



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our November newsletter.

October has seen a further flurry of activity at Nova. We have celebrated Black History Month through our tutor time and assembly program. There have been several impressive sporting results in rugby, football and netball. Our Young Musician of the Year concert gave a fantastic platform to some very talented performers who thoroughly impressed all who attended. The Futures Evening was an excellent opportunity for many scholars to find out more about the variety of academic and career opportunities available to them in the future. The Friday House Competitions continue to be a source of fun and entertainment, whilst building a collegiate spirit in our vertical tutor groups. Our Open Mornings have continued to be busy and full of positive comments. Many thanks to all the scholars and staff who have contributed to such a positive month at Nova.

I have greatly enjoyed visiting classrooms in all subjects over the past month. It has been a pleasure to observe scholars working with such drive and showing high levels of scholarship in both their guided practice with their teachers and during independent tasks. Our curriculum offers both breadth of subject but also depth of learning within them. Moving from classroom to classroom and seeing such academic rigour but also opportunities for creativity and practicality is a real pleasure.

I hope you enjoy reading through the newsletter and finding out more about life at Nova. We look forward to seeing everyone again after the half-term break and continuing the momentum we have collectively built since September.

Dan Hudson
Vice Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2021

18th-29th October—Half term

NOVEMBER 2021

15/19 November—Swindon Youth
Festival Literature

20th November—Swindon Schools
Cross Country Championship









24th November—Christmas Fair

25th November—Class of 21 DISC
Evening

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EPRAISE LEAGUE TABLE

	Total points	Attendance
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
4th		

EPRAISE TOP STUDENTS



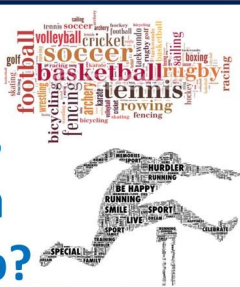
THE WORLD AROUND US

Each week tutor groups talk through these slides and ask others for their opinions and collect/input tutor groups vote and comments. Every week there is a new topic based on what is going on in the world and around school to discuss, give opinions and vote on. Each new week will start with a discussion of the results of last week

This week

Should all students be required to do a sports activity/club?

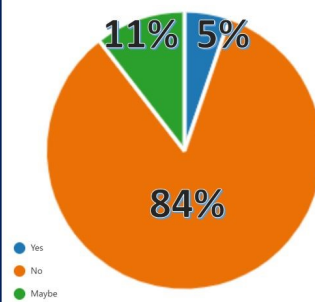
This can be team / paired / single player sports.



Nova
Votes

rive ★ Integrity ★ Scholarship ★ Contribution

Votes from last week:



Should all students be required to do a sports activity/club?

This can be single player/team sports, within Nova or outside of school

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This week

Should all students be required to do an extracurricular sport activity:

Some students will not be able to take part due to disability - Aquila 6

If people want to do sports after school they can. Half of this tutor group does a sport after school because they choose to - Cygnus 5

Abigail: Compulsory sport could be dangerous, because in winter it will get dark quicker, and people could be unsafe on their way home - Pegasus 1

Sport can be really good to help with student health and mental health - Orion 7

THE WORLD  AROUND US...

SPORTS CLUBS - BENCHBALL

Benchball is a classic game where every member of the team is super important.

It is held on Wednesday til 4.30pm with Mrs Mason and Miss Parsons and played by passing the ball amongst each other and then finally to a team mate on the bench. If successful you join that team member on the bench. The winning team is the first team to get all of their players on the bench successfully.

All abilities, years and students are welcome.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS

We are proud to introduce this year's student leaders.

School Captains Harvey and Jin will take the lead on student voice for 2021/22, as well as representing the Academy at events and in the community. They will be supported in this by Deputy School Captains Eleanor and Ryan.

Applicants for the roles had to submit a written application, make a speech and have an interview with Mr Foster and Miss Dominy.

Congratulations to the team.



"It's particularly good that we have a team of four of us to demonstrate and promote the school values"

Jin

"It's an important role to be School Captain as it's not about one individual but a role that will benefit everyone in the school"

Harvey

FUTURES EVENING

Futures Evening was held this year on Tuesday, 12th October and we had a fantastic turnout.

Thank you to all the companies the exhibited and everyone who came along.

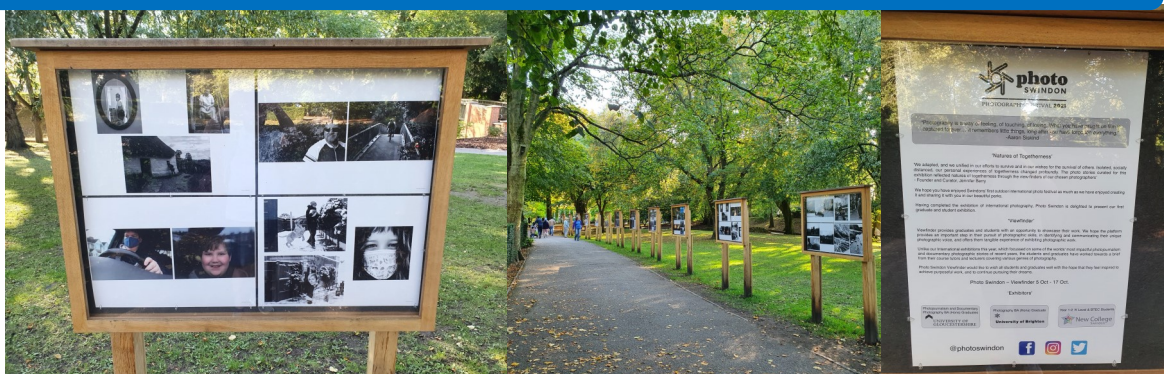


"iCare Careers and First City Nursing really enjoyed having the opportunity to integrate with students and parents during the Futures Evening on the 12th October. It was great to talk to students who had expressed an interest in becoming the next generation of Carers and Nurses. We took time to explain that the career opportunities are vast and will open doors to Apprenticeships at Degree Level. Many students did not realise that actual 'hands-on' work experience would assist their journey into professional healthcare careers. If we can offer future support, please call on us at anytime".

Anne and Charlie
Recruitment Co-ordinators iCare Careers

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

One of our alumni students, Harvey Rayman, has his photography work exhibited in Old Town Gardens.



YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2021

Live music returned to the Nova stage with an amazing display of talent as scholars performed for the title of Nova Hreod Academy Young Musician of the Year. There was a total of 14 performances, ranging from drum soloists, bands and a performance from the school choir, and every single student taking part was exceptional.

It was a real treat to see scholars performing in front of an audience again, and at the end of the evening first place was awarded to Year 11 student Gonçalo who performed an impressive piano solo.

Tom Griffiths, Head of Music at Nova, said: "the audience and judges were blown away by the talent on stage. Swindon Music Service, who were on the judging panel, were so impressed that they have offered free tuition at their music clubs for every single performer, a total of 35 performers. This is an amazing opportunity for all of them and we are very grateful to them for judging the event and for their generous offer."

Everyone worked hard to put on a fantastic show; the performers put in an incredible amount of time and practice, the audience were fantastic, and the standard of support from the technical team was highly professional.

Congratulations to everyone who made the evening so special.

The winners are:

1st: Goncalo, 2nd: Naphtali and Joint 3rd: Bethany and Finley

"Thank you to Mr Griffiths and everyone who applauded and supported me. I really enjoyed being part of the show and showcasing my music. The other performers were really good, so I am honoured to have won the show."

Gonçalo, Year 11



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October 2021 marks Black History Month in UK and at Nova. We realised very quickly that October half term would reduce BHM coverage by 2 weeks, so we planned ahead. We started work on our Black History Month activities in September in preparation for the exhibit launch in October.

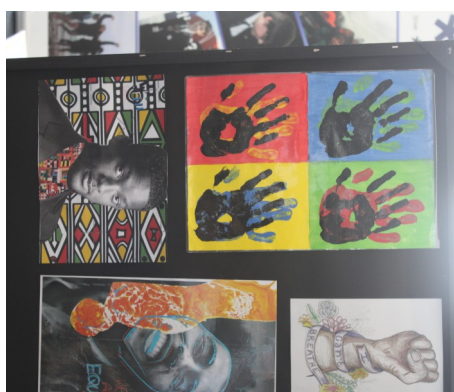
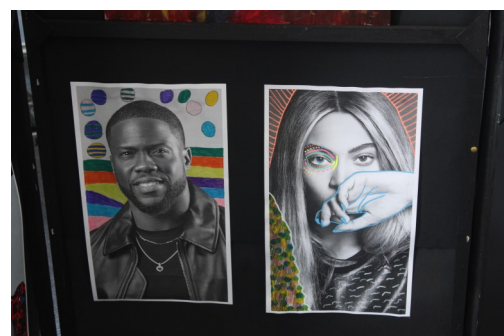
Working with BAMEd Bristol and South West, it was clear that we at Nova were leading the way in our ideas and projects for Black History Month amongst Swindon secondary schools. Other schools took inspiration from Miss Claire Preece's artwork idea from Freequality and did similar in their schools. The next part of our exhibit will be to highlight #ProudToBe and local Black History.

We demonstrated best practice and paved the way especially across EduTwitter and our school Instagram platforms. Our reading programme has been diversified by Mrs Mel Anderson. Even Karyn Parsons – who played Hilary Banks in Fresh Prince of Bel Air – reshared our Instagram story on her profile as we read her book 'How High the Moon' that was also promoted by Bedrock.

There was a fantastic assembly by Miss Sayers, discussions in The World Around Us at tutor time, freequality club coverage of BHM, entries from all houses and year groups for the exhibit launch and a flag competition on Friday lunch time.

Different departments have collaborated and are collaborating in a shared folder for future activities and a huge thank you to Kate Griffiths and Tom Griffiths for compiling music by Black Musicians.

We will run further activities throughout the year and also mark South Asian Heritage Month as part of embracing World Diversity in Nova, Swindon, Wiltshire, UK and afar. There will be upcoming discussions in The World Around Us, further assemblies such as the impact of racist slurs by Mrs Malik, and further work in Freequality alongside other activities/competitions.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Mountain Bike Workshops

Join Paul and Jennifer for focussed workshops aimed at building core mountain bike skills. These sessions are aimed at competent riders who want to build their confidence on the trails.

Friday 29 October 2021
Very limited places - £30

Croft Mountain Bike Trail
Pipers Way



9.00am - 12pm
Open session



12.30am - 3.30pm
Girls only session

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Call Paul on 07590 688808

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Learn to Ride Workshop

Join Paul and Adrian for a fun filled beginners workshop aimed at those still on stabilisers or balance bikes, ready to learn to ride pedals unaided. We'll have lots of activities to make this exciting transition stress free for the children!

Thursday 21 October 2021

Wroughton Junior School

Learn to Ride - very limited
places **9.00am - 12pm**

£30



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Save the Date!

**Our Christmas
Fair is coming...**

Wednesday 24th November

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