



A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

I hope all of our scholars and their families had a relaxing Christmas break - it has been lovely to welcome everyone back to Nova in 2024 and see the fantastic start that is being made to the New Year. We finished last year strongly, with our scholars really showing the value of contribution to their communities by signing cards for those in local hospices, donating to our Reverse Advent appeal and singing at two local care homes.



On the last day of term we celebrated with each year group in turn and revealed our Scholars of the Term. Congratulations again to Jessenia (Year 7), Peri (Year 8), Laila (Year 9), Hamilton (Year 10) and Mia (Year 11) who have been recognised for their excellent DISC values and attitudes to their studies.

We really value the importance of home study at Nova and I love to see how well our scholars are doing with their respective subjects and online platforms so I have picked out some highlights. So far this year our scholars have demonstrated their scholarship through home study by:

- earning over 5 million points on Languagenut (currently placing us 6th in the World!)
- logging over 3,132 hours of careful reading on Sparx Reader
- completing 16,387 lessons on Bedrock
- answering 731,462 questions correctly on Sparx Maths (with 346 of our scholars also improving their times tables)
- answering 1,004,019 questions correctly on Tassomai and completing 37,555 daily goals

Having high attendance levels plays a key role in success at Nova and rewards are given to those that maintain the best attendance. At the end of last term a slightly different reward was offered for scholars with greater than 95% attendance - the opportunity to watch a member of the senior leadership team take part in a Friday challenge which involved eating some very random food items. Luckily for me it was Mr Unwin's name that came out of the hat so please read on to find out what delights he got to try!

Dr Clapp

Assistant Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 2024

Saturday 20th
Ski Trip

FEBRUARY 2024

Wednesday 7th
Teaching and Learning Afternoon
(school ends at 13:20)

Monday 12th to Friday 16th
Half Term Holidays

Thursday 22nd
Achievement Review Day

Tuesday 27th
Options Evening

For more information visit:
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THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE SCHOLARS



READING CHALLENGE

The Reading Challenge and Nova's Word of the Week are challenges set by our English department.

<h1 style="margin: 0;">Nova's Reading Challenge</h1>				Name: _____ Year: _____
Read a non-fiction book Title: Author: Date: Signature:	Read a comic/ graphic novel Title: Author: Date: Signature:	<i>Read something by an author you've never read before</i> Title: Author: Date: Signature:	Read something by an author who shares the first letter of your last name. Title: Author: Date: Signature:	
Read a book that was recommended to you by a friend or teacher Title: Author: Date: Signature:	Read a book set in a different time or place Title: Author: Date: Signature:	Read something that a family member enjoyed reading as a child Title: Author: Date: Signature:	Read a book over 200 pages long Title: Author: Date: Signature:	
Read something over 50 years old Title: Author: Date: Signature:	<i>Read a book that has been made into a film</i> Title: Author: Date: Signature:	Read a book you've borrowed from the town or school library Title: Author: Date: Signature:	Listen to an audiobook online (there are plenty that are free on YouTube) Title: Author: Date: Signature:	

CYGNUS HOUSE UPDATE

The past term has been a busy and successful one for Cygnus. We have contributed to every competition with our signature energy and resilience and achieved multiple successes. Our first success was during Welly Wanging where we threw the welly the furthest than any other house! This is one of the most popular Friday challenges and this particular Friday was no different, the crowd were massively supportive of every challenger and went wild when Cygnus were crowned the winners. This was due to the expert technique employed by the throwers which displayed excellent scholarship!



The House Basketball was as competitive as ever this term. The Cygnus KS3 and KS4 team were both finalists and displayed incredible sporting skills throughout. Our KS3 team were the eventual winners in a high tempo and adrenalin filled finale. Congratulations to them all and thank you for your contribution! Our Cygnus KS4 team put everything they had into the final, but the basket just escaped them despite dominating the match and constantly peppering the opposition basket with shots. Well done to everyone involved, what a fantastic effort to make it to the final!



Non-Beer pong was another Friday challenge that Cygnus excelled at. We had a full team who displayed amazing accuracy to score far more than any of the other Houses. Well done to all involved and thank you for putting yourselves forward to represent Cygnus!



We were 4th in the House championship however all of this fantastic contribution has meant we have leapfrogged Aquila to third place and are hot on heels of Orion. I am looking forward to this term and all of the successes it will bring for our scholars.

Mr Griffiths
Head of Cygnus

GROSS FOOD EVENT

As part of the weekly house challenges, scholars with over 95% attendance were invited to be in the audience for the Staff Gross Food Challenge.

In the spirit of "I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here," but blindfolded and earmuffed, Mr Unwin had a variety of foods dangled above his head by Mr Harbour to which he had to agree or disagree to them being put in a blender.

At the end, Mr Unwin sampled the rather revolting concoction which included mackerel, mustard, lemon juice, pineapple and pickles.



Congratulations to all scholars who were invited for their excellent attendance.

Watch this space for Mr Unwin's revenge!!!

*I can't believe he did it, he didn't
deserve that!*
Harry, Year 8

*The smoothy tasted revolting but
it was great to see so many 95%+
attendees spectating*
Mr Unwin



TRIPS AND VISITS

The Science department went on a trip to the Oxford Museum of Natural History. This trip gave year 9 scholars the opportunity to engage in education talks by professors from Oxford University, learning how life on Earth has changed over millions of years. After hearing these inspirational research lectures, scholars explored the museum's huge collection of fossils, skeletal recreations and geological wonders. Scholars showed exceptional understanding of many of the exhibits and were successful at completing a scholastic treasure hunt while discovering the museum.

Dr Spreadbury
Science Teacher



TRIPS AND VISITS

A group of Year 11 students went to the Wyvern Theatre to watch *The Woman in Black*, an adaptation of Susan Hill's book which has come to Swindon from the West End.

They will write about this for their GCSE component 3 live review.



Behaviour was exemplary and everyone enjoyed themselves
Mrs Derham, Head of Drama

Mrs Griffiths and the Nova choir visited two local care homes to entertain the elderly residents this Christmas, performing a mix of festive and popular songs for everyone to sing along to.





Thank you so much for visiting. The people living with us really enjoyed listening and joining in with the songs. We look forward to welcoming you back again.


Jade, King's Court Care Home





#ONSOCIALMEDIA


An update on some of the stories we've shared on social media in the last fortnight.

 **Nova Cooks** @NovaCooks · 10 Jan
Class of '23 - deboning chicken and preparing fillets.










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 **Nova Hreed Academy**
20 hours ago

We have several pieces of lost property in student services. If you recognise any of the items can you please collect them



Boost post

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 **Nova Hreed Academy** @novahreedacademy
17 hours ago

Y7&8 Benchball tournament 🏠 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷
🏠 🏠 #educationwithcharacter
#bestineveryone #novahreedacademy



Boost post

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 **Nova Hreed PE**
@NovaHreedPE

It's that time of year again #ChristmasCarnageBall



5:38 pm · 11 Dec 2023 · 134 Views

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CHARITY AND FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the Reverse Advent Calendar. We were proud to hand over all the donations to the Swindon Food Collective when they visited at the end of term. The food and toiletries collected were distributed to people in need during Christmas.



PROSPECT HOSPICE CARDS OF KINDNESS



Scholars were invited to write Christmas messages to be delivered to the Prospect Hospice, for the people in their care, their families and the hardworking staff and volunteers at the Hospice. We were overwhelmed by the number of scholars who wanted to pass on Christmas wishes, and Mrs Bekir proudly passed them on to Emma from Prospect, to be handed out.

A heartfelt thank you to the incredible students of [Nova Hreod Academy](#) for spreading love and warmth this Christmas. We are deeply touched by the beautiful Christmas messages you've written for our hospice staff and patients. We wish you all a festive season filled with love, laughter, and the joy of knowing you've made this Christmas brighter for everyone.

Prospect Hospice



MRS UNWIN'S REVISION CORNER

With the BiEs in full swing here are some top tips for helping your child revise:

1. Find a space where they can work at a table that is quiet and away from distractions (study base runs after school every day if you do not have this space at home).
2. Agree a length of time with your child to study (no more than an hour without a break is best — some people need shorter chunks).
3. Agree not just a subject, but which topic your child is going to revise and what they are going to do (e.g. online platform, testing with flashcards, knowledge dumps etc).
4. Get them to show you what they have achieved and celebrate their hard work!

Best of luck to all the Y7-10 scholars over the next few weeks!

STAR OF THE TERM—TERM 2

Nova Hreod Academy End of Term Awards

On the final day of term, each year had an awards ceremony during their year assemblies. Awards were presented by our Vice Principal Mr Nash for the following categories -

- Scholar of the Term *
- 100% Attendance ***
- Zero Behaviour Points ***
- Most DISC Points **
- Star Slips ***

Congratulations to all the winners

* Students were nominated by their tutors, and their teachers voted to select the Scholar of the Term for each year group

** The student with the most DISC points for each year group

*** All the scholars with 100% attendance, no behaviour points and the most star slips, were entered into a draw and one student per year was awarded the prize



Year 7 End of Term Awards

Year 7 Scholar of the Term



Jessenia M

100% Attendance



Aeryn G

Zero Behaviour Points



Sophie H

Most DISC Points



Indranil D

Star of the Lesson



Jayden T

Year 8 End of Term Awards

Year 8
Scholar of the Term



Peri O

100% Attendance



Harley B

Zero Behaviour Points



Kieran M

Most DISC Points



Ella-Louise F

Star of the Lesson



Nathaniel H

Year 9 End of Term Awards

Year 9
Scholar of the Term



Laila L

100% Attendance



Aderyn P

Zero Behaviour Points



Maryam S

Most DISC Points



Ryley J

Star of the Lesson



Jaidan A

Year 10 End of Term Awards

Year 10
Scholar of the Term



Hamilton L

100% Attendance



Sian H

Zero Behaviour Points



Hayley W

Most DISC Points



Joshua J

Star of the Lesson



Dominika L

Year 11 End of Term Awards

Year 11
Scholar of the Term



Mia L

100% Attendance



Chloe B



Olawale A

Zero Behaviour Points



Bethany D

Most DISC Points



Rory I

Star of the Lesson



Luke W

TERM DATES



Term Dates 2024 / 2025

Staff Training Days in red

School holidays in blue

	September	October	November	December
Monday	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21, 28	4, 11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Tuesday	3, 10, 17, 24	8, 15, 22, 29	5, 12, 19, 26	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Wednesday	4, 11, 18, 25	9, 16, 23, 30	6, 13, 20, 27	4, 11, 18, 25
Thursday	5, 12, 19, 26	10, 17, 24, 31	7, 14, 21, 28	5, 12, 19, 26
Friday	6, 13, 20, 27	11, 18, 25	8, 15, 22, 29	6, 13, 20, 27
Saturday	7, 14, 21, 28	12, 19, 26	9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21, 28
Sunday	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	13, 20, 27	10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22, 29

	January	February	March	April
Monday	6, 13, 20, 27	3, 10, 17, 24	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	7, 14, 21, 28
Tuesday	7, 14, 21, 28	4, 11, 18, 25	4, 11, 18, 25	8, 15, 22, 29
Wednesday	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	5, 12, 19, 26	5, 12, 19, 26	9, 16, 23
Thursday	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	10, 17, 24
Friday	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	7, 14, 21, 28	7, 14, 21, 28	11, 18, 25
Saturday	4, 11, 18, 25	1, 8, 15, 22	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	12, 19, 26
Sunday	5, 12, 19, 26	2, 9, 16, 23	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	13, 20, 27

	May	June	July	August
Monday	5, 12, 19, 26	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	7, 14, 21, 28	4, 11, 18, 25
Tuesday	6, 13, 20, 27	3, 10, 17, 24	8, 15, 22, 29	5, 12, 19, 26
Wednesday	7, 14, 21, 28	4, 11, 18, 25	9, 16, 23, 30	6, 13, 20, 27
Thursday	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	5, 12, 19, 26	10, 17, 24, 31	7, 14, 21, 28
Friday	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6, 13, 20, 27	11, 18, 25	8, 15, 22, 29
Saturday	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	7, 14, 21, 28	12, 19, 26	9, 16, 23, 30
Sunday	4, 11, 18, 25	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	13, 20, 27	10, 17, 24, 31

Public Holidays

Wednesday 25 December 2024, Thursday 26 December 2024
 Monday 6 January 2025, Friday 18 April 2025, Monday 21 April 2025, Monday 5 May 2025
 Monday 26 May 2025, Monday 25 August 2025

Teacher Training Days

Monday 2 September 2024, Tuesday 3 September 2024, Monday 21 - Wednesday 23 October 2024
 Monday 6 January 2025, Tuesday 22 April 2025, Friday 27 June 2025

September start dates


Wednesday 4 September Year 7 start
 Thursday 5 September Year 11 return
 Friday 6 September Years 8, 9 and 10 return

School Holiday Dates in blue

Term Dates	PUPILS WILL BEGIN RETURNING FROM 4 SEPTEMBER
Term 1	Wednesday 4 September 2024 - Friday 18 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024 - Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 7 January 2025 - Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025 - Friday 4 April 2025
Term 5	Wednesday 23 April 2025 - Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025 - Thursday 24 July 2025

SUPERNOVA CLUBS

Supernova clubs term 3 have started and there's lots of opportunity to try something new. You can sign up using Epraise Activities.

Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Keyboard Club Mrs. Griffiths GA8 15:35-16:30	Drama Club Miss Rubach GA7 15:35-16:30	KS3 Band Club Mr. Griffiths 15:35-16:30 GA8	Creative Lego Club Miss Claire 15:35-16:30 SB4
	Imagine Chaplaincy Team 15:35-16:30 Dance Studio	Book Club Mrs Shirley Library 15:35-16:30	Tassomai Club Miss Griffiths 15:35-16:30 SB9	
iMedia Club (Year 10 and 11) Mrs Evans SB9 15:35-16:30	Carrom Board Club Break time 10:40 – 10:55 SB6	'Get Ahead- Catch up' Club Mrs Martin FA1 15:35-16:30 (Year 10 and 11 only)		
Nova Nasheed and Qirat Club Mrs Malik SB6 15:35-16:30	Sparx Support Club Lunchtimes in SB9 and after school Faculty run 15:35-16:30 FC9			
Lego Robotics Club Miss Clare 15:35-16:30 SB4	Poetry Club Ms Lee and Ms Rennie FD3 15:35-16:30			
Study Base Every Day Monday and Friday: 14:40-15:35 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 15:35 – 16:30 SA6/7		 Nova Hreod Academy The best in everyone™ <small>Part of United Learning</small>		Super Nova Term 3



Monday

Tuesday

Fitness
Boys and Girls: Y7-11
TCO

Dodgeball
Boys and Girls: Y7-11
JMA/ AST

Badminton
Girls and Boys: Y7-11
TCO

Alternative Sports and Football Fixtures
Girls: Y7-11

Alternative Sports and Basketball Fixtures
Boys: Y7-11

Wednesday

Table Tennis
Boys and Girls: Y7-11
LPA

Thursday

Weight Training
Girls and Boys: Y7-11
AST

Volleyball
Girls and Boys: Y7-11
LPA

Friday

Football
Girls and Boys: Y7-11



These activities can be used as your "physical" section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award



Sports CLUBS

TERM 3



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We have received reports from local residents of children in Nova Hreod uniform riding bicycles without lights.

We would like to ask all parents to please check that their child's bike has working lights.

**BE SEEN
BE SAFE**



Nova Hreod Academy

Attendance Drop-In Sessions

Every day from
9.40 to 10.35

Parents/Carers can come into school and discuss their child's attendance with Ms Penfold



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



OPEN MORNINGS 2024

Open Morning is the perfect opportunity for Year 5 pupils and their parents to visit Nova Hreod Academy during a school day

Join us for a short presentation, meet staff and current scholars and have a tour of the building.

Tuesday 12th March 2024

9am - 11am

Thursday 6th June 2024

9am - 11am



To register
Scan the QR code

Catalyst STEM Stream Open Morning



Tuesday 19th March 2024

9am - 10am

The Catalyst Stem Stream is Nova's specialist provision for ambitious scholars who have a strong interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

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