



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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

**March 2025**

**Wednesday 5th**  
Iftar

**Tuesday 11**

Open Morning

**Wednesday 12**  
Year 8 and 9 immunization catch up

Spring Concert

**Thursday 20th**  
Catalyst Open Morning

**Monday 24th**  
Year 11 Group Photos

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



This term has absolutely flown by already, it is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the fourth week of term.

A huge well done to all year 7 – 10 students for all their hard work in their Best in Everyone assessments. Students have taken these really seriously and have worked really hard to do the best they possibly can in these assessments.

We wish our year 11 students luck as they prepare for their upcoming mock examinations which will start week beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. As part of their preparation for this, year 11 students have the opportunity to attend Champions Hour from 4.00pm – 5.00pm Tuesday – Thursday where they can have a quiet space to work and revise with support from members of staff. We have been really pleased at the numbers of students taking up this opportunity.

In the final two weeks of this half term we have a number of things to look forward to with a number of trips and enrichment opportunities being provided for the students including:

Year 8 RE trip to a local mosque

Year 10 trip to visit Swindon Academy Sixth Form

Year 11 have the opportunity to watch a production of Macbeth from an external Theatre company

Year 10 have the opportunity to attend Science Live

Gold, Silver & Bronze Half Termly reward events, this time the gold winners will be going on a trip to the Escape Rooms.

Importantly it is also the time of year when Year 9 students get to choose their options and so we will be welcoming Year 9 students and their families to school on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> February for the Year 9 options evening.

Finally we also look forward to welcoming Year 5 students from local primary schools to Nova next Friday for a taster morning showcasing everything that Nova has to offer.

*Mr Harding-Mbogo*

*Principal*



**Friday challenge results**

**see page 5**

# HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL MERITS

W/E 24 JANUARY

YEAR 7



YEAR 8



YEAR 9



YEAR 10



YEAR 11



W/E 31 JANUARY

YEAR 7



YEAR 8



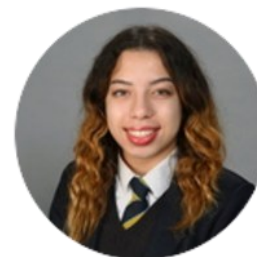
YEAR 9



YEAR 10



YEAR 11



# HIGHEST ATTENDING TUTOR GROUP

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

W/E 24 JANUARY

7I	8G	9G	10H	11C
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W/E 31 JANUARY

7B	8A	9G	10G	11C
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**HIGH STANDARDS = HIGH ACHIEVEMENTS**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR 10



It has been a great start to the year for year 10. Students started the year as they meant to go on making fantastic progress in lessons and setting an excellent example to the rest of the year groups. Currently Year 10 are in the middle of their BiEs, and staff have been really impressed by their focus and preparation for these exams. Students understand that it will not be long until they take that big step up to Year 11 and are treating these exams with the same level of focus as the real thing. Year 10s have taken part in plenty of competitions this term as well including inflatable bowling and welly wanging! Wellywanging was as popular as ever and resulted in a huge win for Cygnus! Every week we celebrate attendance and merits and so far, 10G and 10H have been trailblazers here. On separate weeks they had both the highest attendance and merits! I look forward to the Year 10 assembly to celebrate more merits and high attendance percentages. We have also been discussing work experience, and I know lots of year 10s are thinking about their placements and how these could influence their future career choices. I look forward to hearing more about these placements and if any students have questions, please do speak to Mrs Gawthorn, myself or Mrs Green, who will be more than happy to help. Good luck to all of the students in their BiEs and I look forward to another term celebrating all of the successes of our Year 10 students.

Congratulations to Orion House who won the 'Shoot the Hoops' Friday challenge last week. A special shoutout goes to a talented Year 10 student from **Cygnus House**, who scored the most hoops during the event. Your dedication and effort truly stood out!





# House Championships 2024/25



16260

## Next house events are:

- Friday competitions this week



14723

- The first of the Big Four competitions

Spelling Bee – w/c 9<sup>th</sup>

December 500 points available



14515

- House Sport. Competition TBC as is weather dependent

250 points available



13149

- Highest attending house 250 points available



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## Free Summer Ball Outfits



Looking for the perfect summer ball outfit? We've got you covered!

Sizes 6 to 26. Contact Mrs Clare

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to find your dream outfit for free!



# CATALYST STREAM TASTER



On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January, a group of enthusiastic Year 6 pupils from local primary schools attended the Engineering Catalyst Stream taster session.

Pupils first started their morning exploring space engineering and design, thinking about transporting resources across the solar system to Mars with Ms Wincer! Pupils demonstrated excellent design skills and considerations to design and make a suitable landing craft to land their precious cargo and astronauts after a fall from a first floor balcony!

After a break and some refreshments, pupils jumped back into their next engineering session with Miss Vandervalk, where students were challenged with designing a bridge to meet engineering and budget constraints. In a short, but enthusiastic time, pupils developed their ideas and designs, building some amazing structures that could withstand some impressive forces.

*Well done to all attendees and we look forward to hosting our next open morning in March!*

*Dr Spreadbury  
Catalyst STEM Stream Coordinator*



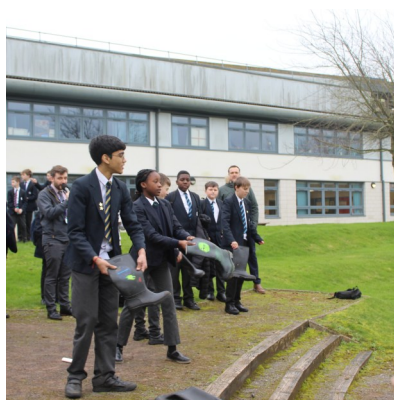


# FRIDAY CHALLENGE

Each week the Friday Challenge takes place in the atrium at lunchtime and students compete to win points for their house.

Last week students were invited to compete in welly throwing.

Congratulations to the winner Year 11 Charlie who won the points for Cygnus.



The following Friday, was the turn of 'shoot the hoops'. Congratulations to Orion who points for their house.



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Student Leaders from Year 9 House representatives and Year 10 Well Being Ambassador team form the School Council.

They had their first meeting on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January with Mr Harding Mbogo, Mrs Green and myself about Rewards with some really good feedback and ideas.

They also mentioned a few points about social time (break and lunch) as well as Supernova so our next meeting will be regarding this.

With Year 9 Options evening and Year 9 Parents Evening coming up, the Well Being Ambassador team will be asked to help out. Listed below are their upcoming tasks for this term:

## **Student Leadership Activities – Current Half Term**

Planned student leadership activities:

Undertaken by Well-being ambassadors in Year 10

### **5th February- Y9 Options evening. Start: 17.30**

Responsibilities are:

Direct Parents to the theatre for talk.

Direct Parents to available toilets.

Direct Parents to appropriate wings and subject stations for information.

Direct Parents to senior leaders for further information.

Support with offering refreshments.

Be attached to a faculty area and provide information about the courses available e.g. What students learn, what is enjoyable about the subject, how the subject links to future careers.

### **13th February- Y9 parents evening.**

Responsibilities are:

Direct Parents to the theatre/drama studio for appointments.

Direct Parents to available toilets.

Direct Parents to senior leaders if they have questions.

Support with offering refreshments.

Be attached to a faculty area and provide information about the courses available e.g. What students learn, what is enjoyable about the subject, how the subject links to future careers.

**Week commencing 10th February- House representatives** will be collecting and handing out Thank You cards at tutor time.

*Mrs Malik*

*Student Leadership Coordinator*



# TABLE TENNIS TEAM SHINES AT LOCAL EVENT

A fantastic display of skill and determination was shown by a team of four talented students who recently represented Nova Hreod at a local table tennis event.

Competing against students a year older, all the boys gave a stellar performance, showcasing their growing skills on the table.

Despite facing some tough competition, the team secured numerous wins throughout the event. Their hard work and focus were evident in every match, but they narrowly missed out on finishing in second place, ultimately securing a respectable third place.

The PE team is incredibly proud of the dedication and effort shown by each of the players and applauds their impressive performance. We look forward to seeing what our table tennis stars will achieve at the next event and are excited to continue supporting them as they develop their skills further.

Well done to all four players – we can't wait to see you all back at the table!





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Nova Hreed Academy  
Global Ambassadors

invite you to

# Interfaith Iftar Gathering

Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 5.00pm



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attend scan QR code



If you would like to  
donate food scan QR code

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



*Dodgeball Club is with Mrs Mason on Tuesdays. Various after school clubs are available to sign up use Epraise activities.*

## 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 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

Year 10 trip to USCF 6th February

Year 7 Gloucester Cathedral 2nd April

Year 9 History Imperial War Museum 9th May

## LOOK OUT FOR THESE TRIPS COMING SOON

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](http://www.parentpay.com)**

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





*YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR...*  
**PREPARING FOR AN  
APPRENTICESHIP**  
**WEBINAR**



**WEDNESDAY**  
5th FEBRUARY 2025



**17:00 - 17:45**  
ONLINE

We invite you to join us virtually for our 'Preparing for an Apprenticeship' webinar.

Whether you're a parent or young person, we'll offer insights into how to prepare for an apprenticeship, where to find an apprenticeship, and what it's like to be an apprentice.

You'll hear from our expert panel, Shona Taylor from UCAS and Tom Rogers from BAE, and will have the opportunity to ask questions.

**Click the Teams link to join**

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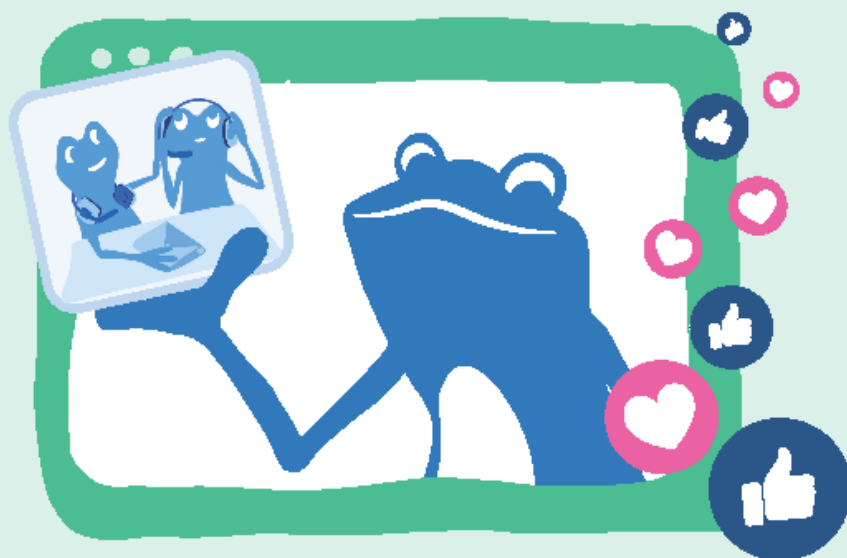
To join please click the link below on Wednesday 5th February 2025 @ 17:00

[Preparing for an Apprenticeship Webinar](#)

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# APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

Wednesday 12th February, 4–6:30pm



**Get involved in National Apprenticeship Week!**

Join our virtual fair to find out more and meet **40 employers** with apprenticeships for you!

With experts from:

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# HOUSE COLOUR RUN

**MONDAY 17TH MARCH**

**ARRIVAL 4:10PM**

**SIGN UP VIA PARENT PAY**

\* INVITE ONLY MAXIMUM 100 SPACES, FIRST TO SIGN UP BASIS.

\* PARENTAL PERMISSION NEEDED ON PARENTPAY AS STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR NON-UNIFORM THAT THEY ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE COLOURED POWDER ON.

\* FULL SIZE T-SHIRTS NEED TO BE WORN FOR THIS.

\* WEAR OLD TRAINERS OR WASHABLE FOOTWEAR THAT WOULD BE FINE TO GET COLOURED POWDER ON.

\* THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT SO STUDENTS WILL USE THE SIDE GATE TO ATTEND AND LEAVE SITE.



**FREE ENTRY**



# Friday Youth Football

**Who:**

Open to all young people, aged  
11-18

**When:**

Every Friday (term-time only) @  
17.00-18.00

**Where:**

Moredon Sporting Hub 3G Pitch,  
Cheney Manor Industrial Estate

- Sessions are supervised by Soccer Excellence coaches.
- This is a turn-up and play session, so no pre-booking is required.
- Attendees are required to wear appropriate sports clothes and moulded stud boots and bring their own footballs, as these will not be provided.



**Contact:**

[youthworker@centralswindonnorth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:youthworker@centralswindonnorth-pc.gov.uk)  
for further information



**MOREDON**  
SPORTING HUB

FREE ENTRY

# The Den

## Moredon Youth Club



### When:

Year 6-8: Tuesday @ 3.30-5.00  
Year 9-11: Thursday @ 3.30-5.00

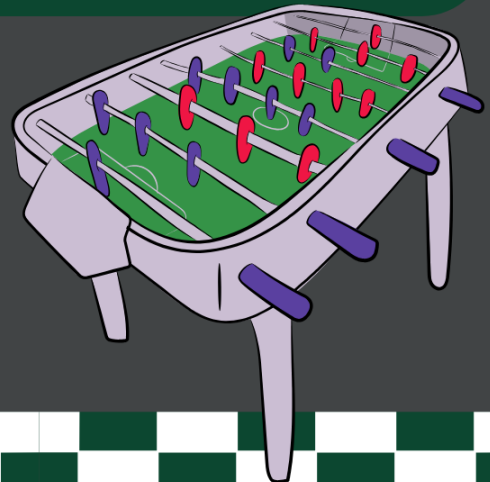
### Where:

Moredon Sporting Hub, Cheney  
Manor Industrial Estate



### Regular Activities:

- PS5
- Nintendo Switch
- Arts and Crafts
- Pool
- Foosball
- Table Tennis
- Board Games
- And more...



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**MOREDON**  
SPORTING HUB





Parish Council

**FREE ENTRY**

# Inclusive Youth Activities

Accessible activity sessions for children with disabilities and/or additional needs; aged 8-14- **Parents/Carers will be required to stay.**

- Wednesday @ 17.15-18.00-  
Pinetrees Community Centre, Pinehurst
- Friday @ 16.00-16.45-  
Moredon Sporting Hub,  
Cheney Manor



## Regular Activities:

- Arts and Crafts
- Sports and fitness
- Pool
- Foosball
- Board Games
- And more...



**Limited spaces available, so please book by contacting:**  
[youthworker@centralswindonnorth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:youthworker@centralswindonnorth-pc.gov.uk)  
or call 07494 048 530

# OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 11th March 9am-11am

# CATALYST STEM STREAM OPEN MORNING

Thursday 20th March 9am-10am

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



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