



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### APRIL 2025

Tuesday 1st

*Year 11 Parents Evening*

Wednesday 2nd

*Year 7 trip Gloucester Cathedral*

Friday 4th

*Last day of term— school ends 12.30pm*

7th-18th

*Easter holiday*

Wednesday 23rd

*First day of term*

Friday 25th

*Y10 trip Globe Theatre*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We are rapidly coming to the end of this Spring term and looking forward to recognising and celebrating Easter next week with an assembly on the theme of Easter and opportunities for Easter

chocolate to be given out as part of our end of term prizes and rewards.

It has been wonderful to see an ever increasing number of Merits being given out across the school with our highest number of Merits ever being given out last week 13,500 were issued in one week. More Merits awarded means more students earn a place in our end of term reward events taking place in the final week of term. Please look on the Arbor App & Parent Portal to see how many Merits your child has received this term.

One of our main objectives as a school is to provide high quality opportunities for students which allow them to develop their character. We believe that students benefit hugely from opportunities to try something new, visit places they have never been to and discover new passions and interests that they had previously not been aware of. This half term we have had a great number of opportunities which students have benefitted from. A

particular highlight for me has been hosting local care homes for an afternoon of sporting activities led by our students, the students did an incredible job of stepping up to lead this and to work with our visitors. Please do continue to encourage your young people to sign up to trips and after school clubs, we want as many students to benefit from our enrichment provision as possible.

A key part of the enrichment opportunities we deliver is our music and drama provision. The spring concert last week showcased just how many talented young musicians we have in school but also the impact of practice and hard work. The improvement seen in some students' performances from the Autumn term to the Spring term was fantastic to see.

Finally, I am really pleased that our Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition is taking place this weekend, it has been great to see the enthusiasm of students signing up for Duke of Edinburgh. The DofE award scheme is still something that we believe employers highly value as well as being a brilliant opportunity for character development. I am confident under the leadership of Mr Silvester that our Duke of Edinburgh provision will go from strength to strength.

*James Harding-Mbogo*  
Principal



**Duke of Edinburgh  
Award students  
prepare for  
expedition  
see page 6**

# HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL MERITS

W/E 14 MARCH

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11



W/E 7 MARCH

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11



# HIGHEST ATTENDING TUTOR GROUP

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

W/E 14 MARCH

7F

8B

9G

10F

11D

W/E 7 MARCH

7B

8A

9H

10D

11D

HIGH STANDARDS = HIGH ACHIEVEMENTS

# COLOUR RUN

On Monday 17th March we had our second annual Nova House Colour Run event after school. Anyone with 5 or fewer demerits since September was invited and 100 places were on offer. Merits are regularly rewarded each week and term, but this event was to reward students for their behaviour, always doing the right thing and contribution to after school events.

We played Stuck in the Mitti (South Asian word for Mud), Tag and Bulldog. Each year group was able to be 'it' and each round of games was signalled by coloured smoke flares.

Suffice to say the students had an amazing time and the playground was left super colourful (until the rain washes it away!).

A massive thank you to everyone who helped (you know who you are) for your support in getting this event sorted behind the scenes and helping on the day, and also to Abby and Harry, our Y10 Wellbeing Ambassadors who helped the House Reps, especially in setting up and packing down.



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# SPRING CONCERT

A fantastic array of talent was on display on Wednesday as our students took to the stage to perform to a full house at the Spring Concert. There were amazing performances from moving solos to rock bands, and musical pieces that our students can be very proud of.

Congratulations to everyone who took part, and also to those who supported them. It's not always easy playing to a live audience but our students did us proud.

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# DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Year 9 students working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award were practicing putting up their tents this week, to make sure they're ready for the practice expedition. They've also been learning some other skills they'll need, such as cooking for themselves and map reading.



## PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING TRIPS

Y10 Globe Theatre 25th April

Y10 Drama—War Horse 4th June

Year 8 Summer Residential

Y10 Geography—Bristol walking tour 30 June & 1 July

Y10 Business & iMedia Cadbury World 7th July

Year 8,9, 10 Noughts & Crosses Regents Park Open Theatre  
23rd July

[CLICK HERE TO SEE LAST YEAR'S TRIPS  
ON THE WEBSITE](#)



To book any trip visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

# SENIOR SCHOOL GAMES

This week, Health & Social Care students showcased their exceptional ability to provide warm and caring support to 20 elderly individuals from five different care homes, as we hosted the second WASP Senior Games.

Our students' efforts were nothing short of amazing. From the very beginning, it was clear that they were dedicated to creating a positive and engaging atmosphere for the residents. They interacted thoughtfully with everyone showing care and consideration, they were patient and enthusiastic. They ensured that no one was left out. The students' willingness to listen and engage in conversation was remarkable, as they genuinely took the time to get to know the residents.

One of the standout moments of the visit was when the pupils participated in a dancing warm up activity, it was heartwarming and lovely to see all students encouraging the residents. The students, with their energy and enthusiasm, got the residents involved, creating a joyful environment. It was evident how much the residents enjoyed this interaction, as they smiled and laughed, clearly appreciating the experience.

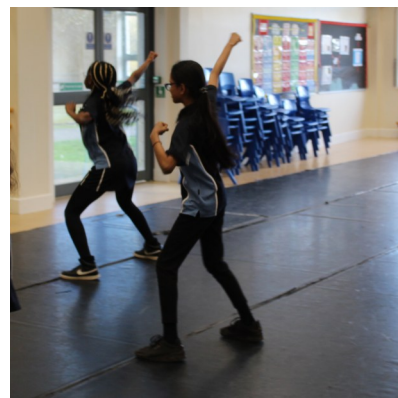
In conclusion, the visit was a resounding success, and our pupils proved themselves to be excellent ambassadors of kindness, empathy, and leadership. The residents were left feeling uplifted, and the positive interactions between the students and our guests were truly lovely to see.



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# SUPERNOVA KPOP DANCE CLASS



## COMING SOON!

There's lots of new Supernova clubs starting after Easter.

Why not try Taekwondo with Mr Bjarkan and Mr Oladele?

Sign up on Epraise.

## Supernova Taekwondo

at Nova Hreod Academy



예의 염치 인내 극기 백절불굴

시간: GA7 - Dance Studio

장소: From 21/4/25

Thursdays, 3-4pm

강사: Mr. Bjarkan

Mr. Oladele

설비: P.E. Kit

Full Water Bottle

Sign up on epraise





## YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

Great win 4-0 to GWA this week, putting us at the top of the group, which means we'll go through to the knockout rounds.

## SUPERNOVA BASKETBALL CLUB

Basketball Club worked on shot fakes and jab steps to try and outwit our defenders. We then moved onto game play, with a focus on passing and moving, and looking for the open player for the shot. Excellent effort from all that came, I have seen a massive improvements in all of them since the club started.

*Miss Parsons*



# YEAR 5 EXPLORE CREATIVE CONSTELLATIONS

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March students from Greenmeadow Primary joined us at Nova for a morning of Art and English workshops. Students learned about the 4 houses at Nova and painted constellations of each of them and then their own one that showed something important to them. They then wrote a poem or a story based on their favourite constellation. It was amazing to see the next generation of Nova students work so hard, show excellence and be so kind to one another. We look forward to the next workshop.

*Mr Unwin  
Assistant Principal*



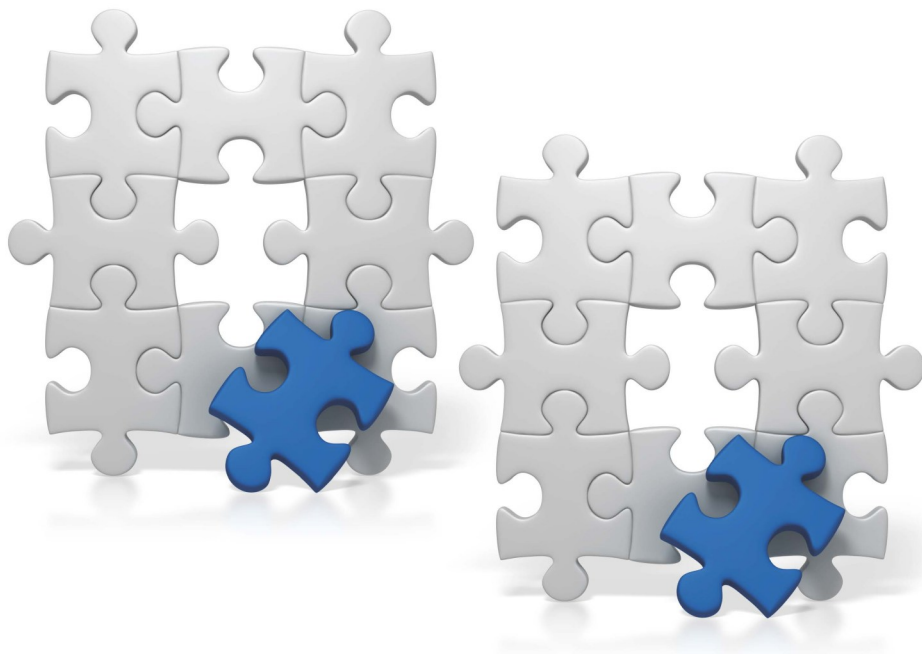


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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



## **For your child to attend school**

- **Book medical, dentist and hospital appointments outside school times**
- **If an appointment is unavoidable, come into school before or after your appointment**
- **Holidays in term-time are not permitted**
- **Lateness to school or any lessons will result in a detention the same day**

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

There is a clear correlation between students achieving the highest outcomes and also having the best attendance.

Imagine the puzzle to the right are the pieces of knowledge that your child needs to learn within a subject curriculum. If a student misses one, or a number of lessons, a gap opens up in the memory. Each puzzle piece is precious. The more puzzle pieces your child has, the



more fully they are able to understand their learning and to apply this knowledge.

Every lesson matters and each day builds on the learning that came before.

At Nova Hreod we place a high value on consistent attendance to school because we know that this is essential in ensuring that our students can achieve success. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child is regularly attending school.

## Weekly

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY STAR SLIP

Each week, tutors will give out an Attendance and Punctuality Star Slip (worth five merits) for students who either:

- ✓ Achieved 100% attendance in the week.
- ✓ Showed clear improvement in their attendance from the week before.
- ✓ Showed improvements in their punctuality.

Tutors will be asked to make a positive phone call home alongside this. Students will be placed into the star slip raffle during their rewards assembly.

### ASSEMBLY REWARDS

‘Spin the Wheel’ raffle for 100% attendees to win a queue jump pass for the canteen for them and a friend for a week.

**Tutor group prize** for the best attendance in the week.

### ATTENDANCE OFFICER AWARD

Mrs. Hickton will select two students per year group every Friday who have shown improvement in their attendance and receive a signed recognition card for a canteen queue jump pass for a week.

### POSITIVE PHONE CALLS

Each week, Miss Montier will select two students per year group to make a positive attendance phone call to praise them. This will occur on a Monday.

## Half termly

### ATTENDANCE PROGRESS

On Week 3 and Week 6, Mr. Gordon compares the attendance figures of all students from the term previously.

Rewards are given to students who show an improvement of 5%-10% and 10%+

## Termly

### 100%

Each term, Mr. Gordon analyses the attendance data for that term and cumulatively for the year.

- ✓ Students who achieve 100% in each term will receive a reward.
- ✓ Students who have 100% attendance in the year will receive a certificate, chocolate, a love-to-shop voucher and an end-of-year experience.

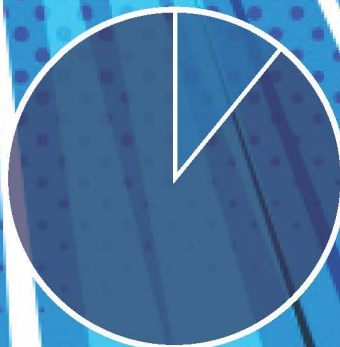


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# ATTENDANCE DAYS LOST

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ATTENDANCE	DAYS MISSED	LESSONS MISSED
100%	0 DAYS	0 LESSONS MISSED
99%	1 DAY	5 LESSONS MISSED
98%	3 DAYS	15 LESSONS MISSED
97%	1 WEEK	25 LESSONS MISSED
96%	1.5 WEEKS	37.5 LESSONS MISSED
94%	2 WEEKS	50 LESSONS MISSED
93%	2.5 WEEKS	62.5 LESSONS MISSED
92%	3 WEEKS	75 LESSONS MISSED
90%	3.5 WEEKS	82.5 LESSONS MISSED



**195 DAYS IN SCHOOL**  
**170 DAYS OUT OF SCHOOL**

**81 HRS IN SCHOOL**  
**16 HOURS OUT OF SCHOOL**

# YEAR 9 VISIT TO SHEPTON MALLET PRISON

The Shepton Mallet Prison school visit on 13 March 2025 was an incredible experience. From start to finish, the visit was engaging, immersive, and deeply fascinating.

The historical depth of the site, combined with the knowledge and enthusiasm of their team, made the tour both educational and atmospheric. They brought the prison's past to life, making us feel as though we had stepped back in time. Exploring the cells, learning about the prison's former inhabitants, and experiencing the eerie yet captivating atmosphere was unforgettable.

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The Escape Room experience was an absolute highlight of the visit. The setting within the historic prison made it feel so authentic and intense, adding to the excitement and pressure. The puzzles were cleverly designed, keeping them thinking and working together right up to the final moments. Even though only three of the groups managed to escape, every team had a fantastic time, it was challenging, immersive, and just the right level of difficulty to keep them all on edge. The thrill of trying to break free inside an actual prison made the experience even more exhilarating.



I'll definitely be recommending this experience to friends, family, and colleagues, it's a must-visit for anyone with an interest in history, crime, or the paranormal.

*Mr Brown*

*Head of Religious Studies*





# YEAR 8 RESIDENTIAL CAMP TRIP

Mendip Activity Centre, Somerset

Mon 23rd June - Wed 25th June 2025  
or  
Wed 25th June - Fri 27th June 2025

A 3-day, 2-night residential camping experience for our Year 8 students at the Mendip Activity Centre in the spectacular Mendip Hills National Landscape. The year group will be split into two camp parties and attend on one of the date ranges shown above.

Enjoy a range of daytime and evening activities led by qualified instructors. Examples of these activities could include rock climbing, abseiling, caving, target sports, bushcraft, team building, night walks, orienteering, frisbee golf and campfires.



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