

NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



uesday's fabulous Careers Speed Networking Event afforded students from Years 8-13 the opportunity to talk to a number of employers from different sectors. The

Hall and Atrium were buzzing with excited chatter throughout the day. The feedback was immense with the employers being bold over by the interest shown by NGHS students. I would like to thank all the staff who helped make the event happen, but particularly Mrs Gill who had many sleepless nights worrying about whether it would be a success; it certainly was!

Our house assemblies this week have focused on International Women's Day and the careers event has also provided a timely reminder about the importance of equality in both pay and opportunity. I also had the chance this week to sit in on a MedSoc presentation from Dr Angela Spencer who took time out of her busy schedule to talk to our keen future medics about her varied and interesting career diagnosing patients with lung cancer; some 250 a year in this region. Her talk made a real impact on the girls in inspiring them to pursue a career in medicine and it is great to have so many positive female role models engaging with our students at this time.

This week saw our Year II parents evening in the new building and it was a pleasure to meet another group of parents as well as hearing some very positive feedback about the year group's progress. I have spent today working with a photography company on creating some excellent shots to improve our ageing website and have also held meetings with companies

to look at the development of our netball courts and science facilities. As always financial investment is needed so I will be looking into trying to secure bids for these projects later this year.

This week, Mrs Haycock (Head of Sixth Form) and I received the largest ever number of applications for the next Head Girl team and we look forward to interviewing the shortlisted candidates next Tuesday: Well done to the students who have got through to the next stage in the process!

Below you will find more information about a special parents support evening on E-Safety which is being planned for May. This was something that parents who completed the survey were keen to request so I hope that the event will be well attended. We have also extended a warm welcome to the event to Haberdashers' Adams parents.

The Spring Concert, PTA Quiz Night and Junior Drama productions are all up and coming - I hope to see as many families as possible at these events. Thank you for your ongoing support. See pages 4-6.

Finally, I have created a special email address (urgent@nghs.org.uk). This will be monitored at weekends and in holidays by myself or a senior colleague in case of a MAJOR incident, which affects one of our pupils or staff. Please only use this email to contact us in an emergency. I hope this is helpful.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Mr M J Scott, Headteacher

Do you know exactly what your daughter is doing online?

Join us on **Wednesday 9 May at 5.30pm** for a presentation from West Mercia Police and Concero about current teenage online behaviours, how you can help protect your daughter/son, what the law actually states/means, what happens if students share images of themselves or others, what sexting is and how you might wish to consider monitoring internet usage at home. This is a session of practical tips and starts with complementary refreshments from 5.00pm in the NGHS Atrium. The event is geared at parents of students in Years 8-10, but everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you.



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L-R: Mr Scott, Mrs Gill, Cllr R Evans & Kim Hodgetts (Telford & Wrekin Enterprise Co-ordinator)

Year 9 view

On Tuesday 6 March we held the first speed networking event in the West Midlands which helped us, the students, understand the working life in Telford and Wrekin. We were separated in groups of nine to eleven people and from there we were all partnered with an employer. Once sat down with an employer, we were to have conversations lasting 5 minutes with each employer. We discussed the foundations of their jobs, their day to day life and more. This gave us the opportunity to explore routes into different types of careers and the business potential here in Telford and Wrekin. In particular, we enjoyed talking to the paramedics conversing about their dramatic and varying job. As students, we also really enjoyed talking to people from the government sector; military officers; people from Telford council and wildlife experts. The event provided us with social skills and the ability to communicate confidently with employers, setting us up and



Year 10 view...

Amongst many other events held at NGHS so far this year, the Careers Networking event was an opportunity for students in years 8-13 to further their knowledge of possible future careers through short, informative conversations with employers from a wide range of fields; from creative writing to town planning.

We were given the opportunity to question the 78 employers on topics that interested us. Whether that was questioning what exactly a specific job entailed or what degrees were required to pursue a particular career, every conversation offered an insight into the more personal experiences and struggles faced by adults within the world of work. It was an opportunity we all made the most of and all who participated considered the event a valuable experience. For this we would like to thank our school and the employers for being so accommodating. A particular thank you must go to Mrs Gill, who put in so much effort.

Becky, Clarice, Sarah, Ella and Jemima (Year 10)





Well done to our Year 9 netball teams who finished FIRST and FIFTH at the Telford Schools Netball Trophy Tournament this week despite some very tough competition!



Maths Feast

I was delighted to see my name on the board amongst my fellow classmates who had also been selected to take part in the Year 10 Maths Feast. We stayed behind after a Maths lesson and were told that we would have to attend some lunchtime sessions to practise for the big day. On 6th March, that day had come and the NGHS minibus was on its way to the Year 10 Maths Feast.

When we arrived, the room was full of pupils from other schools - it was quite intimidating - but we were pointed to our tables and had to do some Maths crosswords to engage our 'Mathematical Brains'. We were split into two teams of four; one containing myself, Penny B, Calli W and Hannah J, the other containing Alice M, Becky T, Zoe B and Ellie M. With series of problems after series of problems the competition was on and both teams were eager to do well.

Some of our talented Year 10 mathematicians have enjoyed a real mathematical feast this week...

Despite there being no overall winner for the event, certificates were awarded for scoring the best in a round or working well as a team. My team was very lucky to win a certificate for round 2, in which we scored 19/19 owing to our ability to quickly grasp the idea of dice cycles; something none of us had heard of before. As well as this, the other NGHS group won certificates for top scores in the problem-solving round and for outstanding team work.

At the end of the competition we all felt very accomplished. We solved problems we never thought would have even existed and learnt a lot from each other. Everyone really enjoyed working as a team and we are all incredibly grateful to everyone who was part of our Maths adventure.

Lola (Year 10)



NGHS JUNIOR DRAMA PRESENTS...



THURSDAY
26TH
27H
27H
27H
27H
2018

7PM IN THE
SCHOOL HALL
£3 ADULTS
£1 CONCESSIONS
TICKETS
AVAILABLE
FROM RECEPTION



Shake off those winter blues!

with our Spring into 2018 PTA Quiz 7.30pm Friday 16th March





It can be hard to get going in the New Year so why not shake off those winter blues, re-awaken the brain cells and celebrate the oncoming of spring with the welcome return of the PTA quiz, back for its fourth reincarnation...

The PTA Quiz ...

Unwind with friends old and new for a family-oriented evening filled with:

- ✓ Fun 10 rounds of questions on a range of topics to challenge us all!
- ✓ Family & Friends pupils, parents, friends and family members are all very welcome
- ✓ Food and Drink— take your pick from either fish and chips or sausage and chips from Jones Fish & Chip shop and treat yourself to a drink (soft drinks, beer and wine available to buy on the night)

This event is all about the Fun rather than Fundraising, giving a great opportunity to socialize with other parents and to get to know your daughters' friends. Teams can be up to 6 people, but don't worry if you don't have a ready-made team - we will have some year group tables which you can join on the night. Tickets will be priced at £5 for adults and £4 for under-18s, including food.

To book your tickets, simply complete the reply slip below indicating your food choice, and return with payment to the school office, marked for the attention of the PTA Quiz Organiser. Your tickets will then be sent to you. You can pay by cash or cheque (payable to NGHS PTA). If you prefer, you can email your completed form to the PTA email address.

Go on – spring into 2017 and sign up today! Many thanks. The PTA

Email address: pta@nghs.org.uk

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION:					
Name:		Phone: (for any queries)			
Student's Name:		Year Group/Form:			
TICKETS	Quant	ity	Cost		
Adult tickets @£5 each			£		
Child tickets @ £4 each			£		
TOTAL			£		
FOOD ORDER	Fish and chips		Sausage and chips		
Quantity					





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.

ENGLISH/DRAMA EVENTS

Tuesday 20 March, 3.50-6pm in Room 203 NGHS Sixth Form Film Society presents Kenneth Branagh's *Othello* (1995). Suitable for sixth formers especially those who study English Literature.

Wednesday 28 March, 5pm in Atrium

An Evening with Tennessee Williams. Suitable for YII, A-level or returning YI4 students who study or are interested in studying English Literature.

Thursday 26 April, 7pm in the Hall

NGHS Junior Drama presents A Midsummer Night's Dream (see poster on page 4)

DRAMA CLUB

Drama Club will run as normal on Wednesday 14 March from 3.45-4.45pm. There will be an extended Drama Club for a full rehearsal of the play on Wednesday 21 March until 5.30pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKING SUCCESS

Well done to Leoni B, Phoebe W and Eve G (Y12) for competing in the district final of the Youth Speaks competition. The judges were very impressed with their performances. Thank you to Mrs Seys for taking the students all the way to Leek for this competition, too!

SPORT RELIEF 2018

Sport Relief will start next week and we encourage all students to get involved in the range of events and activities we are delivering. Please look out for promotional posters around school.

COUCHTO 5K or 5KTO 10K

All responses to participate in this event should be returned to Miss Clarke ASAP.

YEAR 7 NETBALL RESIDENTIAL

Parents - please use the area behind the netball courts for parking on Friday after school if you are dropping off or picking up bags for your child over the weekend. On Sunday we aim to return at 4.30pm. Please park on the main school car park and keep the layby free for the coach. Thank you.

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Monday - U15 County Netball Tuesday - U16 Hockey Wednesday - Swimming Gala Thursday - Y8 Netball Friday - Netball Weekend!

ARTS AWARD DANCE AUDITIONS

A sign-up sheet has been put on the art room door for girls to sign up for auditions for the dance show run by our Arts Award girls. The auditions will be in a couple of weeks and will be held in the sports hall. Students will need to choose a song and prepare a dance of 2 minutes. Mrs Benoit.

VACCINATIONS - YEAR 9

School Leaver Booster and Men ACWY vaccinations will take place on the morning of **Tuesday 13 March**. Please make sure you have sent a completed consent form back if not already done so. It is helpful (but not essential) if students wear a vest top under their blouses. If further advice is needed, call the Immunisation Team on 01743 450800. Thank you, Mrs Davenport.

YII HISTORY SUPPORT / REVISION

YII historians can revise quietly, with support from Miss Davies in Room 2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4.25pm starting next week.

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 12th	German Theatre Production (pm)	7-8
Tue 13th	Vaccinations Mock English Examination Head Girl Team interviews	9 11 12
Wed 14th	UCAS Fair in Manchester PTA meeting, 7pm	12 Parents
Thu 15th	Additional assembly in Hall	7-9
Fri 16th	Sport Relief assembly PTA Quiz Night, 7.30pm!	All All
Tue 20th	Parents Evening (a reminder)	7