



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



Last Saturday saw the most wonderful celebration of the last one hundred years of Newport Girls' High School. The event was well attended with over 400 programmes distributed at the door and visitors were assured of a warm welcome by staff and students alike. My colleagues pulled out all the stops to plan activities, many relating to life in education, technology, fashion and the arts over the past century and our students were, as always, perfect ambassadors for our school. Groups of students and staff who left in recent years were joined by a couple of ladies who had been at the school in the 1930s. It was an absolute joy and pleasure to meet them, to hear their stories of life at the school in the 30s and 40s and, of course, how much things have changed. I would like to thank the PTA for running a very busy Vintage Tea Room and the Newport Advertiser, Shropshire Star, BBC Radio Shropshire and the Newport History Society, Staffordshire Archives and so many more organisations who helped us prepare our archives. Miss AM Davies coordinated the day for us and what a great job she did. Of particular merriment were the former formal school photographs and our students enjoyed spotting Mr Hennessey with hair and a very young looking Mr Pimm in 2009 (how the school has aged him!) Please see page two for more photographs from the day.

On Tuesday we welcomed **Dr Gill Eatough** to NGHS. Gill was Head Girl here in 1976 and left to read a Geology degree. She has enjoyed a distinguished career as a research scientist, teacher, Headteacher and is now CEO of the Learning Community Trust, which includes, among others, Hadley Learning Community and Queensway schools Telford. Gill kindly performed an opening ceremony for our new science laboratory and spoke to a group of Year 10s about her career to date. Thank you Gill for taking the time to visit your former school.

Last night we invited our new **Year 7 intake's parents** to a transition meeting. It was lovely to see so many parents eager to find out more about NGHS. This will be the first year group with 90 students and the first year group to have the new uniform for all students. The girls will join us next week from **47(!)** primary schools for **two** days of induction; again a change, but one that I hope will make them feel more settled and ready for September. The second day will have a special theme in terms of workshops and lunch!

This week Mrs A Seys was invited to present our School's work at the **Beacon School Launch** in conjunction with



Mr Scott with Mrs B Ashton and Mrs J Roberts who attended NGHS in the 1960s with Charlotte (Year 8)

University College London. You will recall that we have Beacon School status and are recipients of the Quality Mark in Holocaust Education. Well done to Mrs Seys for inspiring other schools to get involved in such a worthwhile project.

Last week's **Curriculum Enrichment Week** was a huge success. Compliments have poured in for our Year 10 students on their work experience placements. I know of one student who was given work that they had given to a second year degree student the week before. Another had to give a presentation to a large audience and some girls even went abroad for their placements, whilst others have been invited back next summer after GCSEs. Thank you for Mrs Gill for coordinating this and to all the staff who visited students during the week. Year 8 had a fabulous time in a very hot and sweaty France (led by Mrs Branson) and many Year 9s completed bronze DofE whilst Year 7s enjoyed **THREE** day trips to various curriculum-inspired locations. More information in Newport News this week and next!

Our **hard-working PTA** are continuing their momentum up until the end of term with a Film Night for students. Please see the flyer on page 5 and I hope this will be another popular evening on 11 July from 4pm-6pm. We also have been asked to share details of a theatre production, a fundraiser for Alzheimer's Research and Measles vaccinations (what a diverse mix!). The latter is a separate attachment. There's quite a lot in this week's newsletter, so please take a few minutes to digest it all with a coffee!

With best wishes for the weekend,

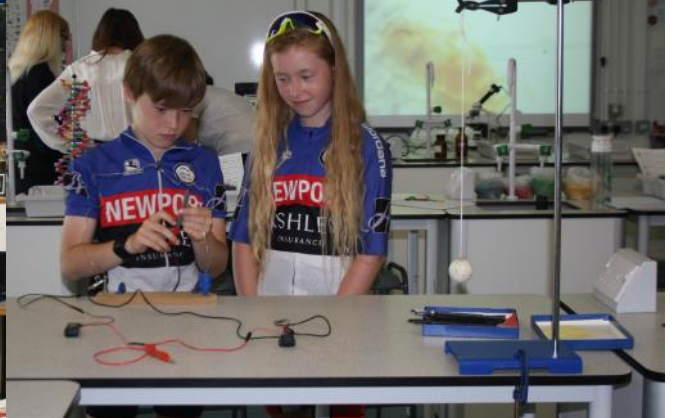
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***Thank you to everyone
who came to join us!***

SPOTLIGHT ON *Science*



Lab 15 is opened by Dr Gill Eatough, former Head Girl and CEO of Learning Community Trust

Congratulations to our **Year 12 GOLD CREST AWARD** nominees this year. These students will work over the summer with researchers at Harper Adams University on their chosen projects: **Brodie McCloy, Ellie Hansen and Charisma Srinivasan.**



Year 7s visit Jodrell Bank

On Wednesday, Year 7 went on a trip to Jodrell Bank. It was a fun experience where we got to explore a wide range of information and experiments to do with space and all the things it is home to. When we arrived, we were greeted by the caring staff and immediately escorted to our first workshop; Newton's Laws and the I.S.S. We watched demonstrations as well as doing hands on experiments, one of which was where we made a hovercraft using a cd, bottle cap and a balloon, which we successfully made ourselves.



After we completed that workshop we went to the planet pavilion to fill in the first few pages of our worksheet booklets, and got a glimpse of the universe with a few extra facts from Dr Catalan. Then we enjoyed our lunch in the midst of the giant telescope, which reads radio waves, and explored the grounds.

Next, we headed towards the Star Pavilion where we were introduced to the Mars Rover Challenge, where we had to try to safely protect our precious rover (an egg) with limited resources when landing. 4 out of 5 groups were successful. Most of the class enjoyed Ice Cream from the café after in the sun, where we got another opportunity to explore the grounds.

To finish the day we headed back to the Space Pavilion to finish our booklets, where we did a series of activities to help broaden our knowledge on Space. Then we travelled back to school after saying our thank yous raring to visit again. What a great day! By Q O'Howell and A Ward 7X

Rounders Fixtures

Due to the poor weather recently, a number of rounders fixtures have been cancelled meaning that Madeley Academy



decided to host the Year 8 and 9 TWSSA rounders together and the Year 10s were at Charlton. Both

Y8/9 were entered into the trophy competition and were extremely successful, with the year 9's coming 2nd after losing to last years (and this years) winners BBS and the year 8's won on goal difference after drawing with William Brookes and beating TTS. The Y10s started well with a win against William Brookes. However, Charlton seized victory on their home turf with a score of NGHS 5 - Charlton 7 in the final.

Double Award Success

Year 7 student, Charlotte Preece (pictured) recently competed in the 200m and the long jump at the Shropshire Schools Athletic Association Year 7-8 Track & Field Championships.

It was Charlotte's first time ever competing at an athletics competition. She was very successful and qualified for the 200m finals. She also won the overall long jump competition by jumping 3.64m-Well done Charlotte!

Lucy Patrick (Year 8) also competed at the event in the 100m and 200m. Lucy qualified for both finals with some extremely fast times, but unfortunately was not placed in the top three.

Congratulations to both girls.

Mrs H Goodall



HOUSE DANCE REPORT

Following the past few weeks of intensive rehearsals and strict schedules, the day of House Dance finally arrived. It was time for us to showcase our hard work and ability by way of 2-4 minute routines choreographed by NGHS pupils. Between all six lower and upper school dances, we heard a broad range of musical genres, from 'The Spice Girls' to 'Oliver and Company'.

The event was well supported by girls not taking part in the competition, as well as some enthusiastic teachers. First up were the routines performed by girls in lower school. Austen were dressed as waitresses and danced to 'Almost There' from 'The Princess and the Frog'. Roddam mustered up all the energy they could and performed a fast pace routine to 'Why Should I Worry' from 'Oliver and Company'. Finally, Seacole channelled their inner Genie in 'Friend Like Me' from 'Aladdin'. After a short break to take it all in, it was time for upper school. Austen chose 'The Spice Girls', Roddam went with 'ABBA' and last but not least, Seacole created a 'Bee Gees' and 'Queen' mashup! I think we can all agree, it was an extremely entertaining afternoon. We would also like to thank Miss Clarke, Mrs Goodall and Mrs Birch from HLC, for taking the time to come and judge our dances. Now all that is left to do is to sit tight until the results are announced on Friday 5 July.

L Skidmore, Year 8

Scopay Online Payment System

There will be some changes to the Scopay website from 8th July.

The website is changing to make it even easier for you to use – you'll still log in as normal but the site will look a little different. There will be a new colour scheme which matches the new SCOPAY logo, and you'll see that the site has become mobile responsive, meaning it's more suited to being used on your phone or tablet. If you are using a mobile device you'll no longer be asked to decide which version of the website you'd like to use – instead you'll have the functionality of the full website at your fingertips whatever you're using to access it.

If you who prefer the convenience of an App, then you may already be aware that the SCOPAY App is available for both iOS and Android users – just search SCOPAY from either the App Store or Google Play Store.

The Quick Reference Guides for parents will be updated to reflect the new style screens and will be available as links from the SCOPAY.com website, along with links to some Frequently Asked Questions.



Forthcoming Dates...

Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 8 July	Geography Residential Induction Day (& Tuesday) Governors Meeting, 6pm	Y12 Y6 Govs
Fri 12 July	Carding Mill Valley Trip Loudmouth Workshops	Y10 Y8-9
Sat 13 July	Newport Show (for info)	
Mon 15 July	H&WB Meeting	Reps

Date	Event	Year(s)
Tues 16 July	Brooke SRE Workshop	Y10
Wed 17 July	House Drama HPV Vaccinations	All Y8
Thu 18 July	Achievement Assembly	All
Fri 19 July	End of Term 12.30 Dismissal and HA Buses start from NGHS at 12.35.	All

NGHS PTA

"Here we go again"
with another
sing-along-a-movie!



School library, 11th July,
4pm – 6pm

£2 entry fee buys popcorn and a drink
Pay on the door
Other snacks on sale



FILM NIGHT



10th - 13th JULY 2019

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