



IN OMNIBUS FIDELIS

NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



Thank you for the positive feedback on this weekly publication. This week has been very busy! On Monday, our Year 11 students all took part in the Poetry Live event in Birmingham. This was a real opportunity for young people across the Midlands to hear from some of our country's greatest poets as well as picking up valuable examination skills for GCSE English. Thank you to Mr Postle and the large team of staff who made the day run smoothly.

On Tuesday, our Year 9s and Year 10s enjoyed a drama performance and workshops led by Loudmouth Productions, focusing on relationship issues. I was very pleased with our students' maturity and the intelligent questions and helpful advice that our students offered as part of an interactive and informative performance.

On Wednesday, it was lovely to meet our Year 9 parents at Parents Evening. Our Year 9s are making a decision about which subjects to continue with next year and I know that they and their parents found the evening useful in that respect. I also attended my first School Council meeting to hear thoughts from students of all ages.

On Thursday I enjoyed watching the Y7 and Y8 netball teams in action at William Brookes where the Year 7 A team excelled, scoring 11-1 against Abraham Darby. Well done to the team and Miss Norton. This Sunday sees the U19 netball team represent Shropshire in the regional round of the national schools' competition. I would like to wish the players every success. Keep an eye on our Twitter feed for the latest results!



I would like to congratulate our **Lower School Head Girl Team** (pictured) and thank all those who applied. Miss Tomkinson and I were very impressed with the quality of the applications and the confidence the students demonstrated at interview. I hope that the team will work well together for the good of the lower school and the wider

community and look forward to hearing their ideas in the coming weeks.

Today was the last day to return **Parent Surveys**. I have had a pleasing number. If you have not returned your survey, I am happy to receive it on Monday. I will then start to work through the responses to help inform our school self evaluation and development plans for the next academic year.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr M J Scott

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.



Young Artist of the Year Success

Congratulations to Aislinn (Year 9) who recently came second in a competition at Weston Park on the 7th January which was **Halls Young Artist of the Year Award**. For it she won an annual family pass to Weston Park. The piece is called 'Copper Dome' and for it she used oil paints.

All of the NGHS students who entered a piece had their work displayed in the exhibition which was in The Granary Gallery in Weston Park.

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Do you enjoy working in a team?
 Do you like organising events?
 Can you spare a few hours to help the PTA?

SPOTLIGHT ON The P.T.A.



The PTA comprises a dedicated group of parents and staff who put together a wide range of fundraising activities for the **benefit of students at NGHs**. There is an exciting programme of events planned for this year, including:

- ☺ **Valentine's movie night: 14th February** (Years 7 & 8) – an after-school movie on a romantic theme, accompanied by popcorn and hotdogs (the food of love!)
- ☺ The return of our ever-popular **Quiz night** on 2nd March with fish and chips provided by the one and only Jones's chippy
- ☺ **Pamper Evening: 3rd May** – brand new for 2018, this will be an opportunity to 'chill-ax', particularly for those with exams coming up. There will be a range of stalls, demonstrations and treatments on offer. This event needs some thought to pull it together, so if it's your kind of thing, we'd love to hear from you – PTA@nghs.org.uk or visit <https://nghs-pta.org.uk/category/events/>



We really need an injection of active members who are willing to get involved and make these events a success, so if your new year's resolutions include getting more involved with school life, here's your chance! Send us an email, or come along and meet us for a drink and a chat from 7pm on 7th February in the Red House Pub, Lilleshall.

POETRY BROUGHT TO LIFE!

On Monday 22 January, Year 11 visited Birmingham's Symphony Hall to watch this year's Poetry Live. The day consisted of tips from one of the chief examiners on how to tackle unseen poetry, as well as readings from the poets themselves. Poets included, Simon Armitage, Owen Sheers, John Agard and the poet laureate Carol Ann Duffy, to name a few.

There were opportunities to ask questions to these fantastic and renowned poets to help further our understanding of the poems we are studying for our GCSE exams in May/June, and to also find out what process they go through when writing.

Overall, the day was incredibly interesting and enjoyable (particularly when we joined in with reciting some of the poems!) and has given us excellent insight into how we can get the very top grades in the poetry sections of our exams. It is definitely one of the most useful and thought-provoking trips to go on in Year 11!

Ruby (Y11)

CAREERS SPEED NETWORKING!

Could you join us on **Wednesday 6 March** to talk to students in Years 9-13 about your chosen career at our first Careers Speed Networking Event? Please email k.gill@nghs.org.uk if you can help. This is a real opportunity for students to connect with employers.

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
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 Health & Wellbeing Student Panel	11 12-13 all
Thu 8 Feb	Studying in Scotland talk (am reg)	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

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.

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.



FROM MODERN LANGUAGES

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.

Nice Trip: The MFL department are very excited to be organising a trip to Nice for 30 current Year 9 students. The trip is planned from Tuesday 23 - Friday 26 October 2018 and an email was sent out this week outlining all the relevant information. We hope that the trip will provide the pupils with a wonderful opportunity to listen to and speak as much French as possible whilst being immersed in the wonderful culture and setting of the South of France. Spaces are limited, so the first deposit of £165 is due as soon as possible.

TWITTER ACCOUNTS

Did you know that NGHS has several Twitter handles? Have you followed us yet? The main Twitter account is useful in case of school closure as well as keeping updated with all the latest news.

NGHS Main Twitter @NGHS_Info
Modern Languages @MfINGhs
Sport & PE @NGHS_PE
History @NGHS_History
Geography @NGHS_geog
Psychology @PsychologyNGHS



FENCING SUCCESS

Congratulations to H Lewis-Tighe (Y9) who took third place in a national fencing competition (Leon Paul Junior Series Under 15 Girls Sabre) which was held at King Edward School, Stratford Upon Avon last weekend. This is a tremendous result. Well done!

SIXTH FORM LOCKERS

Families with Sixth Form students should have received a letter inviting them to purchase a locker in the new building for the remainder of the year. Please take advantage of this opportunity by responding to this letter.

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS RESULTS

Telford Schools Netball League

Year 9A 11-1 William Brookes School
Year 9A 18-0 Abraham Darby B

Year 9B 12-1 Abraham Darby B
Year 9B 7-11 Burton Borough School

Telford Schools Handball Tournament

U15 Team Second place - qualified for Shropshire tournament on February 12th. Congratulations!

Harper Adams Ladies Netball: Division 1

Newport Panthers 36 - 14 Newport Scorpions
Newport Ninjas 9 - 32 Fusion

Next week...

Sunday 28th U19 West Midlands Regional Netball
Tuesday 30th Elite Gymnastics Competition &
Harper Adams Ladies Netball League
Thursday 1st Y9/10 Telford Schools Netball League
Saturday 3rd English Schools Cross Country Race

ART DEPT DANCE SHOW/FASHION

Our Arts Award dance show/fashion show is coming soon. Dancers will be needed...please register your interest with Mrs Benoit. More information will be released soon regarding audition times and sign-up sheets.

FROM THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Year 7: Please can all students in Year 7 ensure that they have collected their volcano models by Monday.

Young Geographers: All students who entered the Young Geographer of the Year competition to collect their entries from room 5 by Monday.

Y11/12 Lake District & India: Thank you to parents of Year 11 and 12 students who have made payments for the Lake District field trip or the India Trip. Please can parents of the girls concerned ensure that they are aware of the payment schedule and that payments are made on time.

FROM THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Medieval Leicester Trip: There are one or two spaces available for the 'Medieval Extravaganza' trip to Leicester, open to Y10-13 - we are going on March 25th-26th and it includes a day in Warwick Castle! Please see Miss Davies if you are interested!

Y11 Great War Debate: a meeting for those Y11 students involved in the Great War Debate next Friday is on Tuesday 30 January from 3.50pm-4.15pm in room 2. Important information to be discussed - please see email that was sent out on Friday!