

Prospectus YEAR 7 ENTRY

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to Newport Girls' High School

For over a century, Newport Girls' High School has been a beacon of excellence in girls' education, blending academic rigour with a nurturing environment to inspire the next generation of confident, capable, and compassionate young women.

At NGHS, we are proud of our rich heritage and our reputation as one of the top-performing state schools in the region. Our commitment to high standards, innovation, and personal development ensures that every student is supported to achieve her full potential—both in and beyond the classroom.

From the moment students join us in Year 7, they become part of a vibrant, inclusive, and aspirational community. Our dedicated staff, broad and engaging curriculum, and extensive enrichment opportunities create a learning environment where curiosity is encouraged, talents are nurtured, and individuality is celebrated.

We believe that education is about more than just examination results. At NGHS, we foster resilience, independence, and a strong sense of social responsibility. Our students are encouraged to lead, to collaborate, and to make a positive difference in their school and wider community.

As Headteacher, I am immensely proud of the achievements of our students and the warm, purposeful atmosphere that defines our school. Whether you are a prospective student or a parent exploring options for your daughter's future, I invite you to discover what makes NGHS such a special place to learn, grow, and thrive.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school and supporting you on the exciting journey ahead.

Best wishes, **Adam Jones** Headteacher Newport Girls' High School



Aims, Ethos and Values

At NGHS, we strive to:

Provide a high-quality education which enables all students to reach their full potential as life-long learners

Foster a safe, indusive environment in which all are valued, respected and celebrated

Offer opportunities for all to positively contribute to our NGHS family and the wider community

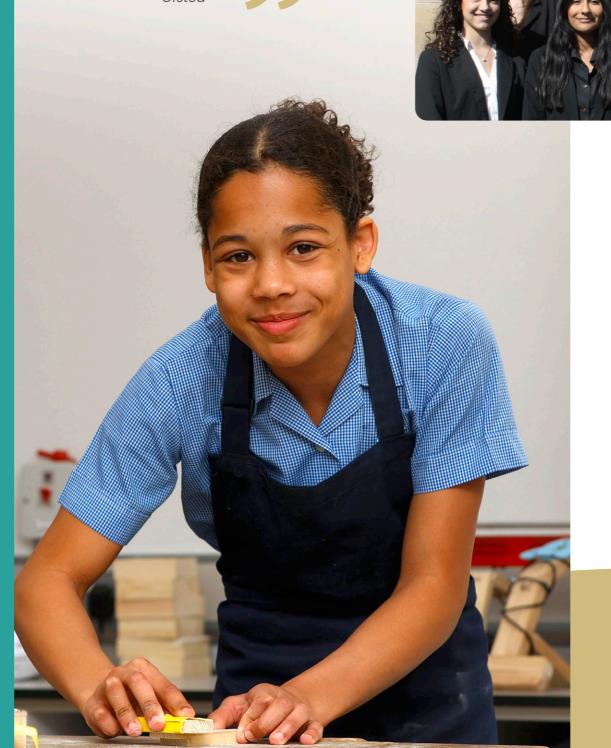
We achieve this by:

- Being Kind
- Working Hard
- Having Fun

Our students and staff live out our values every day. We expect students to treat one another with respect and to make the most of the opportunities available to them. Across all year groups, students earn NGHS Points for kindness, participation, excellent homework, and outstanding classwork. Behaviour issues are rare, but we apply our policy consistently and keep parents informed of any significant concerns.

Leaders and teachers are highly ambitious for all pupils.

- Ofsted



Message from the Head Girl Team

Welcome to NGHS - a place where your journey begins, your confidence grows and your potential is celebrated every step of the way. From your very first day, you'll experience a strong sense of community, with friendly faces, a supportive atmosphere, and a real family feel that makes NGHS so special. This welcoming environment is enriched by a plethora of clubs, societies and trips, all designed to help you connect with others and form lasting friendships. Alongside the extensive extracurricular life, students are supported in achieving their academic goals through comprehensive lessons and optional drop-in sessions that allow every student to reach their full potential. Our vibrant house system adds another dimension to life in the school by bringing students together through friendly competition, celebrating individual and team successes, and creating space for unforgettable experiences! If you ever need any additional support, the school has an outstanding pastoral team that is always available, along with dedicated teachers who are always there to lend a hand. We're so excited to be part of your journey and can't wait to help you make the most of every moment!

NGHS is like one big family. I have made
lots of friends since starting here in September and
all of the teachers and staff have been
super helpful!

- Mia, Year 7 Student

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is proudly academic. As a selective school, we recognise that our students arrive with strong Key Stage 2 results, and we build on this through a two-year Key Stage 3. This allows for a three-year GCSE programme, deepening subject knowledge and specialism.

In Year 7, all students study Biology, Chemistry and Physics as separate sciences, along with two languages—French and German. Core subjects include Maths, English, and the Humanities (Geography, History, and Religion & World Views). Students also enjoy a broad range of practical subjects, often in smaller groups: Art, Computer Science, Design Technology, Drama, Music, and PE, which is taught twice weekly through to Year 11. This ensures a healthy balance between academic rigour and physical wellbeing.

A weekly PSHE lesson supports personal development and preparation for adult life.



NGHS operates a fortnightly timetable of 50 lessons which are allocated as follows:

- Mathematics 6
- English 6
- Biology 2
- Chemistry 2
- Physics 2
- Geography 3
- History 3
- Religion & World Views 3
- French 4

- German 4
- Art 2
- Computer Science 2
- Design Technology 2
- Drama 2
- Music 2
- Physical Education 4
- PSHE 2

In Year 9, students continue with Maths, English (Language and Literature), and all three sciences. Most take a GCSE Short Course in RS in Year 10, helping them prepare for full GCSEs in Year 11. They also choose one language, one humanity, and two further subjects from a free-choice system. The most able mathematicians may also take Level 2 Further Maths.

After extensive guidance and a Taster Day, students typically select three A-levels and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), a dissertation-style essay on a topic of their choice. Alternatively, they may take AS PE or a fourth A-level. With 22 subjects available and a free-choice model, students benefit from continuity and a well-sequenced curriculum from Year 7 to Year 13.





Academic Success

Newport Girls' High School is proud to be recognised as one of the top-performing schools in the Midlands. In the Sunday Times Parent Power Guide 2025, NGHS is ranked 8th in the West Midlands and 61st nationally, reflecting a consistent record of academic excellence.

In 2025, GCSE students achieved outstanding results, an impressive 76.4% of all grades awarded were at Grade 7 or above (national average was 22%), with almost a third of all grades being the top Grade 9.

Individual subject details can be seen on our website, showcasing the breadth and depth of achievement across the curriculum, placing NGHS as the top-ranked school in Telford & Wrekin, Shropshire, and Staffordshire.

Wider **School Life**

House Events:

The House system is a thriving part of our community and helps to bond students across all year groups. Competitions take place in drama, music, board games, quizzes, bake off, photography and so much more. We guarantee there is something for everyone and you too can become a proud member of either n<mark>, Roddam</mark> or Seacole.







Performing Arts:

If you are interested in the performing arts, either on stage or behind the scenes, then we are the place for you. Musical theatre is our passion and you are invited to get involved in our huge annual production. Recent productions include SIX, The Little Shop of Horrors and Sister Act. Who knows what you could be involved in next year? There is also the opportunity to go to London for the weekend and take part in a workshop before watching a West End classic.

Music:

We have a vibrant music department, so whether you are a classical solo musician, a member of a rock band or love to sing in the choir, there is an abundance of opportunities for you There are regular performance opportunities where you can showcase and develop your talents.



Edgmond Hall:

Our Year 7 students spend a day teambuilding and getting to know each other at Edgmond Hall in late September/early October. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet classmates and forge new friendships that often last throughout their time at school!

Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze, Silver and Gold):

Many of our students undertake this epic challenge which develops their skills and independence. Incredible memories are made supporting others through extensive voluntary work and during the expedition. Starting in Year 9 with the Bronze award, the vast majority of students choose to take part and many go on to complete the Silver Award in Year 10 and Gold in Year 12.

Trips:

There are so many opportunities for students from all year groups to go on trips and residentials. These range from ski trips for Years 9-12 and residentials to France and Germany in Year 8. There is even the chance to visit Iceland as part of their Geography GCSE and A-level studies! Along with this there are numerous subject visits to theatres, museums, music events and even the Bank of England! Students are encouraged to get involved when they can in order to support their learning and enjoyment of school life.

I absolutely love the House System at NGHS. The range of activities and competitions have been a real highlight in my time at the school

- Julia, Year 8 Student



NGHS Family

A successful school is built on its people—staff, students, trustees, parents, alumnae and the wider community. Together, they form our proud 'NGHS Family': a supportive, connected team united by shared experiences and a commitment to achieving the very best for our students.

Transition to Year 7:

Starting secondary school can feel daunting, so we put great care into supporting a smooth transition to NGHS. All new Year 7 students are invited to two induction days in the summer term, where they meet their new classmates, teachers, and receive a warm welcome from their house. Early friendships are formed and confidence grows through team-building activities and a fun integration trip to Edgmond Hall. These experiences help students feel part of the NGHS family before the academic year begins.





Academic &

Pastoral Support:

AcSEED Award and the Health and Wellbeing

Head of Year 7 are available daily to offer

guidance and support. For more complex

training in supporting students with SEND,

and our SENDCO, Miss Baker, is available

to discuss individual needs.

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Curriculum

Each June, students enjoy Curriculum Enrichment Week-a break from the usual timetable to explore learning beyond the classroom. Activities include exciting trips and in-school workshops designed to inspire and challenge. Recent highlights have included visits to the National Space Centre, robotics and drone workshops, language trips to France and Germany, and a confidence-boosting adventure at Go Ape. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to broaden their



Enrichment Week (CEW):

horizons and build lasting memories.

Why Choose an All-Girls Education?

At NGHS, we believe girls thrive in an environment where they can truly be themselves. Free from stereotypes, our students feel confident to pursue any subject, take on leadership roles, and speak up in class. Many girls tell us they feel more comfortable and empowered in an all-girls setting, which helps build self-belief and resilience. This is reflected in our strong uptake and success in subjects like Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science—areas where girls are often underrepresented in mixed schools.

Our teaching is tailored to how girls learn best, with strategies that support academic excellence and personal growth. NGHS students benefit from outstanding female role models, including staff who once attended the school themselves. Beyond the classroom, our pastoral care ensures girls feel safe, supported and heard-especially during the teenage years when emotional wellbeing is key. In this nurturing environment, girls grow into confident, capable young women ready to lead and succeed.

- Empowered to Lead
- Free to Be Yourself
- Confidence in the Classroom
- · Girls Excelling in STEM
- · Tailored Teaching for Girls
- Outstanding Female Role Models

- · Safe, Supportive, Secure
- · Strong Pastoral Care
- Breaking Stereotypes
- Future Female Leaders

Year 7 Admissions

To gain entry into Year 7 at Newport Girls' High School, parents must register their daughter for the 11+ entrance test, which is part of the West Midlands Grammar Schools partnership. This consortium includes grammar schools across Birmingham, Shropshire, Walsall, Warwickshire, and Wolverhampton. The entrance test is typically held in mid-September of Year 6, and registration opens in early May (when they are in Year 5) via a centralised portal. The test assesses abilities in English, maths, verbal reasoning, and non-verbal reasoning.

More detailed information on our admission arrangements is found in the admissions section of our website.



Be Inspired. Be Empowered. Be NGHS.



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