



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



I was delighted to attend a DOUBLE AWARDS presentation in London this week. NGHS has been recognised for its outstanding attainment and outstanding progress in the 2017 GCSE examinations. Both awards are because of NGHS's placing in the top 10% of schools for progress and also the top 10% of *selective* schools (i.e. grammar schools) for attainment. The awards were presented to me by Sue Wilkinson, Chief Executive of the Schools, Students and Teachers Trust at Holland Park School in West London. We have now been invited to join the SSAT, which is an honour I have gladly accepted. The evening also coincided with the Grammar School Heads Association Conference, where I was able to discuss pertinent issues with Heads of other similar schools and hear more from the Schools Minister, Nick Gibb, about the highly documented Grammar School expansion programme. Over the next few years, I would like NGHS to become more outward-facing and engaged in sharing our successes with others, whilst also learning more about new initiatives and innovations from other similar schools. Organisations such as the SSAT, the GSHA and also our involvement in a select cluster of Girls Grammar schools (including schools I have previously worked in) are instrumental to the development of this good practice as we can share and



learn so much from others in similar establishments. Closer to home, I have offered NGHS as a venue for our Secondary Heads meetings and look forward to welcoming colleagues from schools across Telford & Wrekin on Thursday.

You should also receive a letter today about our **School Community Sponsored Walk**, which I hope students will enjoy and embrace. Please do your best to support our venture, which promotes wellbeing, fitness and fundraising!

Wishing you a pleasant weekend and a special mention to all of our students' families who are celebrating Eid after the month of Ramadan....we wish you much joy and happiness; Eid Mubarak.

Mr M J Scott, Headteacher



SPOTLIGHT ON

Bike week!



This week the Head Girl Team have led a focus on Bike Week. Catering Academy brought in a smoothie bike for the week and we put on a whole school demonstration with fruit and other ingredients provided! The integrated forms on Wednesday also included a bike-inspired quiz for the whole school to complete, with the pair in each form being awarded some prizes such as water bottles and bike lights. It has been an overall success with cycling maps and other local bike club leaflets being made available to students. At the beginning of the week, the Head Girl team also provided tours of the school for new admin staff members and additionally, Alex and Bea have been working hard on a presentation to deliver to the town council in a couple of weeks! Finally, this week has seen the development of another

of the noticeboards in the atrium, with a particular focus on influential women from around the world. All in all, a busy week!

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TELFORD NORTH BUS

Parents received a letter about the option of an additional Telford North Coach Service from September last week. If you are interested in obtaining a space for your daughter on this bus, please contact Mrs Jocelyn Lewis without delay on 07812 399240.

Live Streaming

CEOP run the ThinkUknow campaign and have recently published some guidance to support parents who feel concerned that their child/ren may be streaming live links to others across the internet. This can take place on a mobile phone, webcam or other pinhole camera devices. If you would like to know more, **please click on the logo on the left to visit the CEOP website.**



ATHLETICS DOUBLE WHAMMY!

Telford Championships

On Wednesday 13 June we took two strong teams of athletes to represent the school in the Shropshire Schools semi final of the athletics championships. The two teams consisted of junior girls (Year 7 and 8) and inter girls (Year 9 and 10), the teams competed in the full range of athletics events suitable for their age group and aimed to score as many points from each event as they could by placing as high as they could. The teams were one of twelve teams competing in these semi-finals, the other semi-final was held on Monday night with twelve different schools competing.

Notable performances in the Junior Girls section were:

- ☺ Second place in the long jump for I Nicklin,
- ☺ Third place in the high jump for R Jones,
- ☺ First and Second place for E Jackson in the 800m and 200m respectively,
- ☺ First place for L Patrick in the 800m
- ☺ Second place for our relay team.

Notable performance in the Inter Girls section were:

- ☺ First place for E Micklewright in the long jump,



- ☺ First and Second place for E Charlesworth in the 800m and triple jump respectively,
- ☺ Second place for L Bottomley in the 300m
- ☺ H Massey came second and third in the shot and discus respectively.

Both teams were aiming to finish in the top 4 which would see them progress into the final of the county competition. Final results confirm that the junior team finished in third place overall, the inter team finished in 2nd place overall. Congratulations to both teams who will now progress to the final which takes place on Monday afternoon.

On Saturday 9 June a small team of athletes attended the Shropshire Schools Athletics Competition at Oakengates Athletics track in Telford. It was a beautiful day for some high quality athletics and the event sees the top athletes in the county come together to represent their school in the hope of achieving a spot in the top 2 which guarantees representation for the county in the Mason Trophy event taking place at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham on Saturday 16 June.

Rhianna cleared 1.25m in the Junior Girls High Jump which saw her finish in the top eight in the county. Charis was entered into the inter girls 100m and 200m events, she finished strongly in both of her heats but was unable to progress into the finals on this occasion. Harriet competed in a number of events on the day, finishing in fifth place in the inter girls hurdles event

and finishing in third place in the hammer throw, which is a relatively new event for her. Leonie competed in the inter girls event over the 300m distance and had to navigate through heats and a final, with her finishing in second place in the final and gaining an automatic spot on the county team for next week's Mason Trophy event. Edith took part in the inter girls 800m event and finished in second place which also secures her a guaranteed space on the county team for next week's Mason Trophy event. Congratulations to all of our students.



Telford Competition

Congratulations!

Congratulations to...

😊 **Olivia Needham & Stacey Hose**, whose short creative writing stories have been chosen for publication. Their work will be published in *Stranger Sagas-Staffordshire & Shropshire* in August.



Congratulations to...

😊 **Allana Williams** who has triumphed in the Shotput - first in the West Midlands and Staffordshire County Champion, 31st in England and 44th in the UK. She is also achieving highly in the 100m (fifth in Staffordshire) and 3rd in Staffordshire in the Javelin.



German **This Week**

Speaking and Listening activities with a twist, a turn and a “Gehen Sie geradeaus”...

Year 8 German students got to put their direction-giving skills to the test this week as they instructed one another across the field, avoiding various obstacles – all whilst blindfolded! It certainly meant they listened (and trod!) very carefully...

Mrs Fujii



NON-UNIFORM MUFTI DAY!

At the request of the student Heads of House, we will be holding a non-uniform day next WEDNESDAY (20 June). This is to help fundraise for the House Drama Festival to enable Houses to buy some additional props/costumes etc. Any student who participates should bring a £1 donation and MUST wear an item of clothing with their house colour on it. Thank you.

SPORTS DAY REMINDER

Just a reminder that everyone will be expected to participate in a sports day event (there are exceptions based on sports injuries and these should be communicated to the PE Department as soon as possible) and it is a fantastic opportunity to get fully immersed in the house spirit during one of the major annual house events. Sports Day 2018 is on Thursday 5 July. Sports Captains will be in touch soon to share information about house t-shirts, house team selections and house training sessions to allow practice time for these events. Good luck to all!

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

All passport photocopies are now needed for students going on the Battlefields Trip in September. Please hand them to Mrs Lane (the deadline was TODAY!)

CHATEAU DE BROUDEL TRIP

Can all students/parents please check their kit list and information booklets to ensure that they have everything they need for the trip! Merci.

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 18th	Shropshire Schools Athletics Final	All
Tue 19th	Healthy Drop In (Lunchtime)	All
Wed 20th	Integrated Forms (Sports Theme) Mufti Day (House Drama) Telford Schools Athletics Final Oxbridge Maths/Physics/Engineering	All All All Y12
Thu 21st	Pupil meeting for Berlin trip, 11.05 Sixth Form Student Council, lunch RSC Production of Macbeth PTA Film Night	Y9-10 Y12 Y10 Y7&8
Fri 22nd	Health & Wellbeing Committee	All