competitions. Orion House have consistently brought their best effort week in week out. The Y10 Hoops challenge last term was full of so much energy. It came close multiple times in both, the semi-finals and final. In the end, Orion won the challenge and Mrs Moore even checked VAR (Video Assistant Referee) which confirmed their win first time round.



Here are just some of the posts from our school Instagram page. You can check out the highlights for each house achievement. Every term there is a Thursday Night Quiz, before Christmas holidays William, Year 8 (O=League of Extra guessers) won first place, a prize and House points! Well done! Who will win the prize on 7th April? The whole family is welcome to join in!

It has been such a privilege seeing the students work so hard, adapt and remain as positive as possible. For now, I provide updates weekly in the House Assemblies where each Head of House has a 1-minute time limit. I hope as restrictions ease, we get to return to House assemblies and House roll calls in the near future.

With the University Challenge coming up, any house could win 1000 points and sneak up behind us in the lead for House Championship cup. In term two between October and December both Aquila and Cygnus pushed forward to first place, so the entire House had to embody our motto 'Pride in Perseverance' to reclaim first place.

Mrs Malik
Head of Orion



GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the girls' football team who came 1st in an indoor football tournament against Kingsdown, Lydiard Park Academy and Lawn Manor schools. Mrs Mason's MVP was Amber, and Miss Parsons' MVP was Hannah. The girls played exceptionally well and the PE team are really proud of their performance.



TV SHOW'S APPRENTICE VISIT

Year 10 and 11 GCSE Business students were excited to have a visit from Kathryn Burn, a contestant on this year's BBC TV programme 'The Apprentice'. During Business lessons this term the students have watched clips of this excellent TV show which pits candidates against each other in a series of business tasks, in order to impress Lord Alan Sugar. The eventual winner will get a £250,000 investment in their business idea. Episodes have included creating an app to encourage children to brush their teeth, creating a new brand image for a cruise ship and creating a computer game for a target market.

Kathryn lives and grew up in Swindon, so it has been great to see her do so well on the show. She talked about her experience of being on the show, but wasn't allowed to give any spoilers! Kathryn is also already a successful owner of two businesses 'My Christmas Pyjamas' and more recently, 'My Everyday Pyjamas'. She shared with us her experience of setting up and running these businesses, talking about important considerations involved in setting up a business.



"Ms Burn told us that hard work, determination and a USP is what you need for a successful business."

Grace, Year 10

"The talk gave me the confidence to think I could set up my own business."

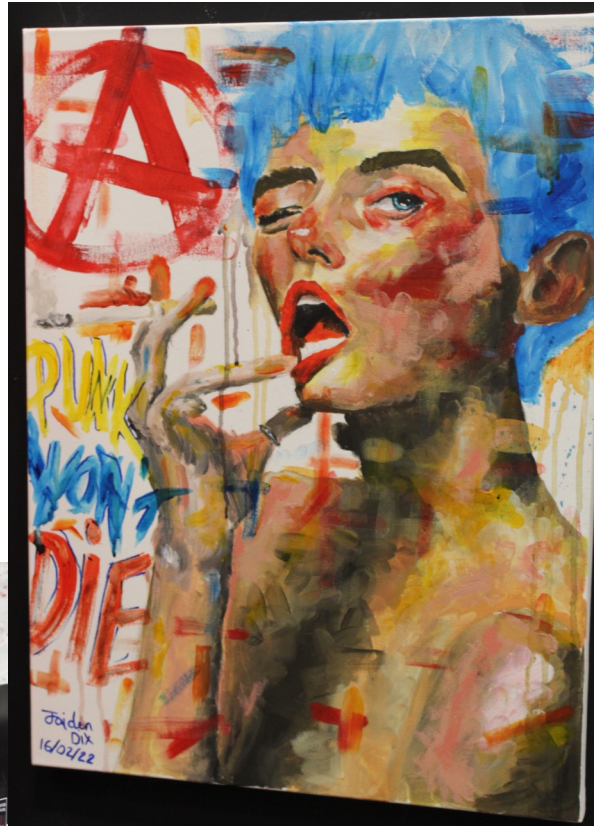
Grzeg, Year 10



REBELLIOUS TRANSFORMATION ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

The exhibition was a roaring success! Thank you for all of the scholars and staff who contributed art work to the show and to all families who attended and supported. We loved seeing everyone's faces as they entered the studio to see the space transformed, listening to DJ Cheff on the decks and watching how everyone interacted with the exhibits and light installations.

We have received so many thoughtful compliments and we hope that this is the first of many exhibitions we will hold in 2022. Our next exhibition will be in the summer term and we will let you know about this in due course.





READING UNIVERSITY VISIT

A group of Year 10s enjoyed a visit to the University of Reading last week to expand their horizons and introduce them to the potential of a university education. Whilst there they enjoyed a number of sessions to find out about academic subjects, student life, student funding and finance and a Q&A session with current students. Scholars also got taken on a tour of the Whiteknights campus where highlights included the library (with over 1 million books), the business school, the Minghella Centre, various student accommodation and the student union. In addition our year 10s enjoyed an all you can eat lunchtime buffet, a highlight for many!

In one of the sessions, they discussed clubs and societies and were invited to create their own promotional materials for their idea on what clubs they thought should run at university.

"An academically enriching experience and showed us the confidence it can bring when making your own decision whilst studying"

Mollie

"It gave off a good vibe and gave me an understanding of what university is like and the perks that come with independence".

Orhie

"it was interesting and helped me decide if I want to go to university or not – now I do!".

Hollie





"An academically enriching experience and showed us the confidence it can bring when making your own decision whilst studying"

Mollie

"I liked how friendly the people showing us around the school was! I also got to learn a lot about the university as a whole and it was quite informative - I learnt several things that really did make me change my perspective on going elsewhere with my education after college instead of just going to work in retail, or some other job. After visiting Reading University, like said, my look on my future has been positively altered and I really do wish to go to university one day."

Sara

"It was a really exciting experience being introduced to the different pathways and opportunities I could discover if I choose to go to university. Everyone was really friendly, and I now feel more encouraged to go to university as part of my education ."

Grace

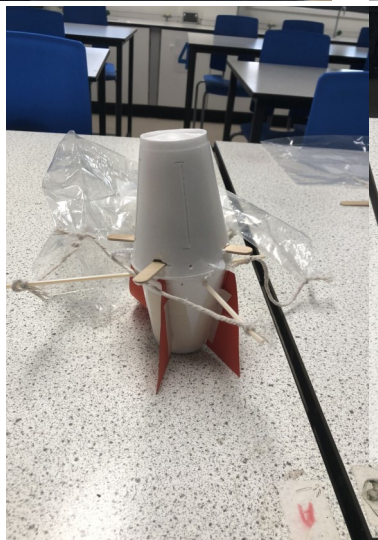


SPACE ENGINEERING CLUB

Year 8 scholars showed fantastic drive and innovation last term during STEM Space Engineering Club.

Challenges involved designing landing craft to deliver astronauts (or in this case eggonauts!) to the moon, building heat shields to protect their chocolate cargo, and improving aerodynamics of air-pressure rockets fired down the science corridor!

We were always impressed with scholars' enthusiasm and determination each week and are proud to continue to share STEM applications and careers with students in Swindon.



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The Great Haydon Wick ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT 2022

Making the area we live in a safe, healthy and a pleasant place to be is something that is important to our community. This is why we want to hear your ideas of any projects, events or workshops that you think would contribute to this vision.

Environmental education provides important opportunities for everyone to become engaged in real world issues that transcend the four walls of our homes. Learning about the complex environmental issues confronting our planet helps to acquire the skills needed to be a creative problem solver and powerful advocate.



Community Allotment project

Recycling projects

Conservation talks, projects and workshops

Litter picks

Please email your project or workshop ideas to Kate at:
youthandcommunity@haydonwick.gov.uk



A REMINDER THAT AFTER EASTER WE WILL BE USING EPRAISE FOR ALL COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS.

PARENTS AND CARERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DOWNLOAD **THE EPRAISE APP** AND REMOVE THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP. THANK YOU.



International Women's Day 2022

#BreaktheBias

An assembly was held in recognition of International Women's Day on 8th March, which included recordings from teachers where they talked about the important women in their lives; family friends or others who have influenced them in other ways.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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Open Mornings

Tuesday 15th March 2022
Tuesday 14th June 2022
Thursday 23rd June 2022
9-11am

Catalyst STEM Stream

Open Morning

Thursday 23rd June 2022
11am-12pm

register online at www.novahreodacademy.org.uk

Friday 18 March

Friday 18th March—Non Uniform Day in aid of Comic Relief— featuring the 2nd annual Nova Hreod Academy teacher's bad joke competition at lunchtime. Don't miss it!

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