



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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Head's Lines



I was pleased to read this week that Dr Donna Strickland has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics, but shocked to learn that she is only the **third female winner of this award in its history**. Never has it been a more important time to encourage more girls into STEM-related subjects and I am pleased that my colleagues are not only raising the profile of these subjects in our curriculum, but also supporting girls to attain high results in STEM GCSEs. Female role models in careers less 'traditionally' occupied by women are also inspiring to our students and I would welcome contact from parents who might like to address students about their work.

Last weekend saw our annual Liverpool **Social Weekend** for Year 12 students and I had the pleasure of heading over to Liverpool to visit the group on Sunday morning. The students were certainly roused from any tiredness by 'Ferry 'Cross The Mersey' being blasted out of the loudspeakers on our ferry crossing to Birkenhead! It was clear to see how much fun the girls were having and I would like to thank the seven staff (led by Mrs Bailey and Mrs Griffin) who gave up their whole weekend to ensure that the trip was a success. As well as an account of the trip, two of our Y12s have written more about how they feel since joining NGHS6 on page three.

Tuesday evening saw over fifty girls staying in school to support the **PTA Film Night**. It was lovely to see so many students enjoying the 'Greatest' Film. The sing-along aspect proved popular and I hope that there will be even greater numbers now in our Choir!

As part of the UK Youth Parliament scene, our students have recently voted in the **Make Your Mark Ballot** and have highlighted issues most faced by young people. Please see page three for more information about their results. It is interesting to read what they feel are the top issues facing young people in today's quite complex world. We will build on these results in our form time and PSHE activities.

I am thrilled to announce that NGHS has been designated as a **National Beacon School for Holocaust Education**. Mrs Seys and her colleagues in the Humanities Faculty have been working with University College London for some time and you are

aware of the many projects NGHS students have been involved with. We are delighted that our plaque has arrived - well done to everyone for their valuable raising awareness of this important aspect of history.

Next Friday is our **PTA Quiz**. It is a really good evening with a mix of topics and is accessible for students and adults alike. With a chip-shop dinner thrown in for good measure, what is not to enjoy!!! Please do support the PTA in this venture.

Finally, some KS3 students are supporting the **local Zac Oliver treatment fund** next Wednesday with a tombola - all donations of tombola goods (chocolate bars, 'smellies' etc.) are welcome, tickets are 50p-£1.50.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Mr M J Scott

HEAD GIRL TEAM UPDATE



Since the start of the Autumn Term, the Head Girl Team has been very busy with a range of events and activities. We held an assembly at the end of last week in which we all spoke about our individual roles, what we have done since we were appointed last Easter and what we plan to do. Ruby also launched Operation Christmas Child, and as a school we are aiming to collect over 150 shoeboxes by 1st November!

Last week I led Sixth Form Council in which the use of the atrium was the main topic of discussion, including furniture and the use of the cafe; Bea chaired Student Council which included reviewing of the house reward system. Health and Wellbeing Committee was also held, this was chaired by Ruby and one of their goals of getting recycling boxes for the Atrium was achieved! These societies follow up on Ruby's successful 'Club and Societies Fair' which aimed to integrate new pupils into our large list of extracurricular activities on offer.

Finally, volunteers in Years 12 and 13 have spoken to year 11s in their PSHE lessons this week about life in the Sixth Form at NGHS. We are hoping our own perspectives are helpful to aid their decision to remain at NGHS in Year 12 and to find out more about the subjects they wish to study.

Anke Gey van Pittius, Deputy Head Girl



SPOTLIGHT ON NGHS6 Residential

Read all about the fun our Year 12s had on their social / bonding weekend to Liverpool

“As a new student in the Sixth Form, I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and would highly recommend it to all as it was a great opportunity to make new friends.”

On Friday 28 September, the Year 12s set off to Liverpool for an exciting weekend aimed at bonding girls (both old and new) into our Sixth Form. The coach journey was full of anticipation and excitement for the weekend planned ahead. Live music was provided by those at the back of the coach with *Mamma Mia* songs proving a favourite.

Once we arrived at Liverpool Youth Hostel, all students dropped off their luggage and visited the Museum of Liverpool. The museum was particularly interesting and had a single floor dedicated to recent peace movements that were extremely inspiring. The walk back to the hostel along the picturesque waterfront supplied many good photo opportunities.

Next was dinner at the hostel where a wide selection of food was served by staff and volunteers. Multiple students used this opportunity to stock up on food to fuel the walk ahead to the Everyman Theatre. Here we saw the performance of 'Lovely Bones' a moving play performed by excellent actors and actresses.

On Saturday morning we had our first breakfast at the hostel which was a personal highlight! We were provided with multiple options including a cooked breakfast, cereals, pastries and fruit. Our first stop on Saturday was the Magical Mystery Tour. It was highly informative and interesting to hear how proud the people of Liverpool were of the Beatles' achievements. This was followed by a visit to the Cavern Club, most famous for its multiple celebrity performances over the years.

Now came our favourite activity; shopping! We were given some downtime on Saturday afternoon which me and my friends decided would be best spent shopping in



Liverpool One. We then rejoined the group to fly on the Liverpool Eye, which was magnificent to see the city in all its glory lit up in the nighttime. After this we headed back to the hostel for bed ready for Sunday and ... in my case ... ready for breakfast!!

On Sunday morning, we boarded the Mersey Ferry which had amazing views despite the bitter wind on the open platform. We had a quick visit to the U-Boat Museum and then headed back on the ferry to Liverpool Pier. After some free time in the Albert Dock, we headed back to the hotel to collect our belongings for the solemn journey home. Although it was a tiring weekend, we were all sad to be returning home.

As a new student in the Sixth Form, I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and would highly recommend it to all as it was a great opportunity to make new friends. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their weekend to take us to Liverpool.

Emma Massey-Jones, Year 12

U14 Netball @ SHS

On Monday 1st October our U14 netball team competed at Shrewsbury High School in the county competition. The standard of netball was high, and despite being a new team the girls played incredibly well and progressed game-to-game. Well done!

Mrs Goodall



NGHS6 (Sixth Form) - The First Month...



... as a new starter

Lauren

Before my first day at NGHS I had a lot of worries that integrating and making new friends would be one of the more difficult parts about joining a new school. However, it has been quite the opposite.

The girls who were here in Year 11 and the NGHS teachers have been extremely welcoming and supportive throughout the integration process, organising activities for the team building on the first day, planning integrated forms and especially our recent trip to Liverpool.

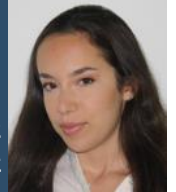
After being at the school for about a week I was already amazed at the amount of clubs and events that students are encouraged to take part in and how valued the opinions of the students are.

Despite the fact that A Levels are significantly harder than GCSEs, the lessons are really interesting and stimulating, and there is a lot more support for when you are unsure on something and free periods to work in throughout the week which are extremely helpful.

Sixth Form has been quite different to what I expected it would be, but I have thoroughly enjoyed my first month here and would highly recommend NGHS to anyone from other schools considering it for Sixth Form.

... as a former NGHS student

Eleni



Even though I was a former student at Newport Girls', I have found that life at the Sixth Form has positively introduced me to a whole new aspect of school life. Within the first week, the cleverly structured integration activities have helped me open up to a range of new people, therefore helping me to make new friends. The Liverpool trip was also a great way to spend more time getting to know the new students.

I have also really benefitted from the number of study periods as it means I can fit more work in at home. The number of study rooms available are also really beneficial as there are areas where people can discuss homework or studies with each other. This further extenuates the atmosphere of our family community, as most pupils are willing to help each other if you are finding something difficult, as are the teachers.

In contrast to Year 11, the workload has increased, however, I am finding it manageable due to tips and organisation skills enforced in my enrichment lessons. To anyone considering NGHS6, I would undoubtedly recommend it as I can't express how excited I feel to continue my Sixth Form journey here.

Introducing our House Charities & Charity Prefects

We are Serena, Eve and Gracie, this year's new charity representatives. Over the last week we as a House have selected new House Charities which are:

- ☺ **Lucas Legacy** who work towards childhood cancer research (Roddam)
- ☺ **All Sortz Youth Club** which provides a friendly environment for young autistic people (Austen)
- ☺ **Birmingham Children's Hospital** (Seacole)

Newport News will give you more information about how our fundraising is going during the course of the year. Thanks to all our students for their support.



Young Geographer Awards

A big well done, and thank you, to everyone who submitted an entry for this year's Young Geographer of the Year competition. This is an international competition, with thousands of entries every year, and we have had success in previous years, having a student selected 2 years ago to attend the awards ceremony at the Royal Geographical Society in Kensington.

Students had to produce an A3 poster on this year's theme, detailing what makes the Arctic unique. We had over 50 entries, and 10 have been selected to be sent off to the RGS.

These were: **E Watson-Nolan, E Walkley, L Greenwood, O Todd, M Smith, N Musadiq, I Nicklin, C Smith, S Garcha and A Turner.**

Well done to all these students. We are keeping our fingers crossed, and we will keep you posted! **Mr Pimm**



On Thursday 27 September, NGHS held its very first House Bake Off Competition. The response from the students in all three Houses was phenomenal and some of the bakes on offer would have been good enough to enter the real competition. Well done to all of the competitors; the staff judging the competition had a real treat over lunchtime. The winners of each round are given below. Roddam house claimed the overall victory with 126 points, but they were closely followed by Seacole with 118 points and Austen with 110 points. All Houses had their own victories and the winners for each year group and category are listed below:

Friendly Fancies	
Year 7	M Hamdy (Seacole)
Year 8	I Turner (Austen)
Year 9	L Cox (Seacole)
Year 10	C Ward (Roddam)
Year 11	Z Brown (Seacole)
Year 12	K Lemmon (Austen)
Year 13	R Furniss (Roddam)
Overall	Z BROWN (SEACOLE)

European Cupcakes	
Year 7	R Premadasa (Roddam)
Year 8	Z Reynolds (Roddam)
Year 9	O Bissell (Seacole)
Year 10	E Morris (Austen)
Year 11	H Postles (Seacole)
Year 12	L Bradeley (Roddam)
Year 13	O Birkinshaw (Seacole)
Overall	O BIRKINSHAW (SEACOLE)

Baking on a Budget	
Year 7	A Jarratt (Seacole)
Year 8	M Turner (Austen)
Year 9	P Bolton (Austen)
Year 10	B Chung (Roddam)
Year 11	E Chapman (Seacole)
Year 12	A Truswell (Austen)
Year 13	D Hettiwattage (Austen)
Overall	B CHUNG (RODDAM)

Perfect Pastries	
Year 7	C Toogood (Austen)
Year 8	A Hawkins (Austen)
Year 9	C Neill (Roddam)
Year 10	J Clegg (Austen)
Year 11	T Read (Austen)
Year 12	S Brown (Seacole)
Year 13	C Walsh (Seacole)
Overall	A HAWKINS (AUSTEN)

On Friday 21 September the whole school took part in the **Make Your Mark Ballot**. This is a ballot that is organised by members of the Youth Parliament who were wanting to find out the top 5 issues that young people are facing.

All students were informed about the ten ballot topics and they were then asked to complete their ballot paper to show the issue that was most important to them.

499 students had their say on the issue that is most important to them and the results have been sent. The ballot showed NGHS voted for:

- ☒ **Put an end to knife crime = 22%**
- ☒ End Period Poverty = 17%
- ☒ Equal Pay for Equal work = 12%
- ☒ Let's Tackle Homelessness = 11%
- ☒ Welcome Refugees = 11%
- ☒ Mental Health = 9%
- ☒ A curriculum to prepare us for life = 8%
- ☒ Votes at 16 = 7%
- ☒ Transport = 3%



BEACON SCHOOL QUALITY MARK

We are thrilled to announce that we have been recognised as the UK's tenth Quality Mark Beacon School by UCL's Centre For Holocaust Education. The Quality Mark award recognises excellence in learning and teaching about the Holocaust, and follows a rigorous inspection process which involved lesson observations, interviews with staff and students and a scrutiny of pupils' work as well as other data gathering. The detailed report, which can be read in full [HERE](#) notes a number of key strengths of learning and teaching about the Holocaust and human rights throughout the school. The report also recognises the strengths of our students, describing Newport girls as 'articulate, thoughtful citizens; keen to learn, respectful and are the school's best advocates' and praising their literacy levels. The Centre's Nicola Wetherall MBE remarked:

'The quality of Holocaust education at Newport Girls High School is excellent and forward looking. The girls are fortunate to have such passionate and engaged teachers whose concern for age-appropriate, research informed, innovative teaching and learning about the Holocaust, results in rich and varied academic and personal development outcomes. Student voice offered informed, empathetic and reflective insights as to provision and practice at the school – their articulate and perceptive remarks revealed the impact of Mrs Seys, Miss Davies and Mr Scott's efforts. Newport girls have experienced a quality provision for and experience of Holocaust education that is unlike many of their national peers and the school community should be hugely proud of all that has been achieved to date in collaboration with the UCL Centre.'



The achievement of the Quality Mark is an exciting recognition of all of the staff and students' hard work in this area and Mrs Seys would like to extend her personal thanks to all the students who were involved in the Quality Mark Review process.

We are now building on our work through a newspaper project with the Hampton School, which a group of students will be presenting in parliament later this year as well as a legacy project regarding the 1995 Bosnian genocide which a group of six students from years 9-11 were given the opportunity to be involved in. Look out for more details over the next few months!

Mrs Seys, Teacher of History

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We have now completed our first month of the new academic year and it is pleasing to see that the average school attendance percentage is 97.96%. Our school target for attendance is for each student to be above 97%, our trigger for monitoring attendance (in line with the DfE recommendation) is below 95% and the Attendance Officer and Heads of Year will be monitoring and offering support for any students that fall below this threshold. We have launched our form attendance competition which is monitoring how many students in each form group have met our 97% or higher attendance target.

Every individual that has succeeded in September will be receiving a house point from Miss Clarke as a thank you. The form with the highest number of students with attendance above 97% have been celebrated in this morning's assembly along with being awarded a box of celebration chocolates to share with their forms. The winning forms this month are:

Years 7 and 8: **R1**
Year 11: **A5**

Years 9 and 10: **R4**
Years 12 and 13: **A7**

The competition resets for October and the results will follow in a later newsletter. **Miss H Clarke**, Asst. Head



NOTICES

PARENT APP

A reminder please to parents to register for the Parent App. Activation emails will be re-sent to parents who have not yet registered. On receipt of the email please ensure that the account is activated.

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

A reminder that the competition deadline for your 'Trip Reflections' is on Monday November 5th. Some very impressive entries have already been submitted – where is yours? We would also like as many students as possible who came on the Battlefields trip to get involved in the Remembrance Assembly on Friday 9th November. Watch this space for more info!

MEDIEVAL WEEKEND

There is an opportunity for history students in Years 10-13 to come on the Medieval Extravaganza weekend trip in April 2019 with Miss Davies and Mrs Seys. Please see one of us for more information – letters have been emailed out! If you love a bit of Medieval-style history and 'history mysteries', this trip is for you

ESSA SWIMMING RELAY

The following girls swam in the ESSA Qualifier on Wednesday evening at Thomas Telford School. Overall, the Junior team came 5th in both the Free and Medley relay and the Intermediate team came 3rd in both the Free and Medley relay- Well done to the squad: E Gregory, J Wozniak, A Birchall, J Hill, K Hughes, C Blanks, B Williams and E Fearne.

SCIENCE NIGHT - Congratulations!

Eve Jenkins (A2) has taken part in a Demonstration Evening at the Potteries Museum & Art Gallery. She represented the Young Archaeologists Club and talked more about this to visitors. Well done, Eve!

HEALTH & WELLBEING TOP TIP!

Getting enough sleep each night

Did you know that students should be aiming to get around 8-10 hours of sleep a night, however research shows that only 15% of students actually get 8 and a half hours each night. Can you try to achieve this next week?

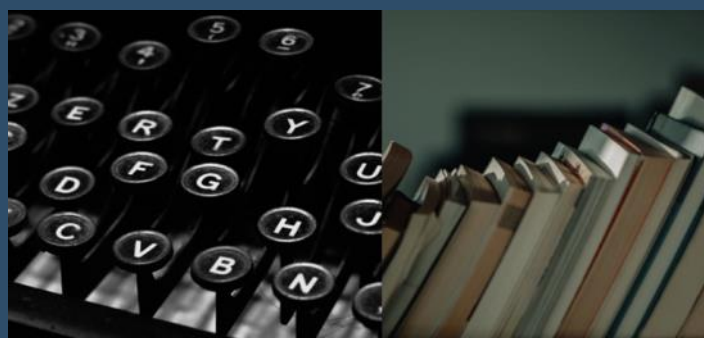
Ellie W, R7



Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Thu 11 Oct	Parents Evening	Y13
Thu 18 Oct	House Quiz at lunchtime	All
Tue 23 Oct	Nice Trip Departs	Y9-10
Wed 24 Oct	India Trip Departs	Y11-13
Thu 25 Oct	Non-Uniform Day (School Fund) Poetry Evening, 7pm	All All
Fri 26 Oct	Half Term begins at 3.45pm	All
Mon 5 Nov	School begins at 8.45am	All
Wed 7 Nov	Parents Evening	Y10
Fri 9 Nov	GCSE Presentation Event <i>Normal school continues for all</i>	Winners
Mon 12 Nov	House Music Event Governors committees, 6/7pm	All Govs
Thu 15 Nov	Sixth Form Open Evening	Y11



**NGHS
ENGLISH
PRESENTS:
AN
EVENING
OF POETRY**

**Thursday 25th
October
7pm
The Atrium**



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