



A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Welcome to the latest edition of Nova news, I am proud to write this introduction that gives me an opportunity to share some exciting aspects of the wider curricular offer at Nova as well as opportunities that have or will stretch our pupils

emotionally and physically giving them opportunities to demonstrate drive.

We are quickly moving through our last term of this academic year with lots to look forward to. I feel this is a term filled with developing new skills through a wider curricular as well as finding ourselves in different learning environments that present exciting opportunities and challenges. Our extra and wider curricular offer is invaluable for developing well rounded scholars.

Staff at Nova are busy putting together the final pieces of Our World Week where our scholars have an opportunity to access a rich

wider curricular offer. Together our Year 7s will be covering a week focusing on our community, our Year 8s are all off to Hastings for our camp while our Year 9s change to a new topic of Ourselves and our Year 10s will be on work experience to develop employability skills.

Year 9 DofE group have been working hard in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh expedition, developing their map reading, independence and resilience with them being out this week on their practice walk across the Ridgeway. We wish them all luck on this amazing but challenging opportunity in preparation for their final expedition later in the term.

We have seen some excellent examples of Drive this term, from our Year 11s working hard towards their examinations to our sporting scholars representing themselves and Nova at fixtures and representative level.

Mr Wilkinson
Assistant Principal/SENDCo

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 2024

Tuesday 18th—Teaching and Learning Afternoon (school ends 13:20)

[Wednesday 19th—Summer Concert](#)

Thursday 20th—Y6 Transition Evening

Monday 24th—Nova Fest

Wednesday 26th—Year 6 Induction Day

[Thursday 27th—Catalyst Open Morning](#)

Friday 28th—Paris Trip

JULY 2024

Monday 1st to Friday 5th—Our World Week

Friday 5th—Year 11 Summer Ball

Tuesday 9th—Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 11th—Sports Day

Wednesday 17th—Achievement Review Day for years 7, 8 and 9

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th—Matilda

Thursday 25th—Last day of Term

For more information visit: www.novahreodacademy.org.uk

THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE SCHOLARS



WE ARE PROUD OF...

We are proud of Year 8 Jesse who has been selected to represent Wiltshire in the national competition for the 800m. This is a huge achievement for Jesse as he'll be competing against older students in the Year 8/9 category.

Jesse also achieved a PB this weekend of 2.07.58.



YEAR 9 UPDATE

Year 9 received their options letters last term and as they head into BiEs it is imperative that they bring their A game. These results will help determine their tiers and sets where applicable, and in 2026 it will be their turn to sit their GCSEs.

Later this term they will be able to find out more about the next student leadership role they can do which is being a Year 10 Wellbeing Ambassador. Many Year 9s are also doing the Duke of Edinburgh award, thank you Mr Stevens for all you do to run this every year, it truly widens the Supernova enrichment offer.



The Year 9 rounders team had a great win against the Deanery last week. Congratulations to Jennifer, who was the batting MVP, Maddison, fielding MVP and Laila, who was Miss Parsons' MVP.

I love catching up with Year 9 when possible, such as in assemblies, tutor time drop ins, break, etc., and learning about their interests and hobbies outside of school. Josh N is back to swimming after his injury and it featured in a prior issue how he got to go to the Olympic pool in London.

Mrs Malik
Head of Year 9

STELLAR SCIENCE AND MYSTERY MATHS

In an exciting visit to Nova last week, Year 5 pupils from Moredon Primary School joined us for an introduction to Stellar Science and Mystery Maths.

In the science lab they were amazed by an explosive demonstration and then mixed together acids to create a chemical reaction of their own. Later, the maths teachers challenged them with probability puzzles, encouraging critical thinking and problem-solving skills to solve a series of riddles and equations, before moving onto a computer coding session where they attempted to hack into the school's computer system, and then create a computer programme to navigate an item around a circuit. *(Note: The hacking exercise was conducted in a controlled environment with strict ethical guidelines, ensuring no harm to the school's systems!)*

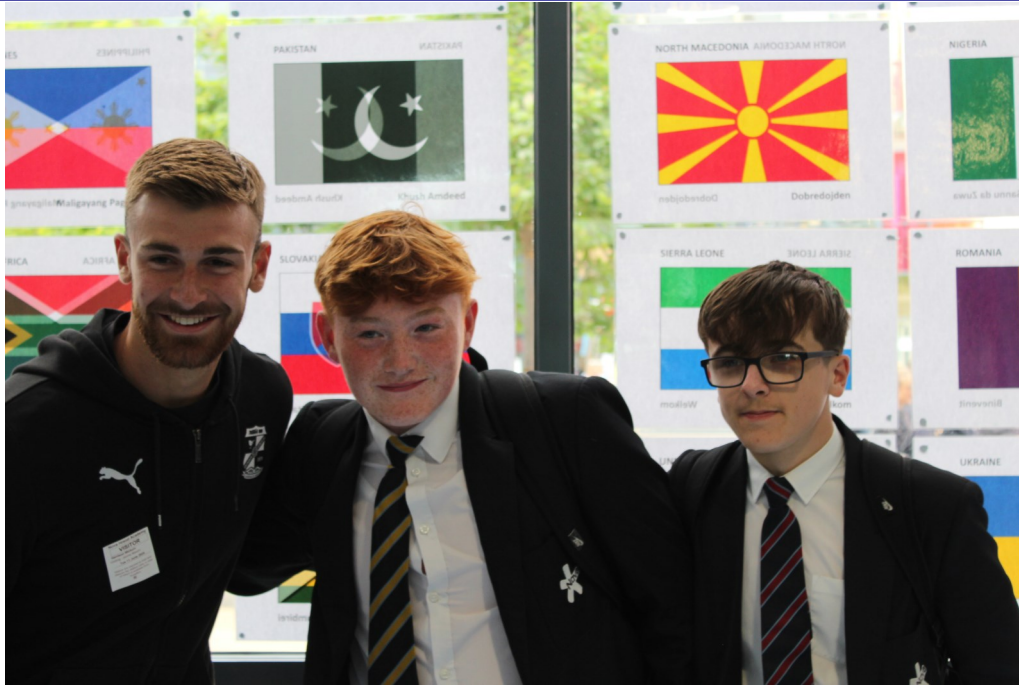
Miss Honeysett said:

"It was fantastic to see the Year 5s immerse themselves in each of the topics, and their behaviour was impeccable - they were a credit to their school."

Thank you to Year 8 students Ava, Darragh, Matilda, Zoe, Rhys and Oscar, for their support in the classroom and throughout the day.



FORMER STUDENT RETURNS AS PRO FOOTBALLER



We were thrilled to welcome back former student Harrison Minturn this week to talk about his career as a professional footballer.

Harrison left Nova in 2020 and his contract with Swindon Town Football Club has recently been extended. In an interview with Year 8 and 9 students, Harrison shared insights about his life as a professional player, and answered questions about his diet, training regime and his Euro 2024 predictions.

Mrs Mason said:

“Harrison was a model student at Nova and it’s wonderful to see him pursuing his passion and achieving success”.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The application process for next year's Head Students was held this term. It was brilliant to see all the applicants speak about the topic "*How to thrive at Nova*" to a staff panel. It was a rigorous process which really tested the students alongside their oracy skills, and they all really embraced the school values of Drive, Integrity, Scholarship and Contribution within their presentations.

We are proud to announce that the new School Captains for 2024-2025 will be Damilola and Layth, with Isobel and Emmly being appointed as Vice Captains/School Ambassadors.

It is now time for these young people to shine in their new roles, and grow not only their own leadership skills, but also empower the younger year groups to contribute to the Nova Hreed Community in the same way.

STUDENT LIBRARIANS

Congratulations to the new year 7 student librarians who have joined the team this week.

Student librarians are a group of volunteers who work in the library and provide support to their peers.



DRAMA



This term in drama, all KS3 students take part in the Drama Festival. Every class creates a whole class performance based on a given stimulus. They then perform these for our GCSE drama students, who use a set of performance criteria to select the winning piece. The winners get a reward lesson and their group name on the coveted Drama Festival Shield.

Here are the stimuli that each group are using as their starting points.



"We're All
Mad Here"



SUPERNOVA CLUBS

Supernova clubs term 3 have started and there's lots of opportunity to try something new. You can sign up using Epraise Activities.

Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nova Nasheed and Qirat Club Break time Mrs Malik 10:35 – 10:55 SB6	Lego Robotics Club Miss Clare 15:35-16:30 SB4	Sparx Support Club Lunchtimes in SB9 and after school 15:35-16:30 SB9	Book Club Mrs Shirley Library 15:35-16:30	Nova Nasheed and Qirat Club Break time Mrs Malik 10:35 – 10:55 SB6	KS3 Band Club Mr. Griffiths 15:35-16:30 GA8	Creative Lego Club Miss Claire 15:35-16:30 SB4
Duolingo Club Break time Mrs Malik 10:35 – 10:55 SB6	Imagine Chaplaincy Team 15:35-16:30 Dance Studio		Gardening Club Mrs Bekir School Garden 15:45:16:30	Duolingo Club Break time Mrs Malik 10:35 – 10:55 SB6	Guitar Club Mr. Silvester 15:35-16:30 GA10	
Carrom Board Club Break time Mrs Malik 10:35 – 10:55 SB6	D&D and Mincecraft Miss Vandervalk 15:35-17:00 GB3			Carrom Board Club Break time Mrs Malik 10:35 – 10:55 SB6		
	Kick Ball Ms Wincer Playing fields 15:35-16:30				Study Base Every Day SA6/7 Monday and Friday: 14:40-15:35 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 15:35 – 16:30	



Scholarship

Super Nova Term 6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tennis Girls & Boys: Y7-11 TUN	Rounders Girls: Y7-11 JMA & LPA	Athletics Girl & Boys: Y7-11 Athletics coach	Cricket Boys & Girls: Y7-11 AST & TCO	Football Girl and Boys: Y7-11 Coach Phil
	Olympics 2024 Girls & Boys: Y7-11 PE Dept		Weightlifting Girl & Boys: Y7-11 PE Dept	
	Rounders Fixtures JMA & LPA		Cricket Fixtures AST & TCO	



These activities can be used as your "physical" section of the Duke of Edinbrugh Award



Sports CLUBS

TERM 6

MATH STARS OF THE TERM

Every term, the Maths, Computing and Business teachers each nominate one scholar to receive the coveted 'Star of the Term' certificate. Congratulations to all the recipients for their hard work.

Star of the Term		
 <p>Sophia - Year 11 Mr Clarke - Maths <i>For exceptional drive and consistently high standards of scholarship</i></p>	 <p>Layci - Year 11 Sparx - Maths <i>2200 XP for Independent Sparx learning, AMAZING!</i></p>	 <p>Millie - Year 7 Mrs Clare - Maths <i>Consistently improving her work</i></p>
 <p>Megan - Year 9 Mr Hind - Maths <i>Works consistently hard in class, goes above and beyond for Sparx by doing XP boost and target</i></p>	 <p>Michael - Year 10 Mrs Malik - Maths <i>New student to 10A2 who's DISC values are exceptional</i></p>	 <p>Akshaj - Year 7 Mrs Thomas - Maths <i>Brilliant contribution in lesson and consistently working hard in lesson</i></p>
 <p>Kaitlyn - Year 8 Ms Forrest - Maths <i>Consistently showing excellent effort in Maths</i></p>	 <p>Maria - Year 10 Ms Forrest - iMedia <i>Consistent hard work in Creative iMedia</i></p>	 <p>Maksymillian - Year 8 Ms Forrest - Computing <i>Excellent DISC values</i></p>
 <p>Adrian - Year 8 Mr Aburam Hebrew - Maths <i>Consistently showing excellent effort in Maths</i></p>	 <p>Balaji - Year 8 Ms Stanik - Maths <i>Fantastic work in lessons and outside of lessons. Polite and kind scholar showing a great level of integrity</i></p>	 <p>Megan - Year 10 Mr Watkins - Maths <i>Works hard in every lesson and displays a strong understanding of all topics covered in class</i></p>
 <p>Danny - Year 10 Mrs Evans - Business <i>A fantastic start to the Business course, part way through the year. Well done!!</i></p>	 <p>Rosie - Year 11 Mrs Evans - iMedia <i>Fantastic drive and determination to constantly improve in Creative iMedia</i></p>	 <p>Isobel - Year 10 Miss Liu - Maths <i>For consistently working hard and showing great drive in all her math lessons</i></p>

UPDATE FROM THE MATHS FACULTY

Scholars in KS3 and KS4 have taken part in the UKMT maths challenge, a national competition run by the UK Mathematics Trust. The top students in KS3 went through to the next round and went up against the brightest maths KS3 minds in the country.

We were proud to present certificates of achievement to the following scholars:

Year 7

Lena (Best in Year)

Year 8

Harry

Isabel (Bronze)

Logan (Silver)

Fletcher (Gold & Best in School)

Fletcher is going through to the next round (Kangaroo) later this month.

They've all done superbly and earned their Houses 100 points each but Fletcher gets an additional 250. We are super proud of all the students and wish Fletcher the best of luck in the next round!



My favorite area of maths is 'finding unknown/ finding x or y).

I got close in the UKMT challenge and want to hone my skills so I can get into the next round next time.

Harry Y8

As Sparx Lead, it was thrilling to see Year 11s regularly dominate in top 10 schools and they have heavily contributed to our school surpassing the 1,750,000 correct answers milestone. This week marked their last maths exam and I cannot wait to see them all again on results day attaining brilliant grades to take to their next destination.

Sparx will always be something I am passionate about for our students as it gives meaningful practice and home study for all our students tailored to their levels of learning as well as their own bespoke Target sections. Students doing these extra bits (target and XP boost) are well prepared for the upcoming BiEs. It is never too late to bounce back in Sparx and with the end of year raffle coming up (the biggest prize is a £200 Voucher) it is better late than never to get your entries in for the prize (extra entries for XP and Target too!). The end of year Sparx party planning is in full swing and will take place on Monday 22nd July. Will you get an invite?

Mrs Malik

Head of Year 9 and Orion House

OUR WORLD WEEK—MONDAY 1ST JULY

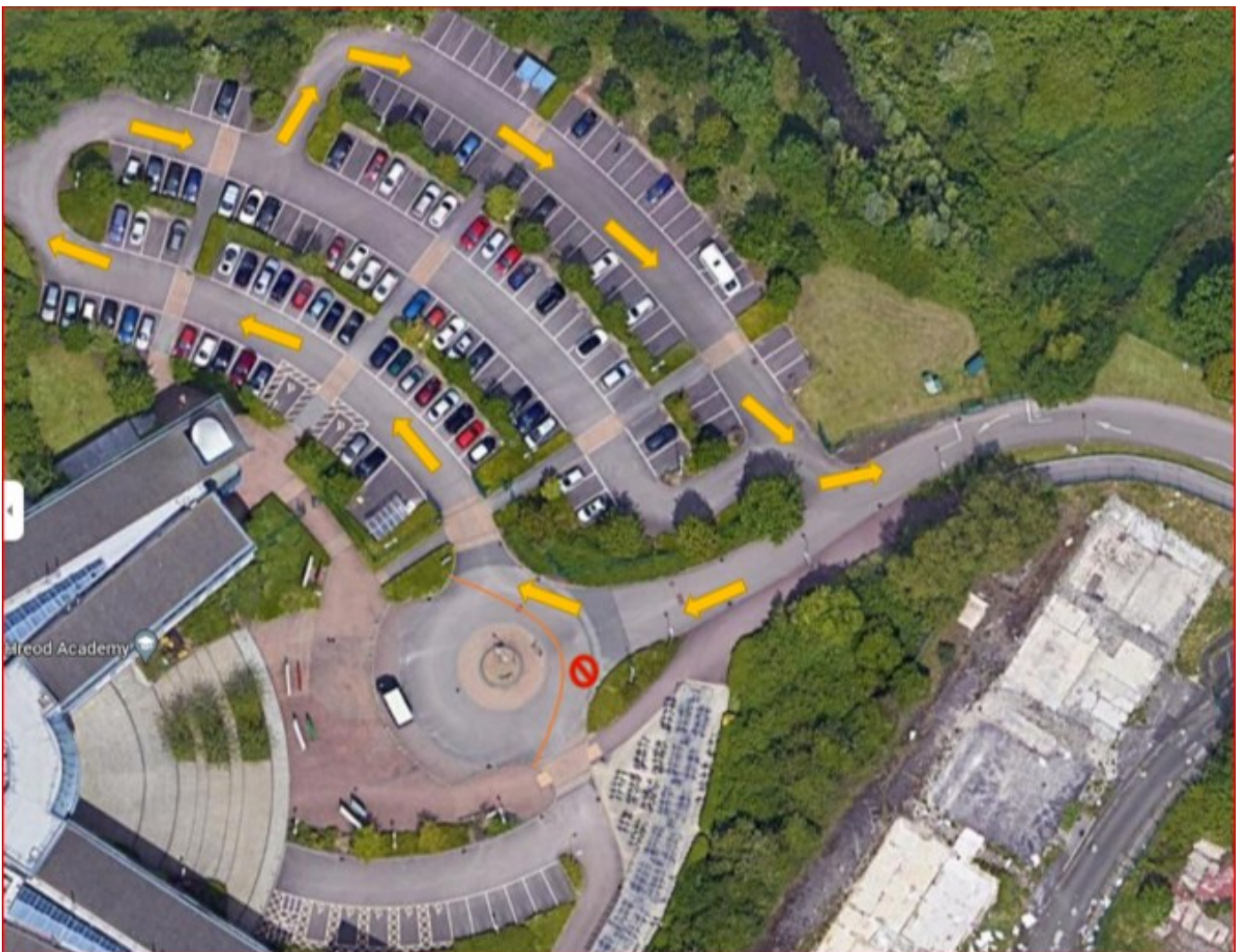
On Monday 1st July, the whole of Year 8 will be departing for their residential to Ashburnham House in Sussex. The coaches are scheduled to depart at 8.30am.

Please note this will impact access to the school site on this morning.

- The area directly in front of the building will be cordoned off for coaches only.
- If your child is not in Year 8, we would be grateful if you could avoid driving onto the school site if at all possible, as the roundabout will be blocked off. If you have no alternative, all cars will need to go through the staff car park using the correct entry and exit gates.
- Year 8 scholars can be dropped off in the staff car park. Parents are welcome to remain to wave off their child, but please leave the car in the staff car park.

As always, please show consideration to other drivers and pedestrians, and comply with the speed limits.

Thank you for your cooperation on this special day, your support is very much appreciated.



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- In Years 10 and 11, scholars eligible for free school meals receive a 30% discount on school trips. We may be able to extend this to Years 7-9 with additional funding.
- Registering for free school meals is confidential, your child's peers will not know that they applied, and you only need apply once.
- Taking up the meal is recommended but optional. So picky eaters don't have to eat the meal.
- Free school meals represent a £49 saving per month, per child.
- Eligible scholars in Year 11 have received revision guides that they can take away and use at home on a long-term loan worth £30 and an exam pencil case with pens and pencils worth £8.
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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OPEN MORNINGS 2024

Open Morning is the perfect opportunity to visit Nova Hreod Academy during a school day

Join us for a short presentation, meet staff and current scholars and have a tour of the building.

Year 5 Open Morning

Thursday 6th June 2024

9am - 11am



Catalyst STEM Stream Open Morning



Thursday 27th June 2024

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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