



# The Year Ahead

2024 - 2025

Year 9 Edition

Key information for parents/ carers and students about returning to school





**Ms Gemma Harries**  
**Head of School**

## The Year Ahead

Welcome back to our NT Family! As we approach the start of the next academic year, we wanted to share some key information with our school community. This document contains important information for parents/carers as well as students about the return to school process. We would encourage all members of our community to read the information contained carefully to get ready for an exciting year ahead at Newquay Tretherras.

We hope that all our students had a great summer holiday and are looking forward to their return. There are lots of fantastic opportunities for our students to look out for in the year ahead.

Our new 'The Year Ahead' publication contains all the following:

- Key Dates
- The First Day Back Arrangements
- 24/25 Tutor Groups
- Uniform Reminders
- Equipment Reminders
- Communication with Parents/Carers
- NT Extra Curricular Programme
- Attendance Reminders
- Support and Screening
- Policy Updates
- Ready for September Checklist
- GCSE Results News & Exceptional Achievements

There will be more information about the upcoming term as the year progresses. Here, we will give you more information about what they are learning and the aims of our rich, ambitious and broad curriculum.

# Key Dates

## 24/25

### Autumn Term

**Term begins for Years 7 & 11 & 12**

Thurs 5th Sept 2024

**Years 8, 9, 10 & 13 Return**

Fri 6th Sept 2024

**Half Term**

Fri 18th Oct to Fri 1st Nov 2024

**Last day of the term**

Fri 20th Dec 2024

#### INSET DAYS

**No students in school**

Friday 18th October 2024

Friday 20th June 2025

Monday 23rd June 2025

### Spring Term

**All Years Return**

Mon 6th Jan 2025

**Half Term**

Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb 2025

**Last day of the term**

Fri 4th April 2025

### Summer Term

**All Years Return**

Tues 22nd April 2025

**Half Term**

Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May 2025

**Curriculum Enrichment Week**

Mon 21st July - Fri 25th July 2025

**Last day of the term**

Fri 25th July 2025

# The First Day Back - 6th September

We begin the school year on a BLUE WEEK. Students should arrive by 8:25am, ready for tutor time to begin at 8:30am.

Period	Activity
8:30 - 9:00 Tutor Time	Registration & Welcome Assembly
9:00 - 10:15 Period 1	Tutor Led Activities
10:15 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:00 Period 2	Period 2 Lesson
12:00 - 1:15 Period 3	Period 3 Lesson
1:15 - 1:45	Lunch
1:45 - 3:00 Period 4	Period 4 Lesson

# Year 9 Tutor Groups for 2024-25

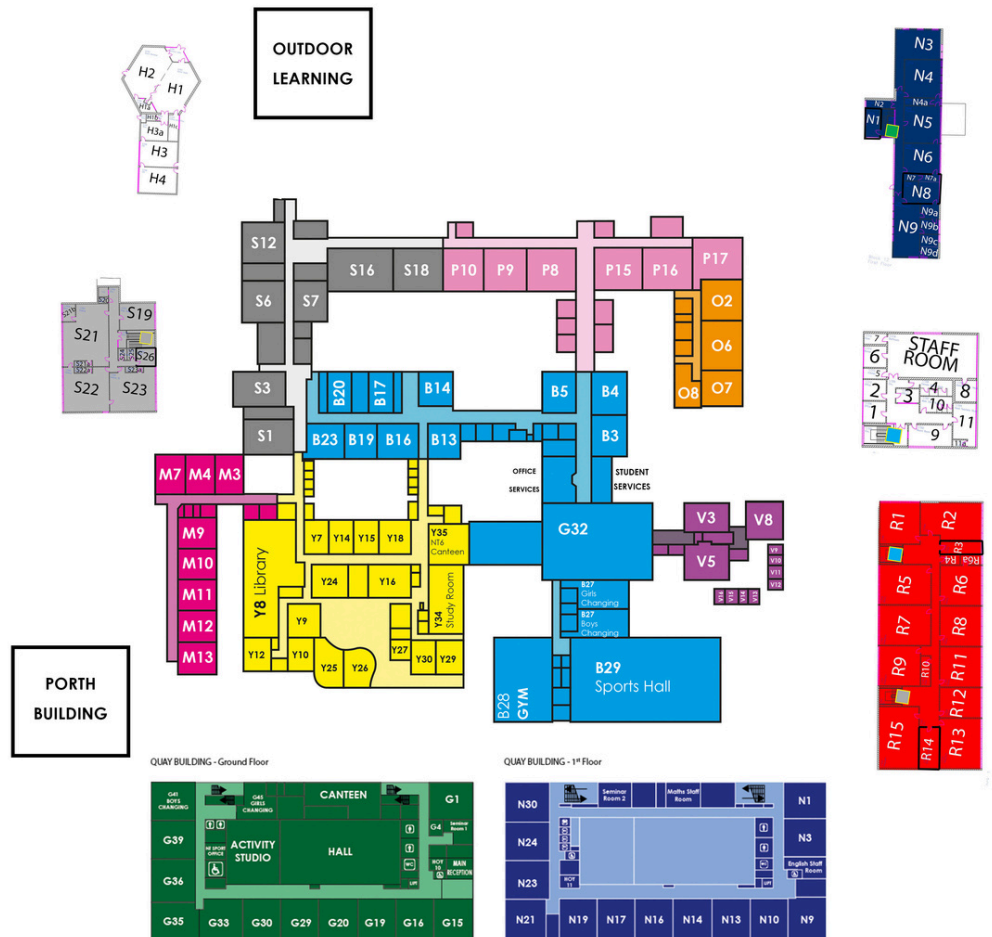
Tutor Group	Tutor	Room
DJB	Mr Bowden	G39
ICW	Miss Wheatley	R5
ITV	Miss Tineo-Vargas	M4
JSS	Mr Snashall	R13
LSP	Mrs Pearce	M3
MAH	Mr Hawkings	N19
MGS	Mr Sears	R1
NMP	Mr Price	B20
PES	Mr Strugnell	O6
SIR	Mr Riley	S1
SMC	Mrs Chapman	B19



## 2024-25 Timetables

Students will receive copies of their new timetables during the extended tutor session.

## Map of our school



# Uniform - We are NT ready and wear our uniform with pride

**Navy Blazer  
with School  
Logo**



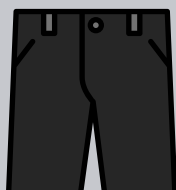
**Tailored White Long or  
Short Sleeved Shirt**  
Not Slim/Skinny Fit



**Plain Black Formal Trousers**  
Wide or straight leg  
Not Slim/Skinny Fit

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**Clip On School Tie**



**Plain Black Formal  
Knee-Length Tailored Shorts**  
Not Slim/Skinny Fit



**Plain Black Sock**  
Not Ankle Socks  
No Logos



**Black Polishable Formal Shoes**  
Not Boots or Trainer Style  
No Logos

*The uniform policy has examples of shoes and trousers that are and are not acceptable*

## Jewellery

No necklaces or bracelets should be worn, including fabric or bands. One small ring is allowed.

One pair of small and discreet, plain ear studs are permitted. They can be placed anywhere in the ear. The Academy does not allow any facial or tongue piercings including plastic retainers.

## Make-up

Discreet make-up is permitted in the Academy and discretion is left with the Tutor, Head of Year and Leadership Team. False eyelashes are not permitted. No coloured nail varnish allowed, nor are false or acrylic nails.

## Additional Support

We do have allocated funding available to support families in hardship to purchase new uniform items. Please get in contact with Miss Barber for further assistance: enquiries@tretherras.net



**Please Read the Full Uniform  
Policy on our Website**

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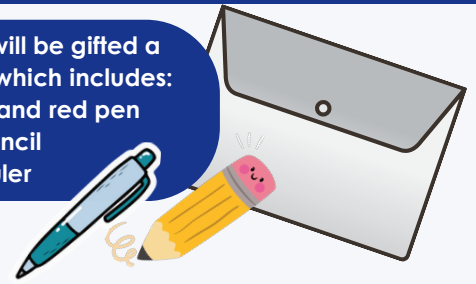


# Equipment - We are NT ready and prepared to learn



**School Bag** - All students must bring a school bag.  
*There are no restrictions on colour or branding.*

Each student will be gifted a Learning Pack which includes:  
A black pen and red pen  
A pencil  
A ruler



**A reading book**  
(you will be able to borrow this from the school library)



**A refillable water bottle to use through the day**  
(there are water fountains around school to re-fill your bottle)



**Scientific Calculator**  
All students require a calculator, they can be purchased from our NT shop



**Miss Carley Barber**  
Director of Key Stage 3

Our high quality pastoral care at NT is something we are very proud of, and we want students to feel supported in all areas of their life. In order to thrive in the classroom, students need a combination of high quality teaching and to feel valued. By developing a good understanding of the lives of our students, we strive to ensure this value is felt by everyone at Tretherras.

Every morning, students will meet with their form tutor, and these will become the members of staff who get to know students the most. Their role is to prepare students for the day ahead, and to support them in achieving their full potential. They will check uniform and equipment to ensure everyone is 'NT Ready' encourage literacy through our reading programme, as well as being a listening ear and first point of parental/carer contact. It is therefore important that both students and parents speak to these members of staff first about any concerns that they might have.

Each year group also has a Pastoral Leader, who is exceptionally trained in pastoral care and as a non-teaching member of staff is readily available to support students and their families as much as possible with all pastoral needs.

Sometimes some students find it incredibly difficult to take the first step to raise a concern or ask a question face to face about bullying or social concerns, therefore we encourage parents and students to use our 'talk to us' feature on the school website, as we can then log and track any concerns [Talk To Us - \(tretherras.net\)](http://tretherras.net) and act quickly to resolve the issues.

The first year of a big secondary school can feel a bit daunting, and we want to support our students to feel safe and supported. As the director of Key Stage 3, I would love to hear your feedback, questions or concerns about our new students to ensure everyone is happy and thriving at NT!

# NT Enrichment

We have a wide and inclusive range of opportunities and experiences for all NT students to engage in fully. These range from academic interventions, sports clubs, environmental groups, musical performances, Culture Empowerment Groups and art exhibitions.

This year's school production of **Chicago** is running from **Monday 14th October to Thursday 17th October** and we can't wait!

These enrichment opportunities offer all of our students the chance to develop their skills of leadership, resilience, commitment and pride when representing NT.

Last year we celebrated published authors, and had young entrepreneurs and musicians compete at a national level. Our sports teams and individual athletes have competed nationally and globally and it all started with the NT Enrichment Programme!



All our NT enrichment clubs are completely free for **all** students

Club	Days	Time	Location	Age Group
Art	Tuesday & Wednesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Badminton	Tuesday & Wednesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Chess	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Computing	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Cricket	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Football	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Gym	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Handball	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Netball	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Rugby	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Tennis	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Table Tennis	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Volleyball	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years
Yoga	Tuesday	4:00 - 5:00	After School	All Years

[View our Autumn Term Extra Curricular Sports Opportunities](#)

[View our After School Clubs Enrichment Programme](#)



# Parental Communication

We have a number of mechanisms to communicate with parents and carers. Our main form of contact is called Class Charts.



## Class Charts - Parent App



Parents can view their child's attendance, house points and behaviour points. Any detentions a child has will be recorded through Class Charts.

In **September** details of how to set up your parent account will be shared at Expectations Evenings.



## Parent Pay



We are a cash free school so all trips, visits and canteen purchases can be made via the Parent Pay website. In September details of how to set up your parent account will be shared at Expectations Evenings.



## NT Newsletter



Our NT newsletters will share key information about the term ahead and share key successes of our students. They are emailed out as well as shared on the Class Charts app via announcements.



## Expectations Evening

In-person evenings for each year group are held by our staff with specific and relevant information for you and your child.

**Year 9** Wednesday 11th September 2024

SAVE  
THE DATE

NEW

## Progress Reports

We are redesigning our progress reports to help provide information to parents in the best possible format. There will be more information about the progress reports during the first term.

## Year 9 Parents & Options Evening

**Wednesday 12th February 2025**

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THE DATE



Parents can email queries at any time to [Year9@tretherras.net](mailto:Year9@tretherras.net) or [enquiries@tretherras.net](mailto:enquiries@tretherras.net)

Follow us on Social  
Media for regular  
updates





**We run a Breakfast Club every school morning in the Sixth Form canteen where students can enjoy cereal, fruit, yoghurt, breakfast bars and a drink to start the day.**



**Miss Hayley Coombes**  
Assistant Headteacher:  
SENDCO

### **CELT Support Plans**

At Newquay Tretherras, we know how important it is to know our students and to meet their needs. Keyworkers from our SEND Team will be working with your child, and with you, to create a detailed profile highlighting any challenges your child may find with their learning. We have met with our primary school colleagues who have shared transition information, this will be an opportunity to review and add to this. We will then communicate your child's learning profile through individual CELT support plans and share these through staff clinics and staff training to ensure that their needs are met in their lessons.

### **Talking to you**

We know that you will be keen to talk to the SEND Team within the first few weeks of your child's time at Tretherras. During the week beginning the 16th September we are making time to allow for this. We will send you information about how you can book this time. In addition, we would like to welcome you to a Family Café on Thursday 26th September, from 2pm in The Porth, at Tretherras. You will be able to meet other parents, carers and the NT SEND Team. We have also invited Katie Frampton, from the County Autism Advisory Team to join us.

Reading Screening

### **Reading Screening**

At Newquay Tretherras, we recognise how reading is of paramount importance, enabling success in all aspects of education and life beyond school. To help support our programme of reading interventions and to enable our teachers to target reading support, we will be conducting screening tests of all our students early in the academic year. These tests will allow us to produce an accurate reading age for your child. We will then identify if they need any additional support, to guarantee that every child leaves our school reading fluently and with accuracy. Following the screening process, we will contact you to share the results and discuss any possible reading intervention that we recommend for your child.

### **Use of coloured paper:**

In line with current research, and many other schools across the country, we are using buff coloured paper only. Buff paper is highly likely to have the same supportive effect as any other colour your child may have accessed at their primary school. Students will be able to continue to use their individual-coloured overlays. We can supply these for your child and will be encouraging our students to be independent with this for their learning and any assessments they undertake.

### **Contact us**

If there is anything before this time then please do not hesitate to be in contact us at [sendco@tretherras.net](mailto:sendco@tretherras.net). We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together to ensure the very best outcomes for your child.



# Attendance

Here at Newquay Tretherras, we recognise the importance of regular and punctual school attendance. We routinely monitor attendance to ensure that all students understand the importance of attendance and feel supported to develop excellent attendance habits. We also love to celebrate excellent attendance through weekly housepoints, attendance awards and during celebration assemblies just to name a few.

We do, however, understand that at times, students are unwell and absence is unavoidable. In this case, we ask that parents/carers contact the school with a reason for absence. In addition, we know that at times, some students struggle to attend school. At Newquay Tretherras, we pride ourselves on our pastoral care and we will do all we can to remove any barriers that students may have which stops them attending daily whilst ensuring they feel fully supported. If you feel we could do anything more to support your child, please contact us via email to [Year9@tretherras.net](mailto:Year9@tretherras.net)

To further encourage and support positive attendance, we conduct home visits to households where a student is absent for a period of time and we have received no contact from parents/carers to confirm a reason for their absence.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this, in the first instance please contact our Attendance Officer, Sarah Bacon [attendance@tretherras.net](mailto:attendance@tretherras.net)

A recent study has shown that if a child is absent for one of the first days of the new term, for unauthorised reasons, they are much more likely to miss long periods of their schooling compared to their peers who attended those first days. These children had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%. This shows just how important it is that children are at school, ready to learn, in the first days of the September term.

August will see the changes to the National Penalty Notice Framework come into force. Specifically, the changes are:

1. A new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for which a penalty notice must be considered. A penalty fine can be issued for any combination of unauthorised absences over a 10- week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms.
2. An increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.
3. If a 2nd penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
4. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider options available to them to improve attendance. This will include a consideration to prosecute under section 444 of the Education Act 1996.
5. The current penalty notice warning letter used for unauthorised absence (not holiday) will be changed to a Notice to Improve.



96%

Students who attend school at least 96% of time achieve a grade higher (on average) in every subject they study for GCSE, compared to students with attendance below 90%

## Policy Updates

Each year, NT conducts a review of all uniform, behaviour and expectations policies. We would encourage all parents to familiarise themselves with our updated policies for the 2024/25 Academic Year.



**NT Uniform Policy  
2024/25**

**NT Behaviour Policy  
2024/25**

# NT Ready Checklist



**Uniform** - Check that you have all the uniform you need



**Equipment** - Check that you have all the equipment you need



**NT Enrichment** - Check out what is on offer, ready for Monday 16th Sept



**Tutor Group** - Know who your tutor is and where the tutor room is



**Policies** - Look at our updated policies



**Contact Details** - Email [enquiries@tretherras.net](mailto:enquiries@tretherras.net) or [Year9@tretherras.net](mailto:Year9@tretherras.net) if any details have changed



- **Travel Arrangements** - Make sure you know how to get to school on time and how to get home.
- **Morning** - The school is open to students from **8:00am**. Students should arrive no earlier than this and should be on site by **8:25am**. Please only get out of the car in the Drop Off Zone at the start of the day, to ensure your safety in the car park.
- **Afternoon** - Parents should note that buses have priority in the Quay car park at end of the day, as such there is no pick-up from the front of school available at the end of the school day. Please arrange pick-ups away from the school site to allow buses access.

**BREAKING NEWS**

# Another brilliant year of results!



Newquay Tretherras is celebrating a set of GCSE results to be proud of with results above national averages at every measure. The class of 2024 were full of smiles and tears of joy as they opened their envelopes, supported by teachers who couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

Our core subjects: English, Maths and Combined Science, all scored over 70% Grade 4+, which is at least 10% higher than national averages. The extraordinary results in these core subjects equips our students with the currency they need to move on to the next phase of their education and have every door still open to them.

We also had phenomenal success in our creative subjects with an incredible improvement in our Music department with 93% of students achieving Grade 4+ (17% higher than national averages) and Art, Photography and Drama also being at least 10% higher than national averages at Grade 4+.



**Both Sam Lee and Evie Muskett achieved 10 Grade 9 GCSEs qualifications each!**



## Exceptional Progress!

Students to note who have made the most progress since joining NT, gaining at least 3 grades higher than their targets are:

Richard Korosi, Ronan Prendergast, Finola Sawkins, Mia Yates and Flora Morgan



## CONTINUED GREAT NEWS FROM NT6!

Newquay Tretherras' Sixth Form continues its strong tradition of achieving the highest possible KS5 Vocational grades, with students successfully gaining places on their desired degree courses and apprenticeships.

Tretherras students achieved top A-level grades include: Nell G who has gained a place at the University of Oxford to study Chinese, Bluebell F who will be studying Chemistry at Bath University, Harry S who has accepted a place at Bristol University to study Biological Sciences, Jasmine G who will be studying History at Exeter, Rhys B who has secured a place at Falmouth University to study Computer Science, Cameron J who will be studying Economics and Econometrics at Bristol University and Ella S who will be studying Physics at Exeter University.