



Nether Stowe School

Be Respectful. Be Ambitious. Be Resilient.

26 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last half term I wrote to you about all of the fantastic opportunities that your child would be able to take part in, through our College Competitions. Initially I would like to say what a fantastic job they are doing, taking part, and representing their College brilliantly. It has been a whirlwind first term, with a variety of events leaving Beacon top of the current league table.

On that note, it is my pleasure to introduce a headline event that will allow your young person to take an even greater role in the college. We are launching 'Glastowe', with the main event being in the evening of March 14th.

Glastowe is, much like its much smaller and insignificant namesake Glastonbury, a music and arts festival that will be taking place over the coming 7 weeks. Throughout the festival pupils will have the chance to take part in a wide range of activities, and performances. Attached to this email you will find the Glastowe handbook with all the details around competitions, performances and deadlines for the pupils. This will also be uploaded to Showbie for the pupils. Every single entry will earn a point to the grand total, so each individual entry really does count!

We are immensely proud of the talented musicians, artists and performers that attend Nether Stowe, and we believe that the college system is a place that they should be able to belong and shine. This event will give every pupil an opportunity to take part and create positive memories representing their college. Your support in encouraging this is greatly appreciated.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, you are as much of a part of the college as your young person. Reflecting this, every pupil taking part in the performance evening will be given 2 free tickets so that you can come along and support them, and their College, on the night. There will be a limited number of extra tickets, but these will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

Glastowe promises to be an unforgettable night in our school calendar, and we look forward to seeing you there to share in the successes of our pupils.

Yours sincerely

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MARCH

14TH 2024

6:30- 8:30PM

ABOUT GLASTOWE

What is Glastowe?

Glastowe is a celebration of music and art. A music and arts festival in a school: think Worthy Farm but right here at school! We believe that it is important that every member of our community has a chance to shine. This is an opportunity for students to let their inner artists, poet or musician shine, for themselves and for their college

How to take part

Students have 2 ways to take part;

On the night - get involved and represent your College in one of the evening performances. It could be something you are an expert at, or it could be your first time trying it out.

Wider events - our wider events cover a huge range of skills, allowing everyone to take part and represent their college. Judging will be in the Junior (Y7,8 & 9) or Senior (Y10, 11 & 6th Form) categories.

On the Night

Each student performing on the night will receive 2 free tickets so you can come and support them
All extra tickets are free but are provided on a first come first serve basis. They will be very limited!



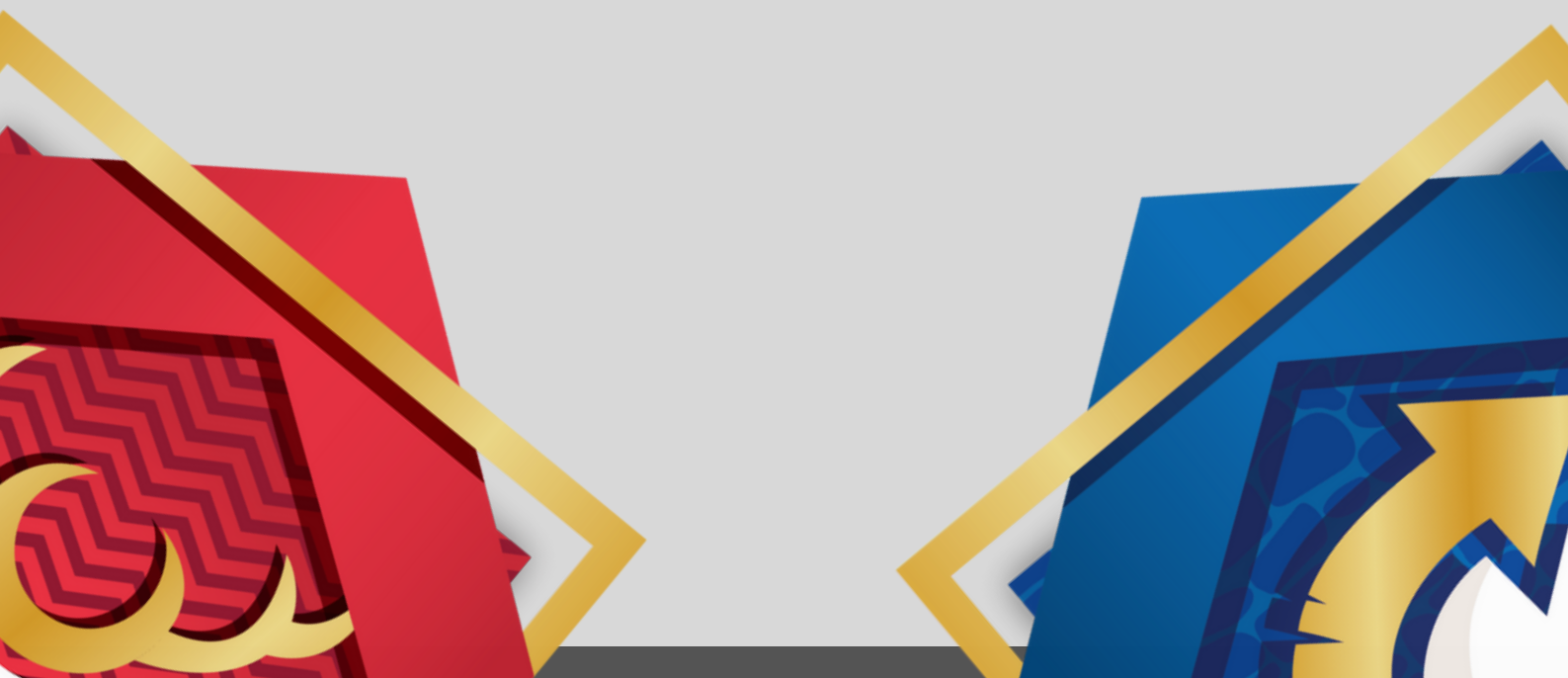
THE THEME

What is the Glastowe theme?

“New Beginnings”

This may be our first Glastowe event, but it will be the first of many. It is fitting that the theme reflects this idea of new beginnings and is core to the ethos of the festival.

Each event is uniquely shaped to allow pupils to work towards this theme, whilst also representing our core values: Respect. Ambition. Resilience.



WIDER EVENTS

Art

Use recycled goods to create a 2D or 3D piece of art, giving the objects a new lease of life

Photography -

Capture a photograph that shows the local area in a completely new way.

Baking -

Bake a cake using your College's new logo design, take a picture and bring that in

Flower Arranging -

Represent your college and the best of Spring

Film

Create a 1 minute film, using your iPad, focusing on the theme of 'New Beginnings'

Poetry

Write a poem with the theme of 'New Beginnings'

Form Collage

Take one of the school virtues that represents your form, and the things that makes your form unique and put it into a collage

ON THE NIGHT

Choir

1 per college. Your song can be anything that has links to starting again, renewal. Your choice!

Judging based on;

- Biggest Choir
 - Best Uniform and visual performance
 - Best vocal performance
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Instrumental/Vocal

Group/ Band- 1 group per college. You pick the song, you pick your way of delivering it.

Judging based on;

- Musical performance
- Stage presence

Dance

1 group per college. Dance's to be planned around the theme of new beginnings. 3 minute max time limit.

Judging based on;

- Performance
 - Link to theme
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Spoken word

1 person per college. Choose or create a 3 minute (max) monologue on the theme of beginning.

Judging based on;

- Stage Performance

DEADLINES

- **Art**
 - Due 07/03/24
 - Can be handed in any time
- **Photography**
 - Due 11/03/24
 - Can be handed in any time/uploaded to showbie
- **Film**
 - Due 12/03/24
 - Upload to showbie
- **Poetry**
 - Due 13/03/24
 - Upload to Showbie
- **Form Collage**
 - Due 14/03/24
 - Handed to Mr Wright
- **Baking**
 - Due 14/03/24
 - Photos uploaded to showbie only, no need to bring in to reduce food waste
- **Flower Arranging**
 - Due 14/03/24
 - Bring into 6th Form work room am