



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



Open Evening was a massive success on Wednesday. We had a pleasing number of families attending during the day to see the school in action, but welcomed a significant number (reportedly more than in previous years) in the evening. I must make mention of the large number of students who stayed late to help guide prospective families around our school. Thank you to all of them. I received praise from many families on the evening itself, but also a number of emails on Thursday and Friday including one which read; ***"The young lady who guided us was a wonderful ambassador for the school, kind and extremely well mannered...This young lady stood head and shoulders above any other student tour that I have been given."*** What a lovely email to receive.

Following last week's announcement of our new German exchange partnership, it is the turn of our Music Department to make an important announcement; please see page 2 for more information on their proposed trip for 2019. I appreciate that some trips may be a stretch too far for some families, but others are most cost effective and we will try to see if any funding streams are available (as stated in the German exchange email last week). The school can also support any pupils for whom the school receives pupil premium funding by subsidising a proportion of the total trip cost. Parents who need to can contact me, in confidence, to discuss this further if they feel they could be eligible.

Thursday evening saw a wonderful production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This was a student-led production, overseen by Mr Postle. It was a beautiful performance with some great comic timing and so many lines to learn for our young cast, but it was clear that everyone had worked hard together to create a wonderful piece of theatre. Congratulations to everyone involved. The audience loved it.

Mrs Jones, our Data Manager, is overseeing the launch of our new **Parent App** in the next few weeks. This replaces the aged SLG/Parent Gateway. Full instructions will be coming home shortly. We hope that you enjoy using this new app and you will be able to check whether the contact details we hold for your child are correct. We are starting off small with reports, timetables and data collection changes first, but further additions to the app will be made for the new academic year.

Finally, don't forget our very supportive and enthusiastic PTA are running a **stress-busting relaxation/pamper evening** in May. Please try to come along. It is a great opportunity for parents and students to relax and have some fun beyond the stresses of examination preparation. Any **donations of cakes and cookies** to serve on the night would be welcome. See page three for information.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Mr M J Scott

Head Girl Team

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Bea Wilkinson

Head Girl

Our Head Girl Team (Bea, Anke, Ruby, Grace and Alex) have asked to use the weekly newsletter to give families an update of their roles and activities supporting students at NGHS.

This week the Head Girl Team have been busy setting out their future plans about what they wish to achieve in the school this year.

With particularly focus on 'Looking Ahead', Alex and Anke have had the task of making information about further education choices more accessible, including forthcoming university open days, league tables, prospectuses and apprenticeship fairs. Ruby and Grace have set out their plans for the Health and Well-being Committee as well as the new Drop-In service which offers a confidential friendly chat about any worries inside or outside school, which is available to all NGHS students. Anke and Bea have met with the Lower School Head Girl Team and aim to improve this link and their collaboration in their fortnightly meetings and projects.

In preparation for the new website update, the team have been filming subject-specific video clips of current year 12s and getting in touch with past pupils to hear about what our fantastic sixth-form did for them.

Finally, the whole team have been marketing our school at this week's open day event and have loved meeting and chatting with prospective students.

With a lot of plans in the pipeline, we urge you to watch this space as there are exciting things to come!

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SPOTLIGHT ON

New Assistant Headteacher!



This week, we have appointed **Miss Hayley Clarke** to the position of **Assistant Headteacher** for September 2018. Miss Clarke has worked at NGHS for six years and is currently Head of Year 11 & PSHE and Lead PE Teacher. She will be responsible for student wellbeing across Years 7-11 from September as well as leading on the safeguarding of students alongside Mr Scott and Mrs Davenport. Her first major project will be to establish a more effective rewards system across the school. Mr Scott feels that this is a key appointment to further enhance student wellbeing and the Governing Body and staff look forward to working with Miss Clarke on these crucial components of school life.

The School Gardening Club are working really hard on some new raised beds but we really need some more **top soil**. If anyone is able to donate any to us, we would gratefully appreciate it. The raised beds around the perimeter of the school will look wonderful when completed. We are also working to produce planter pots near our new school front entrance.

Any help would be gratefully received. Please email Mr Wade on behalf of the students (j.wade@nghs.org.uk). Thank you.

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TOP SOIL!



Mrs Chapman is very pleased to announce that we are proposing a concert tour to **NEW YORK** during the Easter holiday in 2019. This tour will be open to choir members from current Years 8-12. As well as visiting some of the top NYC sights, NGHS students will get to perform in prestigious venues around the city and enjoy a Broadway show as well as a workshop with a Broadway performer.

To keep the cost as reasonable as possible, we will be fundraising with concerts, recitals and even some busking! Choir members, please refer to the letter from Mrs Chapman for more information. Mr Scott is certainly very excited and hopes that we will get tickets for his all-time favourite; 'Frozen' the Musical (not).

New York, New York!

Please do come along!

NGHS PTA Presents...

Chillax & Pamper Evening

3rd May 7-9pm

A fab mixture of stalls, demos and tasters:

Jewellery including a demo of silver-smithing

Designer handbags below department-store prices

Fashion show by The Boutique, Shrewsbury

Makeovers: Body Shop at Home demo & consultations

Hairdressing from Boughey House: demo of prom hair; consultations including curling and pinning up

Indian head massage, holistic facials, & reflexology by Neal's Yard Remedies Organic

Skincare from Parkview Laser Care

Beautiful aromas with Bex from Scentsy (oils and melts)

Cookie decorating by Crumbelle: decorate your own!

Yoga taster session from Pulse gym

PTA Sweet Shop, Raffle and Tombola

School-themed Mocktails: from Payne-a-Colada to To-Tolley Tropical... the choice is yours!

PTA Bar & Refreshments: free glass of prosecco or wine for adults, soft drinks and snacks

Cakes and cookie donations welcome!!

£3 adults (includes free drink), under-18s free.

Pay on the door.

Congratulations to...

- ☺ **Shabeena** (Y13) whose poem “Trampled” has been chosen to be published in an anthology showcasing the work of young writers called ‘The Poetry Games-Immersed in Words’
- ☺ The U15 Netball Team came third in the County event on Monday at HLC beating Shrewsbury School and Ellesmere College overall.
- ☺ The U15 Netball Team had a second match, finishing **SECOND** to Thomas Telford on Thursday evening. This completes their netball season matches.



PARKING REMINDER

When attending school functions, please use our front car park and the area of land behind the netball courts first (at own risk). If no spaces are available, please use town car parks or remember to park considerately if outside our neighbours’ houses. Thank you.



Ending the season on a high...

Our U15 netballers have ended the year on a high with a final second place in the Telford and Wrekin Schools tournament. As the photograph above shows, it is not always about the winning as the girls have clearly enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot during the season. Miss Norton would like to congratulate the players from Tuesday’s match:

Emma, Tanvi, Daisy, Estella, Hannah, Harriet, Neha and Chloe (all Year 10).

Here’s to a great season in Year 11! Miss Norton



ADVANCED NOTICE—BERLIN TRIP

There will be a brief PARENTS MEETING on Wednesday 13 July from 5.30pm-6pm. Please bring EHCs to the meeting. Important trip information will be given then.

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 30th	GCSE French Orals (Mon-Thu)	Y11
Thu 3rd	Sixth Form Council Meeting Pamper Evening (PTA)	Y12/13 All
Mon 7th	BANK HOLIDAY	All
Wed 9th	E-Safety Evening for Parents	All
Fri 11th	End of formal teaching/Study Leave	11 & 13