



MESSAGE FROM MR WELLS

The buzz is back in school. The way in which our scholars have settled back into the routine of school life, working hard, completing their home study and being able to spend time with their friends has made me especially proud to see. Our COVID-19 mass testing programme has got off to a great start and is now a well-oiled machine, with over 850 students being tested every Monday. I'd like to thank all the staff who have made this work so smoothly, the scholars for their cooperation, and to the parents and carers who are supporting the home testing programme. A reminder that the link to record home testing results is on the school website at <https://www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/information-for-parents/parent-letters>

This month in assemblies we have introduced students to the challenges faced by people with autism during National Autism Week. We have also shared a very powerful video from the Wiltshire PCSO team about hate crime. One hundred percent of our tutor groups said that we should tackle hate crime in all its forms, which is a clear demonstration that Nova is accepting of diversity within our community.

I am pleased to welcome two new members of our senior leadership team; these are both internal appointments and have already started on their new roles. Dr Jannine Clapp is our new Assistant Principal for Scholarship, with responsibility for home study, numeracy, careers and our exciting new STEM provision. Mr Simon Foster has been appointed as Assistant Principal for Character, with responsibility for the tutor programme, the house system, Supernova, and student leadership.

I am excited about next term being even better than the last, and I wish you all an enjoyable Easter break.

Nick Wells
Headteacher

UPDATE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It has been fantastic being able to see our students face-to-face again, seeing them out and about enjoying the sunshine and being active, and to welcome them back into lessons. We've really missed them and it's great to have them back.

I'd like to congratulate the year 10 students who applied for prefect positions for next year. They had their interviews this week with Miss Dominy and Mr Foster and we are looking forward to working with them in their new leadership roles next year.

One of the benefits of lockdown has been the improved communication through epraise and we encourage students to communicate with their teachers through epraise if they are struggling with anything. This will lead to greater success.

Due to the fact that Year 11 will be taking their assessments earlier this year, we will be bringing forward the parent feedback and Achievement Review Day. **Achievement Review Day** for students in Key Stage 3 will now take place on **14th July**. For students in Year 10, there will be a **parent subject consultation evening** on **8th July**. It is likely that both these events will take place online but more details will be sent out next term.

Next term all students will start preparing for **Best in Everyone Assessment 2 (BiE2)**. Students will be given the timetable for their assessments during w/c 10th May. These assessments will help provide their adjustments for grouping for the next academic year and there will be a summary of their achievements throughout this year. We want to ensure that students are focusing their studies on achieving the best they possibly can. A booklet with the topics for students to revise, together with the amended dates for reports will be sent out early next term.

Benn Griffin
Assistant Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2021

Thursday 1st April—INSET Day

2nd-18th April—Easter holidays

For more information visit









www.novahreodacademy.org.uk



A reminder to parents - please do not drive down the hill to the turning circle to drop off your children at school. This causes congestion and can risk the safety our students.

Please do not park on Akers Way or Beaney View - please use the car park at Cheney Manor Industrial Estate.

EPRaise LEAGUE TABLE

	Total points	Attendance
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
4th		

EPRaise TOP STUDENTS-MARCH



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LET THE QUIZ BEGIN!



NOVA HOUSE QUIZ

BATTLE IT OUT FOR YOUR HOUSE

Every Thursday 7pm.

Follow the link sent on ePraise or Twitter
[@HousesNova](#).

Team names must begin with the first initial of your house name. For example, if you're in Cygnus, and want to be called QuizMasters, you should call your team CQuizMasters.

COMPETITIONS



Year 7 cake design competition

Year 7 Cake design

Winner: Kirsty Domaile

We had an overwhelming response from year 7 so have a few runners up

Runner ups:

Heidi Mason
Lela Wright
Sienna Dodson
Lucas King
Megan Throne
Hayley Walker
Aiden Jones
Thomas Upton



Year 8 Pop inspired clothing competition



Year 8 Pop inspired Clothing

Winner: Ruby Reade

Runners up:

Evie Adams
Jake Byrne

Year 9 Punk Mask

Winner: Isabel Selwood

Runner up:

Jessica Mann



Year 9 Punk Mask Competition

NEWS FROM THE MATHS TEAM

This term in Maths we have celebrated our students' drive and contribution during online lessons. Congratulations to everyone who was nominated by their teachers.



Nova scholars have also taken part in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge, a 60-minute, multiple-choice competition aimed at students across the UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.



RED NOSE DAY



On Red Nose Day we held a non uniform day together with some stand up comedy in the atrium at lunchtime where teachers shared some of their favourite cheesy jokes. The teacher with the loudest cheers were:

First lunch: Mrs Malik—
Why is it sad parallel lines have so much in common? *Because they will never meet!*

Second lunch: Mrs King —
What did Jay-Z call his girlfriend before they were married? *Feyoncé!*

Third lunch - Mr Griffin —
Scholars, listen please, this is an important message - we are genuinely concerned about groups of students gathering around graph paper... *We think they're plotting something!*

Thank you to everyone who donated towards Comic Relief.



Thank you
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for raising an amazing

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You're tackling hunger, homelessness, abuse
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This is not an official receipt of money raised. Photography by Tom Van Schelven.
Comic Relief is the trading name of Charity Projects, a registered charity in England and Wales (263588)
and Scotland (SC039730), which is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales (01806414).



LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH KONKANI



Vowels and diphthongs

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Consonants

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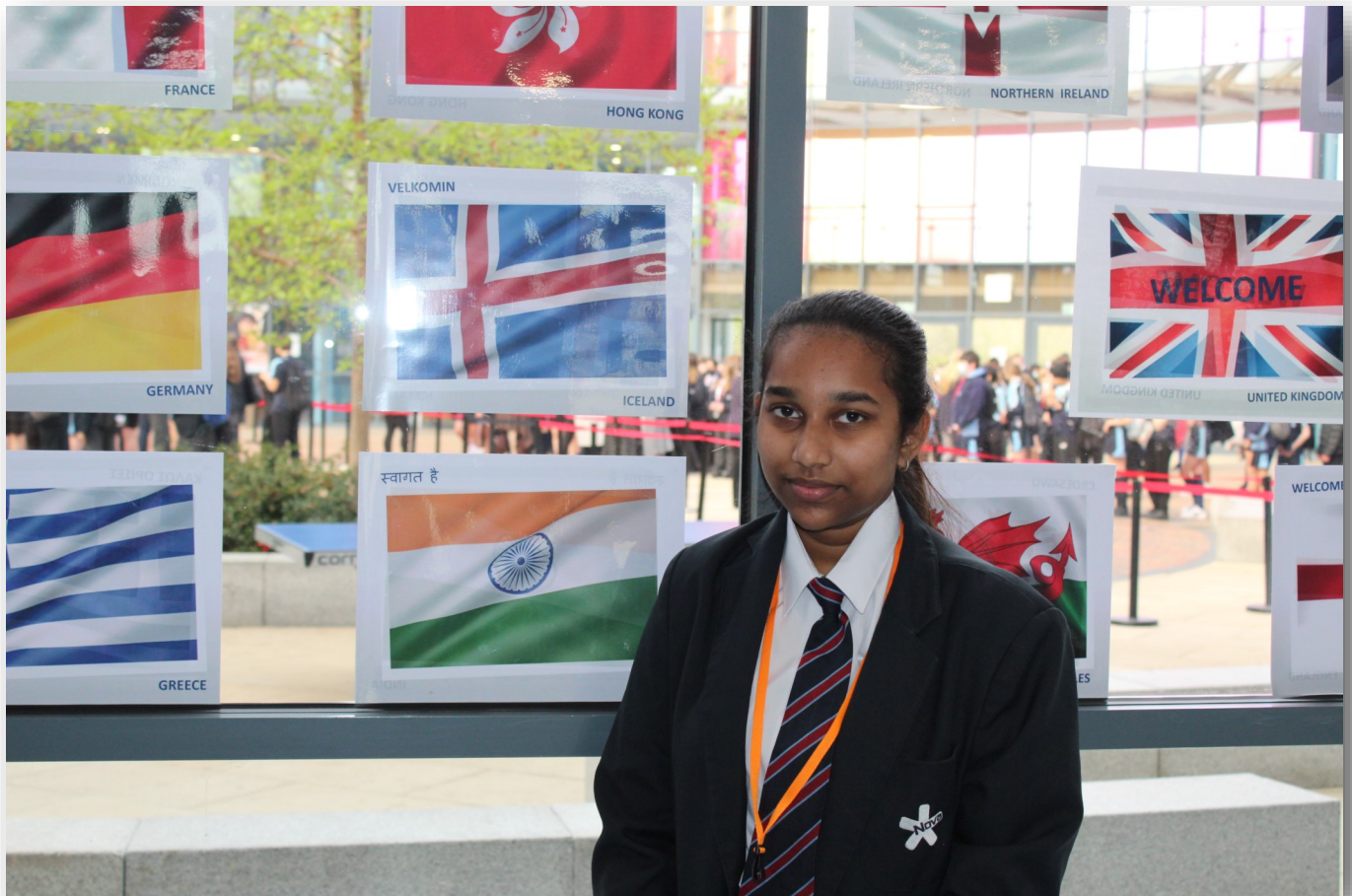
Is an Indic language spoken mainly in Goa and adjacent parts of south-western India

Konkani is the mother tongue and spoken by, around 4 Million people of various part of the world. Out of these 4 million most live in the West Coast of India, popularly known as Konkani Region.

Konkani is an Indo-Aryan language belonging to the Indo-European family of languages spoken in the Konkani coast of India. Konkani is the official language in the Indian state of Goa and is also one of the official languages of India.

Learn to pronounce some basic words in Konkani

- Hello - Deu boro dis dium
- Goodbye - Miochay / Adeus
- Yes/no – Hoei/Na
- I am happy - Aoo tsaud kooshi
- Please - Upkar koroonc



Delsey joined us from from Goa a few weeks ago. She is in year 11 and speaks Konkani and English. So far she feels quite happy here at UK, she likes Nova and Maths is her favourite subject.

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SEND NEWS SPLASH

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Inclusive Education Festival

The National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTI) is running a week-long inclusion festival from 15th March. It's free and you can attend as many sessions as you like and hear some great speakers, who are lined up to share good practice and get the conversation going.

Inclusive Education Festival 15 - 19 March 2021



There are eight free events to attend during this festival, which include:

- The Journey Towards Inclusive Education (Monday 15th Mar, 2pm-4pm)
- Leadership for Inclusion & Inclusive Classroom Practice (Tuesday 16th Mar, 10.30am - 12.30pm)
- An International Perspective on Inclusive Education (Tuesday 16th Mar, 2pm-4pm)

And many more. To sign up to attend an event and see the other great events that are available, please click [here](#).

SEND Professional and Citizen Portal Downtime!!

This weekend (13th & 14th March), the SEND Professional and Citizen Portals will be unavailable whilst essential maintenance is completed. Please do not try to access the system during this time, any information recorded during this time will be lost. We apologise for any disruption this may cause.

Creative Education - Free Webinars

Creative Education have some free webinars available to download, including Supporting Autistic Children to Return to School. Once you've registered, you will receive notification of upcoming free webinars and can register to either attend a webinar or to receive a recording.

To access the free webinars, click [here](#).

SEND Service contact details

The SEND Service aim to provide you with excellent customer service and we're committed to getting back to you within 48-72 hours.

To speak to a member of staff, please call 07824 868353 or 07971 715864 (telephone lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5pm and 8am-4.30pm Friday) or email SENAT@swindon.gov.uk.



Branches: Chat and Chill sessions

In place of our face to face support group Branches, we are continuing with our online Chat & Chill sessions via Zoom, which provide an opportunity to chat with other local parents and carers in a relaxed and informal online environment. Please feel free to join us on the following day:

Tuesday 23rd March from 7.30pm -

8.30pm: This time we are pleased to have Jodie Smitten once again joining us for a Q&A session. Jodie specialises in Autism and has hosted several workshops for us in the past!

Link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87940515148>

Meeting ID: 879 4051 5148

Passcode: 135781



PE COMPETITION

As we approached the end of the last lockdown, the PE teachers challenged students to measure the distance they could walk or run, with a prize being awarded to the person in each year group who covered the greatest distance over a 30 day period. The winning student from each year group

was presented with a fitness tracker watch.

We were very impressed with the number of entries and the distance they travelled. Congratulations to the winning students.

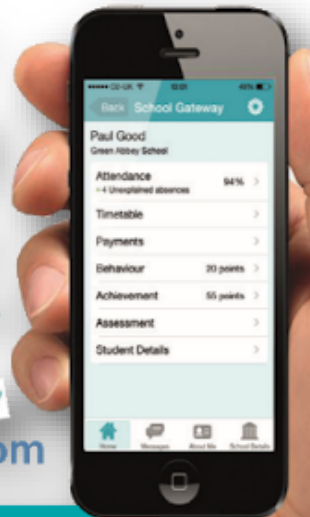
Year 7
Oliver Russell 160km
Year 8
Marcy Walton 183km
Year 9
Kieran Shurley 126km
Year 10
Bethany Rouse 251km
Year 11
Jacob Hilliard Davey 337km



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Tuesday 15th June and Thursday 24th June at 9.00 a.m.

- for more information and to register for any of our virtual Open Mornings, please visit
- www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/news-and-events/virtual-open-morning



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April
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