



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS

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### Head's Lines



I trust that you had an enjoyable Easter break. It is hard to believe it is just a week ago today that we touched down at Manchester Airport (very gently with Captain 'Paul Daniels' (I kid you not) at the controls) after our overnight flight back from New York. The Music Tour was, in short, a tremendous success. Around 100,000 steps were walked over 4 days (it felt like 10,000 of those were around the immigration hall where we spent four tiresome hours on arrival.) The girls performed two magnificent concerts in Central Park and at the truly amazing Air, Land & Sea Museum in front of the background of the Aircraft Carrier Intrepid. Thank you to Mrs Chapman, Mr Postle and Miss Clarke who helped to supervise the trip and also gave up a week of their holiday. I would finally like to thank Global Freight for their kind sponsorship of our tour performance polo shirts.

Exams are almost upon us and I have covered a couple of lessons this week where I have been very impressed by the girls' efforts, organisation and array of coloured pens. I hope that stress levels are manageable at home; please encourage your daughters to undertake a variety of revision approaches and regular breaks. Our website also has a whole section on parent guides to support youngsters. Please [click here](#) if you would like to access these.

You may recall reading about our "Taste of High School" day last term. This week, Mrs Patel organised a fantastic KS2 Maths Challenge with local primary schools taking part. Well done to St Peter's Edgmond who were victorious and to Mrs Patel for her hard work in organising the event.

This week I have met with Mary from the uniform shop in Newport and will write to parents of Years 6-10 next week with details about the ordering and collection of new uniform for September. I have also received a letter of congratulation from Nick Gibb, Schools Minister, and separate notification that we have won another award for our academic results in 2018 from the Schools, Students and Teachers organisation (SSAT). I look forward to collecting this at a ceremony in Coventry next week. Well done again to all of our Y11s from last year.

Finally there are three attachments this week: I have written about our Community Open Day in June. Please kindly read this letter and encourage your daughter to support us on this day. Plenty of notice is being given in the hope of having a substantial number of girls assisting for 2-4 hours on Saturday 29 June. Families are, of course, very welcome to attend and celebrate our centenary too. Also we have a PTA quiz coming up...please support us and enjoy a fish supper in the Atrium and I have included this term's Extra Curricular club list for your interest.

With best wishes for the bank holiday, **Mr M J Scott**

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF NGHS

**COMMUNITY OPEN DAY**

SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2019 10AM-2PM

BRING ALL THE FAMILY!

NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL  
WELLINGTON ROAD, NEWPORT

FOR DETAILS SEE WWW.NGHS.ORG.UK

### COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Our Community Open Day will feature tours of the school, departmental activities, pictorial and aural histories of the school, former pupils visiting and much more.

If you have former links with NGHS and would like to contribute your memories, artefacts etc. we would be delighted to hear from you via

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# New York Music Tour

On Monday 22 April, in the early hours of the morning, a very excited choir and jazz band left Newport Girls' High School and headed for New York City. After a very long flight and spending a very long time checking into JFK airport, we eventually arrived at The Wolcott Hotel. Once settled in, we walked through the absolutely incredible night time scene of Times Square to Ellen's Stardust Diner – where those desperate for a Broadway breakthrough, entertained us with amazing singing and dancing.

The next day, we were fortunate enough to take part in a musical workshop, with a Broadway star, where she and her talented singing teacher taught us a song and dance from the Broadway show 'Mean Girls' – which we were thrilled to watch that evening. After this once in a lifetime experience, we then headed to Central Park. After exploring the astonishing park grounds and the array of talent on display, we set up for our first concert at the band stand. It was a huge success as many passers-by stopped and listened to our very talented choir and jazz ensemble. Performing in Central Park to many other people, was an insane experience to be a part of and definitely one we will never forget. That evening, we shared in a delicious meal at Bubba Gump's restaurant before venturing off to Broadway to watch 'Mean Girls.' The production really was inspiring for us as young musicians and actors and in true 'Mean Girls' spirit, we really did see some very talented Broadway stars.

The following morning, we left the hotel to get the subway where we rattled through New York City towards the docklands. In the morning, we enjoyed a windy boat ride that toured around the famous Statue of Liberty and stopped by the historic Ellis Island. After lunch, we walked to the powerful 9/11 memorial, a vast space where the twin towers once stood that had since been replaced by the names of those who lost their lives, surrounding an immense waterfall. We visited the 9/11 museum, which was a thought-provoking experience, exploring the timeline of events and remembering the victims of the attack. For dinner, after walking through the vibrant, towering billboards of Times Square once again, we

arrived at Planet Hollywood, a famous restaurant visited by celebrities and full of film props. Next, we excitedly made our way to the top of the Empire state, breath-taking views awaiting us.

On Thursday morning we arrived at our next concert destination, The Intrepid Air and Space Museum. Upon arrival, we experience realistic 4D flight simulation that left us quite literally blown away. We then began our second music tour concert on the bottom deck where the jazz ensemble and choir performed some of their musical pieces and so did a handful of solo performers. Despite our extremely busy schedule, we obviously incorporated some time for the obligatory New York shopping experience! We then headed home from one of the best experiences of our lives.

**By E Wilkinson and C Kemp**



*our two concerts*



# 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	<b>GCSE RE EXAM</b>	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 or Geography2	

*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.*



## Young Enterprise Winners

## Forthcoming Dates...



Well done to team “Planet Box” who won a number of awards at the Young Enterprise Awards, including:

- Best Trade Fair stand Telford
- Best Use of ICT
- Best Dragons Den Interview
- and also won £50 for presenting on the night

**Mrs Kearne**

Date	Event	Year(s)
Monday 6th	Bank Holiday	All
Tues 7th	GCSE German Orals & Wednesday	Y11
Wed 8th	Women into Engineering 12.35 PTA Meeting, 7.30pm	All Parents
Thurs 9th	GCSE German Orals U13 Tennis Fixture at Wrekin	Y11 Y8
Friday 10th	End of formal teaching	Y11
Monday 13th	Internal Exam Week GCSEs start Lessons as normal	Y7-10+12 Y11 Y13
Friday 17th	End of Formal Teaching Malham Tarn Biology Field Trip Netball residential	Y13 Y12 Y8-10
Mon 20th	Mental Health Awareness Week Governors Committee Meetings	All Govs
Wed 22nd	House Board Game Competition	All
Thu 23rd	Evening Theatre Trip to ‘Grease’	Y7-10
Fri 24th	Half Term starts at 3.45pm	All

## maths challenge maths challenge maths challenge maths challenge

On Thursday we welcomed students from Lilleshall Primary School, Moorfields Primary School and St Peter’s CofE Primary School to compete in the first annual Newport Girls’ High Primary School Maths Challenge.

With sharpened pencils and minds, the students worked hard to complete a variety of activities including a maths relay, puzzles, a quiz and a logic round.

We were overwhelmed by the positive feedback from the students: “I loved today because it was interesting and tough at the same time.” “I liked having fun and working together.” “I loved everything and I really like this school. “Today, I liked working together in a pair and I also liked working independently.”



*Mrs Patel and some of the challenge participants*

It was VERY close and all teams did extremely well. Congratulations to St Peter’s CofE Primary School, the winners in this hotly contested competition. All participants were presented with certificates and the winning team received a prize. The young mathematicians have impressed us all with their enthusiasm. They successfully solved problems by working together and sharing their methods. We look forward to next year’s competition.

**Mrs R Patel & Mrs L Roberts**