

Llswerry High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Llysweri



Friday 15 May 2026

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,
Here's what has been going on this week.

EXAM UPDATE
18-22 MAY

NEXT WEEK'S EXAMS

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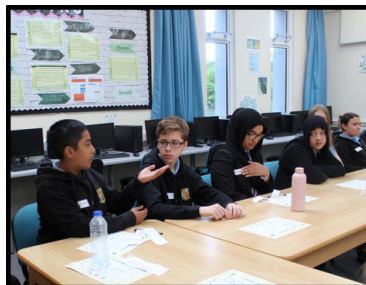


Visit from Jessica Morden MP and Matt Bishop MP

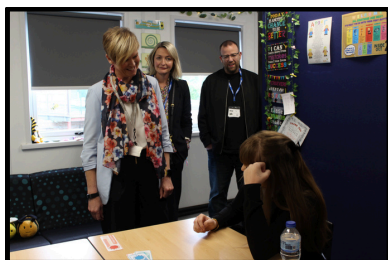
Today we had a visit from Jessica Morden and Matt Bishop. Matt is an former pupil of Llswerry High School so it was great to be able to show him around and for him to see the differences from when he was a learner.

They were given a tour of the school by two of our Year 13 learners and were then asked some really challenging questions from a range of learners from year 7 to 9.

To say I was proud is an understatement, the learners represented the school, our community and the city of Newport brilliantly and their interest in making things better for the future is amazing.



you can do **ANYTHING**
you just have to be **DETERMINED**



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Learning in The Hub

This week learners who access our provision in the Hub developed their strategic thinking skills by learning Chess. They also developing their hand eye coordination using rugby skills. In addition they engaged in some outdoor learning, weeding the garden area and planting some pots to make the outdoor space more attractive. Thank you to Mrs. Smith and Sunnydale Garden Centre for providing the plants, pots and equipment. We just need to keep them growing now.

Could your family be missing out on valuable support?

We want to make sure every family is getting the help they're entitled to. This also brings additional funding into the school, which is invested directly into improving teaching, wellbeing support, and enrichment opportunities for all students. The process is quick, confidential, and managed by Newport City Council.

For more detail

[CLICK HERE](#)



UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of but is still in good condition it would be great if you could donate it - please drop it in to reception.

Upcoming Dates

Friday 22 May - Year 7 Progress & Wellbeing report sent home

Friday 22 May - Last day of half term

Monday 1 June - Return to school (week 2)

Thank you to all our families and our community for your continued support.

SCHOOL ESSENTIALS GRANT
Support for families in Newport

COULD YOU BE ENTITLED TO FREE MONEY?

The School Essentials Grant is funding from the Welsh Government to help families on low incomes with the cost of school.

£125 PER CHILD EACH YEAR **£200 FOR PUPILS STARTING YEAR 7**

WHAT CAN THE GRANT BE USED FOR?	WHO CAN APPLY?	INCOME & BENEFIT CRITERIA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School uniforms (including coats and shoes) PE kit and sports equipment School bags and stationery Uniform for activities (e.g. music, sports, performing arts) Equipment for school trips or outdoor learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child is in Reception to Year 11 You receive certain benefits for one or a few people Your child is eligible for Newport-related fees: School Meals Your child is in local authority care Important: Even if your child isn't currently attending their School Meals, you still need to apply separately for this grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may qualify if you receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal Credit (income under £7,400 per year) Income Support Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance Income-related Employment Support Allowance Child Tax Credit (income under £16,100) Respite Care (agreement started) Any other support Eligibility is based on the benefits you receive and your household income.
WHEN TO APPLY	NEWPORT - LOCAL SUPPORT	HOW TO APPLY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications are open from 1 JULY 2025 to 31 MAY 2026 You can claim for school year 2025/26 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Newport, the grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helps families on low incomes with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> school uniforms PE kit school bags school meals equipment and sports equipment is linked to Free School Meals eligibility is open to a wide range of school equipment including uniforms, equipment and sports equipment is paid directly to families once approved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply online via Newport City Council It's a simple process Apply directly about your child and your family Receive letters Receive letters
WHY APPLY?	DON'T MISS OUT!	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the cost of school Make sure your child has everything they need Check your eligibility Apply today! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thousands of families in Wales receive this support every year Check your eligibility and apply today! 	

Best wishes,

Julia Fitzgerald
Headteacher

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