



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



Today marks the end of a very busy term at NGHS and my first as Headteacher. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone in the school community for the warm welcome I have received. I have listened to feedback from parents, colleagues and students and am now forming a development plan for the next academic year. This will be shared with parents in due course. I hope that you feel that communication from the school has improved and that our students' successes are being shared more. I have been pleased by the increase in students who have knocked on my door to tell me about their accolades outside of school; we have a lot of talent within our four walls. If your daughter has some news to share, I would love to hear about it.

Today we say goodbye to two members of staff as well as our German assistant, **Rebecca Hof**, who has been with us on a work placement this term. She has given girls in KS4 and Sixth Form confidence in their speaking and has been a massive support to our German department. **Mr Andy Hook** came out of retirement to support the School in teaching Government & Politics in September owing to a staff absence. He is now keen to retire (for the second time!) and we thank him most sincerely for his engagement and the passion for Politics he has shared with our students. His good humour, superior subject knowledge and commitment to the role have been

appreciated by all. Finally, **Mrs Hayley Corfield**, our Cover Supervisor/Resources Technician is moving to another local school after Easter. Mrs Corfield hopes to pursue a career working with students with Special Educational Needs and this new position will give her more valuable experience. We wish all of our leavers the very best of luck in the future.

Wednesday saw us welcome our Year 14 Leavers back to NGHS; an event that was postponed after the wintery weather before Christmas. They were excited to see our new building and it was a pleasure to offer them a tour and to thank them for all their hard work and exam success last summer.

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students also had a demonstration and talk from BAE Systems about the importance of STEM subjects in future careers. This was very entertaining and the students learnt a lot from this. A report of this visit is on page two.

School re-opens on Monday 16 April at 8.50am for all students. Whilst the next half term will bring examinations for students in all year groups, whether internal or public, it is important that everyone balances their time preparing for these and, most importantly, enjoys a well-deserved rest so that we can all return refreshed and ready for the (long) summer term.

Wishing you a pleasant Easter break. **Mr M J Scott**

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.



NGHS was pleased to welcome BAE Systems to talk to our Year 7 and Year 8 students about careers within STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects.

SPOTLIGHT ON STEM Awareness



On Tuesday morning we had a visit from BAE Systems to deliver their STEM roadshow. We enjoyed our time with BAE and learnt a lot about the mathematics involved in engineering. They involved us in many fun activities including 'the drain pipe challenge' where we witnessed engineering in action. We then met Maya, a robot who can talk, dance and do complex mathematics problems. It was definitely very productive and has opened our eyes to a possible career in engineering. **Simran and Evie (Year 8)**



he was like as an individual. A trinket in the Cathedral had to be the small football forever marked on a tiny stain-glass window to mark Leicester City's unexpected victory to become champions of the Premier League.

Overall, we learned through artwork and information that Richard III was not a cruel, vile man, but a strong warrior and a dedicated king. Later that evening, we were treated to some beautiful medieval music, enjoyed some mouth-watering food, and even partook in some singing, dancing, and a taste of sword fighting!

The next morning, we then got a chance to explore the wonderful Warwick Castle, the Kingmaker exhibition and all of its towers, courtyards, and attractions. Some of decided to lose ourselves in the Horrible Histories maze, whilst others lost themselves all around the castle. With beautiful gardens, fun attractions, spectacular scenery; we really did have an amazing day.

On Sunday 25 March 2015, Richard III was re-interred in Leicester Cathedral after being ironically discovered in a car park. Three years later to the day, a group of students from Years 10-13 visited the city for what would be a very special medieval weekend.

We started our extravaganza at the Richard III Visitor Centre, where as well as finding out about the life of the King in the car park, we got to stand over his burial ground, where he would eventually be discovered.

We then entered the beautiful Leicester Cathedral to see the King in his final resting place and discover what

All of the weekend would not have been possible without Miss Davies and Mrs Seys taking us for a truly memorable and knowledgeable weekend that we all enjoyed thoroughly and we are especially grateful to the both of them for giving up their weekend for us.

Estella (Y11) and Kleio (Y10)

National Handball Semi-Finals



Competing against the best U16 Handball teams in the UK

NGHS students Becky Tichford, Lucy Dover, Honor Bridgeman, Abi Daragos and Amy Hill all represented **Shropshire Handball U16s** in the EHA National Playoff Finals in Derby on 24 March playing against the best U16 handball sides in the country.

Shropshire had previously qualified for the playoffs by finishing second in the North qualifying group. They progressed through their playoff group before finally losing in the **national** semi finals. But, what an achievement to reach this stage! Well done to the team.



WHAT'S YOUR TALENT? DO WE KNOW ABOUT IT?!

In his first assembly in January, Mr Scott asked students to tell him about any awards they'd won, competitions they'd entered or unusual interests they had. From cheerleading winners to guinea pig breeders, everyone should feel they can celebrate their successes with the rest of the school community.

A handful of students have come forward to do just that, but more are encouraged to do so. If your daughter has a talent or success to share, please encourage her to tell her tutor or see Mr Scott himself.

BE PROUD AND SHOUT LOUD!



Year 7 students were in full French fashion mode (spot the French pun!) this week.

Everyone got to showcase their style and walk on the impromptu room 11 catwalk after reading outfit descriptions to the class. Clothes vocabulary and adjectives learning have never looked so good!



Year 14 Reunion

28 March 2018

WELCOME BACK!

Students came back to visit the new building, enjoy a glass of Shloer and some cake and to see the teachers who had helped them to achieve their excellent results.



New House Officials

Last week Mrs Wallace and a few other members of staff interviewed Year 12 students for the new House Team positions.

Mrs Wallace was bowled over by the number of applicants and the quality of the interviews. Year 12 were very clearly prepared, eager and ready with some fresh ideas as to how we can improve the House system. It was very tough to narrow it down to 7 students for each House and some students narrowly missed out on a position. However, there will be various events and projects going on throughout the rest of their time at school that they can get involved with and I hope that they continue to contribute to the House Teams.

Announcing the new House Team for 2018-19...

	AUSTEN	RODDAM	SEACOLE
House Captain	E Doody	P Daniels	M Guest
Deputy House Captain	I Welding	S Harley	M James
Senior House Prefect	R Chilcott	S Neill	C Hopkins
Perf Arts Prefect	M Harvey	M Stones	R Naylor
Deputy Perf Arts Prefect	L Holland	E Thompson	E Heins
Charity Prefect	E Gollins	S Cox	G Goring
Sports Captain	K Potter	L Kennedy	M Doherty

PUBLISHED

AUTHOR!



Ellie Micklewright (Year 10) has had an article published in the Wingbeat Magazine, which is produced by the RSPB and written by teenagers for teenagers. In the article, Ellie describes how she has successfully helped transform our school gardening group from a couple of volunteers in to a real team effort and also a number of the projects she has successfully helped to co-ordinate.

Ellie was nominated for a High Sheriff's award for her work and we congratulate her on getting her article published in a national magazine. Well done, Ellie!

NOTICES

ENGLISH TRIP REMINDER

Payment for the Year 9 trip to see *Macbeth* at Stafford Castle on Tuesday 3 July is now due and payment can be made using the online payment system. Please see the letter that was sent out for further details.

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS EVENING

It was great to see a mixture of parents, friends, students, alumnae, staff and former members of staff in the audience for Wednesday evening's Tennessee Williams revue. We were treated to a selection of well-crafted emotional scenes from *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and *The Glass Menagerie*. Even though the cast, a mixture of Y12 & Y13 students, had only been rehearsing the scenes for a few weeks, they were able to deliver their lines with ease. Above all, the evening placed the dramatic and theatrical talents of the 6th form in the spotlight and it was a great way to round off the term. Congratulations to all those involved! **Mr Postle**

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 16th	School reopens at 8.50am	All
Tue 17th	Sports & Leavers Photos, Library A-level French oral examination, Healthy drop-in session, 12.35pm	Sports+ Y13 All
Wed 18th	Loudmouth Drama Production	Y9
Thu 19th	Loudmouth Drama Production	Y8
Mon 23rd	Geography/Science Fieldwork	Y8
Tue 24th	Chemistry Lecture, Birmingham	12-13
Wed 25th	Open Day & Open Evening	All
Thu 26th	7pm-Midsummer Night's Dream	All