

# NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL



Newport High School  
Ysgol Uwchradd Casnewydd

Equality

Commitment

Integrity

## NATIONAL SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES LEAGUE



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# NS/C LEAGUE 2025

## LET'S GO!

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# ROBERT



# SIDOLI

## HEAD COACH

FOLLOWING A THRILLING 2024/25 CAMPAIGN, NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY ACADEMY ENTERS THE NEW SEASON WITH RENEWED AMBITION AND A CLEAR SENSE OF PURPOSE. LAST YEAR'S JOURNEY TO THE CONFERENCE B PLAY-OFF FINAL—MARKED BY DRAMATIC VICTORIES, STANDOUT INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES, AND A COMMITMENT TO EXPANSIVE RUGBY—HAS LAID A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD. THE SQUAD SHOWED RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF SETBACKS AND DEMONSTRATED A GROWING MATURITY IN HIGH-PRESSURE MOMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR SEMI-FINAL TRIUMPH OVER BRIDGEND COLLEGE. WITH THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF NARROWLY MISSING OUT ON PROMOTION STILL FRESH, THE TEAM IS MORE MOTIVATED THAN EVER TO TAKE THAT FINAL STEP. THE COACHING STAFF, LED BY A DEDICATED SUPPORT TEAM, WILL BE LOOKING TO HARNESS THE ENERGY AND EXPERIENCE OF RETURNING PLAYERS WHILE INTEGRATING FRESH TALENT INTO A SYSTEM BUILT ON CREATIVITY, DISCIPLINE, AND TOGETHERNESS.

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# THE TEAM



**ROB SIDOLI**  
ACADEMY MANAGER



**MATTHEW LEWIS**  
ASSISTANT COACH



**ADAM STANIFORTH**  
ASSISTANT COACH



**MIKE YOUNG**  
ASSISTANT COACH



**LENNON GREGGAINS**  
S&C COACH



**LILY RICHARDSON**  
PHYSIO



**OWAIN JONES**  
ANALYST



**RHYS TAYLOR-JONES**  
ANALYST

PADRAIC TURLAND LANG  
TEAM MANAGER

ELERI JACKSON  
TEAM MANAGER

SAM RUTHERFORD  
PHYSIO

JOYEMMA LEWIS  
SOCIAL MEDIA

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# THE SQUAD



CIARAN BEAVIS  
FRONT ROW



MACAULEY POULTER  
FRONT ROW



JAYDEN BLANKS  
FRONT ROW



DYLAN GREENING  
FRONT ROW



JACOB ELEY  
FRONT ROW



BENSON NGOSHI  
FRONT ROW



CAE JONES  
FRONT ROW



GRUFF WILLIAMS  
FRONT ROW



IEUAN SMITH  
FRONT ROW



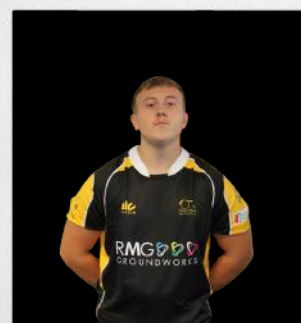
CALLUM BRUSTAD  
FRONT ROW



RILEY SMITH  
FRONT ROW



HARRY PRICE  
FRONT ROW



HARRY ROBATHAN  
FRONT ROW



ISAAC BLACKLER  
SECOND ROW



ROWAN EGAN  
SECOND ROW



TRAVIS WAITE  
SECOND ROW



REUBEN MALSON  
SECOND ROW



CALLUM WESTWOOD  
SECOND ROW



GETHIN CLARKE  
SECOND ROW



OSCAR WATKINS  
SECOND ROW

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# THE SQUAD



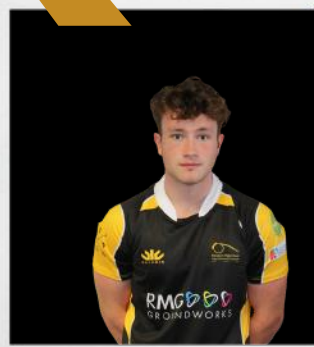
**ELLIOT BEAVAN**  
SECOND ROW



**ETHAN ROBINSON**  
BACK ROW



**MAX LUNDRIGAN**  
BACK ROW



**OLLIE BELLAVIA-  
WALKER**  
BACK ROW



**BAILEY STRIDE**  
BACK ROW



**TROY RAYMOND**  
BACK ROW



**MASON DURANT**  
BACK ROW



**JAKE KITT**  
BACK ROW



**IEUAN BEVAN**  
BACK ROW



**MASAKI ADACHI**  
BACK ROW



**IOAN BOWDEN**  
BACK ROW



**HARRY WHEELER**  
BACK ROW



**BLEDDYN JENKINS**  
SCRUM HALF



**NYE CAIN-  
CULVERWELL**  
SCRUM HALF



**CHARLIE BURROWS**  
SCRUM HALF



**LUCA BENAVENTE**  
SCRUM HALF



**FIN JONES**  
OUTSIDE HALF



**LIAM LAWLOR**  
OUTSIDE HALF



**FIN REYNOLDS**  
UTILITY BACK



**DYLAN LEE**  
OUTSIDE HALF

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# THE SQUAD



THOMAS HOWARD  
OUTSIDE HALF



CHRIS WHIPPY  
CENTRE



MASON HOBROUGH  
CENTRE



RYAN SCOTT  
CENTRE



OLIVER TUGWELL  
CENTRE



MAX MARSHALL  
CENTRE



IEUAN MORGAN  
CENTRE



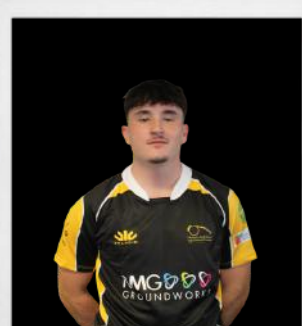
FIN GIRLING  
CENTRE



LUCA GROCCOTT-MASON  
BACK 3



JAKE STANAWAY  
BACK 3



LEWIS APPLEBY  
BACK 3



DYLAN GABICA  
BACK 3



DYLAN COLE  
BACK 3



DANNY HUTCHINSON  
BACK 3



KOBY HOWELLS  
BACK 3



HAYDEN WILLIAMS  
BACK 3

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# CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN FOR THE NEW SEASON



Reuben Malson -  
Captain

I am truly honoured to captain the boys going forward into the new college league. I am also just excited to play with a great bunch of boys who have come a long way and have really bonded since the pre season started and have really come together as a group. With the new first years that have come in, they do not look out of place at all. I truly believe this will be a really exciting season to be apart of.



Thomas Howard -  
Year 13

I am really looking forward to college league this year. This year we are going all out again to win promotion after falling short two years on the bounce. I feel with the way pre season has gone with new faces coming into the environment, along with some of the more experienced players, I think this goal is very much within our reach.

# PARTNERSHIPS

## 2025/26



## NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL



## NEWPORT RFC

Newport RFC and Newport High School Rugby Academy are thrilled to announce a partnership dedicated to rugby development in the area. This collaboration solidifies a longstanding relationship, emphasising shared values that encourage individuals to strive for excellence in the rugby environment.

Newport RFC, in conjunction with the Friends Of Newport Trust, has been a steadfast supporter of grassroots rugby in Newport, offering financial assistance to local schools, clubs, and junior sections. Newport High proudly displays the FONR logo on their jerseys, symbolising these strong connections.

Several players, including Lennon Greggains, Josh Reynolds, Tom Workman, Daf Buckland, Will Reid, and George Young, who emerged from the Newport High School production line, have proudly worn the Black and Amber Jersey. Under the exceptional development of Rob Sidoli and his coaching team at the High School, they have gone on to represent the renowned club and, in some cases, the region.

Dray Jack-Griffin and Louis Pullen, the latest graduates into the Newport RFC first team from the High School, highlight the success of this partnership. The club remains committed to providing opportunities for these players to thrive at this level.

This collaboration aims to identify and support player pathways and rugby growth by sharing knowledge and experience. It also provides students with opportunities to understand the requirements for success in a semi-professional environment, not only as players but also in various aspects of a rugby-related career, such as strength and conditioning, analysis, physiotherapy, social media, sports massage, and marketing.

Newport Head Coach Tyrone Morris:

"In my eight seasons with Newport RFC, we've established strong connections with junior teams in Newport and the surrounding areas. It's crucial for both myself and the club to foster these relationships, providing a development pathway for players who may not fit into regional age grades or those who discover rugby later in their careers. I'm particularly excited about collaborating with Rob and his team at Newport High to design a comprehensive development program, catering not only to players in junior leagues but also those in local schools. Our mission at Newport Rugby Club is to forge a rugby pathway, offering individuals the opportunity to reach the pinnacle of high-performance professional rugby. With our solid relationship at Newport High School, I'm confident in our ability to achieve this moving forward."

Head of Newport High Rugby Academy Rob Sidoli:

"Friends of Newport Trust and Newport RFC have always supported the Newport High School rugby academy and over the years have aligned a clear route for young aspiring players to continue their journey of rugby development. Their values are aligned to ours at the academy and they recognise the value of the development of the individual at both academic and rugby levels. The new Gareth Lewis bursary foundation that is linked to Cardiff Metropolitan University allows for players who love the game to specialise in other areas such as Strength & Conditioning, Social Media, Analysis, etc and we look forward to seeing that program strengthen with new outlets at Newport RFC. The environment at Newport High is evolving and the new 4G pitch is evidence of that. The key to any development program is the environment and the overall provision of Newport High Rugby Academy and Newport RFC will look to enhance that and ensure that Gwent has one of the best talent identification and development programs in Wales."



# **GARETH LEWIS BURSARY FOUNDATION**

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**CARDIFF MET  
UNIVERSITY**

In memory of Gareth Lewis, The 'GL Bursary Foundation' provides a unique and professional link between Newport High and Cardiff Metropolitan University, where work experience placements for alumni students are provided.

Gareth spent his time in the library space at Newport High School to meet, motivate and advise on opportunities for students with aspirations for University. His time, guidance and direction were a key influence for many, and the 'GL Bursary Foundation' will ensure his influence is experienced by future generations of Newport High School learners.



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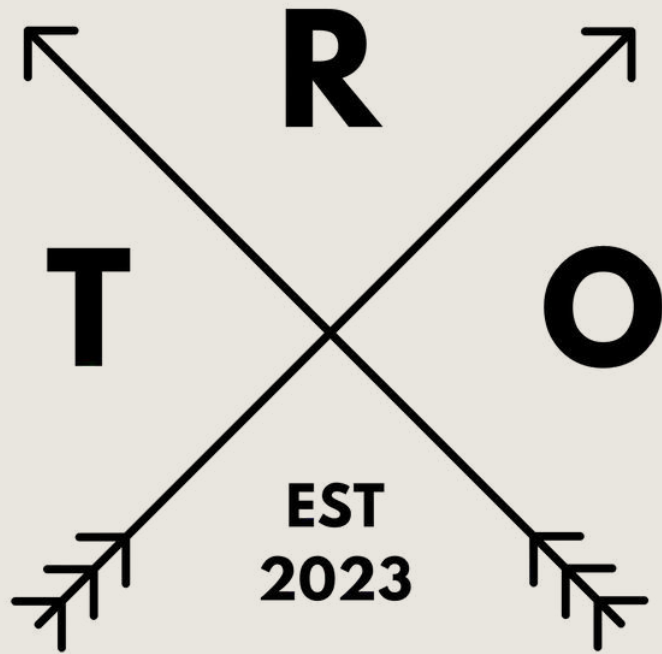
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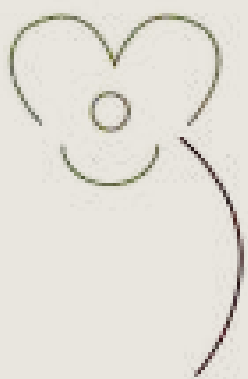
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# teaching personnel



## MORRIS'S GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

# Look Back at Last Year

The season began with high hopes following the previous year's narrow play-off defeat to Gower College. That optimism was immediately justified with a commanding 31–8 win over Christ College Brecon. The match featured a contender for try of the season, as Danny Hutchinson's audacious flick between the legs set up Noah Morgan, who released Luca Grocott-Mason to finish superbly in the corner.

However, the team's momentum was briefly halted in their second fixture, away to Ysgol Ystalyfera. Despite a spirited second-half fightback, Newport were outworked in difficult conditions and fell to a 24–14 defeat. A red card for Tiger Chatham added further frustration to a tough afternoon. Determined to bounce back, the squad responded with a 29–15 win over Neath Port Talbot. Though the performance lacked some fluidity, the backline produced moments of brilliance, with Lewis Appleby, Noah Morgan, and Danny Hutchinson combining for long-range tries. Jack Williams and Harri Jacobs also added to the scoreline, helping the team regain confidence.

A long journey west to Coleg Sir Benfro saw a much-changed side deliver a free-flowing attacking display. Fullback James Culleton crossed twice, and Lewis Appleby produced a stunning 70-metre solo effort in a 48–24 bonus-point victory. The only blemish was a yellow card for stand-in captain Lloyd Nash. Next came a highly anticipated clash with local rivals Coleg Gwent under the floodlights at Ystrad Mynach. Newport started brightly, with Tiger Chatham scoring early, but deteriorating conditions and unforced errors allowed Gwent to take control. Despite a valiant effort from forwards Shay Bushe, Lewi Hartland, and Harri Jacobs, Newport fell to a 29–10 defeat—a scoreline that arguably flattered the opposition.

With play-off positions on the line, Newport faced a strong Bridgend College side and delivered a composed and clinical performance. Noah Morgan finished off an early break from Olly Tugwell, while Jack Williams, Harri Jacobs, and Lloyd Nash added further tries in a 33–20 win that reignited the team's campaign. The final regular season fixture saw Newport travel to Ysgol Duffryn Aman. Tries from Tiger Chatham, Dai Petrescu, Noah Morgan, Harri Jacobs, and a spectacular solo effort from Lewis Appleby, combined with a flawless kicking display from Tom Howard, secured a 35–15 win and joint second place in the league—earning a play-off semi-final spot.

In a tense semi-final away at Bridgend College, the game swung back and forth. A Rhys Griffiths try and two penalties from Tom Howard kept Newport within touching distance. With just minutes remaining and trailing 14–13, Howard stepped up to slot a long-range penalty from the touchline, clinching a dramatic 16–14 victory and sending Newport to another play-off final. The final, played on a cold December evening and broadcast live on S4C, saw Newport face Coleg Gwent once again. The team started strongly, dominating possession and territory, and were rewarded with a try from David Petrescu and five points from the boot of Tom Howard. However, missed opportunities, a few contentious refereeing decisions, and unforced errors allowed Gwent to wrestle control and eventually secure a 32–13 win—earning promotion to Conference A.

Despite the disappointment of falling short at the final hurdle, the coaching team remains proud of the squad's development and character. The Year 13 leavers have left a legacy both on and off the field, setting high standards and laying the foundations for future success. For the current Year 12 players, the challenge now is to build on this progress and take the academy to the next level.

A special mention must go to Rob, whose tireless work behind the scenes continues to drive the academy forward. From organising fixtures and transport to mentoring players and managing budgets, his dedication is unmatched. As Evan Lawler said in his leaver's speech, Rob is more than a coach—he's a mentor and a father figure to many. His efforts, including navigating complex council processes to secure approval for a new 3G facility, are instrumental in shaping the future of rugby at Newport High School.

Adam Staniforth



Newport High School  
Ysgol Uwchradd Casnewydd

N S / C L E A G U E

R O U N D 1

NEWPORT HIGH VS DYFFRYN AMAN  
WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL  
2:30PM KICK OFF



1. Ciaran Beavis
2. Cae Jones
3. Harry Price
4. Elliot Beavan
5. Rowan Egan
6. Reuben Malson ©
7. Mason Durant
8. Ollie Bellavia-Walker
9. Luca Benavente
10. Liam Lawlor
11. Lewis Appleby
12. Thomas Howard
13. Mason Hobrough
14. Danny Hutchinson
15. Koby Howells

## IMPACT PLAYERS

16. Benson Ngoshi
17. Riley Smith
18. Macauley Poulter
19. Jacob Kitt
20. Max Lundrigan
21. Charlie Burrows
22. Fin Girling
23. Dylan Gabica

STARTING XI



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# DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE ROUND 1



**NEWPORT HIGH VS DYFFRYN AMAN  
WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL  
3:00PM KICK OFF**

1. Dylan Greening
2. Jacob Eley
3. Callum Brustad
4. Isaac Blackler ©
5. Callum Westwood
6. Masaki Adachi
7. Ethan Robinson
8. Ieuan Bevan
9. Bleddyn Jenkins
10. Fin Reynolds
11. Dylan Cole
12. Fin Jones
13. Max Marshall
14. Luca Grocott-Mason
15. Jake Stanaway

## IMPACT PLAYERS

16. Gruff Williams
17. Travis Waite
18. Ieuan Smith
19. Oscar Watkins
20. Ioan Bowden
21. Nye Cain-Culverwell
22. Ieuan Morgan
23. Chris Whippy
24. Fletcher Cain-Smith

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# NS/C LEAGUE FIXTURES 2025/26



24th SEPT

**VS**



Newport High School

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1st Oct

**VS**



Bridgend College

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8th Oct

**VS**



Newport High School

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15th Oct

**VS**



Newport High School



# NS/C LEAGUE FIXTURES 2025/26



22nd Oct

**VS**

FRIENDLY



5th Nov

**VS**

Neath Port Talbot



12th Nov

**VS**

Newport High School



19th Nov

**VS**

Christ College Brecon



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