



OPEN EVENING GUIDE



Nova Hreod Academy
The best in everyone™
Part of United Learning

Welcome to Nova Hreod Academy

6.00-6.15 pm

Arrival, welcome, canapés and sign up for a session

Have a look through this booklet to help you choose from the variety of taster sessions we have on offer this evening. Visit one of the subject stalls in the atrium to sign up for one of the taster sessions.

6.15-7.00pm

For parents and carers - Presentation in the theatre

Mr Harding-Mbogo, our Principal, the Senior Leadership Team and some of our scholars will give a presentation in the school theatre about what makes Nova a very special school to belong to.

For students - Taster sessions

Whilst parents and carers are in the presentation, your child will have the chance to take part in a session in one of our subjects and get to know some of our teachers, before returning to the atrium at 7pm.

7.00-8.00pm

Explore Nova

You will be able to meet up with your child again in the atrium, have a walk around the building, and talk to our staff and scholars in order to find out more about Nova. If you would like a guided tour please speak to one of our scholars or staff.

Meet the Senior Leadership Team



**James
Harding-Mbogo**
Principal



Krisha Hendra
Senior Vice Principal
Culture



Sonja Unwin
Senior Vice Principal
Quality of Education



Justin Delap
Vice Principal
Teaching & Learning



Jannine Clapp
Assistant Principal
ITT, Educational Visits
& Home Study



Alex Gordon
Assistant Principal
Attendance



Faye Green
Assistant Principal
Behaviour



Casha Nijhawan
Assistant Principal
Raising Standards



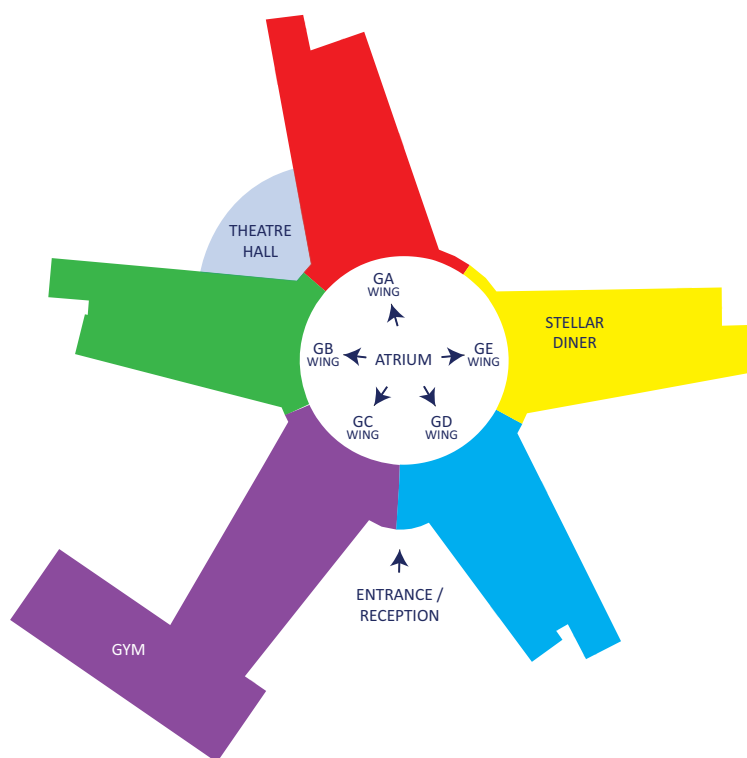
Toby Watkins
Assistant Principal
Data & Assessment



Ben Wilkinson
Assistant Principal
Co-Curricular

Finding your way around

Nova Hreod Academy has 5 wings that radiate out from the central Atrium. Each wing contains a different subject area.



	Ground Floor	First Floor	Second Floor
A Wing	Drama, Music, Dance	Art	Business
B Wing	Design Technology	Technology (Food, Catering, Textiles)	Mathematics, Computing
C Wing	PE	Languages, Library	Science
D Wing		English	Science
E Wing	Stellar Diner	Humanities	

Mrs Edens our SENDCO will be available if you would like to discuss Special Educational Needs.

Please ask on arrival if you need to use the lift or would like a guided tour of the school.

The Stellar Diner are offering free samples and refreshments throughout the evening.

Art

Student Session 6.15pm

In art you will be looking at transformation of portraits. We will study how we can alter an image and add further patterns and structures to enhance the 3D form of the face.

From 7.00pm

Visit FA wing to see our amazing Art facilities and examples of student work, including work completed from year 7 all the way up to our year 11 GCSE work.



Drama

Student Session 6.15pm

In drama we will be looking at how to create a stage and set for a range of different performances and you will have the chance to pick a costume for a photo booth session and decorate masks to take home.

From 7.00pm

Come to drama and explore spaces, props, costumes and resources that we will use during lessons at Nova Hreod.



English

From 7.00pm

We look forward to welcoming you to the English faculty where we will share examples of our students' work, our year 7 text choices, and will be able to answer any questions you may have. Various English based activities will be taking place in our classrooms, that students can join in with.



Humanities

Student Session 6.15pm

Unicorn Horn and Chickens' Bums: how did people try to survive the Black Death?

In this exciting History session, pupils will get the chance to explore the methods people used to try and avoid and treat the plague in the 1300s. They'll even get to take home their own medieval pomander!

From 7.00pm

Visit FE wing where you will be able to see examples of student work, home study, and what pupils will study in History, Geography and RE across Key Stage 3 and at GCSE.



Languages

Student Session 6.15pm

We will be offering a workshop on how to describe what subjects you like and dislike at school with some fast-paced, interactive group games included.

From 7.00pm

Come to MFL where we will have a live French session demonstrating how we learn languages at Nova. We will have some booklets available so you can see what topics we will be looking at. We have specialists around to answer any questions you may have too.



Library

Student Session 6.15pm

In the Library we will be running quizzes. These quizzes will be a What Goes Where, word quiz and David Walliams activities.

From 7.00pm

Visit the Library to see the wide range of fiction and non-fiction books that are available for students to borrow. Meet our current Student Librarians and learn about their role in helping run the Library.



Maths & Computing

Student Session 6.15pm

In this session you will learn how mathematics can be used in some amazing ways by learning several different Maths Magic Tricks. Your teacher will show you how special properties of numbers can lead to some fascinating results, then you will get a chance to try them out yourself!

From 7.00pm

Explore the maths wing to take part in a series of problem-solving challenges.

Stop in to SB9, one of our Computing rooms, to see some of the Computer Science equipment and programs we use to help teach you how to code.



Music

Student Session 6.15pm

In music we will be learning a new piece of music on the keyboard. We will begin by learning the melody and then move on to combining both hands!

From 7.00pm

Visit the GA wing where you will be able to play on our instruments and see our top class computer suite running music composition software. You will also be able to meet and listen to some of our fantastic Nova musicians! Finally, find out about what we offer in terms of instrumental and vocal lessons.



PE

Student Session 6.15pm

In this PE taster session, you can have a go at some of the exciting sports that our students do in year 7. The sports available for you to try out today are Dodgeball, Basketball & Football.

From 7.00pm

Visit the PE wing to check out our amazing facilities. We will have a penalty shoot out where you can compete against year 10 students. You will also have a chance to play Basketball, Badminton and take part in Parkour.



Science

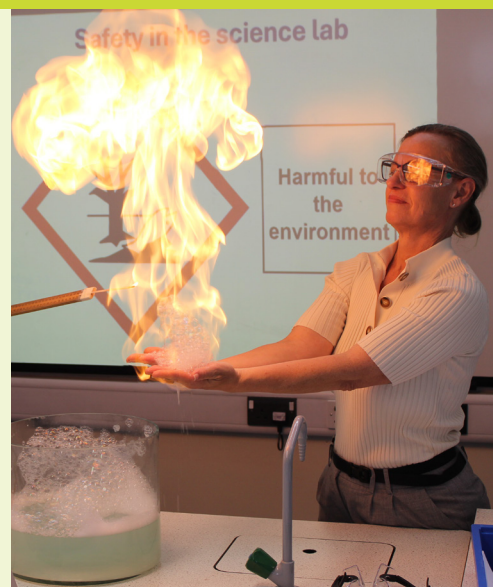
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In this session you will find out how to use a Bunsen burner safely before having a go yourself. You can then use this new skill to carry out some flame tests on different chemicals.

From 7.00pm

Visit the biology room to find out how our heart and lungs work. Come to chemistry to discover dry ice, slime and to set a teacher on fire!

Finally try our Van der Graff generator in physics and see our Ruben's tube in action. There will also be examples of our scholars work for you to have a look at.



Technology

Student Session 6.15pm

We will be offering a workshop on cake decorating techniques. You will make your own icing and choose from a range of ingredients and equipment to decorate a cupcake.

From 7.00pm

Visit the technology wing where you will be able to see a display of our student work. See our workrooms and range of equipment. Move up to textiles and food where you can try your hand at identifying a range of exotic fruit and vegetables.



Catalyst STEM Stream

The Catalyst STEM Stream at Nova Hreod Academy is a unique opportunity in Swindon for ambitious students who have a natural aptitude for learning and a keen interest in STEM subjects. Year 7 students joining the Catalyst STEM Stream in September 2025 will study the sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics in greater depth and at an accelerated pace, working alongside STEM professionals to develop their interests and knowledge.

From 7.00pm

Visit Dr Spreadbury in the Atrium to find out more about the Catalyst STEM Stream.



