



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our October newsletter. It feels strange to be writing this, as it really has flown by.

We have been extremely pleased at how well our scholars have picked up the rhythm of the academy day, how hard they have been working and how purposeful their lessons have been. It is always a pleasure to tour prospective scholars and their parents around the academy during the school day and they always comment on just how positive the learning environment is in each class. Our Open Mornings have been an opportunity for us to do that, and we've welcomed over 300 people across our Open Mornings so far this term.



Equally, our Y5/Y6 Open Evening was a huge success; the building looked stunning, and we had much higher numbers than anticipated come to see us. It was however, our scholars who were the talking point of the evening with so many parents commenting on how helpful, polite and proactive our scholars were as they guided them, served them refreshments, and performed for them. We are both proud of them and grateful for the time that they invested to celebrate our culture here at Nova.

The structure of the day has changed over the past two weeks, with us moving back to one single lunch sitting; we are pleased that our scholars can now utilise all the spaces available to them at break and lunch time and it feels one step closer to them enjoying the liberties of normality.

We are delighted to know that so many of our scholars are taking advantage of the clubs and extra-curricular classes available to them; please do encourage your child to attend a club and pursue an interest as we want every single scholar to be involved in our Supernova offer.

This month we're excited to be hosting our first show of the year, as scholars perform at Young Musician of the Year 2021. We hope to see as many people as possible supporting our scholars; tickets are just £1 each and available on parentpay.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2021

Tuesday 12th—Futures Evening

Wednesday 13th—Young Musician of the Year

Thursday 14th—Year 5/6 Open Morning









18th-29th October—Half term

For more information visit

www.novahreodacademy.org.uk

Ryan Nash
Vice Principal

EPRAISE LEAGUE TABLE

	Total points	Attendance
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
4th		

EPRAISE TOP STUDENTS



THE WORLD AROUND US

The World Around Us gives the vertical tutor groups a chance to discuss and debate an array of topics that link with Nova, Swindon, UK and the world during tutor time every Wednesday morning. All tutors submit the opinions and votes for their tutor group and each week some of the quotes are selected. Here are some advice quotes from our current and past students.

Responses from last week:

Should black history and a more diversified curriculum be taught in ALL schools?

Orion: It should be taught because we don't go into enough detail about people from diverse cultures who have helped our country but have been forgotten.

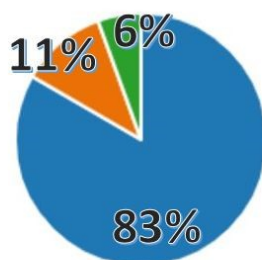
Ryan asked, 'Would it be for a whole subject area or part of the existing curriculum?'
'Some of us think it would be good if there were whole lessons or subjects taught'

Cygnus: Only if it was done properly.

Aquila: Miss Sayers made some excellent points on this on Monday. We need to educate people until black history is everyone's history

THE WORLD  AROUND US...

Votes



Should black history and a more diversified curriculum be taught in ALL schools?

This refers to an incorporated approach throughout the year, not just October.

Nova
Votes

Drive * Integrity * Scholarship * Contribution

This week, we discussed 'Should Black history and a more diversified curriculum be taught in ALL schools?' 83% agreed 'yes' black history should be taught in ALL schools

We also promote our school, houses and updates on our school social media. Follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

CATALYST STEM STREAM TASTER DAY

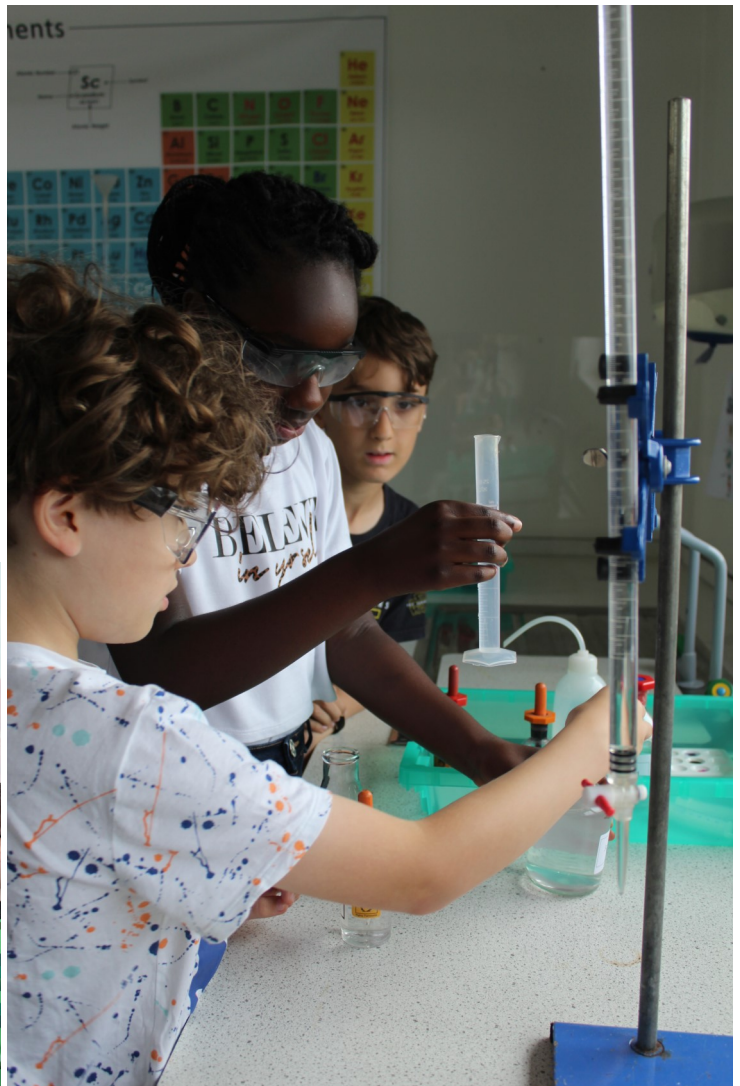
The second of our Catalyst STEM Stream taster days took place on Saturday 25th September, this time on the theme of Science. The pupils attended the taster day as an introduction to the Nova Catalyst STEM Stream which is available for Year 7 joining Nova in September 2022. The STEM Stream will provide a more intensive curriculum for talented students who have a strong interest in the STEM subjects and want to study it in more detail.



In Chemistry, pupils in Years 5 and 6 investigated how acids and bases react with each other. They demonstrated their understanding of the subject incredibly well; our teachers were very impressed by their knowledge and some very intelligent questions were asked. Working in small groups, they looked at different chemical indicators and were challenged to see how accurately they could neutralise a solution.

In the Biology lab, Miss Dominy explained what DNA is and demonstrated how it can be extracted from fruit. The Year 5 and 6 then did an experiment where they extracted the DNA from a strawberry. At the end of this session, they spent some time thinking about their own DNA and using the four bases as a guide, they each made a personalised keyring to represent their own genetic makeup.

All the staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the taster day and they're already looking forward to the next one.



SUPERNOVA FREEQUALITY CLUB

Freequality Club is a group for students who are passionate about equality and celebrating diversity. We aim to raise awareness of different cultures, celebrate our diverse community and campaign for change where required. We welcome everyone and meet weekly focusing on different themes throughout the year. This month we have been making portraits of famous black people who inspire us for different reasons. We have used a collage technique inspired by an artist called Makeeba KEEBS Rainey.

All scholars are encouraged to join a Supernova activity and can sign up using Epraise.



"I wanted a club that was fun and relaxed and I have found that in Freequality Club. We are studying Black Lives Matter and learning about famous black people"

Charlotte, Y8

"I just wanted to participate in something collective and be proud of. Don't be afraid to be yourself"

Rose, Y11

STELLAR DINER 5 STAR RATING

Fantastic news from our Stellar Diner on the achievement of the 5 star food hygiene rating.
Congratulations to the kitchen team on their high standards and efforts to achieve this.



MORRISONS 'GOOD TO GROW' VOUCHERS

We are collecting the Morrissons Grow Tokens. If anyone has any or collects them in the future please could you send them into school as we run a gardening club with SEN students and the Chaplaincy team are also setting up a gardening group.

Thank you



STAMP COMPETITION

Jaiden Dix has reached the Final stage of the Heroes Stamp Design Competition. There were 600,000+ entries which contributed towards a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the largest postage stamp design competition.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photograph proofs have now been handed to students and can be ordered online at orderphotos.co.uk. Free delivery to school is available on all orders before 15th October.



If you haven't received your proof, please contact admin@novahreodacademy.org.uk

TUTOR REPRESENTATIVES

The role of the tutor representative is to collect the views of their tutor group and feed that back in meetings to Miss Dominy and the School Captains together with the house representatives they play a crucial role in student voice at Nova.



THE GREEN TEAM

A new student leadership group has formed this term, the Green team which will be responsible over the course of the year to help improve Nova's environmental impact. One of the team's objectives is to encourage other students to recycle more, and we're looking forward to working with them.

For our first action we have been looking at recycling and litter, looking to increase the number of bins and recycling bins as well as the signage for this.



"it's a group of Year 8s that want to help Nova Hreod be a greener community." Jorja

"The Green Team is a community for people who want to make the world greener and better. I joined the Green Team because I want to see a greener future and community at this school." Courtney

"I joined the Green Team because I thought the school needed to be more environmentally friendly and I thought it would be a great opportunity to share my ideas." Killien

WELLBEING AMBASSADORS

The wellbeing ambassadors specifically look at how we can make Nova a better place for everyone and provide feedback on things that can be improved. The first task of the wellbeing ambassadors was to look at the year 11 break time space and how that can be better used for year 11. As a result of this, new seating has been ordered for the area.



“Being an Ambassador means that I am given the responsibility to take care of my peers as well as other scholars around the school. It is my job as a well-being Ambassador to help Nova become a better environment to new students and perhaps even some older students who feel as though the school can be improved in some areas. I want to use this role to the best of my ability and benefit others across the school. “

Sarah, year 10

“Being an Ambassador means that I can help people and help the school also it gives me a chance to say things on how I can make this school not just a better place but a better community for all the scholars. I also get the chance to talk to other students and get to hear those ideas and that's what being an ambassador to me means.”

Ollie, year 10

PREFECTS

Our prefects model what a scholar at Nova should be like; they take part in the school senior council and represent Nova at key events. Students have the opportunity to become prefects once they are in Year 11 and they wear the prefect's tie with pride.



"To me, being a prefect is the cherry on the top of the cake, during my time at Nova. Over the last 5 years here, I have grown as a person developing many vital skills for the future such as leadership, drive and good communication with others. Therefore I feel proud to give back and help the school, in hopes of inspiring younger pupils and encouraging them to get involved with extra curricular activities, in order to become the best version of themselves. As a prefect you must always go above and beyond: doing the right thing even when no one is looking. The role has many responsibilities such as being a role model for others, promoting school events, keeping high standards in the community and getting involved. Finally, a prefect is kind and trustworthy to anyone in need."

Bethany

"Being a prefect means to demonstrate the values of not only ourselves but the school we represent. We make the school a better place and make the community a better place to work. Overall, as a prefect, I personally want to inspire those around me to be better than they think they are. That is what being a prefect should be about. "

Harvey



Parents/carers and students in years 9, 10 and 11 are invited to attend our Future Evening being held on Tuesday 12th October. This will be an opportunity for parents/carers and students to speak to a number of local colleges and universities, training and apprenticeship providers and employers about entry requirements, prospects in a range of careers, offering an insight to the world of work and education.



Futures Evening

Tuesday 12th October 2021

6pm to 8pm

Come along and meet all our local colleges, United College Sixth Form, local employers, apprenticeship and training providers, public services, Oxford and Reading universities and many more. There will be over 30 tables for you to visit and find out more about courses and careers.

Parents/carers are also welcome to attend.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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Year 5/6 Open Morning

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9-11am

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