



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



Getting into the car and seeing -6°C on the display was certainly a shock to the system this week, however the reception at Tuesday's John Beswick Sports Award presentation was a lot warmer! Miss Clarke and I attended to support one of our Year 11 students, **Henna Raiyat (pictured right)**, who won an award to mark her participation in the England and GB Fencing Teams throughout 2017. The awards were presented by Darren Edwards, a recent addition to the GB Paracanoe squad. Darren spoke about the challenges facing him and in particular the outdoors life he enjoyed until his rock climbing accident in 2016, which left him paralysed from the chest down. His message was simple; **"there are always challenges in life, some which we choose to take on and some which are dealt to us"**. Darren has clearly made every opportunity of his resolve to face his undesired challenges head on and his talk was an inspiration to all of the young sportswomen and men who received awards. There is certainly something we can all learn from his statement. Henna's contribution to the GB and England Fencing team is most definitely worth celebrating and we wish her every success as she continues to represent the country in her sport.

At NGHS, whilst this week's snowfall has generated great excitement, I'm pleased to report that the new building is proving even more exciting. Our sixth



L-R: Mr Scott, Darren Edwards, Henna Raiyat, Miss Clarke

formers are greatly enjoying the £1 promotional hot drinks in the coffee bar and the new atrium area is proving a popular place to study. Again, a massive thank you to everyone involved in making the building happen. We will have an official opening in the summer term, when the weather is warmer.

In this newsletter you will find more information about the extra-curricular activities in school this half term. I hope that everyone will consider joining in with one or more of these. Finally you may recall me mentioning attendance in my last newsletter: Well done to **R1, R4, S5 and R7** who had greatest high attendees in January. February's figures will follow next week. The suspense builds!

Wishing you a hopefully warmer weekend and apologies for having to close today.

Mr M J Scott, Headteacher

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING NEXT WEDNESDAY

Please join us at Parents Evening via our new Reception entrance. In addition to the important opportunity to discuss progress with subject teachers, we hope that you will take some time to have a look at the new Sixth Form Facilities.

Mrs Haycock (Head of Sixth Form) will be available in the Atrium for any further advice about sixth form options, support, procedures or anything else you may want to ask about. No appointment necessary; just see her when you have a little time.

In addition, Miss Clarke (Head of Year 11) will be in Room 102 to discuss any concerns or worries about the forthcoming examinations.

Our Maths, Geography and History teachers will be inside ground floor classrooms in the new building and all other teachers will be in the new atrium area.

I look forward to meeting our Year 11 parents on Wednesday evening.

Mr Scott

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Over half term, three Year 12 students, Leoni, Maisie and Izzy, along with Mrs Seys, had the opportunity to visit Bosnia with the charity 'Remembering Srebrenica' after successfully applying to be one of four schools chosen to take part in their **2018 Future Leaders in Schools Programme**.

During the four day visit we had the opportunity to learn more about the tragic history of this beautiful country, in particular the siege of Sarajevo and the 1995 genocide that took place in Srebrenica. The programme also offered a unique opportunity to meet with and hear the stories of those touched by these events. We were honoured to listen to the experiences of Hasan Hasanovic who survived the genocide at Srebrenica, but lost his father and twin brother; Fadila Efendic who has dedicated her life to ensuring the memory of what happened at Srebrenica is kept alive after her husband and son were murdered in the genocide of over 8000 Muslim men and boys and Resad Trbonje who experienced the horrors of living in a city under siege. Their deeply moving and harrowing stories were both shocking and inspiring, highlighting the huge impact that war, cruelty and inhumanity can have on individuals and whole communities, but also their determination to bring about a better, kinder world.

This was truly a once in a lifetime experience and we are very much looking forward to sharing the lessons that we learned with as many people as possible.

SPOTLIGHT ON *Srebrenica Remembered*



Can you think of
any more Language
puns like these?

Comment t'  tu?

Un, deux, trois,
cinq!



Let a member of the
MFL team know and
you could win a prize!

Do you live near Stone or Eccleshall?

IF YES and your daughter travels to school by bus, you are probably aware that the **number 12 D&G bus service**, which runs through Stone, Eccleshall etc. onto Newport, is being stopped from 1 April 2018. The company are unable to continue to provide this service. However, NGHS has been approached by Mr and Mrs Blackburn who would be prepared to look into a private bus service, if there is enough interest from students/parents.

This is a very welcome and appreciated gesture. If you would like to know more or express your interest in taking a place on a bus, please contact martblackburn@hotmail.com so that interest can be gauged.



Holocaust Trust Y12

Visit to Poland

During February, Bea, Mary, Ashton and I had the amazing opportunity and privilege of taking part in the Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz project. The aim of the course is to pass on our experiences though our 'next steps', which could take the form of an assembly, interactive lessons, art installation or a community project. We took part in an orientation seminar, a one-day trip to the town of Oświęcim and Auschwitz, and a follow up seminar where we discussed the trip.

The orientation seminar involves two sessions with our educational leader and a talk from Susan Pollock, a Hungarian survivor of both Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen. In 1944, the Nazis began sending Jewish people from Hungary – including Susan and her family – to Auschwitz. Susan was just 14 years old but escaped the gas chambers by lying about her age. Susan was later transferred to Bergen-Belsen, where she was liberated by allied forces in 1945. Listening to Susan was truly invaluable and thought-provoking. The most inspiring part of Susan's story is her attitude towards life – since she and her husband came to the UK, Susan has got a degree and an MBE, and continues to hold talks all around the country.

After hearing Susan's story, our visit to Poland was made even more poignant. We started our day in the town of Oświęcim just outside the camp. The population before the war had been 58% Jewish, today there are no Jewish people living there. Visiting the town and its Jewish Centre was an important part of our trip as it allowed us to view the whole story of the victims, the loss of culture as well as the loss of life.

We then moved on to Auschwitz. Auschwitz is made up of three camps – Auschwitz I, originally a Polish army barracks was the first that we visited. It was originally used for Soviet and Polish political prisoners. This part of the site also housed the exhibitions, including photographs and personal belongings, which have been placed in the barracks. The museum holds around 100,000 shoes for example – yet this is only 5-10% of the number that would have been taken by the Nazis. This emphasised the scale of the operation, and

BRINGING
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the named suitcases reminded us of the individuality of the victims. Something that further re-enforced this was the book of names which contains the names and brief stories of 4,000,000 Jewish people that died in the Holocaust. We were also able to go into the original gas chamber, and experience that was both chilling and hard-hitting.

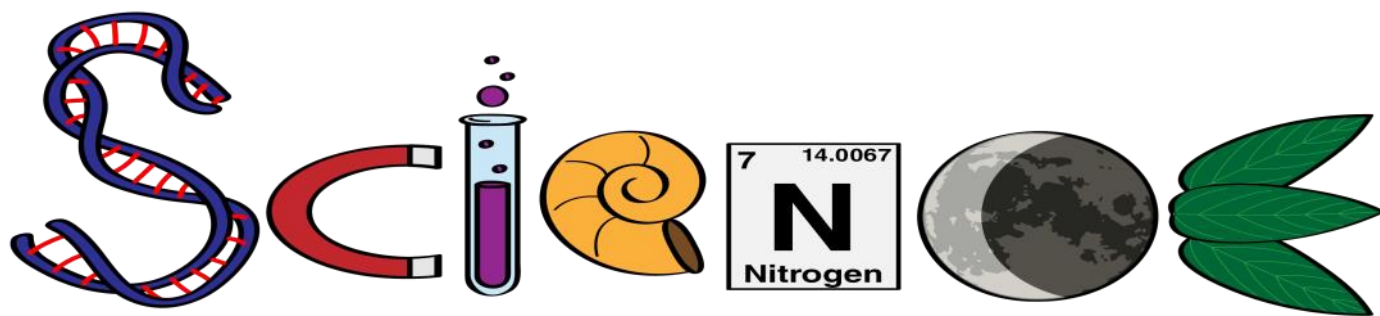
We then visited Auschwitz II or Birkenau, the purpose-built death camp. The physical size of the area that camp spans was shocking and hard to comprehend. Only a few wooden barracks remain, as well as the brick barracks of the women's quarters. We saw the remains of the gas chambers, as well as a memorial built there. We also went inside the prisoners were processed – for example their heads shaved – which has now been used to display several hundred personal photos that were found in a suitcase after the liberation. At the end of the day we held a memorial ceremony where Rabbi Garson who accompanied us on the trip led the service.

Walking back through the infamous watchtower in the dark was incredibly thought-provoking. The trip changed our perspective of life and the events of the Holocaust – it made us realise how lucky we are. This experience has not left us since.

For our next steps, we would like to convey this message and share what we learnt through the project. We hope to make a meaningful, significant and permanent impact within our school community, and want to preserve the memory of the victims.

Finally, I would urge anyone in the younger years to consider history for A-level and this project – it honestly gives you skills, perspectives and experiences that you can't get anywhere else. For anyone else, if you get the chance to visit Auschwitz, take it. It really is a life-changing experience.

Isabel, Year 12



Year 11 Science Live Birmingham

On 27th February the majority of Year 11 students attended **GCSE Science live**, a chance to hear from people at the forefront of research and development.

We started the day with a lecture from Dr Kate Lancaster, a physicist currently working at the York university plasma institute on nuclear fusion as a possible future energy resource. It was interesting to apply our knowledge of nuclear fusion reactions to the real life possibility of sustainable, renewable energy and essentially creating a star on earth, producing energy by the same process that powers our sun. We also heard from two geneticists, Professor Steve Jones and Professor Robert Winston, who gave an enlightening and often humorous insight into the workings of the human body, from the genes influencing obesity to the journey of a fertilised egg and even genetically modified 'super mice' with extra strong muscles.



The event ended with a truly engaging lecture, 'Strange Ice' from Professor Andrea Sella, a synthetic chemist at University College London. The lecture began with Professor Sella simply dropping an ice cube into a glass of water, and expecting the audience to be amazed – but was only met with confused faces, until we were challenged to name another molecular substance which in its solid state would float on its melt. Despite our best efforts, we couldn't think of one, leading Professor Sella to explain how every time we put ice cubes into our drink we are witnessing a chemical phenomenon, because it is the only solid that floats on its liquid state.

The event as a whole was truly inspirational, sparking our interests in wider areas of science that are not necessarily covered in the GCSE courses.

Emilie & Ademide, Year 11

Governor Updates



Following last half term's request for three Parent Governors, three nominations were received by the deadline meaning that an election is not necessary.

Congratulations to our new parent governors:

- ☑ **Jennifer Doyle** (daughter in Year 10)
- ☑ **Selina Mahy** (daughter in Year 9)
- ☑ **Carol Rodrigues** (daughter in Year 9)

The Governing Body also welcomes **Paula Dower** as a Co-opted Governor. Mrs Dower works as Operations Director for DASH (Disability Arts in Shropshire) and supports disabled artists and cultural organisations regionally and nationally. She has a background in securing funding for the Arts and is passionate about equality of opportunities for all.

NGHS Music presents

Music from



STAGE & SCREEN

Wednesday 21st

March 2018

NGHS Hall, 7pm

**Tickets now on sale from
Reception.**

£3 adults £1 concessions





Health and
Wellbeing
at NGHS

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Term 4 → Feb half term (start wc 5th March)-Easter

	Lunch Time	After School
Monday	Y7-10 School Choir (AC) – rm 23 Y11 Biology Int (RN) – rm 20 1pm Y11&13 DT students –DT rm Physics drop in 1-1.20pm (SC)-rm15 Chinese Club (DB&student led) 12.35pm–rm 202 Y7/8 Book Club (JC) 1pm – rm 203 12.35pm Y7/8 Indoor Cricket(Student Led &HC)– Hall/New changing rm 12.35pm Lake Garda Grp1Netball(HN) –Netball Court/Old changing rm 1pm Genocide awareness [fortnightly] (AS) – rm3 12.35pm Y10/11 Art Catch up (AM) – Art rm	Karate Club – All Years (Coach) – Hall 5K to 10K Running Club – Y10 upwards (HC) – Field Y9&10 Composition Clinic (AC) – rm 23
Tuesday	6 th form Maths Clinic (AH) – rm 101 Y11 English Club (DP) – rm 203 Senior choir(AC)&Jazz Band (JW)–rm 23 Physics drop in 1-1.20 (SC)-rm15 Y13 Biology Revision (SD)12.50–rm17 12.35pm Lake Garda Grp2Netball(HN) –Netball Court/Old Changing rm 12.35pm Couch to 5K Running Club (HC)–Field/New Changing 12.35pm Y11 Geography Revision – (KG) rm 103 1pm Lower school History Club(AS)–rm 3	Year 7/8 Badminton (SH)-Hall 4–5pm Handball Club (Coach) – Netball Courts Harper Netball Fixtures (HC & HN) Senior Choir (AC) – rm 23
Wednesday	English Enrichment(Creative writing)–rm203 Y11 Computing Club (SH) – rm 8 Y13 Biology Revision(RN)12.50 – rm20 1pm Y13 History revision (AS) – rm 3 Y10/11 Art catch up club–Art rm (AM&AB) 12.35pm Y7(Grp1&2) Boreatton Park Netball Club (HN/HC) – Netball Court 12.35pm Y9/10 Indoor Cricket (Student Led/AH) – Hall/New changing room 1.10pm Y9 Arts Award(AB)–Hall 12.40pm Y11&13 DT students –DT rm	Junior Drama Club (DP) – Hall Art Coursework club 3.45 – 4.45pm Art room 5K to 10K Running Club – Y10 upwards (HC) - Field
Thursday	Y11 Maths Clinic (KW) – rm 14 1pm Y7-10 Maths Clinic Drop in – rm 101 (LH) GCSE French Revision (DB) – rm 202 Gardening club (JW) – rm19 Drama rehearsals (when needed)(DP)–rm203 Years 9, 10 and 11 Badminton (HN) – Hall / New changing Rooms 12.35pm Couch to 5K Running Club (HC)– Field/New Changing	4-5.30pm: Fencing Club – All Years (Coach) Telford Schools Netball League Fixtures (HC & HN)
Friday	1pm Colouring Club (LH) – rm 203 Art Club – DT room, student led (AB) Orchestra (AC) – rm 23 12.35pm Glee Club (LB, RN & KP Y12) – Hall 1.10pm – Dance Club (Student Led and HC) 12.35pm–Y10/11 Art Catch up club (AM)–Art rm	



House Charities @ NGHS

Even the rapidly falling snow didn't dampen the onesie day spirit on Thursday as students (and staff!) from across NGHS joined in with the onesie wearing day to raise money for this year's House Charities. Thank you to everyone who joined in!

KEEP THE DATE! KEEP THE DATE! KEEP THE DATE!

Join the PTA Quiz Night on **Friday 16 March (new date)** at NGHS for a night of fun, friendly competition and fish & chips!

**QUIZ
NIGHT**



NGHS JUNIOR DRAMA presents 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

We can now confirm that the performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will take place in the school hall at 7pm on **Thursday 26 April 2018**. Tickets will be available from reception in due course and will be priced at £3 for adults and £1 for concessions.

Y12 LOOKING AHEAD EVENING

Parents are warmly invited to attend our Year 12 Looking Ahead Evening at school on **Thursday 22 March, starting at 7pm**. This event will present important and helpful information about applying to university and/or apprenticeships.

YEAR 12 HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Year 12s will be visiting the **Higher Education Fair** at Manchester University on Wednesday 14 March, leaving at 8.45am and returning by the end of the school day. This is a great opportunity to talk to university staff from different institutions.

CHANGE TO DRAMA CLUB

Due to the Year 11 Parents' evening, drama club will not be taking place after school on Wednesday 7 March. Instead, there will be a rehearsal during lunchtime on Thursday 8 March in Room 203.

CHILD GENIUS 2018

We have been contacted by 'Wall to Wall' who produce the Channel 4 TV programme 'Child Genius' looking for any **Year 7 pupils** who would like to take part this year. If you are interested, please contact Claudia Guerretta on 0203 301 8502.

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 5 Mar	Student Leadership application deadline	12
Tue 6 Mar	CAREERS NETWORKING DAY Maths Competition, Telford	8-13 10,12
Wed 7 Mar	Parents' Evening	11
Thu 8 Mar	Politics Revision conference Sixth Form Council meeting 4.00pm - MedSoc	13 12-13 10-13
Fri 9 Mar	Whole School Assembly, 9am	all