

Inspiring Learning



Easter Edition



Message from the Head Teacher

It has been lovely meeting so many parents at Student Progress Day for the last two days of term, and being able to celebrate the wider achievements of students. We have had so much to celebrate this term across the range of student activities.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 16th April 2018 for what I hope will be a productive and enjoyable term.

Easter Collection

Thanks to all the donations and the outstanding work of Noah Herniman and the year 11 volunteers who helped him, Noah presented over 220 Easter eggs to Newport's Women's aid last week. We are incredibly proud of the charitable attitude of our students and school community.

Safeguard Training

Thank you to Leanne Ward from Monmouthshire Youth Service who ran a Safeguarding training event with some of our students on Friday 23rd March. The training was undertaken by members of the Invisible Army and everyone who completed the training received a certificate of recognition.

Head Student Applicants

Well done to our Year 12 Head Student applicants who faced interviews on Wednesday. The successful candidates will launch their election campaigns after Easter to include Hustings to Year 11 and 12 and to staff, this will take place in assemblies on 23rd April. Election results will be announced on Friday 27th April.

Sporting Achievements

The U14 boy's hockey team travelled to Swansea on Friday to take part in the South Wales schools boy's hockey tournament. The boys were unfortunately drawn in a tough pool, playing several private schools along the way. The boys grew in confidence as the tournament went on and were very unlucky not to beat Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr. The boys didn't let their heads go down and instead put everything into their last game. Unfortunately they were runners up this time. Congratulations to all ten boys involved; Zack Nicholas (GK), Daniel Barrell, Ben Ferns, Ben Brand, Jack Templar-Johns, Jack Tourle, Alfie Balmer, Oli Hanley Gabriel Pugh and Theo Drewett. An excellent season; bring on next year!

Congratulations to the year 9 boys who achieved their RFU Young Leaders award last week. A great achievement Da lawn!

Well done to our students that took part in the Welsh Finals of the Schools Tumble & Vault competition. In the U14s, Georgie Davies became Welsh Champion, Jessica Ham picked up her Welsh feathers for representing Wales in last year's British final, where she came 3rd overall and was also part of the U19 SE Wales team who took Gold. Also a special mention to Will John who had a great last competition before he leaves school this year.



CHiPs Update

It is hard to believe that we have only been using CHiPs (Chepstow House Points) since January this year – especially as thousands and thousands have been issued to students. At Reward Assemblies in February, our first Bronze Standard winners were recognised for achieving 500 CHiPs; thirty students were presented with their badges and certificates – we thought this was an amazing start.

Only half a term later, and we have over four hundred students that have achieved the Bronze Standard, over one hundred have also made the Silver Standard (750 CHiPs) and eight amazing students have even attained the Gold Standard (1000 CHiPs). With the whole summer term to go we are confident that we will also celebrate our first Platinum Standard winners (1250 CHiPs) and even some Diamond Standard winners (1500+ CHiPs).

We look forward to seeing all students wearing their badges with pride after half term.

Congratulations to our first ever Gold Standard winners; **Isobel Dallyn, Darcy Howells, Beatrice Thomas, Jackson Brews, Alysha Sahota, Amy Barrell, Matthew Gatley and Ella Ross.**

Important Dates

Friday 30 th March – Sunday 15 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 16 th April	Campaign week for Sixth form Head Student candidates
Thursday 19 th April	Year 10 Parents Evening
Friday 27 th April	Sixth form Head Student election results announced
Wednesday 25 th April – Friday 4 th May	NFER Tests Year 7, 8 & 9
Friday 18 th May	Year 8 & 9 Girls HPV Vaccinations
Monday 28 th May – Sunday 3 rd June	Half Term
Thursday 7 th June	Year 7 Parents Eve
Wednesday 20 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 21 st June	Year 11 Leavers Evening
Friday 22 nd June	Year11 Prom
Friday 29 th June	Year 13 Prom
Monday 2 nd July	Transition Fortnight –year 6
Monday 16 th July	Year 12 Induction Week
Tuesday 24 th July	Last day of term