



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 2025

Wednesday 22nd
[SEN Coffee Morning](#)

Saturday 25th
[Catalyst Stream Year 6 Taster](#)

FEBRUARY 2025

Wednesday 5th
Year 9 Options Evening

Wednesday 12th
Y8 HPV Immunisations

Thursday 13th
Year 9 Parents Evening

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February
Half term

Monday 24th
Return to school

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It has been brilliant to welcome students back to school after the Christmas break.

Students have made a very strong start to this new term and I have been

exceedingly impressed with how hard they have been working in lessons preparing for their Best in Everyone Assessments. These assessments are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learnt so far and for staff to use this information to inform their planning for the remainder of the academic year.

At the start of this term we have spent some time with both staff and students returning to look at our school values. We have chosen to simplify our values and settled on three words which I believe capture the best of what this school is about.

Our values will underpin what we do as a school and will be critical in ensuring that we give every child here the best chance of success. Our new values are:

Excellence - We do everything as well as we can, always.

We have a commitment to do things really well at this school to the best of our abilities.

Hard Work - Together we persevere to overcome obstacles and reach success.

Kindness - We are thoughtful and considerate about how we treat others.

We are committed as a staff team to building positive and productive working relationships with our students and their families.

I look forward to communicating with you more in the future more about these values and how they affect our work as a school moving forwards.

Mr Harding-Mbogo

Principal



**Congratulations on
25 years at Nova
see page 5**

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL MERITS

W/E 6TH DECEMBER

YEAR 7



YEAR 8



YEAR 9



YEAR 10



YEAR 11



W/E 10TH JANUARY

YEAR 7



YEAR 8



YEAR 9



YEAR 10



YEAR 11



HIGHEST ATTENDING TUTOR GROUP

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

W/E 6TH DECEMBER

7E

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10E

11E

W/E 10TH JANUARY

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HIGH STANDARDS = HIGH ACHIEVEMENTS

Star of the Term



Jake - Year 7

Mr Hind - Maths

Consistently showing an excellent attitude to learning and being helpful and kind when needed



James - Year 9

Mrs Thomas - Maths

For consistently working hard and brilliant contribution in lesson



Riley - Year 10

Mrs Stubbs - Maths

Consistently working hard, maintaining high standards and having a mature attitude towards his learning



Esme - Year 9

Mr Aburam Hebrew - Maths

For her enthusiasm and positive attitude toward learning mathematics, inspiring others in the class



Freya - Year 7

Mrs Clare - Maths

Exceptional work expanding and factorising



Zeliton - Year 10

Mr Clarke - Maths

Consistent hard work in lessons and significant progress made since starting Y10



Grace - Year 11

Mr Watkins - Maths

Perfect work every lesson and an exceptional PPE1 result



Sofia - Year 9

Mr Rutherford - Maths

Fantastic attitude, always goes onto the extension exercise



Jessica - Year 10

Miss Liu - Maths

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



Mary - Year 8

Mrs Malik - Maths

Exemplary behaviour and attitude to work. Pushing herself even when it can get tough sometimes. Top Xp from all my classes this term and 3rd in whole school overall!



Mariia - Year 10

Ms Forrest - Computing

A very focus and hard working student who is persistent in achieving excellence



Leah - Year 11

Mrs Evans - Business

A phenomenal result in her Business PPE, showing consistent hard work in class and at home



Isabelle - Year 11

Ms Forrest - iMedia

Consistent hard work on her course work



Thomas - Year 11

Mrs Evans - iMedia

Showing great creativity and technical skills in coursework, resulting in an excellent project



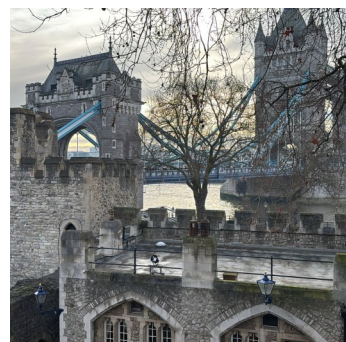
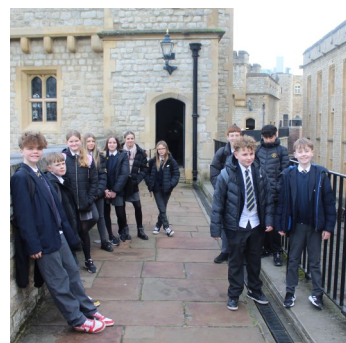
Eden - Year 8

Sparx - Maths

Highest XP in the school this month! Fantastic achievement, a great example of High Standards

TRIPS AND VISITS

A group of Year 8 students went on a Humanities trip to the Tower of London. It was a fascinating insight into one of the UK's most iconic landmarks, and the students were able to explore the White Tower, and see the Crown Jewels, meet the famous Yeomans and see the ravens.



CHARITY AND FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who took part and donated to Christmas Jumper Day. We raised a total of £103 for Save the Children.



Save the Children

DOUBLE CELEBRATIONS IN SCIENCE



At the end of last term, we held a celebration and presented two highly respected colleagues with a cake to mark a significant milestone.

Mrs King and Mrs Bathe both started work at Hreod Parkway School in 2000 and have reached an incredible 25 years service.

Dr Clapp said: "We are proud to celebrate this milestone and express our gratitude to them both for an incredible 25 years of service. Mrs Bathe is an invaluable member of the team who helps to ensure that our students get to experience the practical side of science as part of their education. Her positive nature and sense of humour always helps to brighten our days. Mrs King has a nurturing side to her nature and is also a firm believer in authority and hard work, and generations of students have respected her for those qualities. She is also a great support to both new and established teachers, sharing her knowledge and expertise for the benefit of the faculty."

Mrs King said: "It's the students that make the job so rewarding, it's lovely watching them grow, and learn. It's always nice bumping into them in the community years later and hearing what they have been up to."

[READ MORE](#)





Year 6

CATALYST STREAM TASTER SESSION

ENGINEERING

The third in a series of challenging taster sessions for pupils considering the Catalyst STEM Stream for September 2025.



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**SATURDAY
25 JANUARY
2025**

9.45am - 12.15pm



[Register here](#)

CATALYST STEM STREAM

Catalyst is Nova's specialist provision for ambitious KS3 scholars who have a strong interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

www.novahreodacademy.org.uk/catalyst-stream



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our Student Leaders are a driving force for Student Voice and school events.

Building on the successes of previous cohorts being in leadership positions, it is a whole school effort to embrace the values of Excellence, Kindness and Hard Work. In 2024 our Prefects heavily contributed to Year 7 Launchpad, Open Evening and other school events such as Remembrance, Open Mornings, school performance shows, etc. But as



they have geared up for their most crucial GCSE exams (PPEs included), it has been vital for Year 10 Wellbeing Ambassadors to step up. And step up they have! They have taken on the tasks of helping with Open Morning, hosting Hello Yellow, and formulated the current Student Council along with Y9 House Reps (representatives).

We spent a couple of break times in December having pre-meetings in order to help them prepare for their first meeting (Friday 10th January 2025) with Mr Harding-Mbogo, myself and Mrs Green. This was a way to keep Prefects involved but shift towards having more regular meetings with our Headteacher. The first meeting revolved around Rewards, which are a huge part of the culture here at Nova, and our student leaders had a lot of input around this, so watch this space!

The next meeting (date to be confirmed but after BiE assessments) will be to discuss Social Time and Clubs at Nova.

Mrs Malik
Student Leadership Coordinator

We have a few events and competitions coming up hosted by our student leaders. The 3rd Annual Nova Interfaith Iftar will be on Wednesday 5th March 5pm and our 2nd Annual Nova House Colour Run (in homage to Holi) will be after school soon afterwards in mid-March.

There will be: Nova Mural Competition, Nova Nibbles (imagine a bake sale but with savoury snacks too!), celebration of Black Hair and different Head coverings, Celebration of South Asian Heritage Month, Pi Day (3.14 14th March hosted by Sparx Ambassadors) and much more to look forward to this academic year.

YEAR 7 SPELLING BEE

This year's Spelling Bee took place over two rounds, with two teams reaching the final.

Congratulations to Ryan and Charlie, who were the two highest scoring winners, winning this year's title for Aquila House.



YEAR 9 UPDATE

Year 9 have made a brilliant start to 2025 by adapting really smoothly to some changes in their routine here at Nova. We no longer share the atrium with Year 8 for roll call and instead they have all adapted quickly to having roll call in the Sports Hall. Due to its usage for PPE and GCSE exams, Year 9 will most likely have roll call adjusted during these windows of the academic year, but I have full trust they will do this seamlessly.

I am so proud of all the successes Year 9 bring to the table, they actively seek opportunities to shine and are a fantastic year group to top KS3. From the sports achievements to Stars of the Term, to Year 9 House reps and being in the lead Tutor group average for merits (91), they endeavour to excel in all that they do.

It is crucial that Year 9 do their absolute best this year, carefully pick their KS4 options and continue to embody our school values. They bring the energy and spirit to school events, and I cannot wait to see them flourish and thrive even further this year.

Mrs Malik
Head of Year 9

Paul Canoville Foundation delivers Workshop at Nova

Paul Canoville was Chelsea FC's first black footballer, making his debut in 1983. He visited Nova last week and delivered a workshop with Year 7 where he talked about his career as a professional footballer, including the abuse he received as the team's first black player. The Paul Canoville Foundation works in schools to break down barriers and promote diversity, inclusion and belonging in young people. They were joined by the Little Coffee Company, which works to support women coffee farmers and promote fairness, and equality in the industry.

The workshop broke down some stereotypes and encouraged the students to think about equality and diversity. Students from Nova Hreod will be working on a project for International Womens' Day, with the opportunity to win a day at Stamford Bridge as a guest of the Paul Canoville Foundation and the Little Coffee Company.

James Harding-Mbogo, Principal at Nova Hreod Academy said:

"We work hard at Nova Hreod Academy to ensure that racism and discrimination has no place in our community and we're looking forward to working in partnership with the Paul Canoville Foundation on this exciting project."



CHRISTMAS CONCERT





DID YOU KNOW...?

Additional payers can be set up with their own login on Parentpay in order to make payments.

This is particularly useful for families where two parents live in different households. If you require a secondary payer please email finance@novahreodacademy.org.uk.

The additional payer must be registered on our school database for this to work.



PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING TRIPS

Year 10 Bath University 25th February

Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to Swanage 24th & 25th March

Year 9 STEM workshop Bath University 25th March

Year 9 Bath University 26th March

Year 10 History Globe Theatre 25th April

Year 8 Residential w/c 23rd June 2025

Year 8 Abu Bakr Mosque in Reading Visit 4th February

LOOK OUT FOR THESE TRIPS COMING SOON

Year 10 trip to USCF 6th February

Year 7 Gloucester Cathedral 2nd April

Year 9 History Imperial War Museum 9th May

Year 10 Drama War Horse 4th June

Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Bristol 30th June & 1st July

Year 8 Science trip to Silverstone 17th July

Year 9 Royal International Air Tattoo 18th July

Year 7 Geography River Cole July

To book any trip visit www.parentpay.com

CLICK ON THE IMAGE BELOW TO SEE
LAST YEAR'S TRIPS





Abu Bakr Mosque, Reading

Tuesday 4th February 11:00am - 4:00pm

- Join us for an enlightening visit to Abu Bakr Mosque in Reading
- Experience the beauty and serenity of an Islamic place of worship
 - Learn about Islamic traditions, history, and community life
 - Engage in a Q&A session with mosque representatives

Open to all Year 8 students

Bring a packed lunch / Wear school uniform

Afterschool

Drop In / Study Base

Tuesday, Wednesday
& Thursday

3.00 - 4.00pm

in the Library

Students are able to –

- Complete homework
- Read a book
- Mindfulness activities- colouring/worksheets
- Games area - scrabble/top trumps
- Have a chat/ catch up

Why come to Drop In?

- Quiet place to complete your homework
- Safe space to enjoy out of school activities
- Space to be organised
- Staff to help/support
- Tips on how to study – Ask about Resources
- Avoid Detentions & Enjoy your spare time

CHOIR VISIT TO CEDARS CARE HOME



In the last week of term, the choir visited a care home in Purton to sing Christmas songs with the people that live there. There were also some lovely solos and the elderly residents sang along with the songs they knew.

Afterwards, the choir enjoyed some refreshments with the residents and had a photo taken in their Christmas grotto. It was

a very emotional visit and we were very proud of our choir for taking part and brightening the day of the care home residents.

SPORTS NEWS

We're so proud of our students who braved the sub-zero temperatures to take part in the Cross Country tournament last weekend.

Congratulations to Jesse who finished in 2nd place and is through to the South West regional round.

Fletcher (Year 9), Thomas (Year 9), Libby (Year 7) and Etta (Year 11) all gave strong performances and finished in the top 50.



SEN PARENTS' COFFEE MORNING



WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2025
9.30AM - 11.00AM

The topic of this coffee morning will focus on inclusion by design, we will discuss changes on policies at Nova and how we are inclusive in our practice. There will be an opportunity to listen and ask questions as well as meet other parents of pupils with diversities.



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