



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2026

Thursday 1st

Open Evening—6pm to 8pm

Wednesday 7th

Young Musician

Thursday 8th

Open Morning

Catalyst Information Evening—
5pm to 6pm

Saturday 10th

Catalyst Taster Session 1

Monday 12th

Ski Trip Parents' Information
Evening

Tuesday 13th

Open Morning

Thursday 15th

Year 7 Parents' Evening

For more dates and
information visit
www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/events

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It has been wonderful to welcome students back after the summer holidays as well as welcoming our new Year 7 students to our Nova community.

Over the summer holidays we have had lots of maintenance work done to the site ensuring that the school is in a really good state ready for the year ahead. This has included lots of redecorating of tired parts of the building, continued refurbishment of student toilets and new picnic benches for the playground. This work will continue in October half term with the installation of foldaway seating in the Theatre allowing us to then use this as an additional dining space at break and lunchtime for the students.

We were very pleased to celebrate an excellent set of exam results from our outgoing Year 11 students over the summer holidays, these results matched the previous summers strong results and continue to place us as one of the top performing schools in the town.

This academic year we begin a renewed focus on character education. We know that to give students the best possible chance of success we need to not only provide an excellent academic education but also one where the development of character is prioritised. In addition to our wide extra-curricular offer and our house system, both of which offer the opportunity to develop character, we will also begin teaching students in tutor time about the character virtues we believe will support them to succeed in the world beyond Nova.

Finally many of you will be very sad to hear that Mrs. Gawthorn has retired over the summer. I personally owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Gawthorn for her support in her role as my PA and would like to place my thanks on record here. I know that many families in our community will also have their own stories of how Mrs. Gawthorn has supported and helped them over the years. We all wish her a very happy retirement.

James Harding-Mbogo- Principal



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prefects**

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OPEN EVENING



Open Evening

Thursday 1st October 2026 6pm to 8pm

Catalyst Information Evening

Thursday 8th October 2026 5pm to 6pm



Catalyst
STEM Stream

The Catalyst Stem Stream is Nova's specialist provision for ambitious students who have a strong interest in Science, Technology, Computing and Mathematics

LAST SCHOOL YEAR ROUND-UP

CREST AWARDS

In the final days of the summer term, Catalyst pupils were awarded certificates in recognition of their enthusiasm, effort and dedication in CREST Club. Over the course of two terms, students completed 10 hours of research and practical work, developing their investigative and scientific skills as they explored how to create the bath bomb with the biggest fizz. Through a series of experiments, pupils tested different ingredients and methods, recording and analysing their results along the way. Congratulations to all the pupils involved for their hard work, commitment and achievement throughout the project. We look forward to seeing what future CREST Club participants accomplish.



CULTURE DAY FUNDRAISING TOTALS

We are delighted to share that Culture Day, held on 20 July, raised an impressive **£233.15** for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you and well done to everyone who contributed to this fantastic achievement. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped support a truly worthwhile cause, and we are incredibly proud of the school community's efforts.



YEAR 11 STUDENTS CELEBRATE GCSE SUCCESS

On Thursday 20th August, Year 11 students at Nova Hreod Academy celebrated an excellent set of GCSE results, reflecting the hard work, determination and resilience they demonstrated throughout their studies. Students across the year group achieved strong outcomes, with many securing top grades and taking important next steps towards further education, apprenticeships and future careers.

Among the outstanding achievements were:

Abby and Mateusz, who achieved three Grade 9s and four Grade 8s

Umer, who achieved two Grade 9s and six Grade 8s

Areej, who achieved one Grade 9 and six Grade 8s

Anna, who achieved a Distinction, one Grade 9 and four Grade 8s

Speaking on results day, Principal James Harding-Mbogo said:

"Congratulations to all our students who are seeing the result of all their hard work pay off. There have been some superb individual results, with students achieving the very highest grades. Thank you to our superb team of staff for supporting our students. Our staff go above and beyond for our students, and today's results would not have been possible without their hard work and commitment."

We are incredibly proud of all students who collected their results and celebrated their achievements. We wish them every success as they continue their educational journeys and pursue their future aspirations.



Job Vacancies

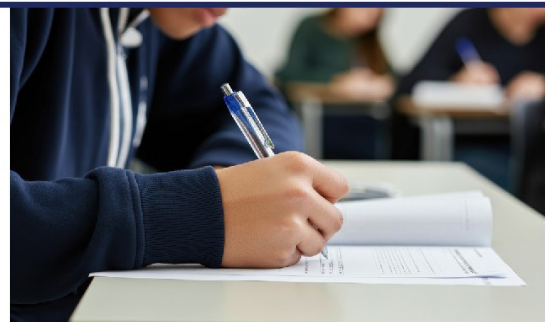


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Exam Invigilators

Organised and dependable Exam Invigilator committed to creating a calm, compliant, and distraction-free testing environment.

*Closing date for applications:
Midnight, Sunday 18th October 2026.*



Food Technician (1 Year Fixed Term Contract)

Dedicated Food Technician committed to Food Quality and Safety Standards. This can be someone who has held a similar role, or someone who has been in a secondary teaching support role that would like a new challenge.

*Closing date for applications:
Midnight, Wednesday 30th September 2026.*



See our website for more details www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/about-us/vacancies



Together we persevere to overcome obstacles and reach success.



We do everything as well as we can, always.



We are thoughtful and considered about how we treat others.



We are one team united by our pursuit of the best chance of success for every student.

Nova Values

Hard Work

Excellence

Kindness

Parents Evening

Working together for your child's future.



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Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th October 2026

Please book your teacher meetings on School Cloud from Thursday 1st October 2026

MEET OUR PREFECTS

We are delighted to introduce our new team of prefects for the academic year. Chosen for their leadership, commitment and positive contribution to school life, our prefects will play an important role in supporting students, representing the school and serving as role models for their peers. We are also proud to announce Esme and Rhys as our Head Girl and Head Boy. Both have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the school community and will lead the prefect team throughout the year.

Congratulations to all of our newly appointed prefects. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make and wish them every success in their new roles.

Advice from our prefects: -

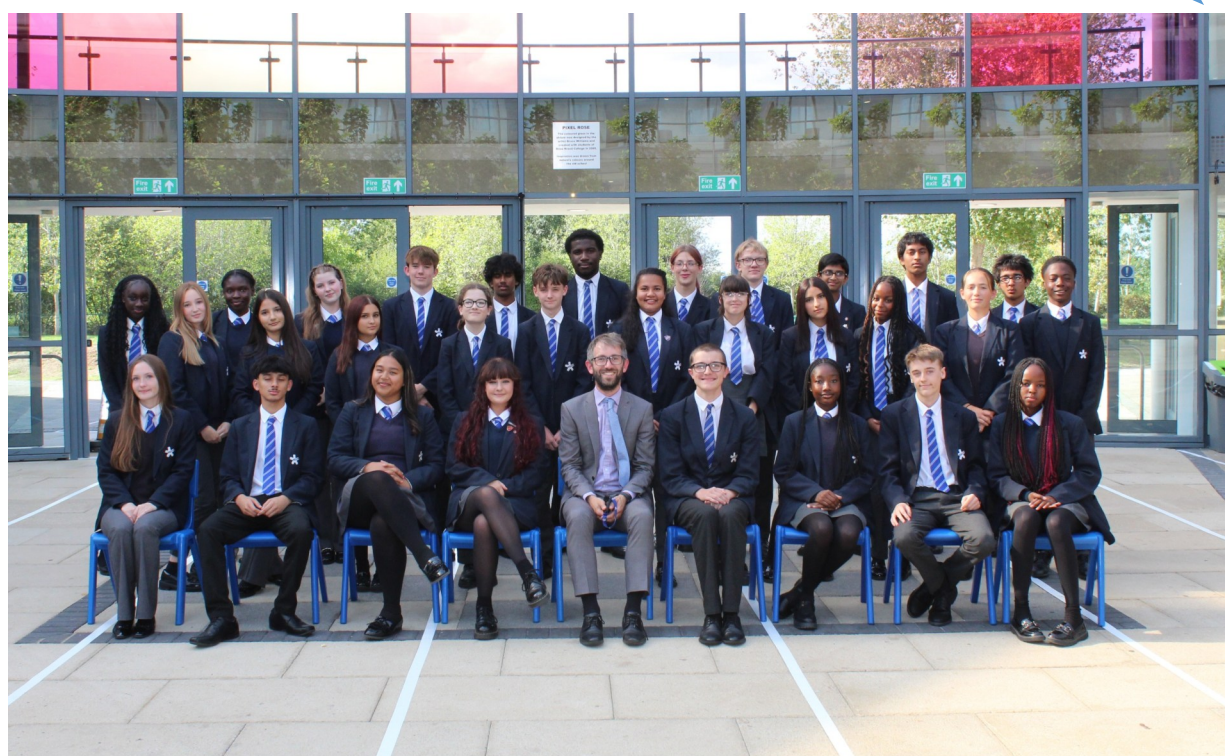
My advice for KS4 students is focus on balancing out your study's and your own free time, so you do not get overwhelmed with all the coursework and revision.

Your focus matters within classes as it will reflect on your future grades!

Try to enjoy what you learn, it makes it 10x easier

My favourite part of life at Nova is our Culture day as we see lots of different cultures come together and have fun!

Our reward system is the best in town!



WELCOME YEAR 7

We are delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students to the school community. It has been wonderful to see how quickly they have settled into school life, embracing new routines, making new friendships and approaching each day with enthusiasm and positivity.

The start of secondary school is an exciting milestone, and our Year 7 cohort has already demonstrated a fantastic attitude to learning. We look forward to supporting them as they continue their journey, take on new challenges and make the most of the opportunities available to them. We wish all our new students a successful and enjoyable year ahead.

Here's what some of our new Year 7 students had to say about their first few weeks at school:

"I've made lots of friends in lots of different years."

"The school isn't as big and hard to get around as I thought."

"I am enjoying it here, it's a lot easier to make friends."

"It's all easier than you think."

To help our newest students settle in, some of our older students offer a few words of advice and encouragement from their own experiences:

"Although we come to school to learn, don't forget to have fun as well."

"First days may be scary, but there is ALWAYS someone wanting to be a friend of yours! Don't be afraid to branch out!"

"It's really good to begin to get into good habits from Year 7; pack your bag the night before, do your homework (it's help with revision) and ask questions in lessons."

"Take advantage of all the opportunities Nova has to offer and get involved!"





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**Nova Hreod Academy
Music Department Presents**

Young Musician of the Year 2026

**Please join us for a fantastic
evening of entertainment
provided by our talented musicians**

**5.30pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday
7th October 2026**

Nova Hreod Academy Theatre

**Tickets are £1 each (under 11s free)
Available on the Arbor Parent Portal and Parent App**

**For more information:
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