



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

Thursday 6th

Inclusion Open Evening

Tuesday 11

Open Morning

Wednesday 12
Year 8 and 9 immunisation
catch up

Spring Concert

Thursday 20th

Catalyst Open Morning

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



The past six weeks have absolutely flown by at Nova.

We have had a really productive half term with students working hard to revise for and complete their Best in Everyone assessments. This hard work has been recognized in the very high number of Merits issued this half term – over 60,000 merits have been issued this half term, this is a 20% increase on last half term. Students hard work has also been recognized by the team at Sparx Maths who sent the school a certificate this half term for students having successfully completed over 1 million questions since the start of September, this is a significant achievement.

Our half termly reward events have taken place again this week for the highest merit earners in each year group, these have included our usual Cinema experience and Pizza lunches as well as a trip to the Escape Rooms for our Gold winners. We have also been really pleased to recognize and reward this week a large number of students who have improved their attendance by over 5% in the past half term.

We have finished the half term with some excellent extra-curricular trips including a trip for Year 10 students to Science Live and a performance of Macbeth for all Year 11 students.

Next half term we have a very busy half term of trips and events coming up, these include:

Trips to Bath University

The Nova House Colour Run

Geography Field trips for Year 10

A trip to Gloucester Cathedral

A trip to Shepton Mallet prison

The Nova Interfaith Iftar

This is only a selection of the exciting activities coming up after half term. Thank you for all your support this half term. I hope you have a restful break.

Mr Harding-Mbogo

Principal



**Meet the
new Student
Librarians
see page 4**

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL MERITS

W/E 7 FEBRUARY

YEAR 7



YEAR 7



YEAR 8



YEAR 9



YEAR 10



W/E 14 FEBRUARY

YEAR 7



YEAR 8



YEAR 9



YEAR 10



YEAR 11



HIGHEST ATTENDING TUTOR GROUP

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

W/E 7 FEBRUARY

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9G

10G

11E

W/E 14 FEBRUARY

7A

8A

9G

10F

11H

HIGH STANDARDS = HIGH ACHIEVEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR 11



“Showing exceptional maturity and commitment to succeed at the highest level”

“A quiet determination to improve all the time”

“Always demonstrates care and diligence in every aspect of their work”

These are just a handful of the positive comments shared with me about year 11s by teachers and members of staff at the end of this term. With under 100 days to go until the beginning of year 11's final exams, so many of them are showing the excellent attitude they need to get the grades they deserve in the summer.

I've also had first hand experience of year 11's wonderful attitude; over the course of this term, year 11 have reflected on their performance in PPE1 and we have launched Champions' Hour, a guaranteed positive study environment which takes place after period 6 three times a week in which year 11 can complete their home study or do extra revision. On average, over 10% of the year group are regularly taking advantage of this fantastic opportunity and getting the edge on other pupils across the country.

Next term is another busy one; in March we have PPE2, which will give year 11 another chance to hone their skills at taking exams and to prepare for the 'real thing' in the summer, on Tuesday 1st April we have our second parents' evening of the year, and, in preparation for our celebrations at the end of the school year, we have the deadlines to order yearbooks and hoodies on the 31st March.

If year 11 continue with the positive attitude which we have seen from the vast majority, I have no doubt that they will be a huge success in the Summer. Well done, year 11 and I hope you have a lovely half term!

Miss Becky Sayers
Humanities Faculty Leader
Head of History
Head of Year 11

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

As we look towards launching Prefect applications and doing a few more whole school events during the Spring and Summer, please do check out the various dates in our calendar (on page1).

The prefect selection process is rigorous and takes into account behaviour in and out of class across the whole school. Shortlisted application candidates are invited for an interview and their names are put forward in a whole staff forms link to be able to endorse a maximum of 5 students. Staff are also able to comment on why students should or should not be taken to the next stage. Whole school involvement in helping with school events such as the upcoming Mary Poppins Musical, Y6 taster days, Open mornings, etc are ways students are assessed for suitability.

Finally, once through to the post-interview stage, Prefects are on a probation form and able to put themselves forward for an additional presentation task to become Head Student/ School Captain.

Good luck to all Y10s and I hope the current Y7-9 students are considering this as there will be more student leadership developments coming up. Have restful half term.

Mrs Malik

Head of House for Student Leadership and Student Voice

NEW STUDENT LIBRARIANS



We are delighted to welcome four new Student Librarians from year 7 to join our team in the library. To be able to become a Student Librarian the students had to fill in an application form and attend an interview to be considered for the role. All four students are keen to be in the library and have been asking since September when the positions would be available for them to apply. They will now be trained in the different aspects of working in the library with help from all the team of Student Librarians.

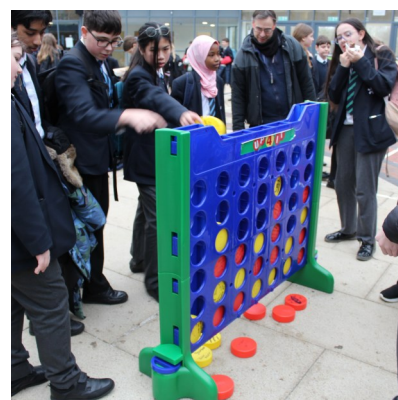
Mrs Shurley

Librarian/LRC Manager

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 games of Connect 4. Congratulations to Aquila House who won the points.



The following Friday,

Students took part in the Malteser challenge where they had to move Maltesers using just a straw. Congratulations to Orion House who won the Points for their house.



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1,019,263

questions answered correctly in Sparx

Maths so far this year

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PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING TRIPS

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

Year 10 History Globe Theatre 25th April

Year 8 Residential w/c 23rd June 2025

Year 10 Drama War Horse 4th June

LOOK OUT FOR THESE TRIPS COMING SOON

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 HERE TO SEE LAST YEAR'S TRIPS
ON THE WEBSITE**

Star of the Term



Bracken - Year 8

Mrs Thomas - Maths

Excellent attitude to learn and for the brilliant contribution during class activities



Imogen - Year 11

Mrs Stubbs - Maths

Excellent effort and standards in every lesson



Chloe - Year 9

Mr Aburam Hebrew - Maths

Very focused and consistently showing high level of achievement



Megan - Year 10

Mr Clarke - Maths

Exceptionally high effort and standards in every lesson



Sophie - Year 11

Mr Watkins - Maths

Excellent attendance, effort and attainment in all lessons this year



Millie - Year 8

Miss Liu - Maths

Continuously demonstrate an outstanding attitude toward learning, always eager to engage and improve. You're doing an amazing job



Shaun - Year 8

Mrs Malik - Maths

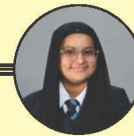
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Harley - Year 7

Mrs Malik - Maths

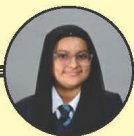
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Areej - Year 10

Ms Forrest - Computing

Excellent performance in your BiE! Keep aiming for excellence, Areej!



Areej - Year 10

Mrs Evans - Business

An excellent mark in the BiE and an outstanding approach to learning in this new subject



Abigail - Year 10

Ms Forrest - iMedia

Excellent performance in the BiE. Great work Abigail!



Ruby - Year 11

Mrs Evans - iMedia

For showing such creativity in her recent coursework project



Suryalok - Year 8

Sparx - Maths

Top of the Sparx XP leaderboards with 2703 XP! Fantastic show of high standards and excellence leading to a brilliant achievement!



Shivangi - Year 11

Sparx - Maths

Top of the Sparx XP leaderboards for Y11! Fantastic show of high standards and excellence leading to a brilliant achievement!



Brooke - Year 9

Mrs Malik - Maths

Brilliant achievement in BiE1, keep up the high standards for high achievement! Hard work and excellence in action!

MOSQUE VISIT

Our students had an enriching visit to the Abu Bakr Mosque, gaining first hand insight into Islamic beliefs and practices. They observed prayer in action, explored the mosque's stunning architecture, and engaged in a Q&A session with the Imam. Pupils reflected on the similarities and differences between places of worship, enhancing their understanding of religious diversity. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed and was a fantastic opportunity to bring classroom learning to life whilst deepening respect for different faiths.

Mr Brown





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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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ANTARTICA FLAG COMPETITION

Congratulations to Aviana and Samuel who won the Antarctica flag competition where their flags were taken to Antarctica.

The students had to design a flag, and the best two flags from Nova Hreod were sent away to be judged.

They were taken to Antarctica by Doreen Thomson, a steward on board the RRS Sir David Attenborough. The photograph is taken at Adelaide Island.



NEWS FROM OUR DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Year 11 drama students have been working hard, performing to students and parents in preparation for their practical exam on Monday 10th Feb. For this component, they have to pick, edit, rehearse and perform a 15 minute section of a published script. This year we have acting, lighting, sound and costume candidates.



This term year 9 have been learning about and developing their improvisation skills. This culminated in a whole class performance based in a restaurant. Students created the restaurant in their drama rooms and then brought it to life as a whole group.

Year 10 have been learning about Brecht, applying his practices to the story of Goldilocks and using it as a metaphor for issues that are important to them



VISITING THEATRE GROUP

Year 11 attended a production of Macbeth performed by the Quantum Theatre Company. The performance is designed to help their understanding of the play, which they are studying for their GCSE English.



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Young Designer Competition

CALLING ALL YOUNG CREATIVES!

Create a winning design for our 2025 YoungMinds
Hello Yellow kidswear collection

IT'S TIME TO LET YOUR IMAGINATION SHINE!

We're looking for inspiring designs to feature on two special pieces in our 2025 YoungMinds Hello Yellow kidswear collection – on a yellow sweatshirt and a yellow hoodie that will be sold in M&S stores and online.

So what would you say to a friend who needs you? How would you brighten their day? Whether it's words, drawings, or doodles, we're looking for something that stands out and reminds everyone that one chat can change everything.

If you're aged 5-11 or 12-16, we'd love to see your ideas. You can design a hoodie or a sweatshirt, and we'll choose two lucky winners (one winner from each age category). The winners have their designs featured on our Hello Yellow pieces, with all profits supporting YoungMinds.

Be bold, be bright, and put what's inside on the outside. Good Luck!

To enter, ask your parent or guardian to upload your entry by 11.59pm on 31 March 2025.

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INCLUSION OPEN EVENING

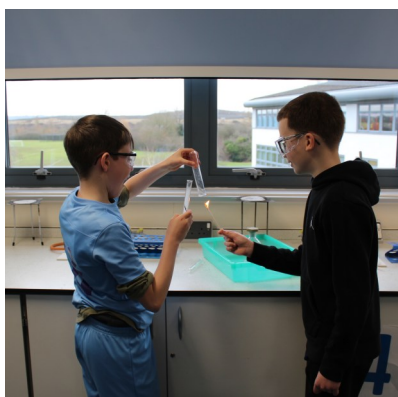
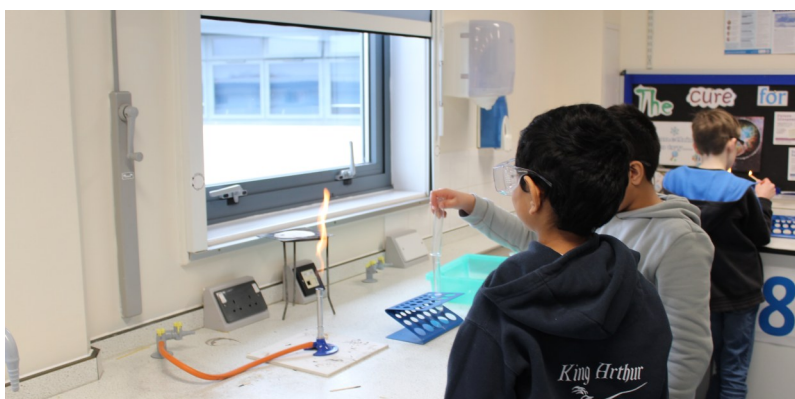
THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025
5.00PM - 6.30PM

We are hosting an open event on the “NOVA Offer.” All parents and carers are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to hear from the SEND team about our ethos on inclusion, as well as to meet key staff and leaders in the school. We will also have local agencies and organisations attending to share what is available and how we work with them to support our students. This event is for everyone; you do not have to be a parent of a pupil with SEND. It is a great opportunity to ask questions and meet staff and local support.



MYSTERY MATHS AND STELLAR SCIENCE

Year 5 pupils from Haydon Wick and Rodbourne Primary Schools enjoyed a morning of science and maths lessons at Nova, solving mysteries for us. The engagement from the pupils of both schools was fantastic and we can't thank them enough for coming along.



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SPRING CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH AT 6.30PM



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OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 11th March 9.15am-11.15am

CATALYST STEM STREAM OPEN MORNING

Thursday 20th March 9.15am-10.15am

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