



## BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN EVERYONE



During the term ahead, Nova students will take assessments which will test their ability to recall,

understand and apply their learning from the units they have studied. These assessments are called Best in Everyone assessments. Following the assessments, parents will receive a report which will be discussed in more detail at Achievement Review Day for students in Years 7-10. Year 11 parents' evening, which was scheduled for next month, is being postponed until the new year and we will confirm

the date as soon as we can.

In the [parent's section of the school website](#), you will find a detailed guide to the BiE assessments together with the timetable for both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 assessments, which start on 9th November. Students are being encouraged to revise for these assessments and we have also supported them in class and in assemblies.

### Home study in Year 11

Every day Mr Foster and I remind Year 11 students that the best way for them to learn and make progress is to do their homework in a timely and diligent fashion. As a school, we give students a week to do their homework so they can

avoid problems, like the internet dropping out and seek help with concepts they are struggling with.

A number of students are leaving home study to the last minute and then experiencing technical problems or stress due to limited understanding. Work is often then rushed and completed just to avoid a detention, rather than actually understood and completed thoroughly. Please help us remind them to do their homework as close to the day set as possible and seek support if they need it. Working together we can make this a very successful year for them.

Mr Griffin  
**Assistant Principal**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER

Thursday 19th—6pm—Online DISC Awards ceremony for 2020 leavers

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

<https://www.novahreodacademy.org.uk>









## BEST IN EVERYONE ASSESSMENTS



Every child is a special individual,  
capable of extraordinary things



## EPRAISE LEAGUE TABLE

	Total points	Attendance
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
4th		

## EPRAISE TOP STUDENTS-OCTOBER



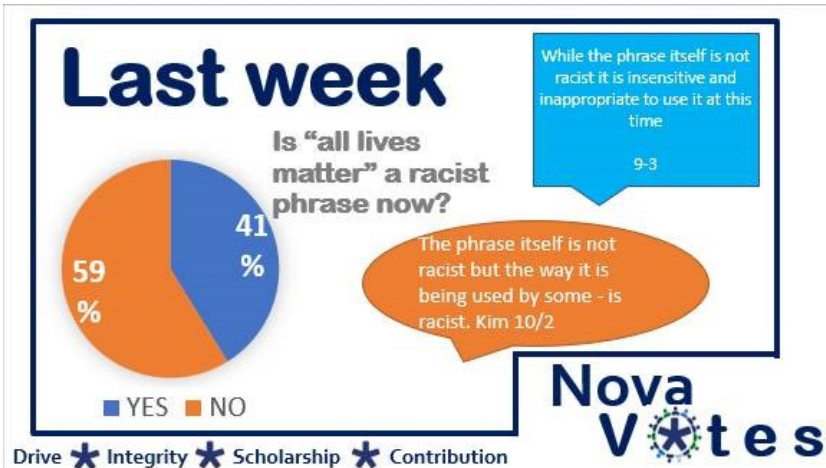
## POP UP LIBRARY

The introduction of our pop-up library coincided with National School Library week. As the library is closed currently, our Student Librarians have put together a selection of titles for their year groups to choose from, and made them available during lunch and break times. The pop up library has been a hit, especially with year 7 and 8 students, and Mrs Shurley is looking to increase the number of books available to these year groups.





## THE WORLD AROUND US



This month Nova students have debated some very interesting topics in their tutor groups.

Cancel culture is the online phenomenon where followers are urged to unfollow and campaign against celebrities and other figures who have made unacceptable or unpopular statements or committed similar actions. Nova voted that this was not a form of online bullying, but also importantly recognised and commented that it can go too far or look too far into someone's past. The subject of whether "all lives matter" is a racist phrase was also debated in class, and whether scientists should design "better babies", as genetic science has unlocked new possibilities.

The students have really engaged with the subjects, finding that everyone's point of view is valid and feeling confident to express their own opinions.

## TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

School photographs will be distributed to students during the first week after half term.



## INTRODUCING THE NEW SENIOR COUNCIL...

The aim of the senior council is to provide a forum for discussion, by students' representatives, of issues raised by students or staff which affect the life of the school. The Senior School council allows views to be expressed and heard and creates a further opportunity for effective communication within the school and for appropriate actions to be taken. It comprises of members of year 9, 10 and 11 as well as including the Head Boy and Girl. Students are elected onto the Senior School Council through an application process and interview where they have to demonstrate prior student leadership experience.

In the first senior council meeting we welcomed our new members from year 10 and year 9 to the council and elected our chair (Xander), Vice Chair (Janne-May) and minute taker (Sophie).

We then discussed how students felt the return to school had been, what were the new systems they thought were going well and what they felt need to be revised and looked at again.

We also discussed new options for SuperNova and what they would like to see in the Epraise shop.





## AND PREFECTS.



Prefects are a group of Year 11 student who have a range of responsibilities and duties and support positive behaviour around the academy.

Year 10 students apply to become prefects in March each year in readiness to take over from year 11 once examinations begin.

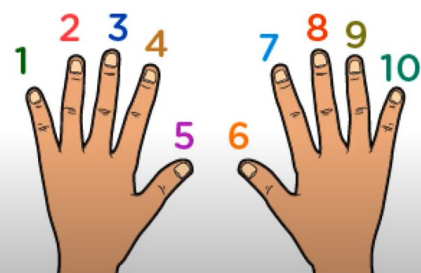
### MATHS MASTERCLASS

In the first of our subject masterclasses for this academic year, Mr Watkins introduced us to a brief history of mathematics in computing.

For anyone that missed the masterclass, a recording of the session is online [<<HERE>>](#)

#### A short history of computing

The earliest digital computer





# SUPERNOVA

In forensic science club, students have taken casts of their fingers so that they could extract their fingerprints for investigation.



Year 7 window glass colouring club on Thursday afternoons.

This term in film club, students have been enjoying The Imitation Game, The Hate U Give and Forrest Gump.



Coding club



Homework club



Dance Club are practicing street dance routines, working hard on their coordination and technique.



Nova scholars on their intervention session have got all autumnal with their very own designs of pumpkins. Making the most of this topical time at school , not knowing if we should trick or treat during this difficult time! So we decided to get sensory. Get messy and have fun in the Elsa room with Miss Raymen .



## CHARITY

**Congratulations to Year 9 Logan who took part in the UK Wide Cycle Ride to raise money for Diabetes UK. Logan was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was 10 years old and has pledged to raise funds for the charity every year. Logan cycled 180 miles through sunshine and rain during September, raising over £300.**

**Well done Logan, we're all very proud.**



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