



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2025

7th-18th

Easter holiday

Wednesday 23rd

First day of term

Friday 25th

Y10 trip Globe Theatre

MAY 2025

Friday 9th

Y9 trip to Imperial War Museum

Tuesday 20th

Y9 Immunisations

Wednesday 21st

Year 8 Parents' Evening

26th-30th

Half term

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I would like to start by wishing families a Happy Easter for two weeks' time. We have enjoyed celebrating Easter in school this week with assemblies

from the chaplaincy team on the meaning of Easter as well as a number of opportunities to give out Easter chocolate across the course of the week.

The final week of term has also seen our biggest set of reward events yet; thanks to the huge number of merits students have earned this term we had over 350 students taking part in this week's reward events.

Year 11 students have been making great progress towards their exams which start very soon after the Easter break. The Year 11s have achieved some of the highest grades in their mocks in the school's history and so we are very excited to see what they achieve in the summer. In this final run up to the exams we want to provide Year 11 with every advantage we can; to this end we have holiday revision workshops running

across the holidays and students have been given tailored revision homework to complete. We are also looking forward to the Year 11 PGL Maths revision weekend when we return after the half term break.

This term's brilliant range of trips and opportunities over the past two weeks ended with a brilliant trip to Gloucester Cathedral, a trip to Bath University and the Year 10 Geography fieldwork trips to Swanage. We are pleased to be able to offer lots more exciting trips and opportunities in the summer term.

It has been great to find out the names of our incoming Year 6 cohort in the past few weeks, I am pleased that we are fully subscribed for September with one of our largest intakes – a cohort of 240 students. We are looking forward to welcoming them to Nova in the summer term for the transition events.

I hope you all have a very restful holiday break, we look forward to welcoming students back after the break.

James Harding-Mbogo

Principal



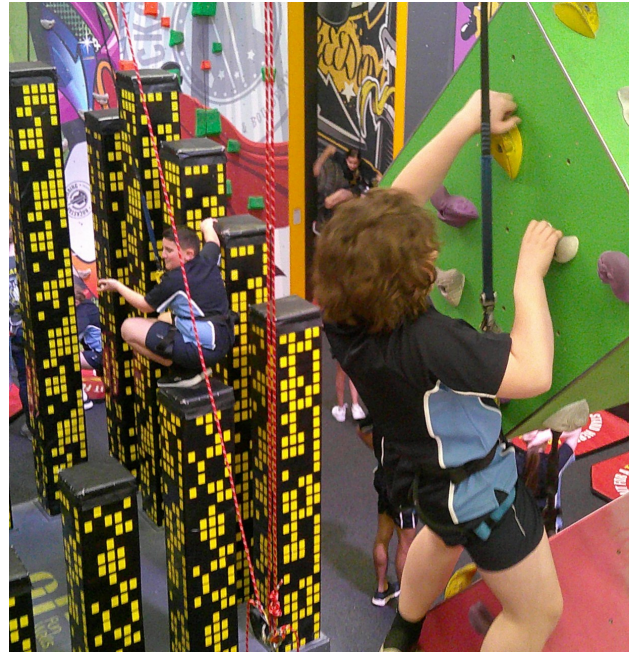
High climbers reach the top at rewards trip

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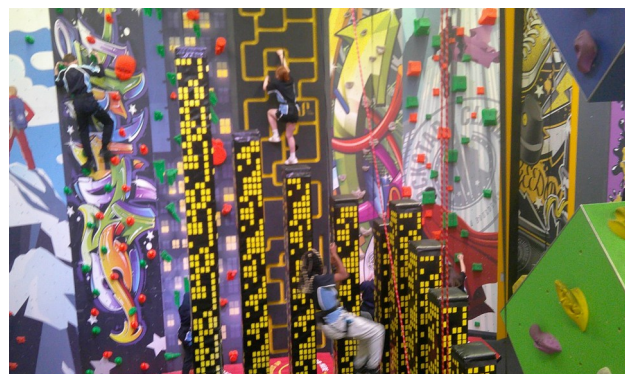
END OF TERM REWARDS TRIP

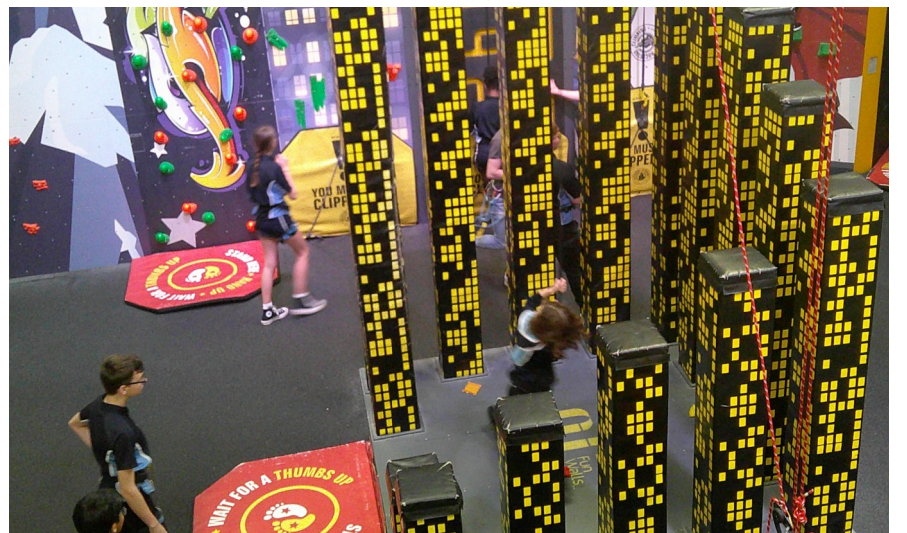
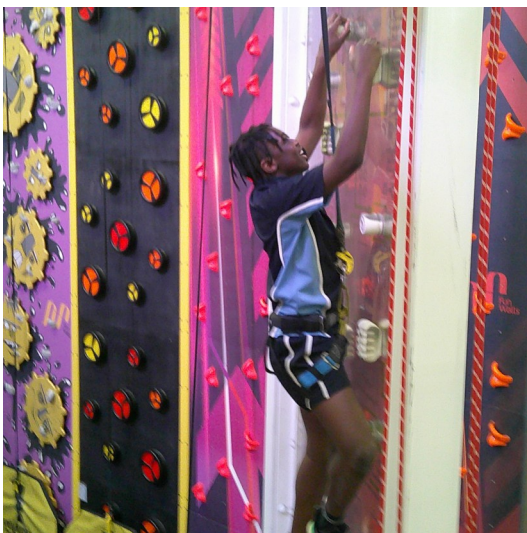
36 students were invited to the end of term Gold rewards trip to celebrate being the highest achieving merits winners this term.

This term's reward was a visit to the Rockstar Climbing Wall where everyone had a go at some high walls and raced against each other.



"I enjoyed the rewards trip. The instructor was good and made it fun."
Mary, Year 8







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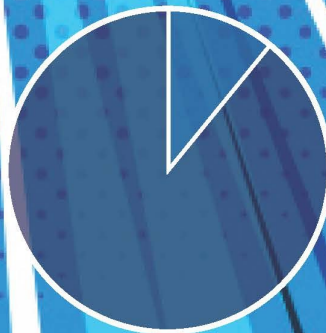
ATTENDANCE DAYS LOST

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

TIME

- IN SCHOOL
- OUT OF SCHOOL



195 DAYS IN SCHOOL
170 DAYS OUT OF SCHOOL

8 HRS IN SCHOOL
16 HOURS OUT OF SCHOOL

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

47 year 9 students took part in their DofE Bronze practice expedition. The participants walked the Cotswold Way in Gloucestershire, starting in Birdlip and making their way to Cranham via Painswick Beacon. Over 2 days they walked 26 miles in great weather and although some found it difficult they persevered to prove they are up to the challenge of the final expedition in the summer.



HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP FUTSAL

We had another thrilling House Sports Championship competition this week, with students competing to win points for their house.

Competition was fierce and after two rounds of heats, both of the finals went to penalties.

Congratulations to the Pegasus House team for winning the KS3 round, and to Orion for winning the KS4 round, and well done to everyone who took part.

KS3 WINNERS!



KS4 WINNERS!



Y7 VISIT TO GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

Year 7 visited Gloucester Cathedral this week where they enjoyed a tour of this incredible building, learning about the architecture and the history behind some of the tombs and the many statues representing historic kings, saints and other notable individuals from the 18th and 19th centuries. The cathedral was one of the filming locations for the Harry Potter films which was also a great interest to the students.

All the students behaved exceptionally well and had a great day.



Mr Silvester

Teacher of History



WE ARE PROUD OF...



Mariia in Year 10 gained a silver medal in the Ukraine Informatics Olympiad and has been invited for the next call of the competition. The Olympiad is described as “Olympics in Computer Science” and Mariia can be very proud of her achievement.

LIVE LOUNGE AND BATTLE OF THE BANDS

It was a busy day for our musicians on Thursday, as we heard a fantastic set of Live Lounge performances from Starcrazy and Jacob L.

Star Crazy performed *R U Mine?* and Jacob performed *'The Wizard and I'*.

Well done and thank you to them all for a great show.

On Thursday evening, our performers went on to perform at Swindon Academy’s Battle of the Bands and were a credit to Nova. They were up against 10 other groups that featured sixth formers, with Starcrazy coming third in the competition, although in our opinion they were by far the best of the night.



YEAR 7 VISIT TO BRISTOL SYNAGOGUE



Year 7 visited the Park Row Synagogue in Bristol, where they enjoyed an interesting tour of the Synagogue and were able to find out about some of the customs and items used by the Hebrew congregation. Mr Brown was impressed by the behaviour of the students and how respectful they were.

[MORE PHOTOS](#)



GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

On Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th March, Year 10 students carried out their physical geography fieldwork at Swanage Bay measuring the drop height of the hard engineering along the beach front. Some students enjoyed fish and chips and a visit to the arcade at lunch time. Every student has successfully made steps towards achieving 30% of their GCSE.





NOVA SINGS THE MAGIC FLUTE

A group of students visited the Royal Opera House this week for a fantastic immersive musical experience, *Everybody Sing the Magic Flute*.

Next term they'll be performing at the Royal Festival Hall in London.

[READ MORE](#)

Y9 IMMUNISATIONS

Your Year 9 child is now due their Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio – (Td/IPV) & Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY) vaccinations, which will be delivered by the School Aged Immunisation Team at your child's school on **20th May 2025**. These vaccinations are offered to all boys and girls in Year 9 (aged 13/14 years).

Full product details of the vaccines used can be found at: <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc>: enter Nimenrix or MenQuadfi for information about the MenACWY vaccine, and Revaxis for information about the Td/IPV vaccine.

To consent for your child to receive the vaccination, or to decline, please click on the link below:

<https://www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP>

The school code for your school is: WT140515.



You can also use this link to find out further information about the vaccination before you respond. If you have any difficulties completing the consent, please contact our Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082 or email vcl.immunisations@nhs.net for support.

Please respond as soon as possible to accept or decline the vaccination. Where no response is received, all young people will be offered the opportunity to discuss the vaccination and self-consent if appropriate.

Once completed you will receive an automated email with a reference number as confirmation. Please check your junk/spam box if not in your in box and contact the team if it is not received. Information for parents and young people about all school aged vaccinations can be found on our website: wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk

Thank you

School Aged Immunisation Team

Tel: 0300 247 0082

Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

SUPERNOVA ENRICHMENT

Gardening Club

Come and help us create a garden

Every Wednesday 3.15pm

Meeting in FE3

Ms Philpott & Ms Burman



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We are well underway with the Prefect selection process. All students who have been endorsed by staff following their application have gone through to the interview and probation phase for the summer term.

I cannot wait to see who will step up to be a great leader for the remainder of Y10 and who will put themselves forward from this group of 30 students to become Head Students

(School Captain and Vice Captains).

Well done to all so far and watch this space for Prefect updates!

Y9s will be able to apply to become WBA for Y10 after BIE2 in July. You'll get interview experience and deputise for prefects after October Half term so that they can focus on PPE1-2 and GCSEs. You will also put together Hello Yellow 10/10/25 and collaborate with other student leadership groups for other events.

SPARX AMBASSADORS

Mr Clarke has invited scholars from Y8-10 to sign up and become Sparx Ambassadors.

This is a great peer mentor role which is heavily rewarded and you also get to plan the end of year Sparx Party (automatic invite too!). The deadline is 23rd April so check your Epraise for the sign up link.

PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING TRIPS

Y10 Globe Theatre 25th April—**2 places left!!!**

Y10 Drama—War Horse 4th June

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

LOOK OUT FOR TRIPS COMING SOON

Y7 Geography—River Cole, Buscot & Coleshill 15-18 July

Y8 Science—Silverstone 17th July

Y9 RAF Fairford Air Tattoo—18th July

Y11 English—A Christmas Carol Barn Theatre 8th December

To book any trip visit www.parentpay.com

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



Star of the Term



Lucian - Year 8

Mrs Thomas - Maths

Consistently working hard in lesson and taking great effort in homework



Richard - Year 11

Mrs Stubbs - Maths

Consistently working hard and making an excellent improvement in homework



Isla - Year 7

Mrs Clare - Maths

Consistent hard work and perseverance



Louise - Year 11

Mr Clarke - Maths

Consistent hard work and exceptional scholarship



Megan - Year 11

Mr Watkins - Maths

Exceptional hard work day in, day out and consistently top scores in lessons



Nate - Year 9

Miss Liu - Maths

For consistently working hard, displaying high levels of drive and integrity in all maths lessons



Stefan - Year 11

Mrs Malik - Maths

Making a vast improvement in Maths intervention which has shown in PPE2 ! AMAZING



Chelsia - Year 11

Mrs Malik - Maths

Making a vast improvement in Maths intervention which has shown in PPE2 ! AMAZING



Faye - Year 11

Mrs Evans - Business

A fantastic improvement in PPE score. Well Done! Keep working hard



Sibusiso - Year 11

Mrs Evans - iMedia

Fabulous work in catching up on Yr10 content. Especially for her commitment to staying to Champions' Hour to complete Yr10 coursework



Arthur - Year 8

Sparx - Maths

Top XP on SPARX this month! Keep up the high standards



Amelia - Year 7

Sparx - Maths

Top XP on SPARX this month! Keep up the high standards



Julia - Year 8

Sparx - Maths

Top XP on SPARX this month! Keep up the high standards



Joel - Year 7

Sparx - Maths

Top XP on SPARX this year! Keep up the high standards



Gresha - Year 11

Sparx - Maths

Top XP on SPARX last month! Keep up the high standards

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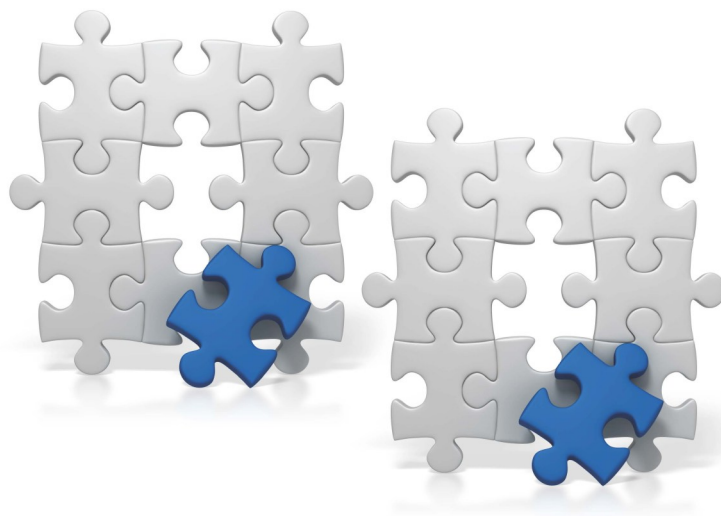


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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**

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