



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS

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### Head's Lines



**T**his week has gone very quickly indeed. The major news story to break at NGHS and indeed across the country is that **Ellie Micklewright in Year 10 has been awarded the prestigious title of Royal Horticultural Society Young School Gardener of the Year**. On behalf of the

whole school community, I would like to congratulate Ellie on this immense accolade and to thank her and the rest of the ever-popular gardening club for their regular commitment to making our school site more colourful and floral! I would also like to mention my thanks to Mr Wade and Mrs Stan who support our students in their green-fingered adventures and regularly give up evenings and weekends to pick up donated supplies and to make (from scratch) their own flowerbeds for around our school site. NGHS is also grateful for the ongoing support and generous discounts to the gardening club from **Wyevale Garden Centre in Donnington** and **Lakeside Garden Centre in Priorslee**. Ellie has been invited to give BBC interviews and has won some fantastic prizes. Well done, Ellie! She is pictured on the right in one of her many professional photo-shoot images which accompanied the national press-release yesterday.

Coming back down to earth...Thank you to everyone who has returned slips for the **sponsored walk**. I am so pleased to learn of the support for this whole school community venture during the day on Wednesday 11 July.

Next week is **Curriculum Enrichment Week**. Year 7 have a number of trips and visits; I look forward to joining them on our trip to the Black Country Museum on Monday. Most of Year 8 are off to France - bon voyage - the sunshine looks promising! Good luck to our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students and our Year 10 embark on their work experience week; something I greatly value. Even if the experience is not in exactly the career they seek in the future, it is a great opportunity to see how the professional workplace operates and to mix with adults in a workplace environment. I know some students are a little nervous, but be bold and brave and do your best! Our Year 12 students and any others not partaking in the above are expected in school each day. Year 12 are working on higher education/future plans and their



*Ellie Micklewright - RHS Young Gardener 2018*

extended projects and other year groups have a feast of workshop days in a variety of curriculum areas from dance-it-in-a-day to German puppetry!

I hope to include a big splash feature of student articles and photographs from Curriculum Enrichment Week in two weeks time. Because of CEW, there will **not** be an edition of Newport News next week.

Wishing you all an enjoyable, sunny weekend.

**Mr M J Scott, Headteacher**

## SAVE THE DATE!

The annual **Summer Fete** takes place on 11 July, starting at 6.30pm. The fete is very much the girls' evening, and students are already busy preparing a variety of stalls and games to provide fun for all the family! The traditional musical portion of the evening is being planned by Mrs Chapman, and the evening wouldn't be complete without the final element – the famous PTA cake stall, serving your donated cakes and biscuits (home-made or shop-bought) with a refreshing cup of tea or coffee. A reminder letter will be sent out separately, but for now – hold the date!

**Best wishes, The PTA**

**Travel to NGHS on an Arriva Bus?**

**See page 4 for an update about a new Saver Ticket!**

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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.

## IMPORTANT BUS UPDATES

With the exception of the Market Drayton morning bus, Haberdashers' Adams (HA) buses will not be running on **Wednesday 18 July** as they have their Sports Day at Oakengates. Parents will need to make alternative arrangements to get their daughters to school.

The summer term will finish at 12:30 on Friday 20 July. The HA Telford North & South buses will pick up opposite NGHS at 1:05pm. Girls who use the other HA buses should catch the Wolves 3 shuttle bus which will pick up from outside NGHS at 12:50pm. They will be taken to HA where they will transfer to their usual buses for departure at 1:00pm.

### **Other assisted places buses will depart as follows:**

Muxton/Lilleshall bus departs outside NGHS at 1:05pm.

Tibberton/Sambrook bus departs outside NGHS at 1:05pm

After great success at last Wednesday at the semi-finals, on Monday both our Junior and Intermediate teams competed in the finals of the Shropshire Schools County Cup. The girls were motivated and determined and this was evidenced by a number of personal bests (PBs) being achieved, as well as a number of top five placings in both track and field events. In the end, the Junior girls finished **THIRD** overall and the intermediate girls finished in **FOURTH**. Well done to all the athletes that completed!

## Monday's Shropshire Schools County Cup



## Sixth Formers: Curriculum Enrichment Week

### *Just so parents know the plan for next week!*

On Monday many will be starting their UCAS applications and in the afternoon WhatUni will be visiting to help them research the right place for them.

Tuesday marks the start of the Personal Statement process with students being given plenty of advice on what to do and what not to do! In the afternoon our independent careers advisor will be here and we will also be supporting the induction of next year's Year 12.

On Wednesday the focus turns to EPQ and we have a lecturer from Southampton University coming to

advise. This will be an amazing opportunity to move forward with EPQ and to find out about how this university views EPQ and lowers offers as a result of high predictions in EPQ.

Thursday is all about interview technique and will culminate in everyone having a mock interview with an employer.

Friday is back to EPQ and the warm up for Sports day; House Rounders! In amongst this there will be seminars on gap years and applying abroad.

**Action packed, but hopefully very helpful!**

# Congratulations!

## Congratulations to...

☺ All our competitors at TWSSA Athletics Championships. NGHS came **THIRD** in the county. Year 7 were third, Year 8 third, Year 9 fifth and Year 10 were second. All teams competed very well indeed.



## Congratulations to...

☺ **Tiffany Williams**, who is goalkeeper for Market Drayton Tigers football team. Tiffany has won an award for her football presentation last weekend. It is great to hear of our students' successes in AND outside school!



## Broadway Beckons!



Next month, Aislinn Humphries (Y9) will be playing one of the lead roles in High School Musical at the Stafford Gatehouse Theatre with the musical theatre group MYTS.

Aislinn will be playing the part of Taylor McKessie, one of the six main characters in the show and resident 'Brainiac' of East High, who befriends new girl Gabriella Montez.

This is Aislinn's first principal role with MYTS and we know she would love to see other NGHS students in the audience.

MYTS are a double NODA (National Operatic & Dramatic Association) Award winning youth group who perform annually at the Gatehouse Theatre.

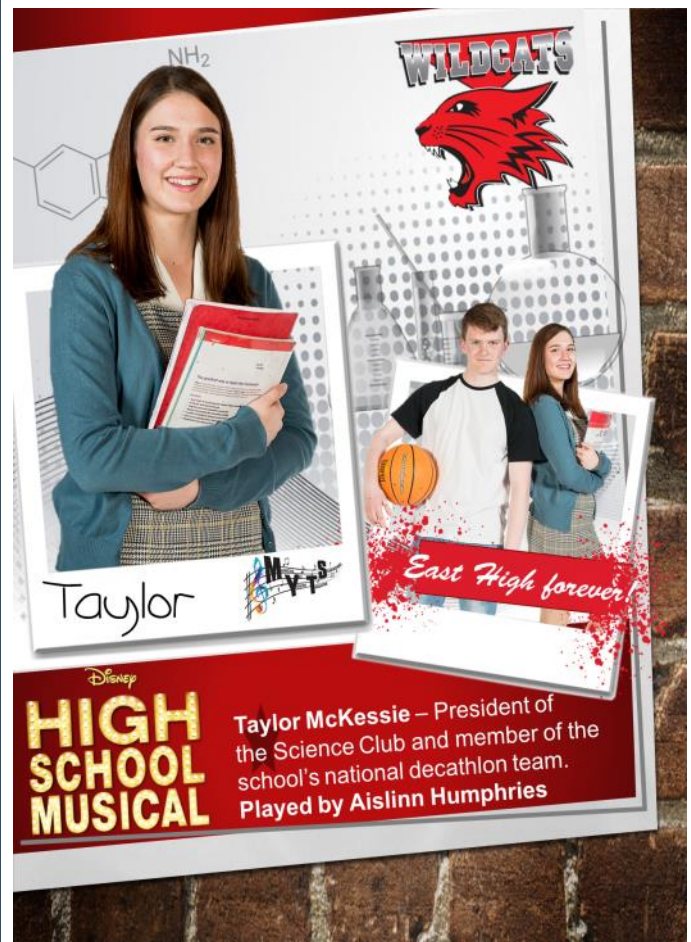
The show runs from the 11 to 14 July and tickets are £14.50/ £12.50 concessions from the Gatehouse Box Office on 01785 619080.

## Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Sat 23rd	Shropshire Schools Track & Field competition	7-8
Mon 25th	Curric. Enrichment Week (all wk)	All
Wed 27th	PTA Meeting, 7pm	Parents
Mon 2nd	Governors Meeting, 7pm	Gov.
Tue 3rd	Y6 Induction Day	Y6
Wed 4th	Y6 Induction Evening for Parents	Y6
Thu 5th	Sports Day	All
Fri 6th	Geography Field Trip	Y12
Mon 9th	Women & STEM meeting	Y12
Tue 10th	Parents Evening, 4pm-7pm	Y10
Wed 11th	Sponsored Walk (daytime) PTA Summer Fete (evening)	All
Fri 13th	Berlin Trip Departs	9-10
Wed 18th	House Drama	All
Thu 19th	Achievement Assembly PTA Film Night	All 7-8
Fri 20th	End of Term 12.30pm	All

**We all wish Aislinn and the rest of the cast every success in their run - BREAK A LEG!**





## Did you know?

**If your child travels to school on an Arriva bus you can get big savings on their travel costs with the Arriva Saver ticket.**

For less than £1.50 a day your child can get unlimited travel on any of our buses across all Arriva routes in Shropshire and the West Midlands. What's more, this ticket doesn't just provide them with reduced price bus travel to and from school. For no additional charge they'll be able use the same ticket to get out and about during evenings, weekends and all throughout the school holidays.

The cost of this ticket can be spread over affordable monthly payments, using our easy Direct Debit system. This makes it an ideal way to get reduced bus travel without having to pay upfront. It's a simple process to apply and there's no set up fee, or minimum contract. Which means, if your circumstances change you can just cancel your direct debit.

**To apply for the ticket and arrange your direct debit payment please visit:**

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Once registered Arriva will send a bus pass to you by post, or if you prefer you can choose to have an m-ticket sent directly to your child's mobile phone. The ticket will automatically be renewed every month as long as your direct debit remains active.

**For any queries please email:**

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