



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



So, here we are at the end of another term and all too soon we are two thirds of the way through the academic year! My usual holiday message of the importance of rest and recuperation returns, but also a reminder to Year 11 and Year 13 students that this must be balanced with thoughtful and productive examination preparation. Next half term is very short and the external examination period will start almost immediately. In fact, all students will be taking exams next term so I strongly advise parents to buy shares in post-it note and highlighter companies this weekend as there will be a national shortage and big profits I'm sure. On page three you will find internal examination timetables for Years 7-10&12. I've already seen some girls working hard in the atrium and library after school and I reiterate the importance of good revision skills with sport, music, trips out and even some TV!

Details of our new Head Girl Team can be found in this newsletter. Last year's team will be a very hard act to follow, but the signs are good for our new team (!) and I look forward to working closely with Ellie, Orla, Millie, Katherine and Weronika to further improve our school and to listen to the voices and opinions of our students.

Last night's Performing Arts Revue performance was sensational. It was lovely to see a large number of girls showcasing their obvious talents. Mr Postle and Mrs Chapman and a team of sixth formers had worked hard to prepare the girls for the evening and I would also like to thank the PTA for their support with refreshments. They, in turn, thank you for your support with the Easter hampers. Please see page two, along with the list of winners. If your name is listed and the hamper doesn't come home this afternoon, please get in touch with Mrs Morris in Reception after the holiday to claim it. The hampers look delicious and I would like to add my thanks to Mrs Birkinshaw and her team for their hard work wrapping and packing last week.

Finally, Dr Martin Deahl, our Vice Chair of Governors has announced that he wishes to retire from his role. He has been a stalwart supporter of NGHS for over 8 years, both as a governor and as an interviewer for potential medic students. His unique style of interviewing has kept many students on their toes (and me in my Headship interview!) and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to him for the countless hours of support he has given the School each academic year.

With best wishes for the holiday,

Mr M J Scott



From L-R: **Katherine Lemmon** (Transition/Integration), **Millie Chilcott** (Wellbeing), **Ellie Watts** (Head Girl), **Orla O'Byrne** (Academic Chair) & **Weronika Grebosz** (Community)

ALL CHANGE!

We say a massive thank you to Bea Wilkinson, Ruby Furniss, Grace Todd, Anke Gey-van-Pittius and Alex Mangham for their excellent work on our Head Girl Team in 2018-19.

Our new team are shown on the left with their roles. They will start officially after Easter and will provide an introduction in our first newsletter next term.

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EASTER HAMPERS

By the time you read this, 31 lucky people (listed on the right) will have won an amazing Easter Hamper from the PTA's annual raffle, which should bring a lovely boost to their family's Easter celebrations! There were 30 hampers to win plus our sample hamper. Thank you for all your contributions and ticket sales – it looks like a really good year, and we look forward to sharing the results after the holidays.

The Easter Hamper raffle has been a mainstay of the PTA's fundraising for many years, and much of the credit for that goes to Alison Birkinshaw.

Alison has taken a lead on the hampers for the past 6 or 7 years, making sure that everything runs smoothly, and bringing such a welcoming, family feel to the infamous 'hamster packing' evening, as it will always be known (thanks to a typo from a few years ago!). This was Alison's last hamper event (as Ollie leaves the school this year), so the PTA wanted to take this opportunity to say a massive THANK YOU. Alison, it won't be the same without our Easter Hamper Queen! We will miss you, and thanks to your excellent handover to Debbie (Anderson), we are well-placed to keep the Easter Hamper flag flying in future!

Julie Harris (Chair of PTA)



Bella Blackburn	Mr & Mrs Evans
Amanda Leeper-Garnet	Mrs Bentley
Annie Harris	Deb Lewis
Jo Lewis	Judy Gregory
G Smith	J Smith
Clarice Doyle	Charlotte Hurst
Zoe Furniss	Annie Welding
Jenny Jackson	Amber Barnes
Catherine Davies	Harvey Family
I Davies	Rhianna Watkin
Bob Chalmers	Sara Miles
N Hall	Harris Family
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Lily Susie Murphy	Barry Jones
Helen Brown	Tracy Garner
Chloe Partridge	Lesley Avery

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EXAMINATION TIMETABLES



Please find below the examination timetables for internal exams (Years 7-10 and 12). These can also be found after Easter on the Exams Office page in the Academic section of our website.

You may wish to keep this document handy to best support your daughter during the examinations. Full attendance in school is required throughout the exam periods.

If you have any queries, please contact Rev. Walters (Deputy Head). Thank you.

Year 7	Mon 13th	Tue 14th	Wed 15th	Thu 16th	Fri 17th
Session 1 9.15-11.15	Maths 1hr	English 1hr	Geography 1hr	German 30m	French 30m
Session 2 11.35-12.35	Art or Music or PE 1hr	Art or Music or PE 1hr	Revision Time	Art or Music or PE 1hr	Revision Time
Session 3 1.45-3.45	Science 1hr30	RE 1hr	History 1hr	Design Tech 1hr	Computing 1hr

Please note that PE is not examined. It is a normal PE lesson during exam week.

Year 8	Mon 13th	Tue 14th	Wed 15th	Thu 16th	Fri 17th
Session 1 9.15-11.15	History 1hr	Geography 1hr	Physics 1hr	Chemistry 1hr	Biology 1hr
Session 2 11.35-12.35	Revision Time	Design Tech 1hr	Revision Time	Computing 1hr	RE 1hr
Session 3 1.45-3.45	German 30m Ar/Mu/PE 1hr	English 1hr	French 30m Ar/Mu/PE 1hr	Ar/Mu/PE 1hr then Revision	Maths 1hr30

Please note that PE is not examined. It is a normal PE lesson during exam week.

Year 9	Mon 13th	Tue 14th	Wed 15th	Thu 16th	Fri 17th
Session 1 9.15-11.15	French 35m	German 35m	RE 45m	English 1hr15	Geography 1hr15
Session 2 11.35-12.35	Music 1hr	Computing 1hr	Art 1hr	History 1hr	Design Tech 1hr
Session 3 1.45-3.45	Chemistry 1hr	Physics 1hr	Maths 1hr15	Biology 1hr	Maths 1hr15

Year 10	Mon 13th	Tue 14th	Wed 15th	Thu 16th	Fri 17th
Session 1 9.15-11.15	Revision all morning	Maths 1hr15 German 35m	Geography 1hr30	DT or Music or Comp 2h	History 2hr
Session 2 11.35-12.35		English 1hr	Art 1hr	French Read 1hr	German Read 1hr
Session 3 1.45-3.45	GCSE RE EXAM	Biology 1hr45	French 35m Maths 1hr15	Physics 1hr45	Chemistry 1hr45

Students will have the morning of 13th for final revision for their GCSE RE examination in the afternoon.

Year 12	Mon 13th	Tue 14th	Wed 15th	Thu 16th	Fri 17th
Session 1 9.15-11.15	Psychology	Chemistry or History	Biology	History or Music or DT	Art (all day)
Session 2 11.35-1.00	Maths or RE	English Lit or F Maths	Maths or RE (2nd paper)	English, Econ or F Maths	
Session 3 1.45-3.45	Physics or Economics	Geography or French	Psychology or German	(lessons resume)	

There is no exam leave for Year 12 students. There are a number of places to work in school which are available to Y12s.

Year 12 papers are varying lengths. Students should check with their teachers.



School Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for:

- Part Time Temporary Music Teacher
- Part Time Teacher of Art (0.2fte)
- Assistant Caretaker

If you are interested in any of the above or know someone who might be, please direct them to our website (www.nghs.org.uk).

Thank you for your assistance.

Forthcoming Dates...

Date	Event	Year(s)
Monday 29th	Term Starts - normal time	All
Monday 6th	Bank Holiday	All
Wed 8th	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm	Parents
Friday 10th	End of formal teaching	Y11
Monday 13th	Internal Exam Week	Y7-10+12
	GCSEs start	Y11
Friday 17th	Lessons as normal	Y13
	End of Formal Teaching	Y13
Mon 20th	Malham Tarn Biology Field Trip	Y12
	Mental Health Awareness Week	All
Wed 22nd	Governors Committee Meetings	Govs
	House Board Game Competition	All
Thu 23rd	Evening Theatre Trip to 'Grease'	Y7-10
Fri 24th	Half Term starts at 3.45pm	All

Don't forget if you need to contact a senior member of staff urgently over the holiday, please email urgent@nghs.org.uk with your name, phone number and a summary of the issue.

