



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



Whilst the four day week was initially appealing, for many it has meant five days work has had to be crammed into four! It's been a very busy week at NGHS. Today is however, a landmark day in our calendar; we have reached the end of formal teaching for Year 11 & Year 13 and GCSE examinations begin next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 13 students every possible success in their A-level examinations. Whilst students are our key focus as a school, I know that parents play a vital role in the coming weeks and I hope that the examination period passes as smoothly as possible. To help, [here are some suggested activities](#) which may be useful. Whilst I have only known Year 13 for a short period of time, I have been impressed by their commitment to hard work in the Atrium and the improvements I have heard about since mock examinations in December are promising. I hope that they have enjoyed their time at NGHS and I always say "don't be strangers" - we often get letters from universities advising us of degree results and I would be pleased to hear of key milestones in the coming years. I would also like to thank Mrs Haycock, Mrs Bailey and the tutor team for their support over the last two years.

Our Year 11s are a very committed year group and I know Miss Clarke is very proud of their achievements. As an 11-18 school, it's not 'goodbye' but a chance for the students to undertake private study prior to GCSEs and the start of their sixth form studies. At this stage, I wish Year 11 the best of luck and remind them that we are here during the examination period for any queries or support necessary. I would also like to pay my thanks to all my colleagues for their professionalism and dedication to our exam groups this year. I know how much our Y11 and Y13 students have benefitted from their expertise, encouragement & support.

Wednesday evening saw our very successful E-Safety evening for parents. With presenters from Concero and West Mercia Police, the evening was informative, but also quite shocking to some parents. We hope that the important messages about online safety and keeping your daughter safe online were well received and I am pleased that parents from Haberdashers' Adams were also in attendance. Mr Hickey and I are committed to working together to educate and tackle any E-safety issues between pupils in both schools. If you missed the evening, which was a high priority on the parental survey, I will look to run another event during the next academic year.

Finally, I very much enjoyed attending the Y11's last rounders tournament at Charlton School last night. NGHS fielded two strong teams and despite some scoring controversy (see page 2!) the students really enjoyed their last match together. It was lovely to see their camaraderie and support for each other.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

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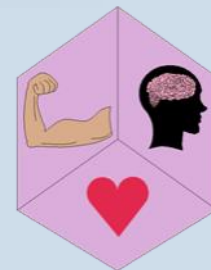
Head Girl Team

NEWS



Ruby Furniss
Deputy Head
Girl

Ruby Furniss is our Deputy Head Girl with a remit to promote Student Wellbeing and also to support the growing international dimension of our school. She has written this week's column:



This week I chaired my first Health and Wellbeing meeting, it was well attended and had an extremely positive atmosphere. The reps. brought along their ideas and we made plans for the next few weeks focusing on topics such as mental health and the development of 'Health and Wellbeing Club'. We also held a vote on the design for our new logo (shown above) that will hopefully be transformed into badges for the form representatives at the start of next year. Zoe from Yr9 kindly helped me execute this, with her artistic talents and willingness to help being exemplary.

On Wednesday evening I attended the Parents' E-Safety evening. This was really informative and I thought it was important to attend so I can help advise any students who talk to one of our student mentors.

This week, the Head Girl Team was also involved in providing tours around school for a new staff member who will join NGHS in the autumn term.

SPOTLIGHT ON Last Rounders Match



Our Year 11 A and B rounders teams enjoyed their final matches against Charlton, Idsall and Wrekin College on Thursday. They played well with some strong batting in the B team and some excellent, speedy fielding in the A team matches. The winning school was announced as NGHS, but an enquiry from one of the other schools into the mathematical calculation led to our demotion to second place, but this didn't dampen the enthusiasm and peer support! The teams are pictured above with Miss Clarke & Miss Norton.

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT WEEK

Our Curriculum Enrichment Week in June (25th-29th) is shaping up to include a fantastic array of activities for students in Years 7-9 with Year 10 enjoying a week of work experience and Year 12 undertaking a week of UCAS preparation and Extended Project Qualification planning. Below is the plan as things stand at this time. Any changes and further information about each activity will follow soon.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Black Country Museum Visit	Dragon's Apprentice Challenge	Dragon's Apprentice Challenge	Poole's Cavern Trip	Science Techniquet Trip
Year 8	France or Dance the Day Away	France or Dragon's Apprentice Challenge	France or Dragon's Apprentice Challenge	France or Discover Digital (am) & Bang the Drum (pm)	France or "Artistic Delight"
Year 9	D of E, Maths Challenge and Science in Action	D of E or Macbeth Drama Workshop	D of E, Macbeth Drama Workshop & MFL	D of E or Maths Challenge	STEM Activity Day
Year 10	Work Experience Week				
Year 12	UCAS and EPQ Project Week				

Last Day of Teaching



Year 11 all received a Study Leave goodie bag from all their teachers with our very best wishes. The contents should provide some help and comfort during the forthcoming exams. There were tears of joy in the Hall when these were given out!

Year 13 received personalised mugs with photographs of their form groups as well as some sweets and mementos of their time at NGHS including a box of green/orange TicTacs to remember our new building and its modern colour-scheme! We hope that the mug will be cherished or perhaps even used for a nice brew during revision!



NOTICES

HISTORY NOTICES

A huge 'Good luck' to all historians sitting GCSE and A Level exams this summer from Miss Davies and Mrs Seys! Final words of wisdom: don't forget to PEEL and read the questions carefully!!

BERLIN TRIP

Passport information is still urgently required for about 9 students travelling in July. This is now holding up the process and needs to be sorted by Monday 14 May at the latest please. Thank you. Miss Davies and Mrs Payne

BADMINTON CLUB

No more badminton club until the public exams finish in June.

CHATEAU DE BROUTEL - Y8 VISIT

Parents of Y8 students going to the Chateau du Broutel, please look out for an important email regarding a parents' meeting, passports, EHIC and health & dietary information. Thank you.

Congratulations to...

🎉 **Henna Raiyat** in Year 11 who finished **THIRD** in the **country** at the National Fencing Championships at the weekend. A tremendous achievement.



Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 14th	Governors' Meetings, 6pm/7pm Exam Week starts External Exams Start 3.45pm Track/Field Athletics Comp.	— Y7-10+12 Y11&13 Y7-10
Tue 15th	PTA Meeting, 7pm in Atrium	All
Wed 16th	Additional French lesson period 3 in Room 202 3.45pm Telford Athletics Comp.	Y11 Y9
Fri 18th	Haberdashers' Adams Professional Development Day (but buses will run as normal)	All
Mon 21st	Mental Health Awareness Week	All