



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



After a very difficult start to the week, I must say how proud I am of how our school community has come together to support each other. The atmosphere around school has been one of care and respect and I am particularly grateful to Mrs Davenport and to Lin McNamara (our school counsellor) who have really made things easier for everyone affected. I would also like to personally thank our Governors and West Mercia Police for their support.

Progress in the new building is speeding along and I have been over to the site again this week to see the final phase. The classrooms will shortly be furnished with new chairs, tables, noticeboards and the latest technology. We will take students over to the new build just before half term and any changes to the rooming timetable will be communicated ready for the first day back. Six teachers will be based there for all their lessons meaning that students from Y7-Y13 will be using the building throughout the school day. The extensive ground floor atrium (complete with catering facility) will be a fantastic study space for sixth form students. There will also be an official opening later in the year once the outside is landscaped and the weather is a bit brighter!

NGHS is proud to announce that we have had some excellent **sporting successes** this week - more information throughout this newsletter. Particular congratulations go to our badminton team who were crowned **County Champions** on Wednesday. I am very proud of their success. Our Year 8 students are also currently heavily engaged in the **GCHQ Cyberfirst Defenders competition**, supported by Mr Hennessey. They are solving very tricky problems on cryptography, cyber security, logic/coding and networking. The whole year group have entered in teams of four. Stay tuned to find out which team is victorious in next week's newsletter!

Within the newsletter this week, there is some useful pastoral support information. You may be aware that we work with lots of agencies at NGHS and most are to support young people in discussing and improving emotional wellbeing. **Kooth** is a charity organisation which offers confidential counselling support to students via an online web portal and we would recommend students try this service at the weekends and in school holidays when/if they cannot speak to a member of staff directly.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Mr M J Scott, Headteacher

NGHS ARE COUNTY CHAMPIONS!

This week the badminton team went to the Shrewsbury Sports Village to represent Telford Area in the Badminton County Finals. Once there they needed to play 4 matches against 4 different schools from all over the county. Each match consisted of 2 doubles and 3 singles games and it was the school who won the majority of these games who won the match.

Our team's results:

Shrewsbury Academy	0 – 5	NGHS
Lakelands	2 – 3	NGHS
William Brookes	0 – 5	NGHS
Charlton School	0 – 5	NGHS

This now means that this team will go on to represent Shropshire in the **West Midlands Regional round** of this competition. I would also like to thank Katherine who has given up her time to train, support and advise the team in practices at school and during their tournaments. **Miss H Clarke**



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Young Enterprise is a nationwide initiative which encourages young people to form their own business to manufacture a product, market it and, ideally, make a profit!

NGHS has two teams this year and they attended their first trade fair last weekend. Please read about their experience below.

TEAM TRIDEAS

On Saturday 29 January, the YE teams attended a trade fair in Shrewsbury. We arrived at 7:30am to set up our eco-friendly stall, set to burst with our grow-your-own kits, seed bombs and chalkboards and presented our products to the public, business advisers and judges for the first time. Along with the other teams, we sold to the community and gained product feedback.

As the day went on and the centre became more crowded, we were able to spread awareness of our business which is a social enterprise with all products being made from recyclable materials to reduce waste. We even got a nod of approval from the Mayor of Shrewsbury, who agreed with our goal to get more young kids outdoors and into nature related hobbies. This was our first trade fair, and if you want to see more of us, then we'll be at the Darwin Centre again on the 10th February, or you can see us at the Telford Shopping Centre on the 3rd and 10th March.



SPOTLIGHT ON Young Enterprise



THE ROAM TEAM

Last weekend our YE team 'Roam' took to Shrewsbury Darwin Centre to sell our new products. Our unique travel journals, with a fold out scratch map, did extremely well and we were very happy with our progress.

We have a couple of things to work on for our next trade fair and would much appreciate any continuing support. We will be in the Darwin Centre again on Saturday 10 February and would love anyone to come along. We will also begin selling our products in school and so any purchases can be organised with the team.

To see our products, please follow and like our Instagram page: 'roam_footprint'. Thank you.



PARKING ISSUES

NGHS is situated within a residential area of the town. This week I have had a couple of complaints related to sixth formers parking inconsiderately on the roads adjacent to the School. I will also be attending a meeting about parking with the Local Authority next week.

Whilst not always illegal, I have seen some cars parked in a way which blocks access to driveways and some double parking which would obstruct emergency services getting access. This can be deemed to be 'obstructing the highway' which is a Police matter.

All sixth form students who drive to school must therefore please register their registration number with Mrs Bailey next week so that we can find students to address any issues that are brought to our attention promptly.

There is parking available in town as well and this should be a consideration. If your daughter drives to school, please support us in talking to her about this matter. Thank you.



YOUNG MUSICIAN

On Saturday, NGHS students are taking part in our local Young Musician competition.

The students will compete with other performers from around Newport and two will be selected to go to the regional heats later in the year. Good luck Ananya, Natasha, Bethany, Abigail, Rowan, Katya, Neha, Sophie, Meenatchi, Natalie, Catherine, Matilda & Miri.

Mrs A Chapman, Music Dept

PASTORAL CARE

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING NETWORK



Anna Freud
National Centre for
Children and Families

The School has recently signed up to join the **Anna Freud: Schools in Mind network**. This is a national initiative that aims to support mental health and wellbeing in schools. The network provides resources, advice and up to date information for all school staff, children and young people and parents and carers.

We are delighted to join this network and hope to further develop the work that already happens in school to support the mental health of all of our students. This term the network have introduced the school to two recent publications, the first is titled talking mental wellbeing with 11-18's, the tips and suggestions provided within this booklet are being shared with all teaching staff as it offers an introduction into some of the mental health issues that we may face. The second is titled some advice for parents and carers, a copy of this publication can be downloaded from: <https://www.annafreud.org/media/6310/secondary-parents-leaflet-final-proofed.pdf>

Just SOME of the agencies we work with..



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NOTICES

YEAR 11 MOVING INTO SIXTH FORM

As per previous notices, applications for NGHS Sixth Form are due by **Friday 16 February**. Year 11 students must make sure these are completed and submitted by the deadline so their option choices can be taken into account.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS RESULTS

Thursday 25 January: Telford Schools Netball League

Y7: NGHS 3 – 5 William Brookes School
Y7: NGHS 11 – 1 Abraham Darby Academy
Y8: NGHS 2 – 5 William Brookes School
Y8: NGHS 0 – 5 Abraham Darby Academy

Sunday 28 January: U19 Regional Netball Tournament

2 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses = 5th place in their pool

Our U19 team represented Shropshire in the West Midlands Regional Netball tournament. The squad of 9 were selected after finishing second in the Shropshire county round of the competition. The team worked hard as a squad throughout the day and achieved 2 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses within their tough group which placed them 5th overall. The PE department would like to congratulate the team on their netball successes this year.

Tuesday 30 January: Harper Adams Netball League Div I

Newport Ninjas 12 – 33 Adams Grammar School
Newport Panthers 29 – 17 Fusion

Wednesday 31 January: U16 County Finals

Badminton: **FIRST PLACE** (4 wins)

NEXT WEEK:

Saturday 3 February: Shropshire Schools X-Country

Tuesday 6 February: Harper Adams Netball League

Thursday 8 February: **No Y7/8 Netball games**

ENGLISH DEPT: Poetry by Heart Competition

Congratulations to R. Tichford (Y10) for being 'highly commended' in this national poetry recital competition. We were very impressed with her moving recital of the WWI poem 'Song of the Mud' by Mary Borden.

ADAMS' SCHOOL BUSES

Please be aware that **none** of the shared Adams'/NGHS buses will run on **Friday 16 February** as Adams' have an INSET day. Please make alternative arrangements.



PTA Mingle **CHANGE OF VENUE**

The PTA drinks / mingle next Wednesday is going to be held in the **New Inn** in town, as the Red House is currently closed. We are meeting from 7pm and hope to see you there.

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITY: MEDSoc

The Medical Society hosted their first meeting on 31 January. Many thanks to Dr Nawaid Ahmad (Doctor in Chest medicine and tutor at the University of Keele) for sharing his personal experiences and answering questions regarding his work, work experience and UCAS applications.

The Medical Society would like to thank Dr Ahmad and all students who attended. The next meeting is open to years 10-13 and will take place on March 8th at 4pm. Dr Angela Spencer will be visiting to hold a similar style session. If you work in the medical profession and would be willing to participate in such a session please do get in touch via Mrs Haycock j.haycock@nghs.org.uk or eve.gollins@nghs.org.uk

FROM THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

- ☺ There is a short meeting at break on **Monday 5 February** in room 2 for all those going on the 'Medieval Extravaganza' trip to Leicester and Warwick Castle in March.
- ☺ Reminder to Y13 students to return their payment and slips for the Russia revision lectures.
- ☺ Letters have now been sent out to all who expressed an interest in the study visit to Russia. To secure a place, deposits need to be paid online by **Friday 16 February**.

CAREERS SPEED NETWORKING!

We are delighted to be working with Telford & Wrekin Council to organise a day of Careers Speed Networking for all Year 9-13 students on **TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2018**. Ideally we would like to find 84 people from a range of careers to talk 1:1 with students for about 5 minutes at a time about their career. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students. Please see the attached letter from Mrs Gill and kindly get in touch if you can help.

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Wed 7 Feb	Arkwright Exam (afternoon)	11
	A-level Biology Live	12-13
	Health & Wellbeing Student Panel	all
Thu 8 Feb	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assembly Studying in Scotland talk (am reg)	9 12
Fri 9 Feb	Economics Trip - Cadbury's World History - Great War Debate - Birmingham	12-13 11
Tue 13 Feb	Healthy Drop-In Session (lunchtime)	All
Wed 14 Feb	Silver DofE Expedition presentation (lunch) PTA Valentines Film Night	12 7-8
Fri 16 Feb	Half Term begins at 3.45pm	all