



# NEWPORT NEWS

## *A weekly update from NGHS*

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*High Sheriff Finalists: Emilia, Ellie, Shanna, Maisie, Holly & Abigail*

### SHANNA KANG

Leader & Mentor within Young Enterprise

### ABIGAIL LAYCOCK

Alzheimer's Charity Work raising £1300 in the Great North Swim 2017

### ELLIE MICKLEWRIGHT

Environmental Ambassador - helping promote Gardening Club, raising and securing funding

### HOLLY POSTLES

Young Leader/Role Model to Brownies for over 2 years including leading evening activities

### MAISIE MCFARLANE

Charity Fundraising and Volunteering for Shropshire Cat Rescue

### EMILIA CRONE

Volunteer at Club 17; a club to support young people with physical and learning difficulties

## Head's Lines



It was an absolute honour to attend Tuesday evening's High Sheriff awards as **SIX** of the nineteen Shropshire nominations this year were our students (see above). Alongside our worthy finalists, there were some inspirational young people who won the overall trophies and some very proud parents! My pride in our students was further endorsed by Wednesday's truly stunning concert. If you missed our soirée through an eclectic mix of Stage and Screen hits, you missed out! That said, there weren't many seats left in the Hall. Performances from ensembles, choirs, soloists and duets, not to mention some emotive dance performances kept audiences entertained for two hours and I must thank Mrs Chapman for inspiring and motivating so many students (around 70 I reckon) to perform in front of parents and families. It was an honour to accompany three students myself and I know how much organisation a performance like this takes. Well done and thank you, Mrs Chapman!

Sports Relief has been an integral part of our week. From the staff/student netball match at lunchtime to the Sports Quiz to the whole-school dance-athon, it has been great fun and I am grateful to our Sports Captains, Miss Norton and Miss Clarke who have been the driving force behind its success.

Yesterday I also had the pleasure of welcoming Heather Loveridge, Assistant Director of T&W Council to our school. She was very impressed with the school and all that we are achieving at NGHS.

After Easter, Mrs Wallace is taking a period of extended leave until after May half term and we have a new maths teacher joining us, Mrs Patel. Owing to the close proximity of GCSE/A-level exams, Rev. Walters will be taking Mrs Wallace's Year 11s and Mr Highway will teach her Year 13s. This means there are a few shuffles in the lower school timetable and students will be informed of any changes next week.

School closes next Thursday at 12.35pm and full attendance is expected during the morning session.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend, **Mr M J Scott**

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Wednesday night's concert was truly spectacular. When Mrs Chapman was appointed for September, she was tasked with raising the profile and enjoyment of music at NGHS and she has certainly managed this with a range of new songs and some old favourites being performed at our night of music from Stage & Screen. Enjoy the photographs which were kindly taken by Mr Mason.

## SPOTLIGHT ON Spring Concert



**Wednesday 21 March**



## Mr Coffee Man, where have you 'bean'?

On Wednesday, our A Level Geography class had a thought-provoking talk from **Mr Mark Furniss** about his career in the coffee industry working for ED&F Man, an agricultural commodities business, which employs around 7,000 people in 60 countries. After leaving Harper Adams, Mr Furniss spent time travelling and ended up in Tanzania where he had his first experience in the coffee supply chain. He explained to us the structure of the coffee trade, what happens after harvesting and the importance of sustainability.

Mr Furniss also told us about the different types of coffee beans and their values and how they go from being handpicked on small-scale farms to being dried, roasted and exported to companies such as Nestle, ALDI and Starbucks. Mr Furniss shared some very interesting observations about the product and issues surrounding the Fairtrade certification, as well as revealing an unexpected new source for the world's coffee – Vietnam.

Many thanks to Mr Furniss for sparing his time to share his thoughts with us; I am sure this unique insight into the case study will be of great use in our studies!

**Millie Guest, Year 12**



*Mr Furniss with his roaster!*



# Netball in the Snow!



We left school on Friday with 32 excited year 7s embarking on our first netball trip with NGHS to Boreatton Park.

After checking in and meeting our team leader Sophie, we had our first team building activity on Friday night which was great fun!

Saturday brought a cold morning tour of the park and the activities available. Then we started the main event, the netball! Each team was progressing game by game until the mini beast from the east reared its head which meant all the rest of our matches were cancelled due to the snow.



The consolation was the big swing activity, enjoyed by us and the staff. Sadly we had to come home early but despite the weather, we all had a great time and played some fantastic netball.

Thank you to Miss Norton, Miss Clarke, Mr Hennessey and Mrs Haycock for being excellent coaches.

By F. Batters

## WHAT'S YOUR TALENT? DO WE KNOW ABOUT IT?!

In his first assembly in January, Mr Scott asked students to tell him about any awards they'd won, competitions they'd entered or unusual interests they had. From cheerleading winners to guinea pig breeders, everyone should feel they can celebrate their successes with the rest of the school community.

A handful of students have come forward to do just that, but more are encouraged to do so. If your daughter has a talent or success to share, please encourage her to tell her tutor or see Mr Scott himself.

### BE PROUD AND SHOUT LOUD!



## DO YOU HAVE A SPARE CHESS SET?

Two Year 10 students would like to start a Chess Club at lunchtime for Years 7-10. This is a great opportunity for students and one we wish to encourage. So, if you have a spare, complete(!) chess set gathering dust at home, would you consider donating it to the school? Please ask your daughter to drop this off at Reception. Once we have enough sets, details of the lunchtime club will be given! Thank you.

# EASTER POEM COMPETITION

Students in integrated form time had a go at writing a short Easter poem this week in 5 minutes! Well done to Vinethma, Charlotte M and Emilia R-M in Y7 for their winning entry:

*Easter is chocolate galore!  
Filled with chicks and dinosaurs*

*White, dark and even cherry  
Making Easter even more merry!*

*Books about the Easter bunny,  
Some joyful and some funny!*

*Chocolate,  
down the throat and in the tummy...  
That was definitely very yummy!*



**Staff vs Student Netball Match**

## NETBALL PRESENTATION EVENING

### Harper Adams Ladies Netball League Presentation Evening



On Tuesday, our PE staff had the pleasure of attending the Harper Adams Netball League presentation evening. Our teams have played in this league and have finished the league in 2<sup>nd</sup> (Panthers: Sixth Form), 4<sup>th</sup> (Ninjas: Y11) and 5<sup>th</sup> (Scorpions: Y10) place. They have demonstrated a high commitment to their participation within the league and have done incredibly well to finish in these positions in an extremely competitive ladies league. Well done to all three teams. We have just discussed the possibility of adding an extra team into the league next year in order to increase the numbers of participants. Thank you to Miss Norton for supporting the teams in this league.

### West Midlands Badminton Final

Miss Clarke took our badminton team to compete in the West Midland finals on Thursday. In order to gain a place at these finals the team have had to win local and county competitions. They played four tough matches during the day. Badminton scoring does not reflect just how close some of these games were, a number of games were lost 15-14. The girls showed grit and determination to continue gaining points throughout the day. To finish FIFTH in the West Midlands overall is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of their success this year.





# E-Safety Information & Dangers - Part 2

Following last week's information about E-Safety, I am pleased to present the second 'briefing' about different apps, which I hope is useful.

Owing to some concerns about the behaviour of a few students in Year 9 online and among friendship groups, we have arranged for another [Loudmouth Theatre Company](#) production to be performed for students in Year 9 on 18th April. I have extended an invitation to Haberdashers' Adams students and the performance will be given at NGHS in the morning for our students and here again in the afternoon for Year 9 boys. This way I believe a

consistent message will be given about appropriate behaviour, healthy friendships and relationships. Miss Clarke will send a letter to Year 9 parents with more details next week. I am very pleased that the two grammar schools are now working more in partnership when looking at issues that affect both boys and girls in our local area.

Don't forget we are also hosting our **E-Safety Parents Support Evening** on Wednesday 9 May to which I have also invited parents from Adams.

Mr M J Scott



**Yik Yak** is a social media app that allows users to interact anonymously with other users who are nearby (<10 mile radius). The app's users can be found using the location settings on their phone. The app allows users to contribute comments on any subject, with voting in favour or against allowed. The app comes with a warning for under 18's but can still be accessed by younger people without difficulty.



**Meet Me** is a free app that connects users to other people based on location. Users are connected with strangers who are located nearby and may share similar interests. Once chatting you have the opportunity to discuss any topics, exchange messages, pictures or videos, or arrange to meet up. Sign up just requires name, email address, gender and date of birth and users are allowed to sign up from the age of 13. This can be bypassed by using a quick signup through Facebook.



**MyLOL** is a teen dating app that allows users to make friends nearby or anywhere around the world. The app recommends content is viewed by people aged 16+ but becoming a user is open to anyone between the ages of 13-25. MyLOL uses a similar format to Facebook with private messaging systems, news feed and a wall to post pictures/updates and comments. All profiles on the app are public so can be searched by any user, users are also sent lists of other users to connect with.



**Rando 4Me** is an app that allows you to easily exchange photos with strangers all over the world, you simply take a photo, send it and one will be sent back to you. Rando 4Me bills itself as 'Anti-Social Media' because it doesn't require conversation or linking in with people to send/receive images. As there is no way of knowing where your photo is coming from or going to it is difficult to apply restrictions on content.



**Periscope** works in conjunction with Twitter and lets you broadcast and explore the world through live video. It allows users to make comments directly to the person filming and give feedback to what is being filmed. Users sign up via an email address and create a username, the username can be anything at all provided it hasn't already been used. Twitter does not require you to enter any age details and when first launched the age rating to sign up for Periscope was 4+



**Palringo** is the world's largest network of mobile gaming communities. The app lets you chat and play games with people from all over the world. You can chat one-on-one, play a range of games directly in your group chat, create your own group or join one of the already user created communities. There are concerns around predators who may use the app to meet children. The app can also lead to discussing about inappropriate topics.



**Hot or Not** is a rating site that allows users to rate the attractiveness of photos submitted voluntarily by others. The app also shows you a list of the 'hottest' people nearby. You can also send messages via the app if you get a match. There are concerns around potential predators and fake profiles being set up by underage children as the app doesn't verify age.



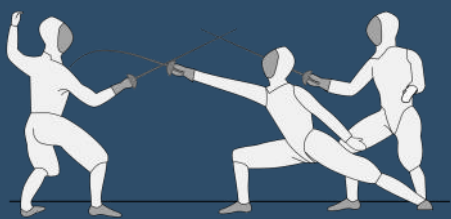


**A NIGHT  
WITH  
TENNESSEE  
WILLIAMS**

Wednesday 28th  
March 2018 5pm  
School Hall (Y11+)



# NOTICES



## FENCING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students on their successes last weekend:

- ☺ Natalia Toms - Silver Medal at WM BYC Girls Foil Under 12.
- ☺ Emily Jenkins who finished **FIRST** in the WM Sabre and qualifies for the Nationals.
- ☺ Phoebe Haslegrave who took **SECOND PLACE** in the Liverpool University Open Fencing Competition last week as well as qualification for the Nationals in the West Midlands Sabre.
- ☺ Hannah Lewis-Tighe who qualified in **THIRD PLACE** to represent the WM in the British Youth Championships in May.

## CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Please be aware that the 'Stranger Sagas' competition deadline is Friday 30th March 2018. Thank you. Miss Tomkinson

## EASTER RAFFLE

All donations of items for the Easter Hampers, along with raffle money and counterfoils need to be returned to Reception by 28th March. Items for the Hampers are to go to the **OLD RECEPTION area** and include: Y7-Chocolate, Y8-Biscuits, Y9-Tins(soup, tuna etc.), Y10-Jars(jams, pickles, chutney), Y11-Toiletries, Sixth Form-Bottles (wine, spirits, squash etc.)

## LIBRARY NEWS

- Completed Y10 Pupil Librarian applications need to be handed in to Mr Postle by the end of school on **WEDNESDAY**.
- A few library books are **MISSING** that were not checked out on the system. Please check at home and return these **ASAP**. Students should also double check the return date for any books they currently have on loan. These books can be returned via the box on top of the main desk.

## HISTORY UPDATES

- History club continues for KS3 on Tuesdays in Room 2 or 3. Lots of competition opportunities to be had. Why not come along and find out what our latest project is about?

## A GREAT WEEK FOR NETBALL

On Tuesday, the Y7 netball team competed in the U12 County Netball Tournament and despite not making the semi-finals they really valued the experience and played some lovely netball.

On Thursday, the Y7 netball team also attended the Shropshire School Games Spring County Finals and came fifth overall. Their play was complimented on by a number of umpires and other schools. Overall, a great week of netball with some clear progression demonstrated by the team.

## Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Tue 27th	Healthy Eating Workshop	10
Wed 28th	Year 14 Reunion, 2pm in Atrium An Evening with Tennessee Williams, Rm203	Alumnae 11-13 English
Thu 29th	Last Day—school closes at 12.35pm	All
Mon 16th	School reopens at 8.50am	All
Tue 17th	Sports & Leavers Photos, Library A-level French oral examination Healthy drop-in session, 12.35pm	Sports+ Y13 All
Wed 18th	Loudmouth Drama Production	Y9
Thu 19th	Loudmouth Drama Production	Y8