



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS

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### Head's Lines



**E**xams have been a major focus this week at NGHS and the girls in Years 7-12 have conducted themselves well and with purpose. I hope that some relaxation and rewards are forthcoming this weekend, if only being able to get outdoors in the fresh air. Sadly Year 11 and Year 13 will

have longer to wait before they can celebrate, but they have the benefit of a long summer break!

Today marks the end of Year 13's formal lessons at NGHS. For some, it has been a seven year journey (the last of our cohort of 56 students) and a significant number joined us in 2017. Both cohorts were united in being the first to really gain benefit from our Sixth Form Centre. Before I started at NGHS, Mrs Garner commented that this Year was a special one and I know what she means. I have had the pleasure of teaching a third of the students myself for the Extended Project Qualification and have enjoyed getting to know others in the wider life of the school and through the UCAS process. Today in our Leavers Assembly we presented Year 13 with a few novelty gifts to celebrate their time at school and to prepare them for the next step in their future careers, be this university, apprenticeship or training. Thank you to Mrs Griffin, Mrs Bailey and the Sixth Form tutor team who have guided and supported our Year 13s during their time here. My colleagues and I will remember Year 13 fondly and we wish them every possible success in their examinations and happy, safe and bright futures in whatever path they choose. We would be pleased to keep hearing from them and to know of their future successes and I would always welcome them to visit the school either at our Y14 reunion at Christmas or at any time in the future.

Last week's newsletter contained a feature about the Chernobyl Children's Project and thank you for the donations we have received already. Just a reminder if you have any clothes or new boxed Lego donations or a good quality suitcase on wheels you don't need any more, please drop them into school by next Friday.

### Do you have access to a transit van?

We require help getting some borrowed display boards for our Community Day in June. If you can help to transport them w/c 24 June and back after the event, please contact

Miss A-M Davies at  
[100@nghs.org.uk](mailto:100@nghs.org.uk)

Thank you

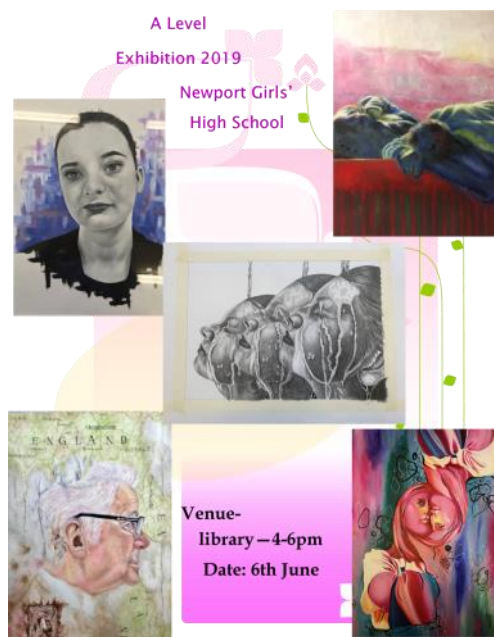


You may know that there are changes proposed to the national Ofsted school inspection framework and schools around the country are currently preparing for these. The changes shift from an emphasis on student data and outcomes to the **quality of education and curriculum** that a school provides. We have been working hard to review our practice ahead of this change and we have been putting together more information about our curriculum and learning online. You can find overviews of the content for each subject in each year by visiting our website [here](#).

Whilst Ofsted ratings often end up publicly defining a school, they should not be the only method of rating its effectiveness and our governors and staff are keen to ensure that we offer a high standard and high quality of provision in all that we do from academic outcomes to pastoral care to quality teaching to extra curricular activities and visits. We are not complacent and I will share our priorities for the next academic year later this term. These include some building projects and I am pleased to say that work on our new science lab will start over half term. This lab will, as promised, be ready for September and Dr Catalan is very excited! We are also converting our old 'Hub room' to an additional science lab for September by reconfiguring the furniture. Another project I really want to improve for all the girls is our outdated toilets, but this will depend on funding and our final budget for next year. Any help or 'spending of pennies' is most welcome!

With best wishes for the weekend,

**Mr M J Scott**



A Level  
Exhibition 2019

Newport Girls'  
High School

Venue-  
library - 4-6pm  
Date: 6th June

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# Picture News

This academic year, NGHS has invested in Picture News to stimulate discussion in form time and to give students a snapshot of a number of topical, ethical and interesting issues in the news from around the world. Here is a review of Picture News from one of our Year 10 students:

Over the past two terms S4 have participated every week in the Picture News, this is something that majority of the form get involved in every week, with different people leading and contributing to the discussion.

Also on a Friday we have regular quizzes and games lead by the form captain at the time. Everyone in the form gets involved and it's a nice way to end the week with a positive attitude.

Last term we took a few form times to discuss and think about the 'quote of the week' to go in the newsletter. This was very enjoyable as we all got into family groups and got to know new people in the different years. By organising family groups, the different year groups are able to interact and this has made the year nine's integration into S4 quicker, easier and more enjoyable for them.

Caitlin, Year 10



NGHS is delighted to be hosting a talk given by Daniel Webb on Tuesday 21 May as part of Sustainable Newport and SustaiNGHS. In a unique personal experiment, Daniel Webb decided to store all the plastic waste he threw in the bin for 12 months. Shortly after moving to Margate on the Kent coast in 2016, he quickly learned that he was not provided with a recycling service at his flat. Motivated by plastic pollution and wanting to dig deeper into murky national recycling figures, he launched a personal investigation to understand exactly what he throws away and where it ends up. In this informative talk, Daniel will outline his findings and illuminate issues around the future of the planet. This is a public event for which free tickets can be reserved by clicking [here](#). A voluntary donation of £2 for the Organisation would be appreciated on the night. The same event is available as an after school talk for students on the same day at 4pm. Students should see Mrs Gill to reserve a place.

## OUR NGHS CAREERS LEAD GETS A DESERVED CAREERS BOOST OF HER OWN!



**Mrs K Gill**

*We congratulate Mrs Gill, our Careers Lead and Geography Teacher, who has been selected to undertake a funded postgraduate qualification in Careers Education at one of the country's leading universities. Readers may recall that Mrs Gill led the first Midlands Speed-Networking Careers Event at NGHS in 2018 and plans are afoot for another **BIG** event in 2020. She is very much a driving force for a range of career options and providers and we are thrilled that her determination has been recognised. Mrs Gill explains...*

I was delighted to find out that I was one of 1,300 Careers Leaders in schools who have been chosen to study a level 7 qualification at the University of Warwick to support my role. My reason for applying, and the reason I am so pleased to have been successful, is that I want to see the careers provision here at School go from strength to strength. By learning from careers professionals in an academic context, the hope is that the provision for our students becomes even more personalised and thorough, backed by a robust strategy and monitoring processes, to ensure they get the very best advice and guidance for all their future study and career decisions.

# REWARDS ASSEMBLIES



We have completed all of our rewards assemblies and all Heads of Year agree that these are wonderful occasions for us to be able to regularly celebrate the successes of the students from the previous half term. The first award was presented to students who have received 50 House Points so far this year, these winners were awarded a certificate, pen and sticker for their planner.

## Congratulations to the following:

- ◆ **In Year 7:** B. Tibble, E. Jones, K. Drosdzowski, L. Chinthalapati, L. Howard, M. Garrett, M. Hartwright, O. Cass, V. Hikkaduwege
- ◆ **In Year 8:** A. Lewis, A. Skeate, C. Calleja, C. Norris, G. Evans, I. Waters, I. Byram, I. Smith, J. Pham, L. Keen, L. Lo, M. Brolly, M. Turner, M. Nachiappan, M. Edge, R. Awan, A. Vijayakumar, S. Sulake
- ◆ **In Year 9:** A. Hamilton, B. Williams, E. Johnson, K. Wykes, L. Cox, N. Millington, O. Augustus, O. Bissell, R. Abid
- ◆ **In Year 10:** M. Bowen, S. Cox
- ◆ **In Year 11:** L. Holmes, N. Wootton, O. Shepherd, R. Tichford, S. Nawaid, T. Uppal, V. Suraweera

We are also now starting to see lots of students reach the **100 housepoint mark** for the academic year. These awards were presented with the winners receiving a certificate, sticker for their planner and an achievement badge for their blazer. **Congratulations to the following:** A. Jarrett, A. Mangham, E. Gregory, G. Leeper, H. Morris, I. Huckin, Q. O'Howell, R. Shah, S. Rodrigues, T. Adeniyi, C. Hegarty, A. Girn, E. Jackson, E. Watson-Nolan, M. Bowen and S. Cox

## A special mention to the following students who received a certificate and sticker for their planner

**In Year 7:** A. Mangham (140 HP's), A. Jarrett (110), E. Gregory (110), I. Huckin (110), Q. O'Howell (120), R. Shah (120) and **in Year 9:** A. Bickerton (110)

	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Year 7	15	10	34
Year 8	13	10	30
Year 9	16	6	26
Year 10	8	8	36
Year 11	9	13	12
Year 12	16	4	14
Year 13	11	6	7

We also celebrated our **attendance heroes**, those who have had attendance from January to Easter of above 97%. We had three categories of awards the bronze was awarded to students

who had attendance between 97 and 97.9%, silver was awarded for 98 – 98.9% and gold was awarded for 99% or above. It was great to share the high volume of attendance awards with all of the students, all of these students were awarded with a certificate. Please see the table (above left) to see the high amount of these awards that were presented.

We then celebrated the achievements of the forms who had collected the most house points over Spring Term 2, please see the results tables below. Congratulations to our winning forms who were presented with a form house point cup which they will keep in their form room for this half term.

Form	Rank	Form	Rank	Form	Rank
A1	1	A3	4	A5	2
A2	6	A4	3	R5	3
R1	2	R3	2	S5	1
R2	3	R4	6		
S1	5	S3	5	<b>Form</b>	<b>Rank</b>
S2	4	S4	1	A6	1
				A7	3
				R6	6
				R7	2
				S6	4
				S7	5

Finally, we celebrated the **individual students in each year group who have received the highest number of house points** during Spring Term 2. These winners received a certificate and a sweet treat.

Congratulations to our winners this term:

### Year 7

Q O'Howell & R Shah (Gold)  
R Briggs (Silver), A Jarrett (Bronze)

### Year 8

C Hegarty (Gold), A Wu (Silver), L Holmes (Bronze)

### Year 9

E Watson-Nolan (Gold), B Williams (Silver), E Anderson (Bronze)

### Year 10

E Larkin (Gold) A Gey v Pittius, C Weeks & G Farge (Silver)  
K Hughes & A Hill (Bronze)

### Year 11

A Laycock (Gold), Z Brown (Silver), S Nawaid (Bronze)

### Year 12

O Bolton (Gold), E Watts (Silver), B McCloy (Bronze)

### Year 13

M Harvey (Gold), M Peel (Silver), H Shakespeare (Bronze)

We finished each assembly with a lucky dip draw, every student who had received 10 HP's was put into the raffle and names were drawn at random, our winners were:

**Years 7 and 8:** C. Knight, L. Rawson, V. Hikkaduwege

**Years 9 and 10:** C. Bentley, E. Potter, C. Weeks

**Year 11:** S. Nawaid, P. Savage, K. Cox, E. Supple, M. Sacco, G. Jinks.

**Sixth Form:** O. Bolton, M. Harvey

**Well done and congratulations to all of our winners.**

# STUDENT OF THE HALF TERM



This week our Student of the Half Term noticeboard was updated to reflect the winners of Spring Term 2 and Summer 1 awards. These have been combined owing to the very short half term with exam week currently. Every subject teacher has nominated a student who demonstrates a positive approach to learning. A number of factors of considered when selecting students for these awards such as: attendance, engagement and participation in lessons, as well as effort and

enthusiasm to support the learning environment. Some students were nominated as they always try their best, show kindness and compassion to others, as well as based on academic performance over the half term. This is now our fourth time of celebrating student of the half term and it has proven to be an incredibly successful scheme which has seen a high number of students receiving an award. The students seem to enjoy the recognition and many students come to take a look at the board once it has been updated. A letter has been posted today sent to the students and parents of the individuals who have received these awards to inform you and we have also awarded 5 house points to each recipient of an award as a thank you for their continued hard work.

## PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Last Friday saw another successful PTA Quiz Night, with 74 people tackling ten rounds of questions to test all interests and age groups! Martin, our regular quizmaster did a fantastic job as ever, coming up some real brain-busters such as 'Who is fifth in line to the throne?', 'What is the name of the Beefeater pub by Mere Park garden centre?' and 'In the recent Captain Marvel film, what is Captain Marvel's first name?', plus a brain-aching picture quiz including a character from Pingu! I think that's probably the definition of 'something for everyone!' Winners and losers are not important as the event is mainly about having fun, but it is worth pointing out that 2 teachers were brave enough to take part – well done to Mr Wade and Mrs Goodall whose team came a respectable third place (and won a 6-pack of Freddo chocolate bars). Come on teachers – dare to take part next time and the top prizes could be yours!

Joneses Fish & Chip shop provided the food which was excellent as per usual, and we held a raffle. The proceeds from the night were £435, which will go a long way towards our fundraising objective for the year – to fund the new laser cutter. Thanks to your support, the PTA has already donated £3000 towards this vital piece of new equipment, with a commitment to provide the additional £500 by the end of the school year, so we are nearly there! The next item on our list is some equipment for the Gardening Club – watch this space! Many thanks to everyone who came along, and in particular to the parent and sixth-form helpers who made sure the evening ran smoothly.

**Mrs J Harris, PTA Chair**

## Forthcoming Dates...

Date	Event	Year(s)
Tue 21st	Sustainable Newport Talk (students), 4pm Chateau Parents Meeting 6pm Sustainable Newport Meeting 7pm	All Y8 All
Wed 22nd	House Board Game Competition	All
Thu 23rd	Evening Theatre Trip to 'Grease'	Y7-10
Fri 24th	Balliol College Oxford Trip Half Term starts at 3.45pm	Y8 All
Mon 3rd	Term Restarts at 8.50am	All
Wed 5th	People's History Museum visit	Y8
Thu 6th	4pm A-level art exhibition (Library)	All
Fri 7th	Centenary competitions deadline	All

## ADVANCED NOTICE

There will be no Adams buses on the **afternoon** of Wednesday 17 July as HA have Sports Day at Oakengates Stadium.