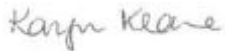


Dear Parent

On behalf of the Governing Body of Newport High School, I am delighted to present you with this report on the activities, developments and progress of our school over the 2010-2011 year.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher

The Governing Body

Over the past year the Governing Body has met twice each term to review the progress of our school, evaluate our performance and to carry out statutory duties for setting the school budget and reviewing the performance of our Headteacher. In addition to this, our Curriculum, Finance, Premises and Personnel committees have met regularly to review the progress of the school towards its stated aims.

You can contact any member of the Governing Body through the Clerk to the Governors, the Chair of Governors or by letter to the school.

CHAIRPERSON: Cllr W. Langsford, 2 The Coppins, Malpas Park, Newport. NP20 6JE

CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BODY: Mr S Biggs, Civic Centre, Newport. NP20 4UR

Governors:

	End Date		End Date
Community Governors		Non Voting Co-opted Govs	
Mr Richard Jones	17 th September 2015	Mrs Nerys Davies	27 th September 2015
Mrs Brenda Stevens	20 th November 2012	Mr Nathan Jenkins	
Mr Phillip Taylor	31 st October 2015	Mr Mark Tidman	27 th September 2015
Mr Derek Toms	17 th September 2014	Parent Representative	
Mrs Lindsey Watkins	17 th September 2015	Mrs Maria Cregg	17 th September 2015
Link Officer:		Mr Jason Donovan	3 rd December 2013
Mr Alun Williams	22 nd October 2013	Mr Andrew Gordon	3 rd December 2013
Headteacher:		Mr Adam O'Reilly	17 th September 2015
Mrs Karyn Keane		Mrs Christine Russell	17 th September 2015
LEA Appointed		Mr Gary Woodward	3 rd December 2013
Councillor Valerie Delahaye	31 st August 2012	Staff Representative:	
Mr Kieron Dineen	28 th September 2013	Mr Andrew Watts	9 th March 2015
Councillor Bill Langsford	31 st August 2012	Teacher Representative:	
Councillor David Mayer	31 st August 2012	Mrs Maria Teixeira	31 st August 2015
Councillor Bob Poole	31 st August 2012	Mr Glen Gilchrist	12 th September 2015

Our School

Our vision is reflected in our mission statement:

Learning-Believing-Achieving

At Newport High School a personalised approach to learning is at the core of everything we do. All learners experience high quality learning opportunities to develop and celebrate their individual talents within an inspirational environment. We believe that within our community every individual is important and valued and that every learner will be supported to achieve their very best.

It is our aim to ensure that all students leaving Newport High School will be happy, fulfilled, confident young adults with skills and qualifications which will equip them for the 21st Century. How do we achieve this?

- A curriculum which stimulates learning and matches the needs of all students.
- Teaching which is focussed on learning.
- A safe and happy environment which encourages learning.
- A strong working partnership between parents and school.
- A school at the heart of the community.

Our Curriculum

In Years 7 - 8 students followed the National Curriculum studying English, Maths, Science, Welsh, RE, PE, PSE, Art, Design and Technology, French, Geography, History, ICT and Music.

In Years 9 - 11 all students followed English, Maths, Science, RE, Welsh Baccalaureate (including PSE) and PE courses. They also chose options from the following subject choices: Animal Care, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Construction, Design, Design and Technology (Textiles, Graphics or Product Design), Duke of Edinburgh, French, Geography, Health and Social Care, History, ICT, iMedia, Leadership, Maths, Music, PE, Performing Arts, Photography, Physics, Psychology, Public Services, Sociology, Sport, Welsh, Travel and Tourism.

In Years 12-13 students opted for up to 4 subjects from a range of traditional and vocational choices. Courses were available at both Level 2 and Level 3 to meet the needs of all students and could be taken at Newport High or at one of our partner schools. Choices were also available from the following: Applied Science, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Design, French, Geography, Health and Social Care, History, ICT, Law, Maths, Media Studies, Performing Arts, PE, Photography, Physics, Psychology, Public Services, Sociology, Welsh, Travel and Tourism.

Welsh Language Provision

The school is classed as an English Medium school that delivers Welsh second language lessons to all students in Key Stages 3 and 4. We work hard to develop our students use and understanding of the Welsh language. At Key Stage 3 all students receive 3 hours of specialist Welsh language teaching each fortnight. At Key Stage 4 the teaching of Welsh continues. It is our policy to enter all students for GCSE short course Welsh with GCSE Full Course Welsh being available to all students as an optional subject. Incidental Welsh is used throughout the school on a daily basis.

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Children have special educational needs if they have a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. Special educational provision means educational provision which is additional to, or otherwise different from, the educational provision made generally for children of their age. The number of students on the SEN register is:

School Action	120 students
School Action Plus	125 students
Statemented	35 students
Total	280 students

Policies

A full range of policies is available from the school on request. Policies include:

- Admissions Policy
- Anti Bullying Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- PSE, Drugs and Sex Education Policy
- SEN Policy

Toilet Provision

Our toilet facilities were designed by students. They are cleaned both throughout and at the end of the day to ensure good standards of hygiene are maintained. Feedback from our students highlights their satisfaction with the level of provision, cleanliness and safety.

Attendance 2010-2011

This year there was a 1% improvement in attendance but this still remains below our 93% target. The Governing Body urges all parents to support the school in ensuring that their son/daughter attends school on a regular basis.



% authorised absence	4.6%
% unauthorised absence	4.8%
% attendance	90.5%

Finance

Income and expenditure account for the year ending 31st March 2011.

Total Income	£5,045,540
Total Expenditure	£4,997,482
Balance	£ 48,058
Previous Years Surplus	£ 14,953
Accumulated Surplus	£ 63,011

Our School Improvement Plan

Our School Improvement Plan identified our priorities for 2010-2011 as improving standards of English and Mathematics; continue to improve teaching and learning; further personalise the Year 11 curriculum; further develop Post 16 collaboration and embed self evaluation practices. Progress in achieving these targets was monitored by Governors.

The School Improvement Plan contained the following main targets:

	Target	Progress During The 2010-2011 Year
1	Develop a KS4 intervention programme for English and Maths	Professor David Burghes of the Plymouth University Centre for Mathematical Excellence worked with the Maths team to develop new approaches to the teaching of Maths
2	Develop an in-house training programme that targets improving the standards of teaching and learning	5 Inset Days were allocated to teaching and learning. A programme of twilight training sessions was run every Thursday at the end of the school day
3	Improve attendance	This improved from 89.6% in 2010 to 90.5% in 2011. We have now set the target of increasing attendance to 92% in 2011-2012.

Our School Self Evaluation highlighted the excellent progress made with our Year 11 results at 5x A*-C or equivalent. It also highlighted the need to continue to improve our English and Maths results. The 3 targets highlighted as the most important were:

	Target	Progress During The 2010-2011 Year
1	Improve GCSE Maths and English results	GCSE Maths results improved by a further 1% but still remain 8% behind those of GCSE English. Significant improved is expected in 2012 as we reach the end of a 2 year programme of intervention
2	Increase the number of students achieving the equivalent of 5 x A*-C grades	80% (provisional) of Year 11 students achieved the equivalent of 5 x A*-C grades. We have doubled our results in the last 4 years
3	Increase the number of Level 6 & 7 grades being achieved by students in Year 9	We put in place strategies to identify those students who should be achieving the top KS3 levels and monitored their progress throughout the year to ensure they were successful

News Initiatives and Developments

Recruitment to the Sixth Form was once again successful with over 180 students enrolling during the first weeks of term. This year we offered courses in collaboration with Duffryn, Hartridge and Lliswerry schools and Coleg Gwent in order to maintain a broad choice of subjects for students. Students and parents from across the collaboration attended a post-16 pathways evening held at the Christchurch Centre. Changes to collaboration were introduced in the Spring Term of 2011 as a result of the Newport Post-16 Transformation Plan. From September 2011 we will form the Newport West Post-16 Collaboration, working in partnership with Bassaleg School, Duffryn High School, St Joseph's High School and Coleg Gwent.

Just over 1,000 visitors attended our start of year Open Evening. This event allowed us to showcase our amazing facilities with the help of our community partners and cluster primary schools.

35 students got the experience of a lifetime when they visited the 2010 Ryder Cup at the Celtic Manor. Despite the rain, students enjoyed some of the golf and were lucky enough to collect autographs from most of the European Team. The day came to a close with everyone taking their positions on the banks of the arena created at the Celtic Manor to watch the opening ceremony.

Staff and students celebrated the first anniversary of our new school opening. Students were welcomed into school to the sound of Happy Birthday ringing out across reception. The party atmosphere continued throughout the day with students singing Happy Birthday to the school and blowing out the candles on a huge Newport High School themed cake which was later shared amongst students. As well as celebrating our birthday, students raised £660 for charity. The money was donated to the Mayor's chosen charity Tenovus.

As always, many activities took place in the run up to Christmas. To support Operation Christmas Child, students collected items, donated money and packed shoe boxes to give to less fortunate children. The senior vocal ensemble 'Perfect Harmony' started their Christmas engagements at the Light up a Life service at Llantarnam Abbey on December 6th. Over 500 visitors attended the cluster carol concert at the Christchurch Centre. Our Christmas Fayre, this year organised by Welsh Bacculaureate students and the Friends of Newport High School was held on 15 December.

Our Christmas activities also included our first community event for the elderly residents. Hospitality students produced a beautiful three-course meal, providing excellent customer service and catering for their visitors every need. The entertainment consisted of Christmas readings and beautiful vocals from a range of KS4 and 6th form students.

A group of students spent a day at Oxford University during the Spring term. The Students enjoyed an informative presentation from an Admissions tutor, who explained about the application and interview process and were then given the opportunity to take a look around St Catherine's College. This was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative visit and will hopefully set our students thinking about the university process, ready for when they start their applications in the Autumn term.

Representatives from the School Council were invited by our Chair of Governors, the Right Worshipful the Mayor Of Newport, Councillor Bill Langsford for a tour of the Council Chambers and Mayor's Parlour. 15 students visited the Civic Centre where they were greeted by one of the Mayor's staff. The students were taken to the Council Chambers where they were able to direct questions to the Mayor.

Our students celebrated St David's Day in style with a full day of Eisteddfod performances. Olwen was named as the winning house for the 3rd consecutive year.

On Tuesday 15th March we held an Examination & Revision Conference. All students in Year 10 attended the course which consisted of seminars to help better prepare them for exams. Successful businessmen and past students Dean Berry and David Coultherd joined us during the day.

At the end of the Spring Term, a 'Dance Off' was held to raise money for Comic Relief. Newport Gwent Dragons, Year 12 Students, Year 13 Students and Newport High staff all competed for the individual and team prizes. The event was organised by senior students, Gavin Evans, Naomi Richards, Daniel Newberry and Stacey Williams and was supported by other Year 12 and 13 students.

Many parents and students joined us at our options evening in February. This event allowed us to showcase the exciting range of subjects we have on offer to students at Key Stage 4.

Funding for a cycle shelter was received as part of the Safe Routes to School scheme. The shelter can hold up to forty bikes and means students and staff can now cycle to and from school and secure their bike for the day. To promote the shelter, a 'Cycle to School' day was held at the end of the Spring Term.

All KS3 students and staff visited St Fagan's in the Summer Term as part of a curriculum project focusing on Welsh History and Identity. This visit followed a week of lessons designed specifically to develop students' awareness of Welsh History, what it means to be Welsh and to have a Welsh identity.

Our transition programme was further enhanced to provide Year 6 students with an opportunity to meet and work with their Year 7 teachers in the term prior to them starting at Newport High School. In June, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils spent an entire day at Newport High completing a full range of activities.

A very successful combined Carol Service was held at the Christchurch Centre. Once again, our primary and secondary school children worked together to produce an amazing array of Christmas music and carols.

The 2nd Annual Newport High Cluster Primary School Swimming Gala was held during the Summer Term. The event was organised and run by our PE staff and Year 12 Sport and Leisure students.

As part of the PSE programme, KS3 students took part in drugs awareness sessions. Year 8 students visited a 14-19 Careers Fayre at Coleg Gwent and Key Stage 4 students completed a week of work experience activities. The school continues to work closely with Careers Wales.

Literacy and Numeracy intervention programmes were again used to support target groups of KS3 students.

A project supported by Business in the Community involved volunteers from Siemens spending the day building ten raised beds to create an allotment. Students will now be able to take part in gardening, horticulture and environmental activities throughout the year.

Our annual Sports Day was held on 11th July. Students from Olwen, Pryderi and Taliesin Houses competed in over 50 events which, for the first time, included non-competitive sports alongside the traditional athletics competitions. Branwen House won this event for the second year running. Former students and professional rugby league players Dalton Grant and Joe Burke presented awards to the winning competitors.

The Art & Photography department put on its annual Art show in July. The show featured paintings, sculptures and photography from over 100 GCSE and A level students.

Of the 151 students in Year 11, 145 moved on to post-16 courses at school, training programmes or employment. 20 of the 65 students in Year 13 have now progressed to University.

Achievements and Accolades

Our A level results this year continue to highlight the outstanding achievements of our students. This year 95% of those Year 13 students entered for an A level or Level 3 course successfully achieved a qualification. 20 students will now progress to University. These include Isaac Halsall who will read Physics at University College London after gaining 2 A* Grades and 2 B's along with the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification.

Head Boy Gavin Evans gained a Distinction, 1 Grade A*, 1 Grade A and 1 Grade B and will now read Physiotherapy at Cardiff University. Head Girl Stacey Williams, will take up a place at Aberystwyth studying Genetics following success in A levels Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics. Silifat Olatunde gained 2 Grade A's, 2 Grade B's and a Grade C and will now read Architectural Engineering at Cardiff University. Other high achievers include Ellis Secker and Abby Greenhaf who excelled in Art, both achieving A* Grades and Louis Smith who gained 2 Distinctions and the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification.



Georgia Duggan gained 3 Distinctions, 1 Merit and the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification and will now read Sport and Exercise Science at University of Glamorgan. Naomi Richards gained 2 Distinctions, 1 Grade B, 1 Grade D and the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification and will read Sport Studies at University of Wales Newport. Zara Grant gained 2 Distinctions, 1 Grade D and the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification and will read Sports Psychology at University of Glamorgan. Bethany Grist who gained 1 Grade B, 2 Grade C's and the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification will study Psychology at Swansea.

80% of our Year 11 students achieved 5 A*-C grades at GCSE - our best results ever! Our learners and staff worked incredibly hard and it all paid off! We look forward to many of our students continuing their success as they join our flourishing 6th form. Our high achievers include:

Sarah Crowley 4x Distinction*, 3xA, 3xB, 4xC as well as AS World Development (B) and L3 Extended Project (A)

Alice Pritchard 2xA*, 3xA, 1xB, 5xC and 1x Pass

Amy Davies 2x Distinction*, 1xA, 4xB and 2x Passes

Ryan Adamson 2x Distinction*, 1x B, 1x C and 2x Passes

Chloe Johnson 2x Distinction*, 4xB, 6xC

Emma Barne 4 Distinctions, 1xA, 3xB, 4xC and 2x Passes

Jamie-Leigh Butcher 4 x Distinctions, 1xA, 2xB and 1xC

Alicia Redman 4 x Distinctions, 2 xB, 1 x Merit, 2xC and 1x Pass

Jordan Fletcher 4 x Distinctions, 1xB, 5xC and 5 x Passes

Halie Casey 2xA, 2xB, 4xC and 2 x Passes

Sarah Poore 2xA, 1xB, 5xC and 5 x Passes

Charlotte Wall 2xA, 1xB, 4xC and 2x Passes

Curtis Shiers 1xA, 3xB, 4xC and 2x Passes



Of the 134 students entered for English and Maths, once again 28% achieved the L2 threshold including E&M. It is likely that we will see the impact of the work done in literacy, numeracy, English and Maths in 2012 as 23% of Y10 students have already achieved this target.

We are also fortunate to have many talented sportsmen and women amongst our students. In 2010-2011:

National Honours were achieved by:

Tom Berry - Wales Baseball
Sarah Crowley - Wales Track Cycling
Elliot Hardee - Wales Cross Country
Toni Harris - Water Polo
Louis Hillberg - Wales Baseball

Connor Lingard - Wales Gymnastics
Jamie Leigh Sergent - Wales Baseball
Chloe Smith - Wales Hockey
Ryan Ward - Wales Cricket

County Honours were achieved by:

Scott Archer - Cricket
Demi Beckett - Swimming
Tom Berry - Football
Annie Bevan - Rugby
Luke Edwards - Football
Joseph Foley - Rugby
Megan Grist - Swimming
Louis Hillberg - Baseball

Jordan Holmes - Rugby
Sophie Johnson - Rugby
Chloe Smith - Hockey
Jamie Leigh Sergent - Baseball
Ellis Redman - Football
Jesse Victory - Newport AFC, Football
Alice Whittington - Swimming
Liam Hardee - Gwent, Athletics

2011 Academic Results

Results for students of all ages continue to improve with this year's KS4 results being our best ever and are detailed below as reported in the Welsh Governments DEWi contextual reports and the Summary of Secondary School Performance (SSSP).

KS3 Results (Year 9)	English L5+	Maths L5+	Science L5+	CSI
Newport High School 2011	74%	73%	85%	60%
Newport 2011	79%	81%	84%	71%
Wales 2011	76%	78%	80%	68.0%

KS4 Results (Year 11)	% 5 x A*-C or Level 2 equiv.	% 5 x A*-C or Level 2 equiv inc English & Maths	% 5 x A*-G or Level 1 equiv.	% achieving CSI
Newport High School 2011 (Provisional)	80%	25%	86%	24%
Newport 2011 (Provisional)	69%	47%	91%	46%
Wales 2011 (Provisional)	67%	50%	90%	48%

KS5 Results (Year 13)	% achieving a volume equiv to 2 A levels	Ave. wider pts score
Newport High School 2011	94%	633
Newport 2011 (Provisional)	95%	776
Wales 2011 (Provisional)	96%	792

Please contact the school if you require a copy of the full Governors Report to Parents.