



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



Welcome to our new school newsletter. I would like to improve communication between parents/carers and the School by publishing this newsletter each Friday. Each edition will have a spotlight on an aspect of the school; be it a department, year group, club or even a member of staff! Any forthcoming calendar events will also be listed for your convenience.

As always, I appreciate any feedback and if you have any suggestions about things you would like to see in this publication, please do not hesitate to get in touch via schooloffice@nghs.org.uk

This past fortnight has seen me getting to know more students and staff as well as a number of meetings with students about their options and visits to our fantastic new building. When meeting with students, I have been very impressed by their confidence and awareness of their own future goals. Mature discussions about subject choices have taken place as well as intelligent questions asked. It was also a pleasure to meet Year 8 parents at our recent parents' evening. I would also like to know how you find NGHS - the parent/carer survey is your chance to share areas of strength and ideas for development. Please return the surveys no later than a week today (26 January) to help shape the future of the School.

There is a real buzz around the School at the moment, which is most impressive. Our students are working hard and I have enjoyed attending some of our music ensemble rehearsals and extra-curricular clubs at lunchtimes.

Thank you for the emails of welcome I have received and for all that you do to support us.

Mr M J Scott

JOINING SIXTH FORM Transition: Y11-Y12

Important Message for Year 11 students/parents

Please remind students that applications for our sixth form are open now. Please encourage your daughter to speak to Mrs Bailey, Mrs Haycock, Miss Clarke or Mr Scott if she has any questions. Thank you.

Mrs Haycock (Head of Sixth Form)

STAYING LATE?

We allow students to remain after the school day until **5.30pm**. To help ensure their safety and allow cleaning staff access to rooms, students should only be in Room 14 or the Library. Please also ensure that students are collected or able to leave school promptly by 5.30pm.

LATE

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Leave of Absence

Please ensure any leave of absence requests (for planned absences) are submitted in plenty of time. In order to safeguard students effectively, it is not possible to always authorise absences if they are only submitted on the day of the absence itself. Thank you.

Sixth Form Medical Appointments

Please could parents support us by ringing in to report absence before 9am and ensuring that students bring in a copy of medical appointments or an email from you if there is an appointment that cannot be arranged outside of school hours. If we do not have this authorisation then we will need to contact you before the student leaves school. All students have received a reminder about this from Mrs Haycock.

Vomiting Bug

We have a number of students who have caught a vomiting bug. Please keep students at home for **48 hours** after they stop being ill to avoid the bug being passed to other students.

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SPOTLIGHT ON Pastoral Team

Students have been reminded that they can talk to **ANY MEMBER OF STAFF** about an issue in school or outside. However, there is a dedicated group of staff who form the Pastoral Team at NGHS. Three staff are additionally involved in **safeguarding** students and reporting any disclosures or concerns to the relevant agencies. For your convenience, please find here the photographs to put faces to names if we get in touch!

Safeguarding Team L-R : Mr Scott (Designated Lead), Miss Clarke (Deputy Designated Lead), Mrs Davenport



Introducing our Heads of Year...
N.B. - Miss Clarke (pictured above) is also Head of Year 11



Ms Capaldi
Years 7-8

Miss Tomkinson
Years 9-10

Mrs Haycock
Head of Sixth Form

Mrs Bailey
Sixth Form
Administrator



Gardening club has been running for almost a year now and is run by the **Lower School Environmental Team**.

We have already raised some money to improve the school grounds, which we have used to redevelop a sensory and wildlife friendly bed, install hanging baskets and troughs and to plant spring bulbs. You can see us here improving the willow dome at Moorfield Primary with the help of Mr Wade.

We have a group of very enthusiastic students looking forward to our next project - **planting an orchard**. If you are interested in sponsoring a tree or donating, please contact the School Office. Any help or advice would be very much appreciated. **Catherine H / JW**

NEW BUILDING UPDATE

Please read the second attachment to this newsletter which details the progress that has been made recently in our new building. After our last site meeting on Tuesday we are hopeful that we will be teaching and working in the new building after February Half Term! Thank you to everyone for their patience.



Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 22 Jan	Poetry Live Visit - Birmingham	11
Tue 23 Jan	Student Council meeting, 1.00pm	7-11
Wed 24 Jan	Parents' Evening, 4pm-7pm	9
Thu 25 Jan	Student Council meeting, 1.00pm	12-13
Mon 29 Jan	Governor committee meetings	—
Thu 1 Feb	NEW DATE Parents Evening, 4pm-7pm	12
Wed 7 Feb	Arkwright Exam (afternoon) A-level Biology Live	11 12-13
Thu 8 Feb	Studying in Scotland talk	12
Fri 9 Feb	Economics Trip - Cadbury's World History - Great War Debate - Birmingham	12-13 11

NOTICES

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.

IMVU LOCATION APP

There are a number of social media/chat apps which display locations as a default. One new one is IMVU which allows anonymous conversations to be held.

Please kindly discuss with your daughter whether she has this app and the obvious dangers associated with it.



ENGLISH TRIPS

Poetry Live - Y11 - Monday: Y11 students will be registering in their X/Y/Z groups in the hall from 8.40am. They need their poetry exercise book; a pen; a packed lunch; drinks; snacks and a coat. School uniform should be worn. Students who require medication must bring it. We hope to be back for around 4pm but have advised students to have a back-up travel plan home. Students will advise parents of the ETA from the M54.

Hedda Gabler (Sixth Form) Thursday: We are meeting at 5.50pm outside the school gates. Students will **not** need to wear school uniform. Students who require medication should ensure that they bring this with them. There is a 20 minute interval to purchase refreshments. The play is due to finish at 9.50pm, so we expect to be back at school at around 10.30pm. The school will be locked, so students must not leave possessions inside. We will ask students to contact parents with an ETA once we leave the venue.

NO JUNIOR DRAMA - WEDNESDAY

There is no Junior Drama Club on Wednesday 24 January 2018 due to the Year 9 Parents' Evening. We have asked cast members to focus on spending some time learning their lines in preparation for the next rehearsal of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which will be on Wednesday 31 January 2018. The performance is due to take place in the final week before Easter (W/C 26 March 2018) and more information will be available shortly.

YOUTH SPEAKS TEAMS

Congratulations to those who have been selected for this year's teams and well done to those who auditioned. The teams are: P Williams, L Bagnall, E Gollins and A Khayat, R Naylor, C Hose. The students will be representing the school in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition. The first round is due to take place at Haberdashers' Adams on the evening of Tuesday 13 February 2018. The students will be delivering their speeches in two upcoming assemblies and we wish them the best of luck!

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.



A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY GUIDES

All sixth form Psychology students have had a letter enabling them to order revision guides at a reduced price. The deadline for this is **26 January 2018** and **payment can be made online**.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Please look out for the following letters that have been sent home this week:

- ⇒ Year 10 – Medieval Extravaganza
- ⇒ Year 13 – Russia lectures. A letter about deposits for the Russia visit will be going out this week or next week to all those who handed in expressions of interest forms.

UPCOMING EVENT:

- ⇒ Holocaust Memorial Day – please remember that the deadline for entries to the 'Power of Words' competition is Monday 22 January.

INTEGRATED FORM TIME

Integrated form time for Austen on Tuesday during morning registration and Roddam and Seacole on Wednesday during morning registration. The theme this week is Chinese New Year crafts. **Can all students please bring some scissors and colouring equipment to the session?**

MFL NOTICES

German Theatre 'Hausarrest' (12 March) Y7 and Y8. Please check SCOPAY and pay £3 by 26 January. Full details have been sent recently by email.

Chateau du Broutel residential (June) Y8. If you have already made payment(s), many thanks! The fourth instalment is due by **28 February**. Full details are on the original letter sent out in June 2017.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS RESULTS

Harper Adams Ladies Netball League

Newport Ninjas	34-15	Returners
Newport Panthers	49-7	Returners
Newport Ninjas	26-17	Jammy Dodgers
Newport Scorpions	13-29	Fusion

Next week...

Monday 22nd	U15 Telford Schools Handball Tournament
Tuesday 23rd	Harper Adams Ladies Netball League
Thursday 25th	Y7/8 Telford Schools Netball League
Sunday 28th	U19 West Mids Regional NB Tournament