



A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



The start of July was a particularly busy and exciting time here at Nova as it was Our World Week: this is a week of activities and events where students do not follow their usual school timetable, but instead are given opportunities to learn

and grow beyond the classroom. At Nova, we believe in an education that impacts the whole child, not simply their academic skills, and Our World Week provides lessons in resilience, teambuilding, and the importance of participation.

Each year group embarked on a different journey, which you will see in the pages of this newsletter.

Many Year 10s went to a wide variety of placements for their work experience. Businesses across the county gave our students the chance to live a week in the life of the workplace, developing their teambuilding skills and showing how resilient they can be in new situations. It has been a delight to hear from employers who have praised the Year 10s for their excellent work ethic, and we thank everyone who agreed to have a student placed with them. Seeing how the skills learned at school can be transferred into the workplace demonstrates to our young people the relevance of their education and focuses their mind for their upcoming Year 11 journey.

Some very resilient members of the staffing team even went on to attend the Year 11 Summer Ball which was fabulous. From the way in which the students arrived, to their beautiful outfits and then their excellent dance moves, Year 11 saw the end of their time at Nova out in style! It was a

pleasure to see them enjoying themselves and relaxing after the stress of GCSE exams and we wish them the best for the future. But you'll have to wait for the next newsletter to see the Summer Ball photos.

As we draw to the end of the academic year, Our World Week provides a wonderful reminder of how fortunate we are to be able to offer these great experiences and how rewarding it is when we come together as the Nova community.

Ms Honeysett
Assistant Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 2024

Wednesday 17th—Year 7,8, 9
Achievement Review Day

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th—**Matilda**



Thursday 25th—**Last day of Term**

AUGUST 2024

Thursday 22nd—**GCSE Results Day**

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THIS WEEK'S TOP EPRAISE SCHOLARS



OUR WORLD WEEK—ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP

Here is some of the work from the environmental design groups . They used a mix of wool and Felting techniques to create these amazing pieces.



HOUSE UPDATE



It's been another busy term for Aquila students. Year 11 students finished their GCSE exams and many celebrated by attending Nova Fest and then the summer ball. Those that went to the ball had a great time, all dressed up and enjoyed the meal and disco. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the leavers luck with the next part of their educational journey, whether that be college, sixth form or an apprenticeship.

Aquila students have also enjoyed Our World Week. Year 7 engaged in activities based around our community, Year 9 took part in lots of activities based around the theme of sport, and Year 8 had a great time on camp taking part in activities such as paddleboarding, canoeing, climbing and archery. I was lucky enough to be with Year 8 at camp and witnessed the excitement and fun had by all students that went.

Many Year 10 Aquila students took part in a week's work experience during Our World Week and had the chance to gain valuable experience in the workplace of industries that interest them as they move into Year 11 and start making decisions over the direction of their future educational choices. Having had the chance to speak to many Year 10 students since their return it sounds like many had a great week and picked up valuable skills that will stand them in good stead moving forward.

As I write this update we have started the field events for sports day ahead of the big day where Aquila will look to end the day victorious celebrating another trophy!

Daniel Silvester

Teacher of Humanities
Head of Year 8



PARIS TRIP 2024

A group of 30 Year 10 scholars enjoyed their long weekend in Paris during which they took part in many different excursions and activities. These scholars did an incredible job of using their language skills during the journey. These came in handy for the visit to the market where they had to buy ingredients for their lunch, during the quizzes on our way to Paris, and during the crêpe making evening. Scholars were keen to try lots of different things, including some snails one night at dinner!

Paris was particularly enchanting this year given that the city are hosting the Olympic Games this summer. We enjoyed looking around the sites and seeing the layout for the games, the Eiffel Tower, visit to the Louvre and our boat tour of the city.

Interested in taking part in a similar trip? The MFL team are currently organising a similar one for next year, therefore keep an eye out on epraise and in school for more information.

Mr. S Miller
Faculty Leader of MFL
Year 11 Tutor



MOREDON PRIMARY STUDENTS EXPLORE THE HUMANITIES AT NOVA HREOD

Year 5 Students from Moredon Primary School visited Nova Hreod Academy for a captivating Humanities workshop filled with discovery, engagement, and enthusiastic participation. The young explorers delved into the world of geography and map-reading. Led by Nova's passionate geography teacher, Miss Waters, the students learned about grid systems and map references. Armed with pencils and maps, they deciphered coordinates to interpret maps accurately.

In another session, the students explored the wonders of the Hindu Festival of Holi with Mrs Bekir and Miss Taylor. They learned about legends such as the tale of the evil king Hiranyakashipu who plotted to kill his own son for choosing to honour Lord Vishnu instead of his own father, and about the Festival of Holi, a joyous Hindu celebration that marks the arrival of spring. The Year 5s listened attentively and answered questions enthusiastically. Mrs Bekir praised the students.

Ms Brasier-Ayres from Moredon Primary School, said: "Our Year 5s love coming to Nova. They're fascinated with the topics and it really helps with their transition to secondary school."

Throughout the day, the behaviour of the Year 5s from Moredon Primary School was exemplary. They returned to Moredon Primary with big smiles, and a deeper appreciation for the world around them. We eagerly await their next visit, ready to ignite more sparks of curiosity.



LATEST NEWS FROM DRAMA

Year 10 students have been exploring how to produce a play this term. We have been looking at a past exam text, DNA by Dennis Kelly. They have been using our Stage in a Box resource, to help them create a usable and creative set for their ideas.

They performed and filmed these after their week of Work Experience.

The year 10 GCSE drama students have watched all the KS3 Drama Festival entries. The competition was strong with groups creating well developed, focused pieces, that allowed for the whole class to be involved.

The winning groups will take part in a cinema lesson and will be provided with sweet treats for everyone.

The winners of the Nova Hreod 2024 Drama Festival are

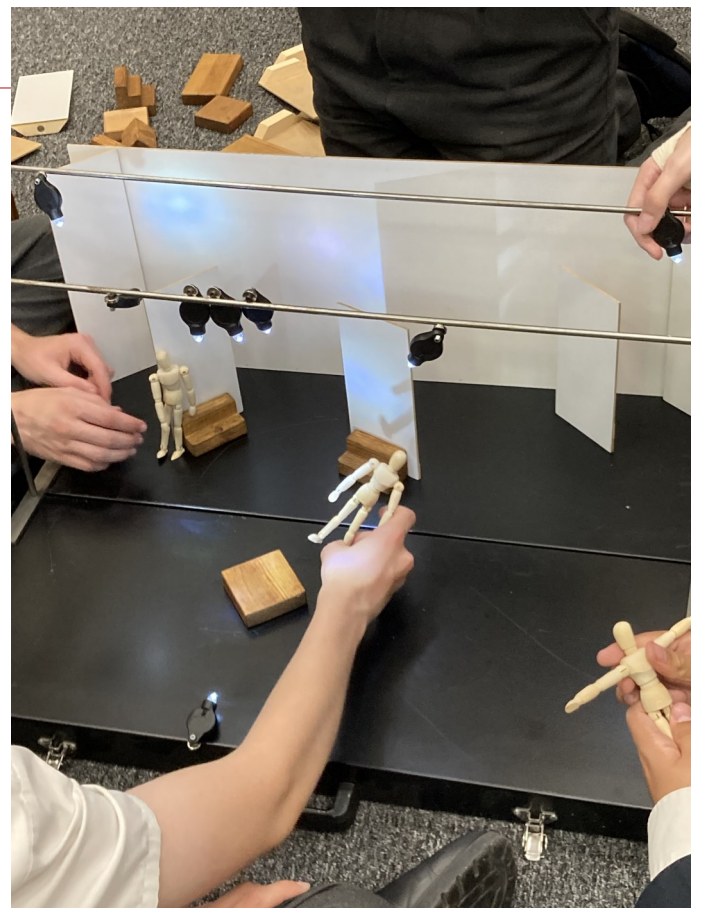
Year 7 . 7-3

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Congratulations to all

Mrs Derham
Head of Drama and Assistant Faculty Leader of Performing Arts



OUR WORLD WEEK—YEAR 7



Year 7's week began every morning with Mrs Derham's wake and shake in the atrium followed by the morning mile: this energetic and fun-filled way to start the morning set the students up splendidly for the day ahead. Cooking, creating comics, rangoli, chess and sessions on the history of Swindon were just part of the activities completed. The Year 7s also served the community by conducting litter picks in the local area, learning the importance of being mindful of their litter and being socially responsible for it. There were talks throughout the week from Prospect Hospice, WaterAid, Guide Dogs, Change Lives, Say No to Knives, and Johnathan Jungle and his wonderful animals. Some lucky students even got to hold a snake!



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Thank you for bringing your animals in and educating everyone on the animals and the climate they live in.

Year 7 students enjoyed a visit from Johnathan's Jungle

Thank you for bringing your animals in. It was very interesting.



OUR WORLD WEEK—YEAR 7



My favorite session was the no knife assembly because Jordan had the courage to go up and speak to us about the cause of her brother's death (knife crime). Thank you govt inspiring us.



Thank you to Prospect Hospice, Water Aid, Jonathan's Jungle and Guide Dogs for the Blind for visiting our school.



Thank you for coming in and educating me about guide dogs. I've learnt a lot and Enzo + Maple were adorable. Hope you come in again next year. I wish

Julia and Maple a good day.
It was my favorite session THANK YOU
From Julia Hulyra
7-C
To the Guide Dog

OUR WORLD WEEK—YEAR 8

Many Year 8s and staff went on our fabulous camp trip to Hastings for Our World Week. In this week, students didn't only experience camping life with its joys and challenges, but also had a variety of activities arranged for them by our staff. Sessions in axe-throwing, archery tag and orienteering were just a few of the activities put on for the group. Camp is a brilliant bonding experience and both staff and students returned – yes, a bit tired and soggy, but also smiling and with fond memories.

Behaviour was fantastic and the Year 8s can be very proud of themselves.



OUR WORLD WEEK—YEAR 8



I think the year 8 camp was really good because straight as I got home I went to bed because it was so good and tiring. My favorite part was raft building and all the other lake activities.

Alfie Year 8

I think the year 8 camp was amazing and worth going to it.

Rohan Year 8

OUR WORLD WEEK—YEAR 9



Year 9 completed a range of activities both in and out of school. Groups visited Lydiard Park, going on walks, using the high ropes and having a much-needed rest with a picnic. Our Year 9s also used the brand new Moredon Sports Hub. In this new facility, students played on the various playing fields, raced on the cycle track and were shown the space for the new youth centre which will be available to them for drop-ins after school. At Nova, the students were given motivational talks and participated in sporting sessions including archery tag, tennis, softball and many more.



OUR WORLD WEEK—YEAR 10



At the start of the week, Abhi from global investment company MAN Group talked to Year 10 and introduced them to an investment basics and trading game.

TV Personality from *The Traitors* and other programmes, social media influencer and senior charitable fundraiser, Wilf Webster delivered a fun motivational education programme to year 10.



The Talent Foundry delivered a Rise employability skills workshop, helping Year 10 to explore their skills which will aid their college and work applications.

OUR WORLD WEEK—YEAR 10



Year 10 worked with the Army on a series of teambuilding exercises and also learned a lot about cyber security and forensics with the Royal Signals.



Bath University worked with Year 10 to help them understand more about Higher Education and their options.

Year 10 went on to a session to create their own university; within a budget they had to consider what they would like in their perfect university, and deliver a presentation.



The Nova Hreod Academy
Production of



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book by
Dennis Kelly

Orchestrations and Additional Music by
Chris Nightingale

Music and Lyrics by
Tim Minchin

18th & 19th July 2024 - 6.00pm



£5 Per Person
Available on Parent Pay

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



OPEN EVENING

Thursday 19th September 2024
6pm-8pm

OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday 1st October
9am-11am
Thursday 10th October
9am-11am

CATALYST STEM STREAM EVENTS

Thursday 26th September
5pm-6pm

Tuesday 15th October
9am-10am

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