



# NEWPORT NEWS

## A weekly update from NGHS

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### Head's Lines

**M**ay I start by wishing all members of our school community a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year. I hope that 2019 is particularly successful for our examination year groups and we look forward to supporting our Year 11s and Year 13s in this important term as they complete their courses ahead of examinations in May and June. I also hope it brings the school good fortune as we plan our future and celebrate our centenary.

The fantastic BBC 2 programme 'Back in Time for School' which began during the Christmas holiday has reminded us all of a number of historical injustices for girls and details the inequalities which women endured during the 19th and early 20th century. The reactions of girls from other Midlands schools who took part in this programme has been very interesting to watch and whilst our current education system is not perfect, I am relieved that there is now a fair access to the curriculum for both sexes. If you have not seen the first two episodes, they are available on I-Player....highly recommended.

In last night's episode, the girls in the class in 1919 were refused the right to study Physics. As NGHS was opened in 1919, it is timely to be able to announce that we intend to use the £40 000 bid I have secured from the Wolfson Foundation to refurbish our main physics lab this summer as well as making a few minor changes to another lab. We look forward to working with Wolfson to secure the best facilities for the grant and this new lab will be used by students in all year groups next year.

Over Christmas, our netball courts were re-fenced, completing the work to tarmac the courts last summer. In our staff training day this week, colleagues had the opportunity to enrich their own subject knowledge above and beyond the curriculum we teach and we look forward to imparting our findings in the coming months to stretch and challenge our students.

Next week we hope to bring you some exciting news about our Centenary celebrations. These will involve current, past and potential future students and will take place in June, when the weather is nicer.

With best wishes for the weekend, **Mr M J Scott**

### Leave of Absence Requests

This week I have received a number of LOA for a variety of reasons including open days, holidays, dance performances etc. Any requests for absence must be made **one week beforehand** unless the reason for absence is exceptional and unavoidable. The form is downloadable [from our website](#) so you can complete the form at any time (in our for Parents section). It can be emailed to [schooloffice@nghs.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@nghs.org.uk)

The frequent response to **holiday requests** is that they will **not** be authorised in term time and I can only consider authorising these in exceptional circumstances. Our attendance policy is available on our website.

LOAs that arrive on the day itself make the safeguarding of students at NGHS much more difficult. When absence requests are approved in advance, we inform colleagues, update registers and plan for student absence. Teachers can look ahead at their lesson registers and plan lessons/groups accordingly. On the day itself we have illness absence to attend to. To have unplanned and planned absence requests fall on the same day makes the situation unmanageable and I ask you respectfully to support us with this.

Thank you for your help. **Mr M J Scott**

### Year 11 History Updates

GCSE revision guides are still available to order until Tuesday 15 January (online payment). Please see Miss Davies if you want more information.

Also, advanced notice: Y11 drop-ins at lunchtime on Tuesdays return in February.

# STUDENT OF THE HALF TERM



At the end of an extremely busy autumn half term, all subject teachers nominated a student of the half term for each class they teach. These were given to students who over the duration of last half term demonstrated a fantastic approach to their learning.

Staff chose students for this award by considering: attendance, engagement and participation in lessons, as well as effort and enthusiasm to support the learning environment. Some were also awarded to students who always try their best, put others first, demonstrate kindness and empathy towards others

or those who always have a smile on their face and are willing to help out and answer questions, as well as based on academic performance over the half term. It has been an incredibly successful scheme, which has seen a high number of students receiving an award. A personal letter has been written to the students and parents of the individuals who have received these awards to inform you and we have awarded 5 house points to each recipient of an award as a thank you for their continued hard work.

**Miss H Clarke**

## REWARDS ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

This week saw Miss Clarke (Year 11) and Mrs Griffin (Years 12 and 13) lead their Rewards Assemblies. This was a great opportunity to welcome back our students and wish them a Happy New Year. These assemblies allowed us to celebrate in the successes of our students in Half-Term 2 and share this with the form tutors and the other students in the year group. This time we recognised students for their contribution in the receiving of House Points but we also celebrated some attendance awards as well.

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 C. Aspin, G. Jinks and M. Westwood.** The next award was presented to the form who had collected the most house points over Autumn Term 2, please see the two results table on the right. Well done to these forms who were presented with a form house point cup which they will keep in their form room for this half term.

The next award celebrated the individual students in each year group who have received the highest number of house points during Term 2, these winners received a certificate and a sweet treat. Congratulations to our winners this term:

Name	Year	Award	Pts
E Rowley	11	Gold	38
M Westwood	11	Silver	28
N Patnaik	11	Bronze	27

Name	Year	Award	Pts
L Dover	12	Gold	39
R Howells	12	Silver	37
E Challinor	12	Bronze	34

Name	Year	Award	Pts
H Shakespeare	13	Gold	25
I Welding	13	Silver	20
G Ness	13	Bronze	19

We then celebrated our attendance heroes; these were divided into three categories based on attendance percentage over the full academic year so far. Bronze for those with attendance between 97 and 98%, silver for those with 98-99% attendance and 99-100% attendance students received the gold award. Finally, we wanted to recognise every student's successes over half-term 2 and so we

finished the assembly with a lucky dip. For every 10 house points that students had received over Term 2 they had one ticket placed into the lucky dip. Three winners were then drawn at random and they received a prize from the lucky dip box. The winner of these awards were: **A. Laycock, O. Wrench, N. Patnaik (Year 11) and E. Doody, G Formby and R Monteith (Sixth Form).** Well done and congratulations to all of our winners.

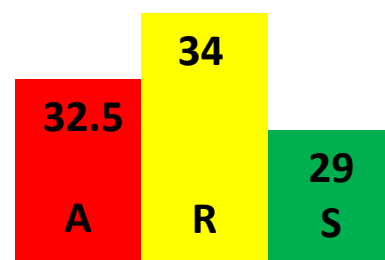


Form	HP	Rank
<b>A5</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>R5</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>S5</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>2nd</b>

Form	HP	Rank
<b>A6</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>A7</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>R6</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>R7</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>S6</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>S7</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>4th</b>

# Interhouse Sport Results

Last term saw years 7-11 compete in their houses across a variety of sports such as football (Yr 7 and 8), Handball (Yr 9), Lacrosse (Yr 10) and Benchball (Yr 11). In Half-Term 1, Seacole took the win and the trophy in reception is currently displaying a beautiful green ribbon, however the tables turned and in term 2 Roddam were victorious, Austen in second place and Seacole finished in third. Well done to everyone that participated and we look forward to seeing who will win next!



## HOUSE DANCE



Last term, the NGHS annual class dance competition showcased our students talents across a variety of dance genres such as Christmas themed, Rock and Roll, Charleston, Disco, Musicals, Street and Contemporary. The level of competition was high and the effort that went into each and every performance was astonishing and it took Miss Clarke and Mrs Goodall hours of deliberation to decide the winners for each year group. We would like to say a massive well done to everyone that participated. The results were:

Year	First	Second	Third
7	7X	7Z	7Y
8	8Y	8Z	8X
9	9Y	9Z	9X
10	10X	10Z	10Y

### HEALTH & WELLBEING TIP!

**Cherry juice** is rich in essential nutrients that bring about a huge range of health benefits, including reducing stress and strengthening the immune system.

## Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 14 Jan	Assessment Week in lessons	Y12
Wed 16 Jan	Biology Live (A-level) No Y12 assessments this day	Y12
Thu 17 Jan	Parents Evening, 4pm-7pm Mock Exams begin (one week)	Y11 Y13
Mon 21 Jan	Subject Taster Day for NGHS6	Y11
Tue 22 Jan	Poetry Live Trip (whole year) GCSE Options Launch	Y11 Y8
Thu 24 Jan	GCSE RE Mock exam (p3)	Y10
Mon 28 Jan	SEND Review Week	
Wed 30 Jan	HPV Vaccinations	Y8
Thu 31 Jan	London Art Trip (art students) Music Concert, 7pm	Y12/13 All
Mon 4 Feb	GCSE Science Live (whole year)	Y11
Tue 5 Feb	Student Council meeting	Reps
Wed 6 Feb	Arkwright Scholarship Exam	Y11
Fri 7 Feb	Sixth Form Council meeting Mufti day (house charities)	Reps
Thu 14 Feb	Options Forms deadline	Y8+11
Fri 15 Feb	Half Term at 3.45pm	All