



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



As my assembly noted this morning, today is Friday 13th but statistically this is no worse than any other day in the year! And it comes at the end of a long, action-packed week for all of us. Quite a few of my colleagues have been walking a little oddly for the past few days as the 12 mile challenge takes hold, but in the main it seems that our return to a **School Walk** has been very successful. I would also like to record my thanks to two officers from Donnington Police Station who kindly gave their time to slow the traffic on the A518 to enable myself and my colleagues to safely cross all of our students. This was much appreciated.

One thing that was more difficult was the rather lax approach from some students when returning **permission slips** for the walk. I would appeal for the support of students and parents in returning slips to school on time, please. I understand from colleagues that this is a common concern of late. The letter about the walk was distributed approximately 2+ weeks before the event and in all around 600 copies were eventually given out (with only 400 students taking part). Clearly many were mislaid and had to be re-printed and despite reminders in form time/assembly, we were still receiving slips on the day itself. Our top priority is the safety of students and any updates to medical conditions etc. were

essential beforehand. Thank you for your cooperation in encouraging your daughters to return slips on time.

Tuesday saw our **Parents Evening** for Year 10 and it was lovely to see positive smiles and hear encouraging comments from teachers around the room. The disappointment of the football match on Wednesday did little to dampen the enthusiasm for our **School Fete** on Thursday evening with a record number of patrons including parents and members of the local community. This was largely a student-led enterprise with support from Mrs Wallace and our PTA. As with all PTA activities, the monies raised will come back to the school in providing new equipment or opportunities for our students.

Next week is a pretty 'normal' week in school with our **Achievement Assembly** on Thursday afternoon and our end of term on Friday at 12.30pm. Full attendance is expected and any early holiday breaks cannot be authorised. Year 12s need to be in school on Thursday afternoon if they normally have home study. We will be saying farewell to a couple of colleagues next week and I will share this information in next week's final newsletter of the term. In the meantime, you will find below details of next year's tutor team.

Wishing you all an enjoyable, sunny weekend.

Mr M J Scott, Headteacher

Form Tutor Allocation (2018-19)

Year / Form	Austen	Roddam	Seacole
Years 7 & 8	A1 in Room 25 Mr C Tolley	R1 in Room 16 Mrs C Reeves	S1 in Room 9 Ms D Branson
	A2 in Room 11 Mrs H Goodall (née Miss Norton)	R2 in Room 23 Mrs A Chapman & Mrs T Fujii	S2 in Room 26 Mrs R Narasimhan & Mrs A Benoit
Years 9 & 10	A3 in Room 3 Mrs L Payne	R3 in Room 4 Mr O Pointon	S3 in Room 10 Mr A Mason
	A4 in Room 5 Mr J Wade	R4 in Room 14 Mrs L Kearne & Mrs S Dainty	S4 in Room 2 Miss A-M Davies & Mrs R Patel
Year 11	A5 in Room 24 Mr A Heighway	R5 in Room 27 Miss T Wells & Mrs H Furnival	S5 in Room 6 Mr D Postle
Years 12 & 13	A6 in Room 203 Dr S Catalan	R6 in Room 202 Mrs J Barker & Mrs K Wallace	S6 in Room 103 Mrs K Gill & Miss A Rosbach
	A7 in Room 201 Mr S Hennessey	R7 in Room 102 Mr J Pimm	S7 in Room 101 Mrs A Seys

Students should note their tutor and room for next year.

Current Year 7, 9 and 12 students stay in their current form. Year 10 girls combine into one form in their house in Year 11.

Current Year 8 students will be told next week if they are going into form number 3 or 4 in their house in Year 9.

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SPOTLIGHT ON School Walk!



Remembering Srebrenica charity team of three sixth formers (Izzy, Maisie and Leoni) with Mrs Seys & Mr Scott



Above: Students striding out on the Gnosall Railway Line towards Ms Branson!



Above: part of our staff cycle team of first aiders

Left: Morning Staff Briefing—spot the yellow jackets and route maps!

Right: The toilets have arrived at Gnosall!



Well done to everyone for their resilience and determination! It was a great day.

Please remember your sponsorship money. Ensure it is at the Finance Office as soon as possible, but definitely by next Wednesday. Thank you!

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Wed 18th	House Drama	All
Thu 19th	Achievement Assembly PTA Film Night	All 7-8
Fri 20th	End of Term 12.30pm	All

**Term Starts for all students on
Wednesday 5 September at 08.50am**

If you need to contact the Senior Staff Team
URGENTLY during the holiday please use
urgent@nghs.org.uk and include a tel. number.

Congratulations to...



☺ Cara Bentley in Year 9 who has competed at the World Freestyle Dance Championships in Blackpool. She also competes with her dance school, Dance Fusion and is shortly becoming a Senior Scholar with the British Ballet Organisation.





THE RESULTS

In last week's newsletter you were promised a round-up of results from Sports Day. Please find these below. Names highlighted in **yellow** set new records. As you can see, in some events we had a lot of fantastic record-breakers this year. Congratulations to everyone!

		Year 12	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7
ATHLETICS EVENTS	Hurdles	-	H. Massey	E. Wilkinson	I. Nicklin	L. Holmes
	Shot Putt	B. Wilkinson	H. Massey	A. Runton	A. Williams	J. Hill
	Javelin	M. James	E. Micklewright	A. Hill	E. Anderson	A. Hawkins
	Discus	M. Doherty	C. Doyle	C. Partridge	E. Jackson	K. Tichford
	Triple Jump	Z Zahid	V Robley	A. Humphries		
	Speed Bounce	S. Harley	L. Holmes	T. Teo	B. Eade	E. Postlethwaite
	Long	E. Richards	E. Micklewright	S. Cross	I. Nicklin	L. Patrick
	60m	K. Potter	V. Robley	O. Armstrong	M. Padkin	L. Patrick
	100m	M. Doherty	H. Massey	A. Golash	A. Williams	L. Patrick
	200m	K. Potter	E. Charlesworth	M. Lo	E. Jackson	J. Wozniak
	300m		E. Micklewright	C. Blanks		
	400m	E. Taylor				
	800m	E. Vernon	L. Bottomley	M. Lo	E. Jackson	A. Wu
	1500m	B. Clayton	E. Charlesworth	C. Blanks	E. Spencer	J. Wozniak

FUN EVENTS	Lacrosse	E. Lamb & S. Harley	G. Slater & P. Broad	C. Watkins & M. Bipin	E. Fearn & O. McLaughlin	N. Toms & H. Makwana
	Netball Shooting	A. Gey Van Pittius	E. Chapman & T. Uppal	M. Lo	A. Risdon & E. Watson-Nolan	F. Batters
	Beanbag Archery	H. Shakespeare	B. Downes & B. German	K. Brown	F. Ejaz	M. Smith
	Beat the Keeper	E. Gollins & L. Holland	R. Tichford & P. Jones	C. Partridge & A. Hill	E. Anderson & K. Kehler	K. Partridge & S. Vijayakumar, M. Edge & P. Joyce
	Hula	S. Avery	J. Cass	A. Billingham	S. Garcha	J. Wozniak
	Egg & Spoon	R. Pritchard	O. Wrench	S. Arachchi	R. Richards	M. Turner
	Sack	J. Ravish	I. Welding	K. Hughes	E. Bowness	A. Lewis
	30m Skipping	S. Nayle	M. Westwood	M. Brookfield	C. Shields	M. Stringer
	60m Skipping	H. Bratton	M. Westwood	A. Golash	O. Bissell	A. Barnes

NGHS PTA

A sing-along movie to
celebrate summer!



For All Year Groups
School library, 19th July,
4pm – 6pm

£2 entry fee buys popcorn and a drink
Pay on the door

Other snacks on sale (no hotdogs this time)



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FILM NIGHT



During Curriculum Enrichment Week, our Year 10 students were out on work experience. As always, this was an invaluable opportunity to learn about work and all the responsibilities and opportunities that come with it. We are so proud of all our students for making the most of the week and for showing such independence in setting up their placements during the year. Well done! Thank you also to Mrs Gill who coordinated everything at NGHS. Let's see how two Y10s got on:

Catherine Hamilton: I completed work experience at the office of Eleanor Smith, MP for Wolverhampton South West. During the week, I developed my communication and problem solving abilities and learnt new skills in a way I could never achieve at school. I organised files, wrote blog posts, met members of the local community and took phone calls from the public and from organisations. Overall, I had a great week and found the work interesting and informative.

Clarice Doyle (pictured): For my work experience I got the chance to work at Bower Edleston Architects in Nantwich. It offered me a great opportunity to understand what happens in the job and gain first-hand knowledge of the variety of techniques and skills that are required at the workplace. During my placement, the employees were kind enough to let me draw up my own house floor plans and elevations using CAD and print them professionally, also teaching me how to use specialist scanning machines. Furthermore, I was also taken out of the office to run a survey and speak to customers about their desired requests. All the activities, although challenging were extremely enjoyable and provided me with a greater understanding of the work ethic as well as giving me skills that will prove useful in the future.



With a 6:30am start on Friday, the journey up to Keswick began, music and geography-based comments filled the air and last-minute survey tweaks were made. The day began in Booth's carpark and the field work commenced, pestering tourists and taxi drivers alike with our 'two minute' questionnaires. Heaps of data was collected in our first session alone, with illustrations, quotes, pedestrian counts and dog counts all being examples of primary data collection techniques that are integral in our A-Level coursework.

Saturday began with a sand dune study and a closer look at the unique characteristics that make Mawbray Banks a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). With physical geography being the focus, we were able to make full use of the ArcGIS application as well as traditional methods such as anemometers, clinometers and trowels. Mrs Haycock made the mistake of offering to carry our soil samples and left the dunes with a backpack full of bagged mud weighing her down, however the thought of the afternoon's football meant she kept it coming home.

And by home, I mean Borrowdale Youth Hostel situated in the depths of the Cumbrian valleys. After a further trip to Keswick for some data and chips, we arrived back at the YHA just in time for the Football and a red-shirted Mr Pimm allowed us 2 precious hours to stream the match on any device available. The day closed with our evening hours of lessons focused around the day's collection and analysis of supposedly the "best sand dune transect data in 17 years".

Fuelled by our daily fry up, Sunday's trek up one of the nearby fells was led by Emma, a Field Studies Council rep, who gave us useful tips and tricks on making your coursework as thorough and as successful as possible. We investigated infiltration and

interception in different woodlands and began some statistical analysis of our results. Our last night meant a journey back into Keswick to play a highly competitive game of rounders complete with scorer, umpire and DJ.

Our final day included a trip to Workington for our final data collection opportunity. Many geographers in the class plan to use Workington as a comparison study alongside Keswick, conducting a study into areas such as industry, economics, culture and much more. The combined class data set reflects a successful field trip and hopefully will result in some top grades for our group at the end of next year. **Ruby Furniss, Year 12**



Geography Field Trip

SEX EDUCATION

On Thursday we welcomed Brook into school to deliver some Sex & Relationship Education sessions to Year 9 and Year 10 students. Here is an account of the day they provided from one of our Year 9 students:



On Thursday, Y9 and Y10 girls participated in a fun and informative sexual health and wellbeing education session, from a company called Brook. This programme gave us the opportunity to voice our opinions, ask questions about topics we were unsure about and help to make us better equipped to make positive and healthy lifestyle choices.

There were five tables, which we rotated around throughout the course of the morning, with group activities

on concerning our health, wellbeing, and laws to be aware of, in order to keep us safe. The staff from Brook were extremely nice ladies and very helpful. Overall, the programme was a success and really benefited us as we now know how to make positive choices in life, where to find help and how to handle situations we may find ourselves in, in the future.

Eliza Wilkinson, Year 9



YOUNG MINDS

The voice for young people's mental health and wellbeing

We are pleased to recommend a Social Media / Online guide for parents to read and maybe discuss with their daughters. This guide is produced by Young Minds, a charity which gives young people a voice in matters of mental health and wellbeing. Please click on the link below - We hope that you find it useful.

Miss H Clarke

[Click here to access the useful document](#)



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3rd August
3:30 -
5:30pm
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