



NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL



GOVERNORS ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS 2021-22

Dear Parents and Carers

The Governors of Newbridge School are pleased to present the Annual Governors' Report to Parents for the academic year 2021-22.

Governors are pleased to share with parents that in 2022, as Year 11 pupils completed their first externally-assessed exams since 2019 following Covid, the school's outcomes were very strong indeed. Across the school, 44% of all pupils secured 5 or more A*/A grades, 80% of pupils attained at least 9 C grades and 94% of pupils received at least 5 C grades. In total, 880 A*/A grades were attained across the school and the English, Maths and Science pass rates were all between 72%-80%.

Year 11 pupils returned from two difficult years of lockdowns with a determination to work hard and succeed, and this combined with the excellent revision programme offered across all subjects and the tremendous support of all our families. As a result, all our pupils will now be able to progress to outstanding pathways in education and employment and we all wish them the very best for the future.

The school also worked hard to develop the teaching and learning programme across all year groups, ensuring all lessons are of the highest-possible quality. Alongside this, the new 'Successful Futures' Curriculum for Wales has begun with Year 7 pupils. Pupil successes both inside and outside the classroom were celebrated in prize assemblies and a sports awards evening near the end of the summer term.

All these successes illustrate the continued hard work of staff and our pupils, of which we are very proud. We also know these results are achieved through the support of parents and carers who aspire for the very best education and future for your children. This support is very much valued. The Governing Body and I thank parents and carers for working with the school towards your children's successful futures.

Yours faithfully,

M. Dean
Chair of Governors



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GOVERNING BODY 2022-23

Chair: Melanie Dean
Newbridge School
Bridge Street
Newbridge
NP11 5FR

Vice Chair: Claire Brookes

Clerk: David Hutchings (Education Achievement Service)

Representative	Name	Elected/Appointed by	Office Ends
L.E.A.	Gary Johnston Sally Newell Hayley Reed Claire Tippings Andrew Whitcombe	L.E.A.	n/a
Teacher Governor	Marcel Guillou Tania Clough	Teaching Staff	21/10/2023 04/10/2025
Support Staff Governor	Vacant	Support Staff	
Parents	Dawn Ashley Kate Morris Eleanor Parker Melanie Sandel	Parents	26/11/2023 14/11/2025 21/12/2025 18/03/2025
Community	Claire Brookes (Rev.) Peter Cho Melanie Dean Joanne Hazell Julian Simmonds	Governing Body	22/11/2024 15/12/2025 06/11/2025 21/10/2023 17/06/2023
Headteacher	Andrew Thompson		n/a
Non-voting Associate Governors (Pupil Representatives)	Hana Cho – Head Girl George Ayling – Head Boy		31/08/2023 31/08/2023



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PUPIL NUMBERS DECEMBER 2022

Year	Males	Females	Total
Year 7	109	94	203
Year 8	114	90	204
Year 9	112	90	202
Year 10	115	87	202
Year 11	98	95	193
Totals	548	456	1004

SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A financial statement for the school for 2021-22 is set out below.

The School has received no gifts this financial year. No travel or subsistence payments have been made to members of the governing body.

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Employees	3,987,127
Energy	73,481
Capitation	198,140
Premises	372,540
Supplies & Services	374,982
Examination Fees	77,887
Service Level Agreements	38,085
Total Expenditure	5,122,242
Income	691,329
Net Expenditure	4,430,913
Total Funding	4,870,070
Current Surplus c/f	+439,157



EXAMINATION RESULTS 2022 (KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS)

	All Pupils
Interim Capped 9	416.1
Average Points Literacy	44.0
Average Points Numeracy	41.5
Average Points Science	42.8
Average Points Skills	41.9
5 A*-A	44%
5 C+ Grades Inclusive of English & Maths	68%
C+ English Lang/Lit	80%
C+ Maths/Numeracy	72%
C+ Science	73%
C+ Welsh Second Language	70.10%
Skills Challenge National	91%

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION 2021-22

Group	Authorised Absence %	Unauthorised Absence %	Possible %	% Attend
Year 7	9.9	4.3	100.0	85.8
Year 8	8.5	4.3	100.0	87.2
Year 9	8.8	6.3	100.0	84.9
Year 10	8.8	6.7	100.0	84.6
Year 11	11.6	7.4	100.0	81.1
Totals	9.5	5.8	100.0	84.8



TERM DATES 2022-23:

Autumn Term 2022

Friday 2nd September & Monday 5th September: INSET day (no school for pupils)

- Term starts **for Year 7 pupils only** : Tuesday 7 September 2021
- Term starts **for Year 8-11 pupils**: Wednesday 8 September 2021
- Half term holiday: Monday 31 October 2022 - Friday 4 November 2022
- Term ends Thursday 22 December 2021 (*INSET day Friday 23rd December for all pupils*)

Spring Term 2023

- Term starts Monday 9 January 2023
- Half term holiday: Monday 20 February 2023 - Friday 4 November 2022
- Term ends Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term 2023

- Term starts Monday 17 April 2023
- Half term holiday: Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023
- Term ends Friday 21 July 2023

Planned INSET days (please note that these can be subject to change):

- **Fri 2nd September**
- **Mon 5th September**
- **Fri 7th October**
- **Fri 23rd December**
- **Mon 27th February**
- **Mon 26th June**



COMMUNITY LINKS

The school has regular meetings with its partner primary schools and is involved in work to ensure there is good continuity between the work of subjects in primary and secondary school as well as good transition activities for pupils from all schools. Pupils and staff visit between the schools for curriculum and social projects. The school runs two open evenings per year to enable parents, pupils and the community to visit – one in October for the whole community and one in June for pupils transitioning to the school. The school has strong links with community partners including the police and health service, who provide excellent support to the school through its PSE programme, and pupils perform at Christmas in elderly care homes in the area as well as at other community events.

PROVISION FOR SPORT AND HEALTH RELATED ACTIVITY

Pupils have extensive opportunities to participate in sport through the many successful teams run by the PE department in hockey, netball, football, rugby, cricket, basketball, cross country and other sports. The school makes use of the leisure centre swimming pool where all pupils have swimming lessons. During the school day pupils take part in activities run by the 5 x 60 team and at lunchtime different sports are laid on for all pupils to participate in if they wish. The school runs a health week each year when pupils take part in sports day, a fun run and a number of special activities. Older pupils act as sports ambassadors and run activities with staff. The school also runs separate PSE days each year which support the Health and Wellbeing curriculum.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The school plans teaching and learning through departmental Schemes of Work and well- structured lesson plans, both of which set out the knowledge, skills and understanding that pupils need to make progress appropriate to their age and ability.

Teachers use a wide variety of methods for teaching and learning according to the requirements of the Scheme of Work. All teaching and learning is of high quality, designed to engage, stimulate and challenge all learners to succeed and excel.

The school continues to develop new teaching and learning methodology such as the Newbridge Principles of Excellent Learning which provides pupils with an even wider variety of teaching methods that will develop their skills and confidence further.



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THE SCHOOL'S LANGUAGE CATEGORY

Newbridge School is an English speaking school.

WELSH LANGUAGE IN THE SCHOOL

Welsh is a compulsory subject in Key Stage three and four. All pupils undertake Welsh as a qualification. The Welsh language is promoted through the translation of many subject materials into Welsh. Welsh cultural experience is also provided through the school's Eisteddfod and Welsh trips.