



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines

Today is our Winter Jumper Day and it has been great to see lots of students embracing this with bright colours and, most importantly, donations to Newport Food Bank being collected. The whole school learnt more about the charity in a special assembly yesterday and I was delighted to welcome Cat and Liz from Newport Food Bank to talk to us all about what is a much wider role in the community to preparing food parcels for those in need. The Food Bank also support people in need with filling in forms, booking appointments and arranging transport as well as signposting people to other vital services. I look forward to us being able to present a cheque to Cat and Liz next week with the proceeds from today.

This morning we also enjoyed our Staff Pantomime which was full of the usual slapstick humour, crazy music and laughs. Thank you to all my colleagues who were brave enough to tell the unusual story of Jack and the Newport Beanstalk. Photos (maybe!) next week....

This newsletter has a number of news stories about our Sixth Form. I would like to thank Mrs Griffin as she nears the end of her first term at NGHS for her hard work in promoting our Sixth Form. Our Open Evening in November was very well attended and she has been out running our NGHS6 roadshow, visiting a number of local high schools (including some new high schools for

NGHS) to promote our ethos and academic courses. Mrs Griffin also teaches Year 11 PSHE and has been engaging our Y11s in conversation with our own Year 12-13 students about life in NGHS6, which I know our Y11s have found helpful. In January our Y11s will receive their options forms for sixth form (remember that there are no longer 'application' forms as an 11-18 school).

You are already aware that term finishes next Friday at 12.30pm. The Adams buses are **not** running on Friday and students were informed of this more than two weeks ago so I trust alternative arrangements have been made. The T&W assisted buses to Lilleshall, Muxton, Tibberton/Sambrook will leave from NGHS at 12.35pm. Full attendance is expected until the end of term and any absences will be followed up in line with our usual procedures. Thank you for your cooperation.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Mr M J Scott

CHESHIRE OAKS EXTRAVANGANZA

A large group of Year 11-13s took advantage of our Shopping/Wellbeing Social last Friday and joined our visit to Cheshire Oaks. Even Mr Scott got stuck in and got some Christmas shopping done!

With shops, restaurants and boutiques a plenty, the welcome vouchers from the retail park proved an added bonus when deals were being negotiated and judging by the number of bags which were brought back to the coach after a few hours of 'retail' therapy the trip was a real success. Thanks to Mrs Griffin, Miss Clarke, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Fujii and Mr Scott for accompanying and giving up their Friday evening.



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The Year 12 Medical Society began on 1 October 2018 for year 12 students who aspire to pursue a career in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine or Dentistry. The sessions are 30 minute long held every Monday at lunch. The sessions include

introduction to the careers, preparation for UCAS applications, advice on work experience & volunteering opportunities, UKCAT and BMAT university admissions test advice, ethical debates and more. The medical society's aim is to help students be successful at earning a place at their selected course at university.

SPOTLIGHT ON Medical Society



Charity Event

As a team we decided to organise and participate in a Christmas event for elders at a local care home. To fund this event, we set up a Christmas hamper for which we sold raffle tickets to sixth formers, members of the staff and few of our neighbours at 20p each. We raised a total of £75 to purchase Christmas gifts, food items for Christmas Tea and items for Christmas crafts. The raffle draw was held on Friday at 11:28am. The winning ticket was 519.



On Saturday, we held the event at the Cottage Christian Nursing and Residential Home, Newport from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. This included initially making Christmas crafts with the residents, conducting Christmas games such as Christmas bingo with the residents, singing Christmas carols to and with the residents and having a Christmas tea with the residents. The event was very rewarding to us as it helped us to interact with the elders to make them happy and have a joyous Christmas. We also developed valuable skills that are useful for a career in medicine such as team work, care and effective communication. As an overall, we had an amazing evening at the care home with the residents.

We are very thankful to Mrs Griffin, members of staff at the Cottage Christian Nursing and Residential Home and for all others who supported us.

Shabeena (on behalf of the NGHS Medical Society Y12)

Former Student Offers Top Advice to NGHS Pre-Medics



On Monday 10 December, a third year medical student at Cambridge, **Pippa Morris** who previously went to Newport Girls' High School returned to give us a little insight about how to kickstart our journey to do medicine at university and also gave us some helpful advice about Oxbridge applications in general for other subjects as well.

Pippa started off by explaining her indecision when she was in our shoes in Yr12 which reassured me greatly and reminded us to re-evaluate our choices to ensure that medicine was a career we really wanted to pursue as it is a demanding yet promising career path. She talked about the gruelling application process she went through and emphasized the importance of keeping up with extra-curricular activities and work experience in and out of school and remembering that we shouldn't just be focused on school but take time out to enjoy other activities as well as other things definitely matter. She described in detail the ins and outs and the ups and downs of the current medical course she is taking and it was an enlightening and fascinating talk that answered a lot of my questions by putting many of the rumours about medical school and Oxbridge floating around to rest and she also made me also consider other factors that tie into being a successful applicant that I hadn't thought about before. All in all it was a truly interesting talk and her sharing all her experiences, views, opinions and top tips with us gave me some useful advice for next year and I am very grateful.

Charisma, Year 12

Musical Maestro!



Massive congratulations to Sophie Li (pictured) who has achieved her Grade 7 piano in Year 8. Sophie began learning piano at an early age and has already achieved seven grades, passing her most recent examination with distinction.



Last Tuesday we were extremely interested by a presentation given by David Patrick, who visited our Yr 11 DT class to talk about the Arkwright Scholarship. This scholarship focuses on inspiring the next generation of engineers, who are in ever increasing demand, across a range of specialties from bio-medical to aerospace to environmental. It is awarded to successful applicants following testing and interviewing, giving amazing help and guidance to those wishing to pursue a career in engineering. The most important benefit is the mentor you receive from the sponsor company (including the likes of Rolls Royce) to guide you on future career options and choices in engineering.

The scholarship also awards the student £600 and gives them the chance to attend many enrichment and VIP events at Universities and trade associations, where they can meet other Arkwright scholars and learn about engineering in greater depth. The presentation showed that the scholarship can make your CV stand out but moreover provide an unrivalled opportunity to explore engineering and even gain you an unconditional offer at University.

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THANK YOU FRIDAY



Having run weekly this half term, TYF will now follow fortnightly and the next round will be on Friday 21st.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Winter Jumper Day today. Whether festive, snowy or just bright, bold and colourful, it was lovely to see many students getting involved. All the money is for Newport Food Bank.



Jessica captains India Football Tour

*One of our Year 12 students plays for West Bromwich Albion Women's Football Club and she was asked to captain their **WINNING** tour of India in November. Here are the highlights of her time abroad.*

On 10th November I travelled to the Punjab in India along with 7 other teammates and our coach from **West Bromwich Albion Women's Football Club**, ready to endure a week of activities hosted by the Rurka Kalan FC. As a team we participated in the annual **Girls Play Girls Lead Festival** which included leadership activities led by the Kick Fair organisation from all parts of the world and a tournament completed within our team.

After a 9 hour flight, we arrived at Amritsar airport tired but excited for the week ahead. We were greeted by many young children who were fascinated to see girls that play for West Brom. and wanted lots of pictures with us. The first day included a parade around the less developed village close to the football club, which was eye opening for many of the girls from West Brom and Canada who had not experienced this way of life before.

Additionally we were split into smaller teams mixed with younger and older girls from all over India and Canada. This allowed me to communicate with the Indian girls and learn the different cultures of India despite the language barrier. In these groups, throughout the week we played a small tournament called Football Three which promoted fair play and enjoyment, furthermore we completed activities in these specific groups which highlighted the hardships that India faces, including gender equality, which is a significant aspect when girls want to play football.



The trip overall managed to break down the barriers through the power of football and the experience was both astonishing and overwhelming. Along with 15 other teams, I also participated in a competitive tournament in India with West Brom, which I was extremely proud to captain and motivate. We won all our games and made it to the final on the last full day of the trip. With a hard battle against a Canadian team, we still prospered and were able to win the whole tournament. Consequently, on the final night at the closing ceremony party, we were presented with a significantly large trophy and medals for each of us to take back to England to remind us of our achievements.

With an early start on the morning of departure to be able to visit the Golden Temple, we said our goodbyes to our new companions the night before. Facing another 9 hour flight back to Birmingham on the 18th November, there were lots of tears from the girls and I, after having an extraordinary experience meeting new people in such an unbelievable country. The opportunity was a once in a lifetime trip but one I will appreciate and never forget.



Speaking Up in Parliament!



Last Wednesday four Y8 and 9 students travelled to London with Mrs Seys to commemorate genocide awareness day and the seventieth anniversary of the genocide convention. The students gave several presentations throughout the day to prominent human rights campaigners, genocide survivors and MPs and peers including Baroness Cox, Baroness D'Souza and Angela Raynor, Shadow Education Secretary. The purpose of their visit was to launch a newspaper that our Genocide and Human Rights Awareness group have been working on in collaboration with students at Hampton School, Pimlico Academy and the Abraham Moss Community College. The newspaper aims to educate young people about twentieth century genocides from a human perspective, and focuses on many individual stories of those whose lives have been touched by genocide. It can be read online [HERE](#).

Here is Georgia's account of the day:

On Wednesday 5 December, I had an amazing opportunity to go to London with three other students. We went because we were part of a club called the Human Rights and Genocide Awareness Society. I was so proud to have been able to represent our club. On this



trip, we presented a speech at the Foreign Office, The Imperial War Museum and The Houses Of Parliament. This was an incredible experience for me and I loved every second of it. However, my favourite part of this trip was speaking in the Houses of Parliament. It felt like such an honour to be there whilst the European Union Withdrawal Deal is being drafted. This was my favourite aspect because we had already performed our speeches twice and I definitely felt the most confident that time. It was a surreal experience and I'm so thankful to have had it.



U16 Badminton win 8-0!

Last night our U16 badminton team played their final game against Charlton in the TWSSA Badminton competition.

Despite not qualifying for the finals this year the team finish on a high, winning 8 sets – 0 against Charlton. Well done to the team pictured on the right.

Our U14 team have qualified for the finals on Wednesday 19th December at Telford Langley school. Wish them luck!



Becky Chilcott (Year 13) has won the U18 barebow division at the Archery GB Junior National Championships at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire to retain her National title.

NGHS Poetry Competition 2018

Well done to all who entered this year's poetry competition. The theme this year was 'change' and students interpreted this concept in creative and inventive ways. Mrs Jopling judged the competition and was astounded by the quality of the entries. Two poets received highly commended awards: Q. O'Howell (Y7) and E. Johnson (Y11). This year's winning poem (below) was written by E. Challinor (Y12). The Literary Society are holding a festive poetry workshop on Wednesday 19 December at 1pm in Rm 203. New members are always welcome, as are students who would just like to come along for this particular session.

Mr Postle

'Change' by E. Challinor

Day breaks on
 Frosted peaks of blanket framed in a doorway.
 Framed, yet invisible -
 The Antithesis of art.
 If this were a gallery, people would stop;
 Tilt their heads and try to see the beauty
 That they were guaranteed.
 That they paid for.
 But this is real life,
 And the torrent of people that passes
 Have no permission to find it beautiful
 So they are blind.
 A hand reaches out from the frozen folds
 And a voice asks "Any spare change?"
 "Please? Just for a bite to eat; somewhere to stay"
 But they are deafened by life; by each other;
 Not by fear, but by uncertainty.
 Some will stop -
 Perhaps one in every hundred -
 The young ones, the ones with time on their hands
 Or on their minds.
 They hand over a coin, a note, even a few kind words,
 And then, their guilt relieved, they move on to
 The next exhibit.
 Unreal people with distant problems
 Lingering in the crevices of their minds
 For a day or two,
 Then fading.
 A handful of coppers is not enough.
 What we need
 Is change.

Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Tue 18 Dec	Carol Service, 7pm, St Nicholas	All
Wed 19 Dec	Pantomime Visit (am)	Y7
Fri 21 Dec	End of term at 12.30pm	All
Mon 7 Jan	Inset Day (Staff Training)	Staff
Tue 8 Jan	Term Starts at 8.50am	All
Mon 14 Jan	Assessment Week in lessons	Y12
Wed 16 Jan	Biology Live (A-level)	Y12
Thu 17 Jan	Parents Evening, 4pm-7pm	Y11

Please be reminded that there will be **no Adams buses** running on the last day of term (Friday 21 December). However, it is important that students attend school and absences will be followed up in line with our Attendance Policy. Please ensure that you make alternative arrangements for your daughter to get to/from school. Thank you.

HEALTH & WELLBEING TOP TIP!

Don't compare your inside to other people's outside! (S4)