



### MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR VICE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our June newsletter.

We have had another exciting month at Nova. The Under 16s Boys Football team did fantastically well to reach the Swindon Schools cup final which was played at Cirencester Town FC. Though they eventually lost 4-2, there were many excellent individual performances and we are proud of their efforts. We had six scholars represent Nova at a swimming gala in May. This was a considerably smaller team than other schools, but all our swimmers performed excellently to achieve a high-placed finish in the competition. Our Year 7 and 8 scholars had the opportunity to watch the acclaimed Smashed Live performance, which deals with a range of social issues. Alongside this, Year 10 visited the Prime Theatre and our SuperNova boxing club has started with strong attendance.

Our Year 11 scholars are now well into their GCSE exams and are continuing to work with drive in our revision sessions. During the first three weeks of June, all Year 7-10 scholars will take the Best in Everyone 2 assessments. At the end of July, we have both a Y7-9 Academic Review Day and a Y10 Parents Evening. More information will follow shortly. I hope you enjoy reading through the newsletter and finding out more about life at Nova.

Dan Hudson  
Senior Vice Principal

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### MAY 2022

Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd

June—Half Term Holiday

#### JUNE 2022

Tuesday 14th —Open Morning

Thursday 23rd —Open Morning

Thursday 30th —Catalyst Information  
Evening

Thursday 16th—New Parents'  
Information Evening

Wednesday 22nd—Head teachers'  
parent forum









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## EPRAISE LEAGUE TABLE

	Total points	Attendance
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
4th		

## EPRAISE TOP STUDENTS THIS WEEK



## THE WORLD AROUND US

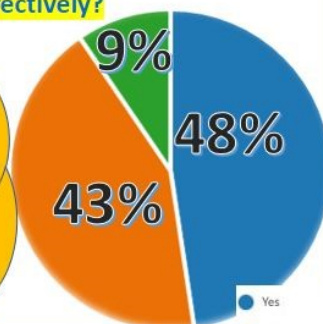
Each week in the World Around Us, tutor groups talk through a new topic based on what is happening in the world and around school. At the end of each discussion, scholars are invited to vote based on their own opinion. Each new week starts with a discussion of the previous week's results.

### Responses from last term:

Do you know how to manage stress effectively?

Aquila 7 discussed how important it is to take care of yourself, for example, doing exercise and eating well. We understand the importance of speaking to others and asking for help if feeling stressed. Homework can be stressful, but we will try to do small bits often to prevent doing it the day/night before and feeling overwhelmed and stressed. (Aquila 7)

Top tips: Do something you enjoy, ask if people are OK, catch up on sleep, digital detox, learning to say no, exam stress, exercise, eating well, exercise, normal feeling - stress is our bodies response, its natural. Breathing exercises. (Pegasus 1)



● Yes  
● No  
● Other - see comment

**Nova Votes**

Drive ★ Integrity ★ Scholarship ★ Contribution

### Responses from last term:

Do you know how to manage stress effectively?

Sometimes stress feels impossible to manage, to reduce stress students could visit the hub to reduce noise, quiet spaces. (Orion 5)

Most students said 50/50 They kind of know (Orion 6)

Sitting in your room on your own and simply listening to music or a podcast, doing absolutely nothing else (time out) (Orion 7)

We have discussed various ways in which we can reduce stress we experience, such as doing your homework over the course of the week and not leaving it until the last minute, speaking to your teachers if you find topics difficult, asking for help and looking after yourself by doing things you enjoy. (Cygnus 1)

Write it down; exercise; get more sleep; have a hobby; be more organised; be self aware; talk to people / teachers; homework club; childline (Cygnus 4)

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## ORION HOUSE UPDATE



Being back in vertical house tutor groups and having face to face assemblies has been wonderful so far. Orion have persevered and remained in first place for attendance (the more you come in the higher the chance to earn DISC points and maintain a high standard of learning) as well as top of the House Championships. With the other houses battling it out against us for 250 weekly competition points and 100 weekly ALT points, we cannot relax and get too confident about the House Championship trophy being OURS, not UNTIL it has only RED ribbons on it at the end of the year.

We have had many successes in the Spring terms, from Mrs Evans winning the termly Thursday night quiz, to the various Friday challenge wins, ALT weeks where we've dominated the attendance league tables, and more recently winning Giant Jenga AGAIN.

Despite our best effort and perseverance, we haven't won the Times Table Challenge (which went to Cygnus) nor did we win the University Challenge (which Aquila won) so the next chance of winning 1000 points will be the next tutor time contest! I am still so proud of all of Orion House, we are the house others want to beat and we display excellent camaraderie even if we do not get an outcome we want. In the meantime, if everyone works hard to earn star slips, DISC points and even DISC postcards, as well as putting their best foot forward for Friday competitions, we will maintain a healthy lead.

We have 15 Orion students who are very close to attaining their Bronze Charter Award, there are numerous ways to attain the Charter Award Certificates. Well done to our Orion Scholars who have embodied what it means to be a Nova scholar, I hope we have many more Orion students attaining the Bronze or even Silver Award very soon!

Now is the time Year 7s to Year 10s, to boost your Drive and Scholarship to prepare well for the end of year BiE2s coming up. Some fantastic scholarship

has been displayed by Orion 6 who were the Best Tutor in House for Week 30 in the Sparx leaderboards. Many of you have attained your level up certificates, which is only possible due to the excellent Scholarship and Drive you have displayed. This summer term means Year 11 have their GCSEs, I want to wish you all the very best of luck. Keep working hard and put in the effort to attain your aspirational grades.

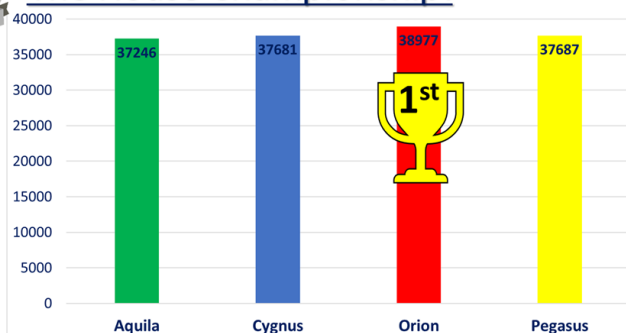
**Mrs Malik**  
**Head of Orion House**

### Term 5 Aims!

**Charter! Who will get BRONZE first?**  
**DISC points! Minimum 2 each week =  $225 \times 2 = 450$**   
**Sport and/or Drama and/or Supernova!**  
**Friday Competitions!**  
**House Championship!!!**  
**Small wins! At least 1 -2 DISC point/week**  
**Wellbeing!!!!!! #MentalHealthAwarenessMonth**



### The House Championship!



### The Nova Charter!

The following students are very close to their Bronze award...



Charles	Orion 2
Orhie	Orion 3
Owen	Orion 4
Japphi	Orion 3
Theo	Orion 5
Kyra	Orion 3
Ben	Orion 2
Jay	Orion 4
Mollie	Orion 2
Harry	Orion 1
Heidi	Orion 7
Savannah	Orion 6
Serwaa	Orion 7
Aiden	11-OP3
Katie	Orion 3



## BOYS FOOTBALL

Both our U16 and Year 9 football teams reached the finals in competitions this term. This is a fantastic achievement for both teams after not being able to play during the pandemic. Unfortunately neither team got the results they wanted in their final but gave impressive performances throughout the season and can be very proud of themselves.





## OUTSTANDING RESULTS AT SWIMMING GALA

Six Nova scholars represented the school in the Wiltshire Schools' swimming gala at Clarendon Pool last week.

This was the first time Nova have taken part in this competition and our scholars were sensational! Despite only having 6 competitors, Nova finished in 6th place out of 14 schools! They were also delighted to meet 2 x Paralympic Gold Medallist and 4 x world champion Stephanie Millward MBE.

It was also fantastic to have scholars taking part who haven't previously represented the school in sport.



### Stand out results ...

**Evan**  
**1st in Wiltshire 50m free**  
**1st 50m back**

**Josh**  
**3rd in Wiltshire 50m**  
**breaststroke**  
**3rd 50m fly**

**Etta**  
**3rd in Wiltshire 50m**  
**free**

**Betina**  
**1st in Wiltshire 50m fly**  
**2nd 50m back**

**Finlay**  
**2nd in Wiltshire 50m**  
**free**  
**4th in 50m fly**

**Mateusz, Finlay, Evan & Josh**  
**2nd in Wiltshire 4 x 2**  
**freestyle relay**





## WE ARE PROUD OF...

Zack (Year 9 Aquila) who has been offered a place on the Leicester Tigers Rugby Tournament. This is a last minute placement to run alongside his Bath Rugby Development Programme. He is also taking part in a Bath Rugby Development Programme festival where we will find out if he is invited back to the U15s season for Bath. Zack plays for Supermarine RFC who recently came 2nd in their group in the tournament.



Ex-Nova scholar Xander who left us in 2021 has been appointed Head Boy at GWA Sixth form. We wish him well in his new role representing the student body and supporting the development of the school.

Xander was a head of the Nova school council from 2020 to 2021. We wish him every success in his new role.





## SMASHED LIVE

Year 7 and Year 8 attended a live theatre experience in school which was both fun and thought provoking. **Smashed Live** is a national performance project focusing on alcohol awareness and how to tackle the issue with positive thinking. The story followed a group of friends and the damage that alcohol caused to them, their friendship and their families.



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*I enjoyed the performance in the theatre about alcohol awareness. Even though it was a serious topic they still managed to make it fun and hilarious. The best bit was when the character Mal got really drunk.*

*It's a good idea to have this sort of show in schools because it teaches teens about the dangers of underage drinking"*

**Courtney, Year 8**

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## CREATIVE CONSTELLATIONS

Year 5 pupils from Haydonleigh Primary and Haydon Wick Primary School joined us for creative arts and storytelling workshops last week.

We were very proud of our Year 7 house reps who provided lots of support to the pupils and helped us deliver the workshops.



*"Please take many photos of me so that my mum can see how good this school is. I can't believe I could do this in Art!"*

*Frankie Mae, year 5*

*"This school is good. I like it very much and they have the best cookies!"*

*Sofia, year 5*









## ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP

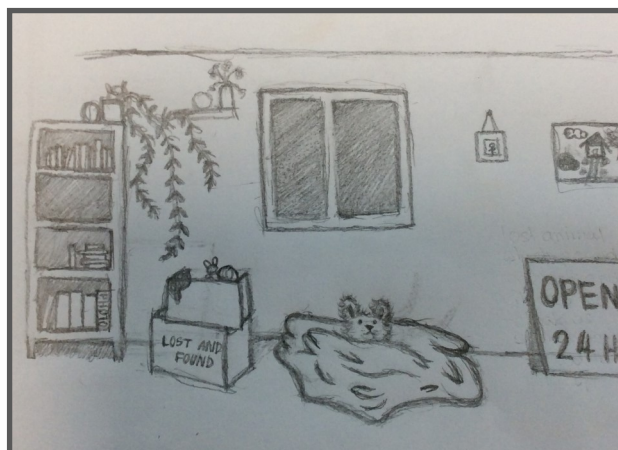
On Tuesday 17th May two of our students, Szantal year 8 and Ola year 9, attended an illustration workshop run by Steve Antony at The Deanery School. They were joined by students from the Deanery, Great Western Academy, Highworth Warneford, Lawn Academy, Dorcan Academy, St Joseph's and Ridgeway. Steve was born in Swindon, went to college locally to study illustration and is Swindon Libraries Patron to Children's Reading Services. Steve spoke about how he was inspired by art when he was younger to get creative. He also told the students that he is colour blind so only chooses a few colours when deciding what ones to use or his Designer and Editor will make suggestions. To get ideas he told them that he reads the news and listens to what is going on around him when he is out in different places. He got students to use their senses to come up with one word which he asked them to write down. These words were put in a box, mixed up and then given out to different students randomly. He asked them then to build from this word by thinking of things associated with it. They then spent the workshop building on this one word to create an illustration.

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*"I enjoyed listening to advice of a professional to help me get better at drawing myself. It was an amazing experience that helped me discover my imagination and creativity. I really enjoyed drawing my character and seeing the stories come to life. I would love to do it again!"*

Szantal, Year 8

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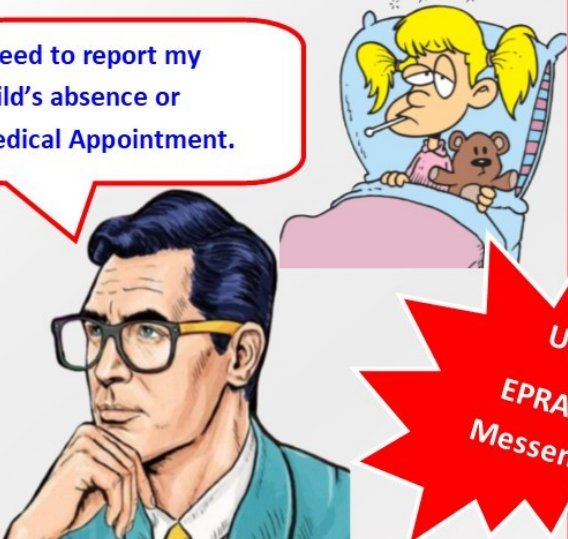
*"I enjoyed the fact that we got to share ideas with the rest of the group and see how their drawing was coming along. Towards the end we got to ask questions about the illustrators work and the different techniques he uses when illustrating from a text. I also liked that everyone was included and that before we did the individual task, the whole group got to come up with ideas and different scenes."*

Ola, Year 9


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I need to report my child's absence or medical Appointment.



I have a query about FSM or Parent pay...



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I need to contact my son's teacher but I work during school hours...



I need to speak with Pastoral / House Managers team and the telephone is busy. What can I do?



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# SUPERNOVA

On 15<sup>th</sup> May we had our very first Boxing Club session.

There was a very good turnout and it is so good to see so many girls taking an interest in boxing!

Everyone who took part did extremely well and I was really impressed with the way everyone listened and joined in, see you on Mondays after school in the gym!

*Mr Barkham*









## PRIME THEATRE WORKSHOP

Scholars in Year 8,9 and 10 enjoyed a workshop with Laura from Prime Theatre. Year 8 scholars had an introduction to melodrama, while Year 9 and 10 scholars worked on devising productions. Great fun!





## SEND NEWS SPLASH

ISSUE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN  
TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2022

### Support offer for Ukrainian families coming into the area

Do you know of any Ukrainian families who are being relocated to the Swindon area? If so, please could you help Swindon SEND Families Voice make them aware of their offer to them.

SSFV would like to provide all of those families who have children with any kind of Special Educational Needs or Disability a SEND Support pack. They would also like to provide these families with free access to their lending library, the SEND Sharing Service, where they can access lots of specialist equipment such as specialist pushchairs, ear defenders, sensory toys etc completely free.

A member of SSFV, Nausheen, who works with local groups to try to reach families who have children with SEND from every corner of our community, says: "We really welcome the opportunity to provide support to relocated Ukrainian families as they have been through so much, and we hope they will find our offer helpful and reassuring."

For more information see the [SEND Sharing Service](#) page.

### The Annual Review Form is changing!

From September 2022, there will be a new, co-produced, Annual Review Form available both in the SEND Professional Portal and via the [Local Offer](#). Please familiarise yourselves with this.

Any old Annual Review forms will not be accepted from September 2022 onwards.

## Annual SEND Survey 2021 Summary Report

The third annual SEND survey ran from October to December 2021 to measure satisfaction levels and the experience of those delivering and receiving services supporting children and young people with SEND in Swindon.

Who responded?

368 responses



261

parents/carers



97

practitioners



28

young people



The summary report is now available on the Local Offer website, providing a visual analysis of the survey responses received from parents/carers, young people and professionals. It also shows how feedback in response to this survey is now being used to inform the actions within the SEND and Inclusion Delivery Plan.

For more information see the [Swindon Local Offer - The Annual SEND Survey 2021](#).

## BRANCHES SUPPORT GROUP EVERYONE WELCOME

Tel: 07486 873405

Email: [swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com](mailto:swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com)



BRANCHES is a support group open to all parents and carers of children and young people with any Special Educational Need or Disability, aged 0-25 years



BRANCHES is a free support group, however voluntary donations for refreshments are welcomed



# The Big Haydon Wick Jubilee Lunch

Thursday 2nd June, 12.00pm - 5.00pm at King George V Field



## It's Competition Time!

Fancy Dress Competition, with amazing prizes to be won for the following categories:

- Best King or Queen Fancy dress (youth)
  - Best Royal Family (family)
- The Best Dressed Queen Elizabeth (adults)





# Grab a jab **NHS**

at a local drop-in clinic



## **Moredon & Rodbourne Cheney Library**

Church Walk North, Moredon, Swindon SN25 3DJ

**Wednesday 25 May, 2pm till 5pm**

### **Covid-19 vaccination is free**

- You do not need proof of address
- You do not need an NHS number
- Your details will not be shared for immigration purposes

**Spring Booster available for those over 75 or Immunosuppressed**

**First, second and booster doses available.**

**Open to anyone aged 13 and over.**

**No invite required**



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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### Open Mornings

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Thursday 23rd June 2022  
9-11am

### Catalyst STEM Stream

#### Open Morning

Thursday 23rd June 2022  
11am-12pm

register online at [www.novahreodacademy.org.uk](http://www.novahreodacademy.org.uk)

## Preparing for Adulthood

# Transitions Roadshow 2022

For parents, carers and professionals who support young people age 14+ with additional needs

**Wednesday 15th June - 10am to 4pm**  
**Legends Lounge, Swindon Town Football Club**

Please come along and chat to 40+ stallholders from organisations supporting young people with additional needs as they prepare for adult life

Employment,  
volunteering  
& training

Independent  
Living

Friends,  
Relationships  
& Community  
Involvement

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